



Elray E. Buckendahl

November 27, 1930 - April 26, 2016

NORFOLK -- Celebration of Life Service for Elray George Elmer Buckendahl, 85 of Overland Park, Kansas, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 7th, 2016, at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk, Nebraska. Inurnment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk. Military rites will be conducted by the United States Army Honors Guard, American Legion Post 16 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1644. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, May 6th at Stonacek Funeral Chapel of Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

He passed away on April 26th, 2016, at Aberdeen Village Retirement Community after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Elray George Elmer Buckendahl, son of Chris and Linda (Schulz) Buckendahl, was born November 27th, 1930, in Pierce, Nebraska. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pierce. He attended Pierce Lutheran School and Pierce High School.

Elray entered the Army July 16th, 1952, serving until he was honorably discharged on July 2nd, 1954.

On December 28th, 1958, Elray married his wife of 57 years Imogene Nancy Klug-Buckendahl in Pierce and shortly relocated to Hinsdale, Illinois. They returned to Norfolk in 1968 and later lived in Hooper, Nebraska, for 25 years. In 2004 they moved to Overland Park to be with family.

Elray was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hooper and facilitated many congregational events via AAL and his love for those he

served. He served as a City Council member in Hooper for 12 years and was a very active member of his community. Elray retired from Aid Associations from Lutherans (Thrivent Financial) after 22 years of dedicated service.

Elray is survived by his spouse Imogene of Overland Park. Children: Kendal (Meredith) Buckendahl, Mt. Pleasant , SC; Kraig (Holly) Buckendahl, Western Springs, IL; Eric F. Marsh, Elkhorn, NE; Grandchildren: Maile Buckendahl, Braydon Buckendahl, Zoe Buckendahl, Ava Buckendahl, Lauren Marsh, Stephanie Marsh, Brittany Marsh, along with other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Philbon and Wilber, and his sister DeVyla Rasmusson.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Maile Buckendahl, Braydon Buckendahl, Zoe Buckendahl, Ava Buckendahl, Lauren Marsh, Stephanie Marsh, Brittany Marsh.

In lieu of flowers, remembrance may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Heart of America Chapter, 3846 W. 75th Street Prairie Village, KS. 66208. You may also donate on-line at alz.org.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralc Chapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7676
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Service

MAY 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elray E. Buckendahl*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Hello Imogene and family,*

I remember both of your families well from church in Pierce and Imogene from high school. I am sorry for your loss. It is not easy to lose a loved one even though Elray was ill for quite a while. Candie Carter and I are in the same church circle so we have talked about you and knew Elray was ill.

I lost my husband of 53 years on April 6 of this year. He had gotten food poisoning at a restaurant and it damaged his intestines and he became septic and only lived a few hours. We will both have to live our lives now alone so I definitely feel sorry for you.

Please know I will pray for you,

Karen (Miller) Dulany

Karen (Miller) Dulany - May 07, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elray E. Buckendahl.*



May 06, 2016 at 02:21 PM

YF

“ *Your friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elray E. Buckendahl.*



Your friends - May 05, 2016 at 05:39 PM

WW

“ *Walter and William purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elray E. Buckendahl.*



Walter and William - May 01, 2016 at 03:14 PM

JW

“ *Dear Jeanne and the rest of the family,*

You have been so great with ElRay all this time; he was very lucky to have had all of you around him for all these years. We know that it was difficult sometimes, but you hung in there...God bless you. But he was a wonderful loving husband and father, and will definitely be missed in your family. You all were good friends of ours; good members of our church (Immanuel Lutheran, Hooper, NE); and we were so happy to have the both of you sing at our daughter's wedding in 1988.

Janelle and Larry Wulf

Janelle and Larry Wulf - April 30, 2016 at 10:56 PM

KG

“ *Jeanne and Family,we are sending so much love.
We hold you all in our hearts.
Chuck and Kathleen Griffith*

Kathleen Griffith - April 30, 2016 at 12:33 PM

RL

“ *WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE- 'LONG friend....we shared many
adventures together from Zion Lutheran School....high
School...army...travels in the USA...to the Brandenburg Gage in
Berlin....and bck to Kansas again...
I will miss him and his positive cheerful nature....ALWAYS A
CHRISTIAN FRIEND::::
Bob Lehmann, Wittenberg , Germany..*

Robert Lehmann - April 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM

LW

“ *Jeanne, At last EIRay has gone to a better place although his family
and friends will sorely miss him, it is better. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you and the kids. Your old friends, Jerry and Lois*

lois white - April 28, 2016 at 02:12 PM

DC

“ *Remembering all the good times we had when Elray and Jeanie
would visit. He will never be forgotten. Loved him so much. Comfort
and love to you Jeannie and Family!*

Debbie & Cease - April 28, 2016 at 12:56 PM

SH

“ Jeannie and sons,
Thank you for the gift of caring for Elray. It was such a pleasure to get to know you and the boys (and Lilly). Your dedication and love for him was so apparent. I know it will leave a deep whole in your heart without him. Blessings to you and your family always.
Sherrie Hanson
Grace Hospice

Sherrie Hanson - April 27, 2016 at 05:25 PM

KE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Buckendahl Family.
Kenny, Julie, Keely and Kenny Woods

Kenny - April 27, 2016 at 02:14 PM