



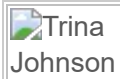
Orville L. 'Orv' Sietsema

March 13, 2018

Sietsema, Orville L. "Orv" Orville Sietsema, age 78, passed away on March 13, 2018, at his home in Eden Prairie, surrounded by his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, Harvey Sietsema and Grace Johns Sietsema, and brother Ronald. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elizabeth, daughter Maureen (David Spies); son Michael; grandchildren Alycia Lorentz (Joseph) and Kyle Sietsema (Karina Laqua); great-granddaughter Eleanor Ann Lorentz; and brother Gordon, along with other close family and friends. Orv was born August 31, 1939, in Ackley, Iowa. An avid lover of sports, his intention following graduation from high school was to become an educator and coach. At the last minute, he changed course and decided to pursue a profession in funeral service, graduating in 1960 from Dallas Institute-Gupton Jones College of Mortuary Science in Texas. Never regretting his change of heart, he proudly walked with the families he served in their time of need-for over 40 years, the last 20 plus years with the Washburn-McReavy team. Orv's family was very important to him. He was proud of his children and grandchildren and was thrilled at the birth of his great-granddaughter who quickly took his heart. He always looked forward to special days spent together hosting every special holiday or birthday, often preparing his infamous marinated beef tenderloin. Following his retirement, Orv remained active in his community with his involvement at church, in the Eden Prairie AM Rotary Club, and volunteering at Methodist Hospital. And his golf clubs were always in the trunk of his car just in case! Services will be held at 11 AM on

Saturday, March 24, at Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Road, Edina, (952-929-1697), with visitation one hour prior to the service. Private interment will take place at Eden Prairie Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400

Tribute Wall

 Trina
Johnson

“ *Trina Johnson lit a candle in memory of Orville L. 'Orv' Sietsema*



Trina Johnson - March 20, 2018 at 01:07 PM

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“ *Christopher Johnson lit a candle in memory of Orville L. 'Orv' Sietsema*



Christopher Johnson - March 20, 2018 at 12:12 PM

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To Orv's family - God bless you and comfort you with His peace in abundance. Many good memories of working with Orv when he managed Washburn McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel. Orv was a great mentor and colleague to any funeral professional. I very much looked up to him and respected his deep care for all people. God did well with Orv.

Christopher Johnson - March 20, 2018 at 12:17 PM

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I have good memories of working with Orv when I was a fairly new funeral director at Washburn-McReavy; he was always helpful and kind. My thoughts are with your family.

Kelly Schneider Leahy - March 21, 2018 at 09:28 AM

JN

Condolences to all of Orville's family. Have fond memories of him and Liz in Emmetsburg. Never met a nicer guy. With love and sincere sympathy. Judy and Dave Nixon

Judy and Dave Nixon - March 21, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ *Anything for You was purchased for the family of Orville L. 'Orv' Sietsema.*



March 19, 2018 at 07:10 AM