



Verdis Menville Erickson

February 24, 1928 - November 29, 2023

Erickson, Verdis (Bud) age 95 of Fridley, MN went to his heavenly home on November 29, 2023. Bud grew up on a farm in Strandquist and learned to fix machines, build things and solve problems. When he graduated from high school he enlisted in the Air Force. He took advantage of the GI Bill and got his BEE from the University of Minnesota in 1955. He was recruited by Honeywell to be part of the Apollo program, and worked on many interesting projects until his retirement. He loved to learn and experience life. He flew a small engine plane with the Ridgeway Club, he learned to scuba dive, he was a great dancer and skier, he played music by ear and enjoyed bringing his accordion to family events. He was actively involved in the lives of his four grandchildren, and was proud to be a great grandpa. He loved to travel and took his family on many trips skiing, visiting family and seeing the US. He also traveled Europe, Scandinavia and China. After caring for his wife, who passed away from a brain tumor in 1997, he became a volunteer at Unity Hospital, the American Swedish Institute, North Heights Car Care and Grief Support, and the Hospitality Center. He used his gift of fixing to bless many people in these organizations, as well as countless family and friends. He often remarked how grateful he was to have been able to do so much. Well done, good and faithful servant! Bud was preceded in death by wife, Phyllis; daughter, Julie; brothers, Vergil, Lyle and Laurel; sisters, Ethlyn, Delaine and LeAnna. He is survived by daughter, Corinne (Philip) Castano; grandchildren, Ericka (Alex) Peterson, Jacob (Ashlie) Hess, Ana Castano and Rachel Castano; great grandson,

Cameron; sisters, Marlys Sanderson and Shirley (Jerry) Smith; nephews and nieces; and many friends, including good friend, Phyllis Ose. Celebration of Life held on Friday December 22, at North Heights Chapel 1700 Hwy. 96 Arden Hills at 11:00 am. Visitation an hour before, luncheon and burial to follow. Memorials appreciated to North Heights (memo-Give the Gift of Christian Education), the U of M Hospitality Center, or the American Swedish Institute.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

North Heights Lutheran Church (Arden Hills)
1700 West Hwy 96
Arden Hills, MN 55112

Church Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

DEC **22**. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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