

Ralph Frank Theodore Ziegelman of Alexandria, Minnesota and formerly of Brandon died October 14, 2020, at the age of 93 at Alex Assisted Living, Alexandria, MN.

Ralph was born November 28, 1926, in Garfield, MN to Herbert and Clara (Bohn) Ziegelman. He grew up in Garfield and went to school in Garfield and Alexandria. He entered the Army in 1945 and served for one year. Ralph married Audrey Howe on April 9, 1946. They lived in Minneapolis, Elbow Lake, Garfield and Brandon while Ralph built his business into Ralph's Electric. They had two boys, Mike and Tom. They built a house and moved to Lake Ida in 1975. Ralph and Audrey enjoyed traveling with a camper to warmer climates in the winters. Ralph married Marcene Kaul in 1999. Ralph moved to Alex Assisted Living in September of 2017.

Ralph enjoyed spending time with family, visiting with friends and happy hours with neighbors. He liked telling stories and always had a joke to tell. He enjoyed watching sports and "old-time" TV shows, playing solitaire on the computer and bingo at the Care Campus. He liked baking cookies and especially eating them. He drove to Garfield to have coffee with the guys most every weekday morning for a few years. The staff at Cenex took good care of him as his mobility decreased. He was a lifelong faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Garfield. He will be missed by many in the area.

Ralph is survived by his sons: Michael (Cindy) of Garfield and Thomas (Larae) of Alexandria; four step children: Merle (Marcia) Ziegelman of Cheyenne, WY, Tammy Johnson of Cheyenne, WY, Kevin (Julye) Ziegelman of Westminster, CO, and Sheila Kaul of Fountain, CO; two grandchildren: Trent (Barb) Ziegelman of Garfield and Casey (Matthew) Ruckheim of Parkers Prairie; step-grandchildren: Tristan, Travis (Angela), and Jake (Brandy) Johnson of Cheyenne, WY, Katie, Kayle, Kelsie Ziegelman of Westminster, CO, Kyle and Keith of CO, Lynsey Graves of New Mexico, and Troy Christiansen of Alexandria, MN; great-grandchildren: Audrey, Isaac, and Levi Ruckheim, Victoria and Michael Christiansen, Sharayah (Simon), Caleb (Nicole), Logan, and Ashton Slavik; Jenna and Logan Kramer, Emilia Johnson, Whitlee Johnson, Brooklynn, Gavin and William Graves; two step great-great grandchildren: Kroy and Lewin; two sisters: Margie Foslien of Bloomington MN and Bernice Lund of Onalaska WI; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wives, Audrey (Howe) Ziegelman in 1997 and Marcene (Ziegelman Kaul) in 2012; and his parents, Herb and Clara Ziegelman.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church (101 Park St., Garfield MN 56332).

In Loving Memory



Ralph F. T. Ziegelman 1926 ~ 2020

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My Life's been full, I savoured much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Memory of

Ralph F. T. Ziegelman

November 28, 1926 † October 14, 2020

Memorial Service

St. John's Lutheran Church
Garfield, Minnesota

Tuesday, October 20, 2020
2:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend Jeffrey Ross

Organist

Lynette Finnern

Honorary Casket Bearers

Ralph's Grandchildren
and Great-Grandchildren

Military Honors

American Legion Post 87
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 936
Marine Corps League Detachment 1409
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 235
Minnesota National Honor Guard

Interment

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery
Garfield, Minnesota