



Marvin Albert Wilker

April 18, 2015

Wilker, Marvin Albert Our wonderful father died April 18 at home in Hopkins, MN. He was born 4/22/1932 on a farm in Meriden Twp., Steele Co., MN. Marvin attended grade school in a one room country school, and was a graduate of Owatonna High School and Dunwoody College of Technology. His degree in Architectural Drafting and Estimating allowed him to work for Raetz Const., and Spitzack Lbr. in Owatonna, MN. He worked as a Supt. for Tillges Lbr. in Lakeville, MN and later at American Lbr. in Mpls., MN as the Dept. Head in the Drafting / Estimating Dept. He also worked for Leibfried Const. in Lakeville and started his own company "Wilker Design & Const., Inc." in Apple Valley, MN for 10 yrs. Marvin moved to Orange Co., CA for 22 yrs. He moved back to MN in 2008. He was married 32 yrs. to Jolene Johnson and they had 4 children: Cyndi (Scott) Maggaard, Jacki (Christian) Donovan, Craig (Tammy) Wilker, Tammra (Tom) Echols; 13 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; He is also survived by his sister-in-law Annabelle Wilker; many nieces and nephews. He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict from 1952-1960 and was honorably discharged. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Martha Wilker; 3 sisters: Irene Eggers, Rosina Kopischke, Adeline Hinchley; 3 brothers Alfred, Norbert and Harold. Memorial service will be Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 11 am at Christiania Lutheran Church, 26691 Pillsbury Ave., Lakeville, MN 55044 with visitation one hour before the service. Burial will be Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 12 noon at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis. Meet at Assembly Area #4 by 11:45 am. www.Washb

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“ Ken and I would like to extend our sympathy to you in the loss of your dad. Ken always enjoyed visiting with him. We are glad now that we could make his birthday party. He and Ken's dad were cousins and family meant a lot to your dad. Ken had a terrible accident in December of last year. Your dad called at least 3 times to ask how he was doing and to tell us he was praying for Ken.

*Here is a story from 1956 that Ken will remember for ever!
Ken doesn't remember how your dad got the nickname "Cookie", but everyone your dad worked with called him that. Marvin was working for Frank Raetz when the crew was remodeling the hog house at the farm. Laverne Drache was on that crew and your dad was the foreman. In those days the electric fencer had to be kept inside the hog house because they wouldn't hold up if exposed to the weather. A wire was attached to the fencer inside and stung outside to the electric wire to keep the hogs from getting out. Drache was there earlier in the morning and must have and touched the wire like he wasn't afraid of a electric fence. There must have been wet grass touching the wire to ground it so there wasn't any current. When your dad came later, he walked into the wire, catching it under the bill of his cap (which Ken said he always had turned up) The shock knocked your dad to the ground. Laverne asked your dad what was a matter with him! There wasn't any electricity when he touched. Your dad said "The h_ _ _ there isn't, you try it!! Drache did and stuck to the fence until the guys got it unplugged. " Now you smart S.O.B., you still think there isn't any electricity on that wire?" Ken remembers everyone laughing about it the rest of the day and probably the next. You would have to know Laverne Drache to really appreciate the story.*

We have given a memorial to St. Paul's Lutheran church in memory of your dad. We thought it was fitting for him with his family ties here.

God bless his memory.

With sympathy, Sandy and Ken Dinse

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