



Ernest F. Dorn III "Ernie"

December 14, 1932 - November 2, 2024

Ernest Ferdinand Dorn III (Ernie, Butch) passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 2, 2024. His passing on All Souls Day feels fitting, as Ernie was a loving, faithful, and friendly soul to all who knew him. He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Mary (Loomis); and sons, David (Katie), Scott (Liz), Mark (Sarah Suby), and Rich (Erika Malvey). A cherished grandfather to 16 grandchildren and four great-grandsons, Ernie was also a beloved brother to Mike (Linda), Ginger Michaels (Chris), Gretchen Anderson (Tom), Patricia Jaffray (Ben), and Judy Heslin (Joe).

Ernie grew up in Minneapolis, excelling at Blake School as "Head Boy", a three-sport varsity and state-record athlete. He continued his studies and athletic career at Stanford University as a running back on the football team, where his most significant "touchdown" was meeting Mary, the love of his life. Ernie served in the Navy with a tour of duty in the Pacific and then they returned to Minneapolis, where Ernie joined and eventually led the family business, Community Credit Co. Ernie successfully expanded the company to eight states and 68 branch locations ultimately guiding its merger with Wells Fargo Bank. Ernie also served on many corporate, association and non-profit boards including International Dairy Queen, The YMCA, and the American Bankers Association. His philanthropy was far reaching with the YMCA, Special Olympics and Cristo Rey High School holding an especially close place in his heart.

Known for his zest for life, Ernie was an avid golfer, history enthusiast, music lover, and a true friend to everyone he met. Above all, Ernie considered his greatest legacy the loving family he and Mary built together. Ernie could always be found on the course with his buddies, at a grandchild's event, doting on Mary or traveling with his children.

A visitation and funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, November 16th. Visitation starting at 9:00 AM followed by Mass at 10:00 at Christ the King Church, 5029 Zenith Ave S, Minneapolis. Following the Mass, there will be a celebration of life gathering at his home away from home, the Minikahda Club. Memorials preferred to Special Olympics of Minnesota and Christo Rey School of Minneapolis.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ The King Catholic Church
5029 Zenith Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55410

Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“Ernie and I met for the first time when we were both freshmen living at Encina Hall at Stanford University. Almost immediately we recognized a shared background, that is, each of us had a very strong, aggressive father who expected a great deal from us. We exceeded their expectations but over the years were never quite sure that we had. We went through 'rushing' together and pledged Zeta Psi Fraternity. We both became varsity competitors, with Ernie starting for three years in the offensive as well as the defensive backfield for Stanford. One of the traits that I had most respected about him when we had first met was his fierce competitiveness and courage in action. I recall him once being helped off the field after he had taken on the entire USC interference, so that his line-backer could make a tackle on the All-American USC running back. This staunch bravery could (and did) find spontaneous expression on occasion; one late afternoon when returning from a favored beer joint we passed a large corral with an unsaddled horse on the inside. Ernie asked me to stop the car, then he got out and trotted over to the fence, climbed into the corral and leaped onto the horse. The animal didn't like it much and bucked and twisted and sped around the corral, but Ernie stayed on until the horse eventually gave it up and stopped.

Ernie met Mary midway through his time at Stanford, and he was loyal to her the rest of his life. During their many years in Minnesota I didn't see Ernie and Mary, but wherever I was in the world or whatever I was doing Ernie kept in touch. Then, when they began coming out to Eldorado Helenka and I saw them as frequently as possible. I mourn the loss of Ernie, but my stronger sentiment is the one that offers up the delightful memories of the two of us kids back on Stanford campus 75 years ago.

Jack (and Helenka) Frost

Jack and Helenka Frost - November 20, 2024 at 11:52 PM

BS

“ Beth S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ernest F. Dorn III "Ernie".



Beth S. - November 20, 2024 at 03:02 PM

RB

“ Ernie will be remember for many things. To me he was Mr. Dorn, he and Wally May used to golf on the daily. I would make it a mission to be at the tenth tee prior to their arrival. Always a kind hearted smile, laugh and positive interaction. He will be dearly missed

R. Bennek - November 18, 2024 at 07:54 PM

DK

“ Late last night, we were deeply saddened to hear of Ernie's passing. We extend our deepest condolences to Mary and all the family. May the love and laughter shared be a soothing balm to your hearts & souls, as you continue to absorb his loss. My dad & Ernie worked closely together for 36 years at Community Credit Company --"The Company That Finds A Way..." was the musical motto Ernie & his dad helped coin. Ernie & Mary attended our wedding and were a part of many fond memories. We salute you, Butch. May you rest peacefully in God's kingdom. Blessings to the family, Deb Noel Karulf

Deb Karulf - November 18, 2024 at 09:30 AM

BN

“ So sorry to hear late last night about Ernie. My dad worked closely for 36 years with Ernie and we send our condolences. Ken is not doing great but would have attended had we know. My sympathies to Mrs. Dorn and entire family. A lot of great memories growing up, working for CCC and celebrating many great experiences with Ernie and family.

God Bless, Brad Noel

Brad Noel - November 18, 2024 at 07:40 AM

JO

“ Playing golf with Ernie was always full of laughter stories and Jokes until we were on the green. Out came his putter, he won we lost and we paid! Tough competitor!

Rest in peace

J and M OToole - November 09, 2024 at 04:39 PM