

Ervin J. Messer was born November 3, 1932 to Val and Pauline (Koch) Messer on the family farm in Hebron, North Dakota. He was the youngest of six children. Ervin graduated from Hebron High School in 1950, enlisting in the Coast Guard in January 1951, serving for four years. Once Ervin returned home from the service he met JoAnne Sebastian. They married on August 25, 1956, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Hebron and were later blessed, with five children, Monica, Chuck, Tom, Carol, and Terees. Ervin was employed by MDU and retired after 35 years. He had great relations with his MDU customers enjoying conversations and homemade treats. During his employment, Ervin was also active in the New Salem Fire Department, Lions Club, and served as Chairman of the first New Salem Bachelor Days. After his retirement, Ervin enjoyed fishing, playing pinochle with family and friends, and morning coffee with his best friend Roger and coffee buddies at Cenex. He also enjoyed watching his kids in high school sports and cheering on "his" Green Bay Packers. Ervin and JoAnne loved traveling to visit their children and grandchildren around the country. Ervin is survived by his wife, JoAnne; five children, Monica (Wayne) Hoovestol, Chuck (Laura) Messer, Tom (Della) Messer, Carol (David) Bivins, and Terees (Frank) Dale; twelve grandchildren, Joe Hoovestol, Hanna (Wes) Heit, Scott Messer, Kayla (Austin) Porter, Nicole (Tyler) Heins, Lynae Messer, Patrick Bivins, Kayce Bivins, Zach Bivins, Ryan (Cody) Carson, Haley Dale, and Trey Dale; and two great-grandchildren, Brielle and Landon Porter. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leroy Messer; and sisters, Esther Kuehn, Vivian Irvin, Irene Fulbright, and Mildred Baker.

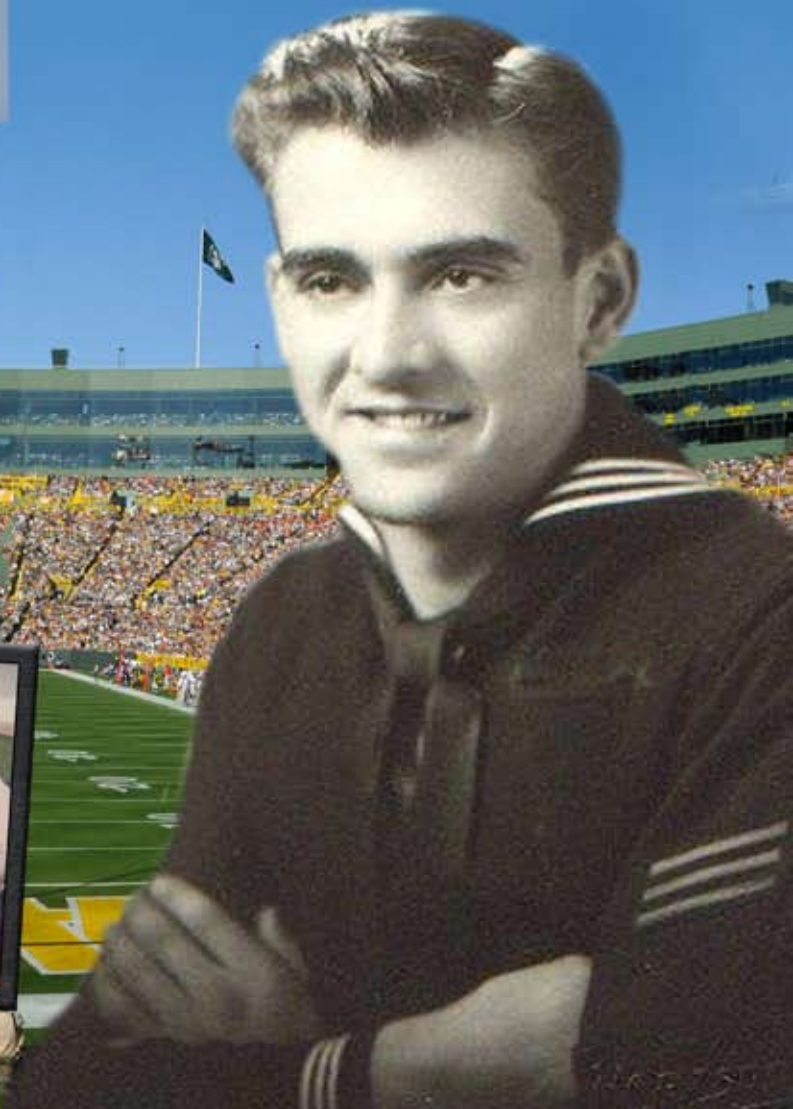
As I cry the tears
of pain I remember
the sounds of laughter
Days of old turn to
moments of gold and
with every tear that
falls is a song soon
to be sang.

Red Speed
Edu.

-Written by Terri R. our favorite RT.

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November 3, 1932 - April 29, 2016



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FUNERAL MASS:

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 10:30 a.m. CST
St. Pius V Catholic Church
New Salem, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE:

Monday, May 2, 2016 7:00 p.m. CST
St. Pius V Catholic Church
New Salem, North Dakota

CELEBRATING:

Father Selvaraj Periannan

READER:

Hanna Heit

MUSIC:

Provided by the family.

PALLBEARERS:

Joe Hoovestol	Patrick Bivins
Nicole Heins	Tyler Heins
Hanna Heit	Wesly Heit

INURNMENT:

North Dakota Veterans Cemtery
Mandan, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Spangelo-Stevenson Funeral Home
Hebron & Glen Ullin, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at St.
Pius V Catholic Church immediately
following the Funeral Mass.

Everyone is welcome.

