



Helmer Gerhard Ike

August 25, 1924 - February 14, 2015

Helmer Gerhard Ike, 90, passed peacefully into his Lord's arms on February 14, 2015. Helmer was born August 25, 1924 to Theodore and Thora (Flatin) Ike in Black Hammer, Minnesota. He spent his entire life as a resident of the Spring Grove area and was so proud to be a member of such a fine community.

Helmer graduated from Spring Grove High School in 1942. He married Luella Ellingson on March 21, 1948. They settled on their farm in Black Hammer and raised three daughters, Monica born 1956, Angie born 1966, and Tammy born 1968. In addition to farming, Helmer held several jobs over the years including driving school bus, helping his brother-in-law with his electrician's business, and delivering LP gas. In 1972 Helmer was offered a position as Secretary for Wilmington Mutual Insurance Agency. He thoroughly enjoyed his relationships with his clients and co-workers until his eventual retirement in 1997.

In retirement Helmer became very involved with stamp collecting and tracing the family genealogy. He created extensive books of the Ike and Flatin family histories which include many photos. One of his life long highlights was traveling to Norway and visiting the farm his family had emigrated from as well as meeting many of the relatives that still reside there. Helmer enjoyed traveling with family and friends but often stated, "I only need to visit a place once!"

Helmer believed it was very important to encourage new business growth in Spring Grove. He was a long time member and officer of the Spring Grove

Commercial Club, Circle A Saddle Club, and for many years, with the help of Luella, coordinated the ticket sales for Ye Olde Opera House's summer musicals. Helmer was a life long, devoted member of Faith Lutheran Church, Black Hammer where he served many terms as a member of the church council, shared his faith as a Sunday school teacher, and always enjoyed singing in the church choir.

Helmer is survived by his wife of 66 years, Luella; daughters Monica (Gordon) Kasel, Granite Falls, MN; Angie (Monica Granrud) Ike, Rochester, MN; Tammy (Glenn) Even, Des Moines, IA; and two grandchildren, Taylor and Mason Even. He also leaves behind a brother, Tilford (Joan) Ike; a sister, Thelma (Leland) Vatland; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and special friends.

Cemetery Details

Faith Lutheran of Black Hammer

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Roble Funeral Home
225 East Main Street
P.O. Box 368
Spring Grove, MN 55974
(507) 498-3875
mor4law@springgrove.coop
<https://roblefuneralhome.com/>

Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (AKT)

Faith Lutheran of Black Hammer

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Helmer Gerhard Ike.*



February 19, 2015 at 09:44 AM



“ *Love, Darrin, Steph and Payten purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helmer Gerhard Ike.*



Love, Darrin, Steph and Payten - February 19, 2015 at 09:13 AM



“ *Kelly Rinker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helmer Gerhard Ike.*



Kelly Rinker - February 18, 2015 at 05:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helmer Gerhard Ike.*



February 18, 2015 at 03:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helmer Gerhard Ike.*



February 17, 2015 at 04:23 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Helmer Gerhard Ike.*



February 17, 2015 at 01:19 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Ike family during this time of sorrow. Helmer was a man who would have done anything to help somebody else out. He will be greatly missed.*

Curt & Wendy Granrud

Curt Granrud - February 16, 2015 at 10:58 AM