Maynard V. Lenz

February 21, 1930 - May 10, 2025

Maynard V. Lenz,
of Brooklyn Park was born on February 21st, 1930, and went home to be with the Lord on May 10, 2025, having lived 95 joy-filled years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marlys (Hanson) Lenz, parents, Rudolph & Mabel (Pretzer) Lenz, and siblings Mavorette (Lenz) Haubein, Dallas Lenz, Kenneth Lenz. He's survived by his children, Marcia (Bruce) Ericson, Mitchel Lenz, Mark (Carolyn) Lenz, his grandchildren, Matt, Candace, Kayla, Zac, and Brandon; great-grandchildren, Jack, Will, Ryan, Millie; brother Paul, and many nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation: Wednesday, May 14, 5-8pm at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 W. Broadway, Crystal. Funeral: Thursday, May 15, 11am at Discover Church, 1400 81st Ave N, Brooklyn Park. Visitation 1 hour prior. Private interment: Friday, May 16 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Discover Church, the Wilderness Fellowship, or Wycliffe Associates (c/o Chuck and Cheryl Liesch).
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Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **14**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Visitation

MAY **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Discover Church
1400 81st Avenue North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

Funeral Service

MAY **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral service for Maynard Lenz in memory of Maynard V. Lenz

Washburn-McReavy - May 12, 2025 at 06:38 PM

GK

We knew Mark and Carolyn, so when I mentioned my home building project and having to do the heating/air conditioning, Mark said, "you have to talk to Maynard!" Maynard came to my house, showed me all the tricks of how and where to put my ductwork. It looked so easy when he did it. Not so easy for me, but his help made a huge difference in the final product. He was so kind and patient with all my questions. Later he even came over and finished the install of my air conditioning. All the time saying it was no problem, he was glad to help. Maynard was generous and a shining example of a man of God. What a blessing to so many people.

Greg Kimball - May 16, 2025 at 10:07 AM

AL

Maynard attended our Wednesday night dinners at Abiding Savior Church in Mounds View. We always looked forward to seeing his sweet smile and friendly conversation. We will miss Heaven's newest angel.

ASLC Church Ladies - May 14, 2025 at 04:44 PM

KS

When I was a child, I knew Maynard as my parents' friend who was always pleasant. He would entertain us with his feats of strength and athleticism, such as handstands (that he could hold forever), flips on the trampoline and tricks on water skis.

As I grew older, I learned that Maynard and my father served together in the Korean war, which is how they met. They slept in the same tent in the rice fields, watched each other's 6 and experienced the horrors of war together. As with most soldiers, they did not share stories of their war experience, other than some of the lighter moments. One of which was how Maynard saved my dad (who was almost a foot taller) from getting his (you know what) handed to him in a fight because they didn't want to tangle with Maynard.

As time went on, my father dealt with many ups and downs in life, including addiction. When many others gave up on him, Maynard and Marlys were always there for him. I believe it was partly because Maynard understood the demons he was dealing with from being in the war PLUS they were such kind and caring people in general. Even when dad was in the nursing home many years ago, they made a point to visit every week.

I only saw Maynard a couple times over the past 50 years but always thought of him as family for the friendship he had with my dad. I know he did so much to help others in the community as well, whether it was through the church or in other ways. He was an ironman who continued to impress others with his strength and athleticism by snowboarding well into his 80's.

Maynard was a high-quality human. Rest in peace my friend!

Karl Stern - May 14, 2025 at 11:17 AM

SW

1 file added to the tribute wall

Stephanie Lenz Windle - May 13, 2025 at 11:58 AM

GM

So happy to have shared a birthday for many years with this man. Big shoes to fill! Recently we spent the evening at the Union dinner where Maynard received his 70 year pin! Had some nice conversation and a few beers. He was always so sweet and always remembered John first!

Gretchen Morris - May 12, 2025 at 12:08 PM