



## Ernest A. Vierkant

October 20, 2012

Vierkant, Ernest A. age 90, of Mpls. passed away Oct. 20, 2012. Member of the American Legion. Preceded in death by wife, Louella; daughter, Marilyn Wistrand; 5 siblings. Survived by children, Gary (Roxanne), Douglas (Linda), Jean (Ed), Bill (Mary Anne); son-in-law, Dave Wistrand; grandchildren, Kyle, Justin, Arthur, Mark, Brian, Greg, Kristin, Jay, Beth, Jeff, Jill, Joan, Mike, Jon, Rob, and James; brother, Edward; sister, Grace Franz; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Interment to follow service at Trinity Cemetery, Sauk Rapids. Visitation Tues., Oct. 23, 5-9 PM and funeral service Wed., Oct. 24, 11 AM with visitation 1 hour prior, all at: [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Werness Brother Chapel 2300 W Old Shakopee Rd 952-884-8145

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel  
2300 W Old Shakopee Rd  
Bloomington, MN 55431  
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## Visitation

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Our Grandpa was the most generous, kind-hearted guy you could ever hope to meet. He was always so generous to us, his grandkids, with time, attention, gifts -- really, with everything he had. I remember him usually treating us as if we were a little older than we really were and that meant getting to ride along on the truck, going along to the Log Cabin in Emily (for a Coke), going with him to Chicago to visit the relatives out there and always knowing that he was happy to have us along. We always looked forward to seeing Grandpa and all the family at Christmas and to spending time with Grandpa, Grandma, Gary and Doug at Ruth Lake in the summer. When I got a little older, Grandpa's house became a place that was always open for a visit or staying over and Grandpa was always available for a good talk -- anyone who knew him can attest to that. I feel very lucky to have had Ernie as my grandfather and one of the greatest things about him was that he always made me feel like he felt lucky to have me and the rest of us as his grandkids. God bless you Grandpa. I'll light a candle, but I'm also going to light a cigar. Brian*



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**Brian Mellstrom** - October 24, 2012 at 10:32 AM



“ We will all miss you, Grampa. A man with a big booming voice, but not nearly as big as the heart inside. Everyone was welcome and everyone was a friend of yours. I remember my first trip to Chicago with you, Doug, and my brother. We loved the cabin and looked forward to you arriving for the weekend. You let us drive the pickup to get a few things for you, but I think it was just an excuse to let us get something for ourselves. Thanks for letting me stay with you when I started working in "the Cities" and always having dinner and conversation ready. We know that you and Gramma are up there watching over us.

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**Greg Mellstrom** - October 23, 2012 at 11:36 AM

DG

“ Diane Gartner lit a candle in memory of Ernest A. Vierkant



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**Diane Gartner** - October 22, 2012 at 01:03 PM

DG

“ Sending Prayers and Sympathy to Ernie's Family. He was a very special man! I always enjoyed visiting with him . He was always so fun to talk to!! I greatly cared about my Great Uncle. My Grandmother Tille and Great Aunt Johanna, his sisters, loved to cook for him. I just know they had a huge feast just waiting for him up in heaven. He has now joined with so many that he loved and that loved him so very much. And as those who have preceded him, He too will be greatly missed.  
Diane Schroeder-Gartner

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**Diane Gartner** - October 22, 2012 at 01:03 PM

JL

“ Tomorrow I fly back to Minneapolis to say farewell to the guy who taught me how to fish, and water ski, and even shoot a 22. He could tell a story a mile long with a loud, gruff voice that feebly masked a heart of gold. Ernie was the man that let me and my siblings and my cousins and our children call him grandpa when ours was no where to be found. And he gave my mom the label of daughter - one that she cherished her whole adult life. I will miss you Grandpa. You were one of a kind, and we couldn't have asked for more.

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**Joan Wistrand LaBelle** - October 22, 2012 at 12:42 PM

JL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Joan Wistrand LaBelle** - October 22, 2012 at 12:39 PM

MM

“ I want to send my condolences to Ernies family. We always enjoyed getting together with him when in Mpls. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Myrtle Vierkant

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**Myrtle Vierkant, Wadena, Mn.** - October 22, 2012 at 09:51 AM



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**Douglas Vierkant** - October 21, 2012 at 06:20 PM



*Artie Vierkant, grandson, and his wife Camille Bertrand.*

**Douglas Vierkant** - October 21, 2012 at 06:21 PM



“ *Douglas Vierkant lit a candle in memory of Ernest A. Vierkant*



**Douglas Vierkant** - October 21, 2012 at 12:14 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Douglas Vierkant** - October 21, 2012 at 12:12 PM



*I am so happy that I had the opportunity to visit with him just a couple weeks ago. Thanks for posting these, Doug. I look forward to giving you a big hug. xxoo*

**Joan Wistrand LaBelle** - October 22, 2012 at 12:40 PM