



Melvin Arthur Boerner

March 31, 1932 - October 26, 2020

Boerner, Melvin Arthur Born 3-31-32 in Green Valley, MN, died 10-26-2020 in Mounds View, MN Mel was raised on the family farm in Cottonwood, Mn, the sixth of nine children born to Earl and Mamie Boerner. He graduated from Cottonwood High School. He was a volunteer firefighter. He and two of his brothers joined the National Guard and were subsequently called to active duty during the Korean War. Mel served almost 2 years in Korea. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars and the United Nations Service Medal Combat Infantry Badge. Mel had a long career as a diesel mechanic. When not working he was an avid fisherman, snow-mobiler, and "up north to the cabin" guy. In retirement he and wife Margie spent many years traveling the United States in their RV. They made many good and long standing friends in their journeys. Mel was an active member of the Blaine Senior Center and the Real Life Community where they lived. If there was a card game, Mel was there! He and Margie spent many hours playing all types of card games with family and friends. Mel was preceded in death by his parents, 7 siblings, and sons Jeffrey and Michael. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Margie, children Lynn (Charles) Davis, Sandra, Kristin, Richard McFarland, Sharon (Paul) Karsten, & Sandra McFarland. Grandchildren Christopher (Angie) Fien, Brett (Nicole) Uchanski, Rebecca Uchanski, Daniel McFarland, and many great-grandchildren. Mel is also survived by sister Bonnie, in-laws Eunice, Dorothy, Sharon, and Dean, and dozens of nieces and nephews. Service at Wasburn-McGreavy Hillside Chapel, 2610 19th

Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN, Monday, November 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Visitation 1:30 p.m. Due to Covid restrictions, please reserve a seat by texting 763-226-9038. On-line streaming is available at: washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Melvin-Boerner/ PhotosVideos. Viewing will also be available at the Fridley American Legion Post 303, 7365 (Old) Central Avenue NE, Fridley, MN at 2:00 p.m. Masks are required at both locations. Fellowship and food will follow service at the American Legion.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 781-1999
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Chapel Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service of Melvin A. Boerner in memory of Melvin Arthur Boerner



Washburn-McReavy - October 28, 2020 at 03:52 PM

CB

Very beautiful service. Hugs

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DB

“ Melvin was one of my Minnesota cousins. His father, my Uncle Dud (Earl) was one of the older Boerner brothers born near Odebolt, Iowa, while my father, Ralph, was the youngest. Uncle Dud moved to Minnesota as a young man and raised his family there. My main memories of Melvin are from our younger years, when we would make the day-long car ride to get to their farm near Cottonwood. I especially remember one Thanksgiving when I was impressed that Aunt Mamie got up at 4 am to put an enormous turkey in the oven. With such a large family, she was used to feeding a crowd. I also remember how my uncle would have to call those boys over and over to get them out of bed to do chores--"Melvin, Jack, Buddy--get up." Those teenage boys really didn't like to get out of bed! Although I didn't see Melvin very much in our adult years, just the occasional family reunion or funeral, I was sorry to hear about his passing. He led a full life, and I'm sure his family will treasure many happy memories.

Diane Boerner Boyer - November 04, 2020 at 09:39 AM

JA

“ *Dear Margie,,
We are so very sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Mom (Peggy Taylor) let us know; and we were so very surprised and sad to hear this news. He was such a knowledgeable humorous man, with an amazingly gentle and kind spirit.
Please know Jim is taking very good care of Mel's Chevy Trax, and it still runs like a top - with very low mileage! :)
Please accept our sincere condolences, and heartfelt prayers -
Janine and Jim Palaia*

Janine - November 03, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Arthur Boerner.*



November 01, 2020 at 11:38 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Melvin Arthur Boerner.*



November 01, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Arthur Boerner.*



November 01, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Arthur Boerner.*



November 01, 2020 at 02:04 PM