



## Vernon "Ixxie" Michael Theisen

July 20, 1929 - October 16, 2021

Passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side on October 16, 2021. Vern was born on July 20, 1929 to Ignatius and Mary Theisen, and was the oldest son of 11 children born and raised in Cold Spring, MN. Vern is preceded in death by his parents and eight of his siblings.

Vern served two tours of duty in the Army from 1947-1948 in the Hawaiian Islands, and from 1950-1951 in the Korean War, after which he was awarded the Bronze Star. In 1952 he married his lifetime love, Irma Ramler, and they settled in Lauderdale, MN to start their family. Vern spent 46 years of his life working in the grain business for GTA (Grain Terminal Association), General Mills, Kurth Malting, and ADM (Archer Daniel Midland), from where he retired in 1996. His employment provided the opportunity to live in various cities including Lauderdale, Windom, and Albert Lea, MN; Fargo, ND; and Roseville, MN, where he was a longtime resident of over 50 years.

Vern was always active in volunteer work through the community or church. These included the Lauderdale Civic Club, Boy Scouts, coaching, Meals on Wheels, St. Odilia Church, and the Roseville "Run for the Roses" race. His passions were hunting, golfing, and spending time traveling and visiting his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Vern was a kind, generous man who was always eager to help others. His infectious smile, quick-witted humor, desire to help others, and his devotion to family and friends, are just a few of the traits that made him such a wonderful man whom we will remember lovingly. He always said he had such a

wonderful life and that he was truly blessed. We too were blessed to have known him.

Vern is survived by his wife of 69 years, Irma; children Jeanne (Dan) Schmidt, Gary (Erin O'Leary), Janet (Mike) Wirtz, Dale (Joy), and Mike (Susan McGovern); 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild; sisters Mary Jane Sventek and Dorothy Watzl; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial 11AM Tuesday, Nov 2 at ST. ODILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 3495 N. Victoria, Shoreview with visitation beginning at 10AM. Luncheon to follow. Memorials preferred to St. Odilia Endowment Fund or Hospice of the Midwest.

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Thank you Grandpa for all the great memories. You are indeed blessed and will be greatly missed.  
Love Rachelle & family



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**Rachelle** - November 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ My heart is heavy with the loss of Vern. Growing up neighbors to the Theisen family in South Fargo, I have vivid memories of Vern.  
-playing hockey with us "Rink Rats" at Lincoln School Rink.  
-watching Vern play hockey in the "Old Pro" League at the Fargo Coliseum.  
-the many weekend duck hunting trips with Vern. Gary, Dale, and blacklab, Peggy.  
-but most of all, Vern & Irma welcoming me into their home to be a part of their family during my senior year in high school. Many cherished memories. I am forever grateful!  
Rest in peace, Vern.

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**Steve Anderson** - October 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss. We continue to keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Howard and Janet Jansen** - October 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ If the word Vern were in the dictionary it would say!!! A male figure who is God loving, humble, very giving, fun loving, generous, the best hug giver, respectful, a great husband and father. Anyone would be proud to say that they knew Vern. May he rest in peace.  
Alice Ramler

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**ALICE Ramler** - October 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Vern was one of the most kind, warm hearted, caring and generous people I have known. He was a terrific uncle, father and husband. He genuinely cared for people and gave of himself whenever he saw someone in need. He will be truly missed.



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**Marge and Tom Gerrity** - October 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ We are so fortunate to have had so much time to understand how blessed we were to have him. My Grandpa taught me humility, gratitude, the importance of family, and most of all to laugh and enjoy it all! No person or thing was ever an inconvenience for him. I've never known a more generous man. I am so proud to be his granddaughter and a part of his legacy.



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**Erin Schmidt** - October 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM