



## Mr. Russell Vernon Tenhoff Sr.

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Russell was born to Ernest Henry Tenhoff and Martha Josephine (Hanson) Tenhoff in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He had two older half-brothers, one older sister, five older brothers, one younger brother, and one younger half-sister. He and his brother Marvin were sent to the Owatonna State School in 1939. He lived there for four years. He was then a foster child on a farm in Waldorf until he returned to Saint Paul and enlisted in the US Army in 1951 at the age of 17. He fought and was wounded twice in Korea earning two Purple Hearts. While stationed in Maryland, he married his first wife in Baltimore. They had two sons, Russell, Jr., and Michael. It was the end of the TV series M.A.S.H. in February 1983 when WCCO interviewed Russell about his experience with a M.A.S.H. unit when he was wounded in Korea.

Russell, Sr., married June Lumley in 1974. She passed away in 2011. He always felt she was his better half.

Preceded in death by his parents, his wife June, half-brothers Kenneth and Donald; sister Evelyn Lewellyn; brothers James, Harold, Marvin, Ernest, Jr., half-sister Eleanor Wood, and daughter Bianka Davis.

Russell is survived by two brothers Lloyd (Jeanette) and Richard Erickson (Pam), his sons, four stepchildren, several grandchildren and step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He has gone to be with June. Memorials should be sent to North Memorial Hospice in Minneapolis, Minnesota. A graveside service with honors is scheduled for November 3 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Please contact his niece, Julie Tenhoff Lyons, at [jt.lyons@mchsi.com](mailto:jt.lyons@mchsi.com) for a map and details.

Favorite hymns:

- (1) Alan Jackson - The Old Rugged Cross (Live) - Bing video
- (2) In the Garden - Bing video

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 3. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450