



Leroy Nathaniel Hjelmstad

May 4, 1935 - June 29, 2023

Leroy N. Hjelmstad age 88 of Bloomington died peacefully on June 29, 2023 at Methodist Hospital surrounded by his wife, son and other family members. Preceded in death by his parents, Nathan and Lillian Hjelmstad; brother, Duane Hjelmstad; sister, Bette Hobbs and beautiful daughter Kathy Hjelmstad.

Leroy is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Alice Mae; children, Karen (David) Rantala and Gary (Shannon) Hjelmstad; and grandchildren, Jason Rantala and Lauren Rantala and Gabrielle Hjelmstad, Maxim Hjelmstad and Lindsey Hjelmstad.

Leroy was born May 4, 1935 in Holmes, ND and spent his youth on the family farm alongside his grandparents who taught him how to speak Norwegian. He attended Northwood High School where he played Tuba with the band and earned state honors as a soloist. He graduated from Northwood High School in 1953. Leroy earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from North Dakota State University and participated in the Army ROTC program. Leroy served active duty with the Army and was stationed at Fort Meade and Fort Devens.

Leroy met Alice Mae on a blind date during high school and they were married on August 11, 1957. They lived together on the Army bases where their daughter Karen was born. After Leroy was discharged from the Army, they

bought their one and only home in Bloomington, Minnesota where they had two more children (Kathy and Gary).

Leroy worked as a Mechanical Engineer for Univac during the 1960's and early 1970's. Leroy ended his career working as a mechanic with the United States Postal Service in downtown St. Paul. Leroy and Alice Mae have been members of Transfiguration Lutheran Church for over 60 years. Leroy thoroughly enjoyed his weekly men's bible study group at the church.

Leroy was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was a proud supporter of his children and grandchildren's school and sporting events. Not even bad Minnesota weather could keep him away. He was a hard-working man of strong faith, great patriotism and a proud Norwegian American.

We love him and will miss him greatly. Rest in Peace until we meet again

Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Leroy Nathaniel Hjelmstad.* ”



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