

Robert Leon Ruplinger was born on March 13, 1926, in Heron Lake, Minnesota to Ernest and Gunda (Tolifson) Ruplinger. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Robert graduated from Holloway High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served at the end of WWII during the Occupation of Japan.

Robert was united in marriage to Audrey Hoffman on May 20, 1946, in Louisville, KY. After Robert was discharged from the Army on January 1947 he came home to Audrey and a baby girl named Janice Marie. A boy was born on September 7, 1948, whom they named James Ernest. They farmed near Hancock, MN until the fall of 1983, and then Jim and his wife, Lee moved to the family farm to continue the farming operation. Robert and Audrey moved to a home on Lake Victoria in Alexandria, MN.

They traveled and camped all over the USA including Alaska and Mexico. They also traveled with Jan and her husband Jim to England and all the countries in Western Europe. Robert also enjoyed fishing, playing horseshoes, playing cards and being active in the VFW.

Robert died on Saturday, September 7, 2019, at Alomere Health at the age of 93. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Audrey; son, James; brother, Richard Ruplinger; and sisters, Donna Mae Ruplinger and Ardis Pederson. Robert is survived by daughter, Jan (Jim) Striepe; and daughter-in-law, Lee Ruplinger; 5 grandchildren, Becky (Todd) Nadgwick, Amy Searle, and John (Amy) Ruplinger, Michelle (Hamish Patterson) Striepe, and TJ (Jennifer) Striepe; 8 great-grandchildren; Sami (Josh) Bruns, Cody, Nissa, Jameson Nadgwick, Grace and Maggie Patterson, and Jude and Arly Striepe; and sister, Kathy Gulsvig of Starbuck.

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:*  
*A time to be born, and a time to die;*  
*A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*  
*A time to kill, and a time to heal;*  
*A time to break down, and a time to build up;*  
*A time to weep, and a time to laugh;*  
*A time to mourn, and a time to dance;*  
*A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;*  
*A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*  
*A time to seek, and a time to lose;*  
*A time to keep, and a time to cast away;*  
*A time to tear, and a time to sew;*  
*A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*  
*A time to love, and a time to hate;*  
*A time for war, and a time for peace.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*



*In Memory of*  
**Robert L. Ruplinger**

March 13, 1926



September 7, 2019

**Memorial Service**  
Bethesda Lutheran Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Thurs, September 12, 2019  
1:00 PM



**Officiant**  
Reverend Jerry Lanes  
**Organist**  
Diane Alveshere  
**Musicians**  
Todd Nadgwick                      Cody Nadgwick  
                                                 Nissa Nadgwick  
**Honorary Urn Bearers**  
Sami Bruns                              Cody Nadgwick  
Nissa Nadgwick                      Grace Patterson  
Jameson Nadgwick                      Maggie Patterson  
Jude Striepe                              Arly Striepe

**Military Honors**  
American Legion Post 87  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 936  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 235  
Minnesota National Honor Guard

**Interment**  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Alexandria, Minnesota