



## Rodney Dean Hendrickson

October 27, 1929 - September 11, 2021

Hendrickson, Rodney passed away on September 11, 2021. Rod was born on October 27, 1929. The son of Raymond and Roene Hendrickson, he grew up on a dairy farm in Afton, Minnesota. Rod is survived by his wife of seventy one years Clarice. He is also survived by his 3 sons Blake of Brainerd, MN, Brian (Karen) of Lakeville, MN, and Brent (Magdalena) of Lake Chapala, Mexico; three grandchildren, Nicole Sather (Jeff) of McGregor, MN, Heidi (Bryce) of Eden Prairie, MN, and Michael of Park Rapids, MN; two great-grandchildren, Dillon and Johanna Sather of McGregor, MN. Rod graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BS degree in Agronomy and Plant Genetics. While at the University, Rod's academic achievements in plant genetics resulted in his selection to be a member of the three man crop judging team representing the University of Minnesota, competing with other midwest agricultural colleges. After college, Rod was employed for a number of years in agricultural education and was also employed by a number of companies involved in the manufacture and wholesale distribution of agricultural products necessary for the production of food and fibers in the midwest and nationally. Rod spent 25 years as the owner and operator of Tessman Seed and Chemical Company and Polymer Recycle Corp. Following this, Rod then became the owner and operator of 3 companies involved in the wholesale distribution of bird food, grass seed, and pet food, (T&K Distributing, JRK Inc, and C&R Enterprises.) Rod and his wife Clarice were able to travel the world and visit historic and exotic locations in Kenya, Europe, Russia, the Far East,

and the rainforest of Brazil and the Amazon River. They also participated in Eisenhower People to People tours. Rod was a 69 year member of Accacia Lodge 51 and a member of Zuhrah Shrine, participating in West Suburban Shrine Club as a member and president. In Rod's retirement years he and his wife spent their summers outdoors tending their fruit trees and extensive garden. Winters were spent at their home in Sanibel, Florida with side trips to their home in the Dominican Republic. While in Florida Rod received a number of awards for his work with Habitat for Humanity. Rod was very proud of his Swedish and Viking heritage and as a result he and his wife spent many days of travel in the Scandinavian countries. Rod never failed when the opportunity arose to partake in a meal of lutefisk, lefse, and aquavit. Rod was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. He was very much loved and words cannot describe how much he will be missed. Memorials to The Shriners Children's Hospital, 215 Radio Dr., Woodbury, MN 55125 or to your choice of church or charity. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 23 at 2pm with gathering one hour prior at: Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
(952) 920-3996  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
(952) 920-3996  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ All of us at the Saga Klubben torsk club will miss our member Rod Hendrikson when we reconvene next month, after a long pandemic hiatus. An aquavit in your honor, Rod.

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**Kevin Kelley** - September 21, 2021 at 09:51 AM