Elroy James Froemming, the son of Arthur and Olga (Schumacher) Froemming, was born in Alexandria on March 19, 1927. E.J. graduated from Central High School in 1945 and then enlisted into the United States Marines Corp. He served overseas in China with the occupation forces for about eight months before being honorably discharged. E.J. moved back to Alexandria and attended St. Cloud State. He rekindled the romance with his high school sweetheart, Audrey Weatherwax, and married her on September 18, 1948. E.J. worked odd jobs until he began his career with the United States Post Office in 1949. He worked as a city letter carrier and as a rural letter carrier for 33 years and retired in 1982 at the age of 55 years old. For the next 35 years, E.J. and Audrey spent their winters in Sun City, FL.

Although he was starter in both basketball and football while in high school, in later years he enjoyed golf, tennis, and volleyball. He was also an excellent bridge player and liked to hunt and fish. He volunteered his time as a fireman for the Alexandria Fire Department, the Golden K's, and also held many positions with the First Congregation United Church of Church. E.J. was a caring man with a great sense of humor and was loved by all.

E.J. died on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at the St. Cloud Hospital at the age of 93 years old. He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Audrey Froemming of Alexandria; son, Brad (Mary Nortman) Froemming of Alexandria; daughter, Nicole Froemming of Alexandria; four grandchildren, Kelly Froemming of Plano, TX, Kate (Torey) Winter of Minneapolis, Christopher Froemming of Ramsey, and Maren Froemming of Battle Creek, MI; 2 great grandchildren, Cameron Froemming and Brooks Winter; sister Di Ann Ness of Alexandria. He was preceded in death by his son, Judd Froemming, parents, and four brothers, Eugene, Leighton, Warren, and Wallace.

Due to Covid-19, the family has requested all guests to please wear a mask when attending the visitation and funeral.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the First Congregation United Church of Christ.

Celebrating the life of



E.J. Froemming 1927 - 2020

The Day God Called You Home

God looked around His garden and found an empty space.

Then He looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you, lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, for He only takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering.

He knew you were in pain.

He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

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March 19, 1927 \$\frac{1}{4}\$ July 7, 2020

Funeral Service

First Congregational United Church of Christ Alexandria, Minnesota Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend Dr. Jill L. Sanders

Organist - Margaret Kalina

Special Songs

"On Eagle's Wings"
"The Lord's Prayer"
"Mr. Sun"

Soloist - Greg Kapphan

Casket Bearers

Cameron Froemming
George Weatherwax
Christopher Froemming
Dan Ness Jr.
Jeff Bisek

Concluding Service

Kinkead Mausoleum Alexandria, Minnesota

Military Honors

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



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