



Gerald Cores Oppermann

July 4, 1934 - March 30, 2025

Gerald Cores "Jerry" Oppermann, age 90 of Crystal, MN, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2025.

He was born on July 4, 1934, in Grand Forks, ND, the son of Cores E and Esther H (Schmalenberg) Oppermann. Jerry grew up in East Grand Forks, MN, and majored in Engineering at the University of ND before graduating with a degree in business in Minneapolis, MN. After nine years with Gresen Manufacturing Company, Jerry joined Eaton Corp., spending 24 years with the Eden Prairie Hydraulics Division. He retired in 1995.

It was at UND where Jerry met Barbara, his wife of 65 years. Having no children, they traveled to US and European destinations - primarily Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

They were members of the Minneapolis Kickers Soccer Club; German American Institute; and Spielmannszug MN, a German-American Mardi Gras club. In 2009-2010, Jerry and Barbara were chosen as the club's prince and prinzen, and represented the club at a festival in Würzburg, Germany. In Heidelberg, Germany on April 17, 2010, Jerry was knighted into the Deutscher Ritterorden of St Georg.

Jerry greatly enjoyed competitive shooting sports throughout his lifetime and belonged to three local gun clubs. He competed with the Swiss Rifle Club in Switzerland on three occasions beginning in 1995. In 2005, Jerry was named the club's most successful shooter at the Frauenfeld, Switzerland competition. He also very much enjoyed summer reunions at the lake, when family history

and stories could be shared.

In spite of lifelong health issues, Jerry was dedicated to being well and able to participate in all of the activities he and Barbara enjoyed. Just two weeks before he passed, Jerry met with his personal trainer.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and many caring relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the NRA, St Jude, or Smile Train.

Cemetery Details

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429
(763) 533-8643
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Visitation

APR 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Funeral Service

APR 24. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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