



Ernest Matthiesen

December 15, 1934 - February 14, 2015

Ernest J. Matthiesen, 80 of Aurora died Saturday, February 14, 2015 at Clarkson Towers in Omaha. He now rests in the arms of our Lord and with his son, Steven; his parents; family and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Friday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Grand Island. Celebrating Mass will be Father Todd Philipsen.

Military honors will be rendered by the United Veterans Honor Guard and the Navy following Mass at the church. To honor his wishes cremation has taken place.

There will be a gathering of family and friends from 5-7 p.m. Thursday with a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mr. Matthiesen was born December 15, 1934 to Ernest and Laura (Schaupdach) Matthiesen in Grand Island.

Survivors of the immediate family include his wife of 56 years, Rosemary; his four daughters, Cindy (David) Arneson of Omaha and their four boys, Jacob, Nicholas, Joseph and Noah, daughter, Julie Johnson of Olathe, KS and her children, Eric, Samantha and Paige, daughter, Lisa (Jeff) Hoffman of Grand Island and their children, Allison (Evan) Beckstrom, Owen, and Amber Hoffman and Brad Uden of Hastings, daughter, Barbara (Kent) Sundberg of Aurora and children, Andrew Journey and Allie Hild and their daughter, Emma Rose of Aurora and Ashley Journey and friend Scott Madden of Aurora; his sisters, Mary (Robert) Kaeiser of Manitowoc, Wisconsin and Barbara Kendall

of Manitowoc, Wisconsin; sister-in-law, Mary Bohnart of Grand Island and many nephews, nieces and friends.

In addition to his son, Steven and parents he is preceded in death by his in-laws, Bernard and Gertrude Hiser and brother-in-laws, Robert and William Hiser.

Ernie graduated from Grand Island Senior High, class of 1953. In 1954 he joined the Navy serving four years aboard different ships having made fourteen cruises in the Mediterranean. He was honorably discharged in 1958. On September 6, 1958 he married Rosemary Hiser. They lived the first two years in Wahoo where Ernie was a lineman. They moved to Grand Island where he served as an electrical lineman for the City of Grand Island for 38 years. They have lived in Aurora for the past eight years.

He enjoyed spending time camping with his family. He and the girls loved to fish and take nature walks while mom spent time reading and doing the cooking. He planted many fruitful gardens. Later when the girls left home, Ernie joined the Lower Loup Muzzleloaders a group range at Dannebrog. Many weekends were spent in Nebraska at different areas. A group of five were called the Two Brigades, Danny Halverson (two stoves), Jan Willy (two poles), Jake Groser (two feathers), Phil Tripe (two buckets) and Ernie Matthiesen (two slow). These five had a great time and close bond. Special thanks to Danny for helping Ernie over the past few years.

He also enjoyed the time with his family at softball games, camping, vacations and attending the girls many activities. His family was a great joy to him and Rosemary.

He belonged to Blessed Sacrament for many years where he served as an usher. In Aurora they belonged St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Platt Duetsche. They attended bible study at both church's in GI and Aurora and they taught catechism. They volunteered together at the Museum in Aurora and enjoyed the Aurora Senior Center. They enjoyed several bus trips, his favorite was the Horseshoe Casino, not to gamble but the buffet eating.

A memorial fund will be established in memory of Ernie.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Tribute Wall



“ Ernest Matthiesen

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Rosemary, so sorry to hear about your loss!

Barbara Slezak - February 21, 2015 at 08:44 PM



“ Rosemary and Family
Sorry to hear about your loss. He was a kind person to work with.
Larry and Peggy Christensen

Larry Chrisensen - February 20, 2015 at 08:59 AM



“ Thank you so much everybody. It means so much to our family.
Rose

Rose Matthiesen - February 19, 2015 at 08:16 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of
Ernest Matthiesen.



February 18, 2015 at 01:24 PM

BD

“ *Bob DesLaurier lit a candle in memory of Ernest Matthiesen*



Bob DesLaurier - February 18, 2015 at 08:54 AM

TK

“ *Thinking of you... Hugs & Prayers.
Love,
Tommy & Jackie*



Tommy & Jackie Kendall - February 17, 2015 at 04:43 PM



“ *Sorry we can't make the service but, as you know, we have many great memories of our Uncle Ernie and will be back to Nebraska this summer for the memorial service. Our thoughts and prayers are with all.*

Clayton Kaeiser - February 17, 2015 at 11:16 AM

TC

“ *Rosemary family
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort you
Friends
Virginia (ginnys cafe) Theresa*



Theresa M Childers - February 17, 2015 at 09:27 AM

TC

“ *My sympathies to all of Ernie's family.
Sincerely, Twylla Tibbs Crosby, GISH Class of '53*

Twylla Tibbs Crosby - February 17, 2015 at 07:58 AM

BP

“ *BOB & CHRIS PETERSON lit a candle in
memory of Ernest Matthiesen*



BOB & CHRIS PETERSON - February 17, 2015 at 06:42 AM

BP

*Rosemary & Family, We are so sorry to learn of Ernie's passing. We have may memories of your family as neighbors and friends over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time.
Bob & Chris Peterson*

BOB and Chris Peterson - February 17, 2015 at 06:48 AM

RM

Thank you so much. It means so much to our family.

Rose Matthiesen - February 19, 2015 at 08:13 AM

LR

*Ernie was great person to work with and for!!!! May God Bless All .
Larry Roach*

Larry Roach - February 19, 2015 at 05:41 PM