



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Milfred Ernest Kaehler

SEPTEMBER 3, 1935 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Letting Go

The Angels gathered near your bed,
so very close to you,
For they knew the *pain and suffering*
that you were going through.

I thought about so many things,
as I held tightly to your hand.
Oh, HOW I WISHED that you were strong
and happy once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward,
to that place beyond the sky.
Where JESUS held His outstretched arms,
it was time *to say goodbye.*

I struggled with my SELFISH THOUGHTS,
for I wanted you to stay.
So we could walk and talk again,
like we did - just yesterday.

But JESUS KNEW THE ANSWER,
and I knew He loved you so.
So I gave to you life's greatest gift,
the gift of letting go.

Now my heart will carry MEMORIES
of the love you gave to me
Until we meet again in heaven,
where the best is yet to be.

Services At:

St. John's Lutheran Church — Donnelly, Minnesota
Saturday — October 1, 2022 — 10:30 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Rochelle Anderson

Musician:

Bonnie Gulbrandson

Pallbearers:

Mark Janachovsky, Brian Levanduski
Steve Brandner, Cole Brandner
Patrick Janachovsky, Justin Janachovsky

Honorary Pallbearers:

Ron Kraemer, Rob Kjenstad
All of Milfred's Other Grandchildren

Interment:

Vinger Cemetery
Donnelly, Minnesota

Milfred Ernest Kaehler, son of Alfred and Amelia (Knopp) Kaehler, was born September 3, 1935 at his home in Synnes Township. He grew up in west central, Minnesota and graduated from Hancock High School in 1953. Following his graduation, Fred worked carpentry for a few years in Minnesota and California. He was united in marriage to Janice Anderson on March 19, 1960 at Peace Lutheran Church in Morris. The couple resided in the Morris area where they raised their family. Fred worked at Morris Auto Wrecking and Hemmings Chevrolet before starting his own business, Fred's Body Shop, which he owned and operated until his retirement. Janice passed away June 12, 2014. Fred continued to live at their home north of Morris until September of 2021 when he moved to Skyview Plaza, where he continued to live until the time of his death.

Fred was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in in Donnelly and the Morris Racing Association. He was an avid reader and enjoyed crossword puzzles, Sudoku and playing solitaire. Fred and Janice bowled in Thursday evening mixed double league for many years. He loved all sweets including candy, chocolate and ice-cream. He would never turn down desert! Fred could build or fix anything, including the house that their family grew up in. He loved everything cars, he raced for many years, still racing in his 60s! Fred remained sharp until the very end and lived by the saying, drive fast and have fun! Family was everything to Fred, especially his grandchildren. He will be remembered as a man who was patient, never in a hurry, the king of jokes and one-liners, talented and resourceful. He will be missed by all of his family and friends.

Fred died Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at Skyview Plaza in Morris. He was 87 years old.

He is survived by five children: Karen (Mark) Janachovsky of Donnelly, Keith (Sheila) Kaehler of Morris, Kristine (Brian) Levanduski of Big Lake, Kraig (Sarah) Kaehler of Elk River and Karalee (Steven) Brandner of Battle Lake; 18 grandchildren: Melinda (Scott) Schmidt, Justin (Alina) Janachovsky, Patrick Janachovsky (Vince Martinez), Jason Braun (Leann Grenier), Shannon (Kevin) Loge, Joanna (Chris) Lohse, Kayla (Kevin) Storck, Jessica Levanduski, Aaron Levanduski, Ruby Levanduski, Lillian Levanduski, Mackenzie Kaehler, Madison Kaehler, Emma Kaehler, Cole (Maleah) Brandner, Kaitlyn Brandner, Kayler Brandner and Khloe Brandner; 11 great-grandchildren; three brothers: Harold Kaehler of Morris, Kenneth Kaehler of Petaluma, CA and Donald Kaehler of Santa Rosa, CA and two sisters: Carolyn Zenter of Santa Rosa, CA and Barbara Jean Fritz of Morresville, NC. He was preceded in death by his wife: Janice Kaehler; his parents; infant son: Kurtis Kaehler; three brothers: Gladwyn "Bud" Kaehler, Thilfred Kaehler and Sherwood Kaehler and two sisters: Ada Mae Sprouls and Shirley Foley.

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