



Jerome "Jerry" Abner Ellingson

November 30, 1931 - April 8, 2017

Jerome "Jerry" Abner Ellingson, age 85, was born November 30, 1931 to Grant and Alma (Morken) Ellingson at their home in rural Spring Grove MN. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Spring Grove, and graduated from Spring Grove Public School in 1949. Jerry was a lifelong resident of Spring Grove and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the American Legion Post 249.

Jerry married Audrey Kjome on May 10, 1955 and they raised seven children. Jerry served in the US Army from 1952 to 1954 and was stationed at Camp Roberts, CA and Fort Lewis WA. After his discharge, Jerry hauled milk, drove school bus, worked on the farm, and worked for the US Postal Service at various locations and retired as Postmaster in Spring Grove.

During high school, Jerry played basketball and baseball. He enjoyed playing softball, bowling, playing cards, and spending time with family. Jerry was known for his love of all sports. He loved the Minnesota Vikings and Twins, but his favorite team was the Spring Grove Lions. He was honored by being named Fan of the Year 2015-2016 and continued to attend games until his health no longer allowed.

Jerry was known for his patriotism. He served as past commander of the American Legion Post 249 and participated in funerals, parades and honoring veterans by placing cemetery flags each Memorial Day for many years. He was honored to participate in the Freedom Honor Flight on May 7, 2016.

Jerry passed into the eternal care of our Lord on April 8, 2017 at his home in

Spring Grove surrounded by his loving family after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Survivors include his children: Jeff (Joyce Merchlewitz) Ellingson of Spring Grove, Jennifer (Brad Hunter) Bury of La Crescent, Kristy (Gary) Selness of Zumbrota, Gary (Maureen) Ellingson of Racine, Lynn Sobeck of Rochester, Beth (Patrick) Pederson of Holmen WI, Mike (Sandy Wojahn) Ellingson of Spring Grove. Grandchildren: Adam (Sarah) Ellingson, Matt (Jenni) Ellingson, Mandy Ellingson, Amy Bury, Ben Bury, Melissa (Travis) Devlaeminck, Jason (Hannah Watkins) Selness, Tanya (Chris) Bredesen, Bob Ellingson, Kelsey Ellingson, Tyler Sobeck, Katie Grabau, Sarah Sobeck, Taylor Pederson, Nicole Pederson, Alex Ellingson, Haley Ellingson. Great-grandchildren: Sam Ellingson, Lauren and Kennedy Ellingson, Olivia and Carissa Bredesen. Other survivors include his sister Shirley (Curt) Schroeder, nieces and nephews, and many beloved friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Audrey, his parents, Audrey's parents Nels and Selma Kjome and her siblings Ruth (Odell) Lee, Marilyn (Cliff) Rasmussen, John (Ione) Kjome, Jerome "Verdell" Kjome, and Norvin "Joe" Kjome.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Hwy 44
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
203 E Main St
Spring Grove, MN 55974
(507) 498-5291

Service

APR **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Rich, Sue and Gavin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Abner Ellingson.*



Rich, Sue and Gavin - April 12, 2017 at 07:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Abner Ellingson.*



April 11, 2017 at 10:07 PM

KR

“ *To my favorite Uncle - I will miss you. I still remember the time we unloaded 1/2 a wagon of hay by ourselves. You were so patient with me. For my reward you gave me a bottle of beer!!! I think I was 14. Love you, Karen*

Karen Rasmussen - April 11, 2017 at 06:28 PM

DM

“ Jeff and Ellingson family -
Jerry and Audrey - what a great couple - always friendly and a smile
on their face. I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. My
thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad and difficult time. He
will be missed by many.
Diane Ellingson Matheis
Daughter of Lloyd and Harriet

diane matheis - April 11, 2017 at 01:47 PM

TW

“ Todd's Redi-Mix Concrete, Rice Lake, WI
purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the
family of Jerome "Jerry" Abner Ellingson.



Todd's Redi-Mix Concrete, Rice Lake, WI - April 11, 2017 at
01:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Jerome "Jerry" Abner Ellingson.



April 11, 2017 at 12:41 PM

LP

“ Leitzen Concrete Products purchased the Countr
y Basket Blooms for the family of Jerome "Jerry"
Abner Ellingson.



Leitzen Concrete Products - April 11, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Abner Ellingson.



April 11, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Abner Ellingson.



April 11, 2017 at 10:28 AM