



Earl Rasmussen

April 17, 2011

Rasmussen, Earl Francis age 78, born 6/17/1932, died 4/15/2011. Preceded in death by parents Earl F. Sr. and Cecelia Rasmussen; sisters Mary Ann Debusschere and Margaret (Pat) Craig. He is survived by loving wife of 56 years Yvonne; children Earl David Rasmussen, Michelle (Rick) Englund, Karen Rasmussen (Paul Zagaria), Keith Rasmussen, and step-grandson James Zagaria. Earl was a self employed CPA since 1965, offices in Blaine, MN, 26 year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, retired SMSGT, having served both active duty and in the MN National Guard. Member of the Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids, former church council member, past Grand Knight of the Blaine Knights of Columbus Council 5141, current member of Epiphany Council 10138, member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Nicollet Assembly, member and past commander of Coon Rapids American Legion Post 334, member of Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625, current member and past president of North Metro Chamber of Commerce, former Chairman of Blaine Park Board. He was active in Boy Scouts, founding leader of Cub Pack 522 and Troop 522. He also started Explorer Post 522, a co-ed post taking 25 high school members to the Explorer Olympics in Colorado. Current member of MNSCU Advisory Board, active in the DFL party. Earl proudly carried the American Flag in a Remembrance Day parade in Walton on the Naze, England. He recently became a published author of a murder mystery entitled "The Guard Murders". He loved anything military and was an avid reader. His hobbies included HO model railroading, bowling, fishing and telling stories

about his experiences. He was a proud alumni of Detroit Catholic Central High School, now located in Novi, Michigan. He earned a BA degree from the University of Minnesota and a MMA from Metro State. Memorials preferred to Catholic Central High School, Novi, MI or Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids. Interment Morningside Memorial Gardens. Mass of Resurrection 11 AM Tuesday, April 19 at the Church of the Epiphany, 1900 111th Ave. NW, Coon Rapids. Visitation 1 hour prior to Mass at church and 4-8 PM Monday, April 18, with 7 PM prayer service at: Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I served with Earl 1966-1970 when I was assigned as Advisor to the 237th Flight Facilities Flight. Although we have not been in touch for many years I am truly saddened to learn of Earl's passing. My sincere condolences to all the members of Earl's family. John Miller, Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington, DC

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John Miller,

Washington, District of Columbia

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John Miller - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Rasmussen family, We are very saddened to hear of Earl's death. He had done our taxes for the last several years, and I was good friends with Earl Jr back at Grace High School. In our brief time every year with Earl Sr. we could tell how devoted he was to God and his family. He was a man with seemingly limitless energy, who was a inspiration to us all. We will pray for your family and the repose of his soul. God bless you. Kim and Cecelia Jensen

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May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss! My name is Jennifer, and Wendy was my partner when we brought Earl down to surgery. I just wanted to tell you you are such a wonderful family, and the short time we had with Earl he touched our hearts for a lifetime! Remember we were all writing his next book in the elevator. We felt the love and closeness of your family! Thoughts and prayers are with you! Jennifer and Wendy

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Jennifer Maki,

Andover, Minnesota

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Jennifer Maki - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

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Ronnie & Betty Schmitt,

Kenner, Louisiana

Ronnie & Betty Schmitt - April 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I never met Earl, or any of his family other than Keith. I only know Keith a very little bit ... having said that, I am truly sorry for your loss. D/B*

Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Yvonne, David, Michelle, Karen and Kieth, we send you our deepest sympathy. Please know, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Uncle Earl's smile will always be remembered and missed by us all. We also know, he is now in the best of hands, God Bless him. Sincerely, the families of, Ann (Debusschere) Jones, Margaret (Debusschere) Lewis, Richard Debusschere, Dennis Debusschere and Albert Debusschere.

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Debusschere's,

Michigan

Debusschere's - April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MQ

“ Yvonne, Karen, Keith, and Family: We were at a loss for words when we heard this morning of Earl's passing. He was a very passionate man when you got him in a conversation about politics especially. We loved his energy when telling his stories. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. Martin & Teresa Quam formerly Q.C. Welding

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Martin & Teresa Quam,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Martin & Teresa Quam - April 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Yvonne and family, Back in the day when I babysat for your kids..I just have to say how much of a gentleman and how impressed I always was with Earl. He would talk about having goals and planning my life while he took me home. I never forgot him and how much of a just nice guy he was. I was saddened to hear of his passing and hope you all know that in my very small way I wanted to share that he meant something to the old babysitter!Even small things are remembered.I will pray for you all. Sharon (Boda) Hemmeke

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sharon hemmeke,

durand, Wisconsin

sharon hemmeke - April 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Keith, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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Nicole B,

Blaine, Minnesota

Nicole B - April 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ Yvonne & Keith - I'm so sorry to hear about Earl. I'll miss seeing him with you at the MAPA seminars. It just won't be the same without him.

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Bonnie Young,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Bonnie Young - April 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Yvonne and family, my thoughts are with you at this sad time.

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Larry Franz,

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Larry Franz - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Earl's death. You are all in our prayers. Linda & Terry Marks

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“ Keith: So sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a great man. Patty, Mark, Joe & Sarah GrillStephanie & Corey Williams

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Patty Grill,

San Diego, California

Patty Grill - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Yyvone, Keith and family. We are sorry to hear of your loss. Seems it was his time and he is with God now. We are thankful that we did get to see him for a short time less than 3 weeks ago. He did seem quite tired. We have known you folks for a long time (although for the most part, only saw you all at tax time.) Feel free to call us anytime for anything. With all our love, your friends - Brent & Mary

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Brent & Mary Burkinshaw,

Blaine, Minnesota

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Brent & Mary Burkinshaw - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Yvonne, David, Michelle, Karen, and Kieth. When Kieth told me the news I about dropped my teeth, for after near 45 years of Earl mentoring us who would have thought that the lord would not have left him here on this Earth to continue on in his endevers. Earl will be deeply missed. Untill we meet again when we all will be together again. Keep the Air Traffic moving, and the Scout troupe a moving. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help. Bob, Wanda, Rose, and Mary Cordell

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SS

“ Yvonne, Keith & family, Our family was so shocked to hear about Earl's death. Earl was such an upbeat and wonderful presence. My Dad always enjoyed the lively and passionate discussions they had while sitting together in his office. All of our thoughts and prayers are with you now.

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Scott Salmins,

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Scott Salmins - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ keith and yvonne wow i just saw earl a couple of weeks ago he was a real kick my prayers are with you all sharon alpers

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SA

“ Keith and Yvonne earl was one of a kind . i will say a prayer for you guys

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sharon alpers,

blaine, Minnesota

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