



## Ferdinand Hendrik VanMaele

October 23, 1933 - August 2, 2022

Livestream can be found at: <https://www.olgparish.org/mass/ferdinand-hendrik-van-maele-funeral>

Ferdinand Hendrick Van Maele, 88, of Minnetonka, Minnesota, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday August 2, 2022. He passed peacefully into eternal life surrounded by his family during an extended stay at Methodist Hospital.

Ferdinand (affectionately known as "Fred") was born in Roeselare, Belgium on October 23, 1933. He proudly served in the Belgium Army and after receiving an honorable discharge, he emigrated to the United States, becoming a US Citizen on St. Patrick's Day 1956. Fred met and married the love of his life on June 12, 1970. Together they had three daughters. Fred was a loyal, hard working man. He worked for two employers during his 40 years of employment, taking part time work when needed to put his girls through college. Fred was a fun-loving person and had a tender heart. He enjoyed his Michigan State Spartans football, he loved helping his family, relatives and friends and he cherished the companionship of animals especially the numerous cats and dogs that his girls adopted over the years.

Ferdinand is survived by his wife Shirley of 52 years, daughters Barbara (Michael) Mercer, Donna Kelly (Richard Klaus) and Linda Van Maele; grandson Brendan Mercer; sister-in-law, Constance Bak; niece Anne Marine, nephews Michael, Robert and Geoffrey Bak and other extended family. Ferdinand was a loving father, husband, grandfather, brother-in-law, uncle and friend to everyone.

Preceding him in death were his father and mother Victor and Emma Van Maele; his Father and Mother-in-Law Frank and Bernice Sass; and his Sister-in-Law Patricia Sass.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30AM on Thursday, August 11th with visitation one hour prior, all at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 5071 Eden Ave, Edina. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church  
5071 Eden Avenue  
Edina, MN 55436

## Church Service

AUG 11. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ My sweet daddy...thank you for being the best father a girl could ever ask for and grandpa a teenage boy could ever ask for. As much as my heart is broken into a million pieces and the hole will never fully mend..I am so happy that you are at piece and no longer suffering. Fly high with the angels and our Lord and continue to watch over us. I will never forget you and love you forever. Until we meet again❤️

Barbara Mercer - August 11, 2022 at 08:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Hendrik VanMaele.



August 10, 2022 at 04:44 PM

CB

“ Fred, my dear sweet brother-in-law❤️ ....I am forever thankful that God brought you into our family so many years ago. You were one who rarely complained, but brought a “good feeling” to those who knew you. Rest In Peace. I’m convinced that Father God has smiled on you😊

connie Bak - August 10, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Hendrik VanMaele.



August 10, 2022 at 06:32 AM



“ My father was my partner in crime in any and all things. I absolutely loved being his daughter and was proud to have him as MY FATHER. It was truly a privilege and honor. THANK YOU PAPA AND LOVE YOU ALWAYS

Linda Van Maele - August 08, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Hendrik VanMaele.



August 08, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Hendrik VanMaele.



August 08, 2022 at 09:25 AM



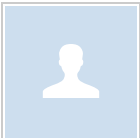
“ *Uncle Fred will certainly be missed. My brothers and I have fond memories of him growing up!* ”

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**Anne Bak Marine** - August 07, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ *Fred was such a loving Father and Grandfather. He had a wonderful sense of humor and Mike and I always enjoyed being around him. We wish the family our sincere blessings and love at this time. We will be sending a donation to the American Cancer Society. Mike & Liz Mercer.* ”

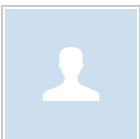
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**Elizabeth Mercer** - August 06, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Hendrik VanMaele.* ”



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August 05, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *“You Are Loved And In Our Prayers” Comfort Throw was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Hendrik VanMaele.* ”



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August 05, 2022 at 05:12 PM