



## Ernest Ralph Melby

December 28, 1932 - September 29, 2020

Age 87 of Roseville

Passed away Tuesday, September 29. Ernest (known to all as Ernie) was born in Dalton, MN to Ralph and Mabel (nee Dahlager) graduating from Fergus Falls High School in 1950. Ernie joined the Navy where he participated in rescue operations for the Andrea Doria. He attended the University of MN, graduating in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in Business. He had a long career as a Manager at the Minnesota DOT, retiring in 1992. Ernie traveled extensively with friends and family, in the Navy, on motorcycle and flying his own private plane. He was a master of home projects, frequently helping everyone who knew him. Ernie enjoyed crossword puzzles, classical music, storytelling, and his many dogs. He was a fan of ham sandwiches, grapes, and Werther's candy. Most of all, Ernie loved his family. Preceded in death by his parents and former wife, Georgia. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 49 years, Mary Jane (nee Hartman); his eight siblings; children, Lora Rypert, Steven (Maddie) Melby, Daniel (Rani) Melby, and Ann (Darrin) Kron; grandchildren, Espen and Truls Rypert; Eleanor, Stephanie, and Paul Melby; Dalton Melby; and Ayden, Schuyler, and Serianna Kron.

Funeral Service Noon Oct. 10th at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96 West, Shoreview (visitation 10 - Noon). Burial on Monday Oct. 12th at Noon at Zion Cemetery, Dalton, MN.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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# Tribute Wall

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**Ken Lawrence** - October 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Dear Mary Jane, Lora, Steve, Dan and Anne,  
Our deepest sympathies are with you and your families at this time of great loss. We always loved and enjoyed our time with Uncle Ernie and hearing his wonderful stories. He will be dearly missed.  
Peace and comfort to you all.  
Love,  
Karen, Fran and Eva

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**Karen DiDomenicis** - October 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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**Ken Lawrence** - October 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Melby family, I'm very sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Ernie as far back as 1966 in Blaine. My absolute favorite memory of Ernie was when he called my father Galen on a Late Saturday morning and asked if we wanted a ride in his airplane. Of course we went with him, it was my 1st time flying and I loved it. I will always remember it.

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**Ron Tyrrell** - October 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Dear Mary Jane, and family, I want to tell you how much Ernie has meant to my family. He entered our life when we were in grief over the sudden passing of my father, and his attention, warmth and uplifting nature was a tremendous help. I will always be grateful for his presence in our lives. I am so sorry that he is gone, and for the sadness you must feel, but know that he will not be forgotten. I know I speak for my brother David as well that we cherish our memories of him. Love, Diana

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**Diana Rodum** - October 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Deepest Sympathy to the family of Ernie Melby.

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**Don and Ardis Searles** - October 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ My condolences to you and your family. I didn't know Ernie as well as Guy did. They went deer hunting together. Guy has been gone since 1988. Again, my sympathies.

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**Verla Spitsberg-Hohman** - October 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM