



Mr. Merlin Duane Amundson

November 28, 1938 - April 11, 2023

Merlin Amundson, 84, of Dayton, Minnesota, passed away on April 11, 2023. He was born on November 28, 1938, in Decorah, Iowa to Edwin and Clarissa Amundson. He is survived by his children Jeremy, Kristi (Lance) Smemoe, Luke (Jessica), stepsons David (Vicki) Earl and Tom Earl, grandchildren Tera, Tina, Alexander, Andrew, Elisabeth, Carsten, Laura Jane, Kinley, Henry, Clarissa, Kamden, and great-granddaughters Adrianna & Allie, his brother Lyle Amundson, brother-in-law George Balding, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Edwin and Clarissa Amundson, wife Dorothy Hufnagle Amundson, his sister Joanne Balding, and his sister-in-law Marilyn Amundson.

Merlin moved with his family in 1951 to Pequot Lakes, MN from their family farm in Iowa where they purchased and ran a gas station and cafe. After graduating from Pequot Lakes High School, Merlin joined the United States Air Force where he proudly served our country from 1958-1966.

Merlin lived most of his life in Dayton, Minnesota, where he moved after marrying his wife Dorothy. He worked as a machinist for over 40 years for FMC and Maureen Johnson, taking great pride in his work and craftsmanship. Merlin was known for his love of machinery and would often talk about Ford trucks, big rigs, locomotives, and railway companies.

Merlin was a devoted husband to his late wife Dorothy, who passed away in 2005, and a loving father to his children. All of his children remember his dedication to them as he volunteered as a Boy Scout Leader, was a band parent, drove them to their many activities, and attended all of their events. He also enjoyed volunteering with the Fare for All program at the Champlin United Methodist Church. His grandchildren were a source of great joy and happiness in his life. Merlin was a simple man with a kind heart, was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need, and would share stories of his life to anyone who would listen. He had a soft spot for cats and was a dedicated pet owner.

Merlin will be remembered for his love for his family, his dedication to his work, his generous spirit, and his Norwegian stubbornness. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A visitation for Merlin will be held on Sunday, April 16th from 4-7 pm at
<https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com>

Glen Haven Chapel

5125 West Broadway, Crystal, MN

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, April 17th at 11:00 a.m. with a short visitation at 10 a.m. at

Zion Lutheran Church

1601 S 4th Ave.

Anoka, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Visitation

APR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church (Anoka)
1601 4th Avenue South
Anoka, MN 55303

Church Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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1601 4th Avenue South
Anoka, MN 55303

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Merlin Duane Amundson.*



April 14, 2023 at 07:11 PM



“ *Nancy (Balding) & Brad Stouffer & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Merlin Duane Amundson.*



Nancy (Balding) & Brad Stouffer & Family - April 14, 2023 at 05:18 PM