



Earl M. Herman Jr. passed away peacefully, on October 20, 2022 at St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes, MN, surrounded by his family.

Earl was born in Wyndmere, ND on September 26, 1928 to Earl and Mabel (Dinger) Herman. As an infant, the family moved to Cotton Lake, near Rochert and at age 7 headed to California to work in the cotton fields due to the Depression. They moved back to the Cotton Lake area where he attended country school near Cotton Lake and later Frazee High School. He moved to Detroit Lakes in the late 40's and worked for Fairmont Creamery and North Star Dairy

before entering the service. He served in the Korean War from 1950-1953. He was married to Norma Krenelka on November 18, 1951. They lived in the Detroit Lakes area their entire life. After his discharge from the Army, he worked for North Star Dairy and Getty Oil Company, Skelgas Division for 37 years, retiring in 1990.

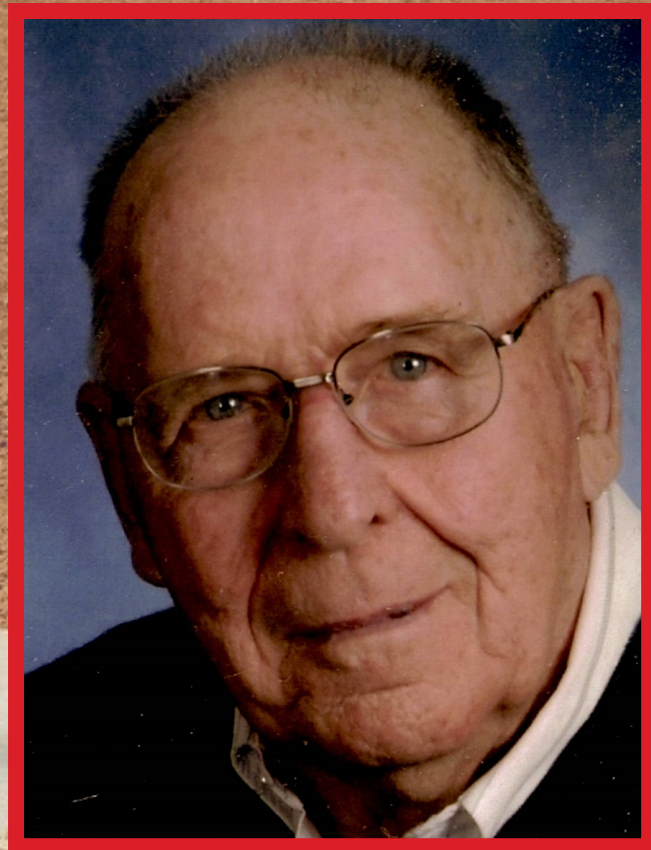
He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church since 1952, serving on several committees, as well as being a Luther League Leader. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and the American Legion.

Earl loved the game of softball, both fast pitch and slow pitch, playing on several local teams, finally hanging up his glove at the age of 75. He continued to enjoy all sports through his grandkids and great grandkids, attending their sporting events every chance he got! He enjoyed playing cards, especially pinochle, casino trips, fishing, hunting, camping, carving fish decoys, the MN Vikings, the MN Twins and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Norma; his four daughters; Debi Strand, Denise (Kevin) Olson, Danielle Ramsey (Perry), and Diane (Corey) Bakken all of Detroit Lakes. Grandchildren; Nicole (Brent) Strand-Gjersvig, Natasha (Troy) Strand-Grohsman, Josh (Kayla) Strand, Billie Townsend, Kelli (Jason) Langerud, Matt (Sarah) Olson, Zachary Ramsey, Quinn Bakken, and Garrett Bakken, as well as 15 great grandchildren.

Earl is preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Mabel Herman, an infant daughter and his four sisters; Opal Waters, Evelyn Wendt, Norma Jean Kruska and Violet Handegaard.

# Welcome Home Earl



## *The Grand Slam*

It's a bright and sunny Wednesday here  
The hometown team is down  
Up to bat comes "Earl the Pearl"  
As he is know throughout this town.

The bases are loaded  
And we needed one good hit  
From "Earl the Pearl"  
The crowd knew he could do it!

The pitcher would up  
And threw with all his might  
As "Earl the Pearl" swung  
The Ump yelled stee-rike!

So now he was serious  
As he took his stance  
The pitch came at him and  
All it took was a glance.

The crowd started roaring  
Upon him their gaze  
As he ran toward the bases  
His mind ran through his days.

Those early years were tough  
From picking cotton to the Great Depression  
And all the lessons his parents taught him  
Left quite an impression!

He crosses First!

Until one day he made it through the worst  
And the love of his life he met  
They wed, but it was brief  
Before overseas he was sent.

He crosses Second!

Then back home he came  
And became a dad  
To 4 daughters, not 1 son  
But oh so happy with what he had!

He crosses Third!

Grandkids and Great-Grandkids  
Were his heart and soul  
Hunting and fishing and card games  
With winning always his goal.

He is nearing home plate  
It has been a long run  
The crowd jumps and dances  
They are having such fun.

The Ump yells "SAFE!"

He has won the game  
We have all been blessed  
Now God has called him home  
It is his time to rest!

I will miss you Grandpa! Till we meet again! Zachary Ramsey

In Memory of

# *Earl M. Herman*

### Born

September 26, 1928  
Wyndmere, North Dakota

### Died

October 20, 2022  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

### Memorial Services

Monday-November 14, 2022-2:00 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

### Officiated by

Pastor Ann Jacobson

### Pianist

Greta Johnson

### Honorary Urn Bearers

Nicole Strand-Gjersvig  
Billi Townsend  
Natasha Strand  
Kelli Langerud

### Urn Bearers

Matt Olson  
Josh Strand  
Zack Ramsey  
Quinn Bakken  
Garrett Bakken

### Military Honors by

Lake Region Veterans Color Guard

### Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota