



Harlan LeRoy Berntson

June 10, 1927 - December 16, 2018

Age 91 of New Brighton. Died December 16, 2018.

Born June 10, 1927 to Selma Winger, adopted by Otto and Mae Berntson as an infant. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Kathryn; children, Luanne (Paul) Rynders, Debra (John) Nelson and Steven (Shelly); and nine grandchildren, Daniel Rynders, Brent Rynders, Nathan Harlan Rynders, Kathryn Rynders, Jared Nelson, Bryce Nelson, Isaac Nelson, Grace Nelson, and Angela Arndt. Harlan loved to share stories of his youth growing up on a farm in Northern Minnesota. Loved Glacier Park and supervised the remodeling of the park lodges at Many Glacier, East Glacier, Lake McDonald, and Prince of Wales in the late 1950's. This was a highlight of his life which he talked about often. He remained a supportive member of the National Park Association and visited Glacier in 2015 for their 100th anniversary.

He enjoyed a lifelong construction career. He was very involved at GracePoint, his church of 52 years, where he participated in the construction of two major additions to the church. He enjoyed this times ushering for numerous funerals. His voice and larger than life personality will be missed, especially at the Coffee Cafe where he enjoyed many cups of Velvet Hammer Coffee, old fashioned cake donuts, and fellowship with friends.

Harlan was always available to lend his expertise in construction as a volunteer at church, and for his family and friends. The hunting cabin he built with his son, Steve, near Bemidji was a favorite place to go. Also, visiting relatives nearby and of course, a meal with friends and relatives whenever he

could.

He was active in the Gideons, Svenskarnas Dag, and Sons of Norway. He loved attending Lutefisk Dinners annually as well as a good Rueben at Cecils in Highland Park.

Originally from Lengby, Minnesota where he met Kathryn when her father was the pastor at his home church. They met at her parents 25th wedding anniversary party at the church when Harlan was the moderator. Thus started their life together.

Funeral service 11AM Friday, December 28 (visitation begins at 10AM) at GRACEPOINT, 2351 Rice Creek Road, New Brighton. Interment Isanti Union Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I didn't know Hal for very long I worked with him at Weis builders .but I will never forget him his kindness to my me and my family.his heartwarming smile.and overall kindness he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



David Martinez - May 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KQ

“ My sympathies to your entire family. May you find comfort in the memories and look to the Lord for guidance during this time of sorrow.

Kim Quast - December 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ So sorry to hear of Harlan's passing. He was treasured neighbor; always friendly and always good for conversation! He will be missed. May God comfort you with your memories and your faith.

Jim & Carol Faust - December 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I would like to share a quote that I received from a friend in California. "Grief, I've learned, is really just love. It's all the love you want to give but cannot. All of that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat and in that hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go."

Douglas Winger - December 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Our sincere condolences! Prayers for the family. May Harlan R.I.P.*

Terry Cullivan - December 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM