



Ernest Alvin Burrow

June 19, 1938 - March 1, 2017

Born June 19, 1938, in Ledyard, Iowa, went to be with Jesus March 1, 2017. Preceded in death by parents Glen and Neva Burrow, survived by wife of 56 years, Bonnie, daughter Becky (Greg) Smith, son Daniel (Jeanne) Burrow, grandchildren Josiah Smith, Lili (Noah) Young, Jubal Smith, Rosalee Smith, John Burrow, Bridget Burrow, sister Melva Wilcox of Placentia, California, and beloved nieces and nephews.

In school Ernie's favorite classes were: Sports (Basketball, Baseball,) and Band (coronet!) Played coronet for Meredith Wilson (The Music Man) privately and in the Mason City Iowa Band Festival. With his coronet and his basketball team he went to State Finals.

Came from his little town to St. Paul to find a job. Started at Montgomery Wards, then to First National Bank just before marrying Bonnie on August 6, 1960. Started selling real estate 1962 at Spring Co, then Keller Corp., then Niemiec and Burrow Inc, building up to 65 agents, then in 1980 Burrow Properties Inc. He served on various positions on the St. Paul Association of Realtors, retiring in 2012, 50 years later. He achieved GRI, CRS, and most importantly Realtor Emeritus. Loved every family and individual he worked with, remembering even their dogs names years later until the last 8 years or so!

Ernie greatly enjoyed being with his grandchildren, displaying US flags, photography, hunting eagles, raptors, other birds and animals to photograph, singing at church, playing his coronet and trumpet.

Started displaying dementia symptoms in 2006, diagnosed in 2009 with FTD. Entered long term memory care at Prelude Cottages, White Bear Lake, in March 2016. Cared for by a very loving Christian community, he was happy and comfortable there, loved the aides and staff to whom we are extremely grateful and send a big Thank You and lots of love!

We praise Jesus that now Ernie heard the trumpet call and he is totally healed and is greeting his family, precious friends and clients who have passed before him!!

We, his family, have been missing and grieving for him for a long time, as he slowly lost language, memory, and the ability to do so many things, one by one. We are extremely thankful for the many prayers offered for Ernie and us these last years! God's blessings to each of you - his family, friends, fellow real estate brokers and agents, and all of his clients! God is OUR refuge and strength! Visitation 5-7PM Wednesday, March 8th. Celebration of Life Service 11 AM Thursday, March 9th with visitation from 10-11 AM at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96 W., at Mackubin, Shoreview. Interment Roselawn Cemetery. Memorials preferred to North Heights Lutheran Church or The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration.

Tribute Wall

BG

“ I rememer Ernie practicing his Coronet in Ledyard when I was a child. I could here him playing a little over a block away. Sweet music. A few years I started playing the coronet. I moved back to Ledyard to my home place after living all over the U.S.
Bob Gilbertson

Bob Gilbertson - December 31, 2023 at 07:24 PM

DS

“ Bonnie and family: may God provide His great comfort and richest blessing this day as you grieve but also celebrate Ernie's life here on Earth. With all of you, I look forward to the day when I meet up with Ernie again at the feet of our Savior. I expect he will have a prominent place in the horn section, and will be lifting the rafters with that marvelous voice of his. It has been my privilege to be part of this journey with you, and I'm grateful for your friendship!

David Smith - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Bonnie, Ruth and I are sorry for your loss. We enjoyed Ernie and his fondness for sports and little children. Thank you for your insight and inspiration as we walk a similar path with Ruth. We hope to see you again this summer and share companionship around the campfires.

Dave Balfanz - March 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ It was a joy to meet Ernie and Bonnie at Prelude in WBL during my time working there... He was surrounded by love and great care during his illness and is truly blessed, even now, by his amazing family... What I remember and will now cherish most is Ernie's huge smile and his welcoming eyes as we became new friends. God has now welcomed Ernie as a good and faithful servant to his eternal home, and he has peace and comfort in Heaven. My prayers are to embrace his family at this time of loss and through the difficult days ahead of missing him... He was a mighty-fine man who I will always think of fondly.

Joni Carlson - March 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ So very sorry for you loss. Ernie will be missed very much by his loving family. You will be in our hearts forever. God Bless.

Mary Bohl - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ The Michaud family is so sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. We know, however, the past months have been difficult and that now he is at peace with his many friends and relatives, enjoying the light of the Lord. Ernie and Bonnie were special friends to Jim and Jean Michaud from the time they became neighbors on Turtle Lake. Both were delightful people and dear friends. Jim and Jean will be there to welcome Ernie to his heavenly home. God bless your family. May you find encouragement and peace in this time of loss.

Carol Faust - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Ernie was a true friend and a great Christian businessman. He sold several homes for us and his concerns for each sale reflected in his Christian life. He will be truly missed by Bonnie and his family. John & Shirley Haney*

John & Shirley Haney - March 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Know that he looks down on all of his family with pride and with love and protects you from his special place in Heaven.*

Julie Ann Reese - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ *My sympathy to you, Lili, and all your family.*

Joan Young - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *So glad to hear his is with the Lord, the Lord is welcoming him with open arms, saying, well done Ernest*

Joan c Sachs - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *To My Dear Precious New Friend and Her Family: May Jesus hold you all in his arms during this difficult time and shine his light of love onto you all. Most Sincerely and With Love, Gael*

Gael Westphal-Clifton - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM