



Vernon Carter Wigfield

June 27, 1930 - March 21, 2024

Vern Wigfield, age 93, resident of Eden Prairie, MN, and a Korean War Veteran, entered the arms of Jesus on March 21, 2024. Vern was born June 27th, 1930, in Corwith, Iowa to Vernon and Regina Wigfield. He is survived by his beloved wife, Rita; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Wigfield, Melanie Ahlquist, Shelly (Arvid) White; brother-in-law, Dan Ferwerda; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Merle; siblings, Howard (Anita) Wigfield, Larry Wigfield, Donnie Wigfield, Joanne (Bob) Lingner; sons, Greg and Tony Wigfield; and sister-in-law, Cindy Ferwerda.

A dessert reception to greet the family and visit with friends will be at Wooddale Church, Eden Prairie Campus, in the Chapel (near Door 1) on Tuesday, April 9th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. A private committal service will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on a separate date.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish to make a memorial gift, the family suggests Wooddale Church - the Compassion Fund (www.wooddale.org), or Casa Aleluya, a Guatemalan children's home that was special to Vern (www.casaaleluya.org).

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Dear Mrs Wigfield,
Vern was a positive influence in the lives of the 5th graders you taught. I know how much his example meant to Craig! I feel so fortunate that I was able to get to know him and that I was able to visit with you both when I ran into you at Kowalski’s last year! I am so sorry for your loss. I know your strong faith and the love of so many, whose lives you have touched, will carry you through this difficult time.
Sincerely, Maureen and Jim Henderson

Maureen Henderson - March 27, 2024 at 10:34 AM

RW

Thank you, Maureen.

Rita Wigfield - March 28, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ Vern Wigfield was an exceptional man. He excelled in his profession as Railroad Train Dispatcher. Very few can master the demands associated with this demanding position. He acquired the passion at a very early age, having family as Railroad employees. I worked with him as he dispatched train crews on the Minneapolis Northfield Southern Railway Golden Valley Minnesota. The love of his life was his compassionate

and most special person, his wife Rita. I had the honor of knowing both of them for many great years. Vern , your legacy is laced with fond memories. Rest in peace my friend. Frank J Seifert Pearce, Arizona.

Frank J Seifert - March 26, 2024 at 09:34 PM

RW

Thank you, Frank.

Rita Wigfield - March 28, 2024 at 10:35 AM

BM

“ *I remember seeing Vern for the first on a riverboat at the National Teachers of the Year Convention in Louisville. He was with Rita and I was alone on the boat. I watched them laughing and talking and wondered if this Teacher of the Year had brought her Dad with her?? I simply had to meet them and that decision began a precious friendship, lots of trips together, and wonderful talks about all four of us being Jesus followers. Never thought that four would become three. We miss you Vern. Betsy Mabry*

Betsy Mabry - March 26, 2024 at 10:01 AM

RW

Thanks, Betsy. How fortunate we were to meet you that day. A life-long friendship.

Rita Wigfield - March 26, 2024 at 11:02 AM

CH

Vern was a kind, wonderful friend and neighbor. He gave his time and talents to serve on our Board of Directors at Summerhill. He will be missed

Charlotte Helling - March 30, 2024 at 11:45 AM