



Fred Geoffrey Ernst

November 14, 1948 - April 9, 2026

Ernst, Fred G.

Age 77, of Minneapolis, passed away peacefully on April 9, 2026. Preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Esther Ernst; his brother, Michael Ernst; and his niece, Lesley Weeks.

He will be deeply missed by his daughters, Stephanie Ernst and Kristina (Jim) Oates; along with his grandchildren, Blake Walberer, Sophia Ernst-Herrera and Antonio Ernst-Herrera. His sister, Candace Dumire. His nephews, Keith Weeks, Craig Ernst and Chad Ernst. His nieces, Kya Johnson and Darcy Rand.

Fred was born on November 14, 1948 in Minneapolis and spent much of his life proudly calling the Minneapolis & Bloomington area home. Fred was a true "chatty kathy" - always ready for a conversation. Whether you were a lifelong friend or someone he just met he loved sharing stories, swapping jokes, and connecting with others in his talkative way. Fred loved spending time fishing, working on cars and cheering on the Minnesota Vikings & Twins.

He was a dedicated employee of the VA Hospital in Minneapolis as well as Cub Foods.

Fred was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps serving from 1967-1971, which included time in Vietnam. His service was a defining chapter of his life and one he carried with deep pride and honor.

In his later years, Fred was a resident at the Veterans Home where he could often be found sharing stories about his life and grandchildren. He took great pride in being known by everyone as he strolled the halls. His humor and personality won't soon be forgotten.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, April 30, at Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Park Chapel (1838 E Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis) from 4-7pm. Funeral service on Friday, May 1, also at Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Park Chapel at 11am. Interment and military honors to follow at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 721-1651
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 721-1651
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Graveside Service

MAY 1. 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

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“ Stacy Christensen purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Fred Geoffrey Ernst.



Stacy Christensen - April 24 at 04:39 PM

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“ Chad Ernst purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Fred Geoffrey Ernst.



Chad Ernst - April 16 at 12:07 PM