



## John Everett Nerstad

July 15, 1942 - June 4, 2019

John Nerstad, 76, died June 4th surrounded by family at his home. He was born July 15th, 1942 in Spring Grove to James and Edith (Haugstad) Nerstad. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church and graduated from Spring Grove High School in 1960. He served in the Army from 1960-1963, serving 2 1/2 years in Germany. He was a member of Legion Post 249. He enjoyed his time touring Germany, drinking German beer and watching the Fraulein's (young German ladies). On returning to the US, he worked for the Soil Conservation Service and rekindled his love for racing cars on dirt tracks and the drag strip. He then met the love of his life Carol Van Leeuwe on a blind date and they married on November 16th, 1968 during a blizzard. In April 1970, they moved to their 20 acre hobby farm, raising and selling apples and Christmas trees. As he put it, he was the town "ding-a-ling" working for the Spring Grove Telephone Company for most of his career. He then started working with his son JC, striping Kwik Trip parking lots and co-owned the Spring Grove Assisted Living with his wife, children and their spouses. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and took several trips to Lake Michigan and Canada. He enjoyed looking for morel mushrooms with his brother-in law Fred, watching his grandchildren's sporting events, reading and racing. He enjoyed building and pulling his mini rod with his son, JC. Towards the end of his life he made a bucket list which he fulfilled including going on the Freedom Honor Flight with his daughter Nikki in September. He especially enjoyed a trip in August to Port Washington, WI with his wife, children and grandchildren and caught several salmon on their charter fishing tours.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Carol, son JC (Darla) of Spring Grove and their children Devon, Caleb, Isaac and Kolton, a daughter Nikki (Brent) Kimmerle of Winona and their children Adam, Lauren and Lacey, his mother, Edith of Spring Grove, who joined John in Heaven on Friday June 7th, 2019.

Siblings include Loretta (Lawrence) Knutson, Ron (Marion), Diane Nerstad, Linda Nerstad-Kemp (Steve Kemp) and Liz (Neil) Rowley. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and his close friend Norval Britain.

He was preceded in death by his father James, brother-in-law Fred Zieske, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Due to his love of reading, memorials can be made to the Spring Grove Library.



# Cemetery

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## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Hwy 44

Spring Grove, MN, 55974

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Trinity Lutheran Church

203 E. Main St., Spring Grove, MN, US, 55974

**JUN** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Everett Nerstad.



June 08, 2019 at 05:16 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Everett Nerstad.



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“ Uncle Johnny taught me to fish and shoot my first gun! He was loving and a kind man. With him I always felt loved and at ease. My memories are vast but out doors, wild Berry picking, joking, are a few. He Left this earth behind a beautiful legacy. Love you always uncle Johnny

**Barb Torgerson** - June 08, 2019 at 05:09 AM



“ John worked with my Mom for many years. She loved his wit and made many of her days go much easier. John was always so good to me when I was younger. I appreciated that very much.

**John Dahle** - June 09, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ Thank you John, I remember your mom well when I'd stop to see dad at the phone company. She was a great lady!

**Nikki** - December 05, 2019 at 11:21 PM