

~ *His Journey's Just Begun* ~

Don't think of him as gone away

His journey's just begun,

Life holds so many facets

This earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting

From the sorrows and the tears

In a place of warmth and comfort

Where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing

That we could know today

How nothing but our sadness

Can really pass away.

And think of him as living

In the hearts of those he touched...

For nothing loved is ever lost

And he was loved so much.

~ *Ellen Brenneman*



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Edwin Rudolf Kruckenberg, 95, Mandan, passed away Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Sanford Health in Bismarck. A private family service by invitation will be held.

Ed was born June 1, 1925 in Krem, ND to Frederick and Katherine (Horning) Kruckenberg. He attended school through the eighth grade. Ed then joined the US Army where he fought in the Korean War where he received the Korean Service Medal and Bronze Star in which he was deservedly so proud of.

In 1946 he married Hulda Hintz until the time of her passing in 1949. To this union their son,

Arvid was born. During that time Ed was very proud of the four years he spent working to construct the Garrison Dam. He then went to work for Dan Dugan driving truck for over 28 years belonging to the Million Mile Club!

In 1954 he met Bernice Zoller and together they had a son, Kevin and a daughter, Kayleene. One month short of their 50th wedding anniversary Bernice passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer on December 23, 2003.

Early when the family was growing up, dad loved to camp, fish and deer hunt, even traveling several times to Canada to fish and to Wyoming to deer hunt.

Mom and dad were very good dancers and Ed continued to dance up until the age of 95. They enjoyed traveling to South Dakota, Hazen, or wherever they could find good old-time polka music. He also loved to play Bingo at the AmVets, even winning the Big Pot in 2019!

Dad loved to talk. He always had time to visit with anybody. Many people said that dad never met a stranger.

Dad is survived by his children, Kayleene, Arvid, and Kevin (Dory); grandchildren, Nate (Julia), Chad (Brienne), Kendra (Chris), and Kelsey; great-grandchildren, Maddie W., Tyler, Harper, Blake, and Maddie C.; and great great-grandchild, Braxton. Dad also had a special friend, Alice Beuchler and special to him were Dory's children, Cassandra, Brandon, and especially Maddie.

Dad was preceded in death by his loving wife, Bernice; his parents, Fred and Katherine; sisters, Freida and Erna; and brothers, Wilmer and Melvin.

In lieu of flowers the family request donation to the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery.

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Ed.

Funeral Service

Monday, December 7, 2020; 1:30 PM

Buehler-Larson Funeral Home

Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Dan Paulson

Musician

Loretta White

Vocalist

Jeanne House

Casketbearers

Rick Kruckenberg, Brandon Andersen, Mike Merkel
Chris Ashauer, Kendra Casanova, & Kelsey Casanova

Celebrating the Life of Edwin Kruckenberg

Prelude

Gathering

Hymn

“Nearer My God To Thee”

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Prayer of the Day

Reading of Obituary

Readings

Psalm 23

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11

2 Timothy 4:6-8

John 14:1-6, 27

Sermon

Hymn

“Abide With Me”

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

Commendation

Benediction

Hymn

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Committal will be at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery at 3 PM.