



## Elmer Ray Rosenving

June 24, 2017

Rosenving, Elmer Ray passed away June 24, 2017 at St Therese Convalescent Hospital in New Hope. Elmer was born on May 18, 1924 in Buffalo Lake Minnesota. He moved with his family to McGregor Minnesota in 1934. Elmer graduated from MacGregor high school in 1942. He was preceded by his wife Genevieve of 44 years. He is survived by his daughter Vivian (Frank) Hood from his 1st marriage. Also his step children: Larry (Wendy) Kesty of Alachua Florida, Karen (Jerry) Gamble of Spring Texas, David (Linda) Kesty of Sacramento California, and Ken (Cynthia) Kesty of North Bay, Ontario Canada. His other step-son George preceded him. Elmer and Genevieve have 12 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Elmer was never out of work for even one day during his lifetime. It started with a job when he was 14 years old, doing a paper route with his uncle. At age 16, he started working at a store by big Sandy Lake, which was a combination grocery, gasoline, and tavern. He had to report to work at 4 AM and started by getting ice from the icehouse for water to the store and bar. Usually his day there ended about 7 or 8 PM, working 7 days a week. His salary was \$20 per month during the summer school vacation. His second summer he worked the same job and received a salary of \$25 a month. The third-year, his final year in high school, he received a salary of \$30 per month working at the store. After high school he worked a few years at the Wood Conversion Plant in Cloquet Minnesota. From there he would begin a 47 year career at a grocery store chain named Super Valu. Elmer started off

this very long career at the Duluth store, then moving to the Minot North Dakota store for about 5 years. When the Minot store closed, Elmer followed Super Valu back to Hopkins Minnesota for a year, then on to Bismarck North Dakota as produce manager for 3 years. His career move would next take him to Aberdeen South Dakota for 2 more years. The Aberdeen store closed, and it was time to move again. This time, he returned back to Hopkins Minnesota as a buyer an assistant produce manager. He would stay at this location for the rest of his very colorful and productive career. It must be noted that he has the Super Valu company record of the longest employment set at an amazing 47 years! Elmer always liked cars. By his recollection he owned around 27 different cars during his lifetime. His first car was a model T Ford at age 15 bought with money he earned from his paper route. He always kept up a paper record to keep track of all the miles driven, gasoline used, and places he visited. He logged almost 1,000,000 miles traveling both for work and for pleasure. Logging all these miles, Elmer only had two car accidents: the first, he was broadsided, the second, he was rear-ended. Elmer love to travel, fish, play cards, board games, and raise a wonderful big garden every year which included vegetables and lots of beautiful flowers. Funeral service Saturday, July 8 at 11 am with visitation 1 hour prior to service at: Washburn-McReavy.com Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.

# Tribute Wall



“ *I am the first born granddaughter of Elmer's three grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his awesome first wife Lillian Mae Otten Rosenving. She was an amazing grandma.* ”

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“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer Ray Rosenving.* ”



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