



## Raymond Lawrence Carlson

November 17, 1931 - December 28, 2020

Raymond Lawrence Carlson, age 89 of Andover/Northeast Minneapolis, MN, passed away on Monday, December 28, 2020 at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, MN after a short illness. Ray was full of sunshine and kindness and was loved by so many. Throughout his life, Ray loved to work in his garden, to spend the day wood working, and to travel throughout the USA. Ray was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Minneapolis Retail Meat and Food Handlers Union, of Kraus-Hartig VFW 6587, and of Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church.

Survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Lorraine; his daughter, Cheryl (Paul) Florentine, of Blaine, MN; and his son, Keith (Jill) Carlson, of Anoka, MN; his three grandchildren, Travis (Lindsey) Florentine, of Nowthen, MN; Tracy Florentine of Coon Rapids, MN; and Dr. Krista Carlson of San Antonio, TX; and one great-granddaughter, Sophia Florentine. Ray also leaves behind his brothers, Arnie (Sheila) Carlson of Roseville, MN, and Bob (Diane) Carlson of Saint Michael, MN; his sister, Darlene (Ray) Bodick of Coon Rapids, MN; and his sister-in-law, Pat Carlson, of New Brighton, MN; his brother-in-law, Dale (Barb) Johnson, of Bloomington, MN; and his sister-in-law, Vicki Johnson, of Maple Grove, MN. He loved all his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his Father and Mother, C. Helmer and Eva Carlson; his brother, Clifford Carlson; his sister-in-law, Marlys Carlson; and his brother-in-law, Ken Johnson. Ray's Memorial Service will be held Monday,

July 19, 2021 at 3 PM with visitation at 2 PM at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to family to be forwarded to organizations per Ray's wishes.