

Orrin Julian Erickson, second oldest of five children, was born to Olaf and Julia (Ronnie) Erickson on September 4, 1929, in Langhei Township, Pope County, Minnesota. Orrin grew up on a farm south of Starbuck, MN. He was baptized on October 13, 1929 and confirmed in October 1943, at East Zion Lutheran Church, where he remained as a lifetime member. Orrin attended country school.

Orrin worked on the ore boats for the Pittsburgh Steamship Company on the Great Lakes in 1953 until he was drafted into the United States Army on June 9, 1954. He was a Korean War veteran. He was honorably discharged on May 31, 1956. Orrin was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Orrin was united in marriage to Arlene Bjugan on September 23, 1956 at First Lutheran Church in Elbow Lake, MN. They lived and raised their family south of Starbuck and were dairy farmers. Orrin also worked several years at the Glacial Lakes State Park during the development of the park and for a short time thereafter. In 2014 Orrin and Arlene sold their farm and moved to Alexandria, MN.

Orrin enjoyed hunting, fishing and attending auction sales. He especially loved spending time with his family who will miss him dearly.

Orrin died Friday, July 16, 2021, at the age of ninety-one years. He is survived by his loving wife, Arlene; son, Gary (Cathy) Erickson of Dallas, TX; daughters, Julie (Ronald) Thom of Underwood, MN and Linda Erickson (Scott) of Alexandria; grandchildren, Chris, Kim (Mark), Jason (Teena), Jessica, Nicole, Jared (Faly), Erik (Stephanie), Casandra (Daryl), Tanya (Matthew), and Karlene (Logan); twenty-four great grandchildren; sisters, Marion Braaten of St. Louis Park, MN, Norma Paulson of Champlin, MN and Janice (Jerry) Engerholm of Glenwood, MN; sister-in-law, Marlys Kruize of Barrett, MN; and many nieces and nephews.

Orrin was preceded in death by an infant son; his parents; sister, Thelma Searcy; grandson-in-law, Louis Karsnia, mother and father-in-law, Anton and Alma Bjugan; brothers-in-law, Orville Searcy, Stanley Braaten, Neal Paulson, Gordon Bjugan and Donald Kruize; sister-in-law, Janet Bjugan; and his great-grandchildren who are angel babies.

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.*

In Memory of **Orrin Julian Erickson**

September 4, 1929



July 16, 2021



Funeral Service

East Zion Lutheran Church
Rural Starbuck, Minnesota
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
2:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend Steve Carmany

Musician

Karen Mitteness

Casket Bearers

Jared Thom	Matthew Christen
Erik Thom	Logan Brummer
Daryl Giese	Zander Karsnia

Honorary Casket Bearers

"All of Orrin's Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren,
& Great-Great Grandchildren"

Burial

East Zion Cemetery
Rural Starbuck, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home - Alexandria, Minnesota