



Russell Dean Armstrong

January 12, 1933 - December 22, 2008

Age 75, of Saint Paul Died December 22, 2008 Survived by his wife of 31 years, Vivianmae; son, Michael Armstrong; daughter, Lynda Niemi; 5 granddaughters; sister, Helen Armstrong; brothers, Gerald (Lois) and Walter (Mary Jane); sister-in-law, June (Roger) Carlson; aunt, Louise Finch; many nieces and nephews. Funeral service 11AM Friday, January 2, 2009 with visitation beginning at 10AM at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM, 515 Hwy 96 W. at Mackubin, Shoreview. Interment Hillside Cemetery. Memorials preferred.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *i am so thankful my Dad knew where he would spend eternity, and had assurance of his salvation...which is by faith alone in Christ alone...trusting in Christ's work on the cross, in His Death Burial and Resurrection, and not our own works...we are all sinners and cannot save ourselves...Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"...in spite of our sin and shortcomings, Romans 5:8 states, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."*

When Dad informed me that he requested "no heroics" for his care, i asked Dad if i was right to assume that he was at peace and ready to enter into eternity, and that he had assurance of spending it in heaven...Dad quoted Romans 5:1 for me, "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

it was actually an assurance for me of his assurance...i knew it already, but it was still a relief to hear again.

Lynda Bush-Niemi - January 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ You can have assurance of your salvation too...1John 5:11-13 "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may KNOW that you have eternal life"

Pastor Henry, Thank You so much for officiating Dad's funeral service. I appreciated the emphasis on Salvation through Jesus Christ alone...and stressing a relationship, not religion. Jesus Christ is the only way, Amen! Thank you also for your labor of love extended to Dad throughout the years, and for your continued support for Vivian, it is greatly appreciated. In Christ, Lynda

Thank You Holcom-Henry-Boom Funeral Home for your efficient and smooth direction, and attention to detail. You all did a wonderful job. I was amazed how everything was handled so smoothly. The traffic director on the motorcycle did a fantastic job as well. Could he move or what! Thanks again :)

Thank You everyone (beloved family and friends), who attended Dad's funeral. It was great to see you all. Thank You also to those who were unable to make it, for your thoughts and prayers, we know you were with us in spirit.

*Thanks again for your prayers,
Lynda and the girls, Alex, Caryn, Sara, Megan, and Abby*

Lynda Bush-Niemi - January 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ A poem for you, Dad...

"You're The Best"

by: Lynda L. (Armstrong) Bush-Niemi

*although we are heavens apart,
you are always near to my heart,
you've always been caring loving and kind,
even when i've needed a piece of your mind*

*know that you're always loved honored respected,
God's love peace and joy in you are reflected,
there's so much in you that i'd like to be,
it's an honor if others see you in me*

*you're the best in this world i could have asked for,
i only wish i could have given more,
you're in my thoughts every day,
in my heart you'll always stay.*

I Miss You Soooooo Much!!!

Vivian, Thank You so very much for loving and caring for Dad all these years. I know it is because you loved him. You have been a great blessing. I just want you to know how much you are appreciated and loved. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I love you, Lynda

Lynda - January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Mikey, We are sorry for your loss. We never had the pleasure of meeting your Dad but, he must of been a great guy. We believe so because he raised such a great son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love,
Scott and Brenda*

Brenda and Scott Mathisen - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM