



Evans Erland Terning

April 5, 1930 - January 23, 2016

Evans Erland Terning, age 85, of Dassel, died Saturday, January 23, 2016, at the Augustana Lakeside Health Care Center in Dassel. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel with the Rev. Daniel Belgum-Blad officiating.

A time to gather will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00p.m. on Tuesday evening at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel.

Evans Erland Terning, the son of Alfred and Judith (Neumann) Terning, was born on April 5, 1930, on a farm south of Cokato. He was baptized and later confirmed at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cokato. Evans grew up in the Cokato area and graduated from Cokato High School in 1948.

On June 16, 1956, Evans was united in marriage to Wanda Rieck. Together they made their home in Cokato, Glencoe, Plainview, Howard Lake and moved to Dassel in 1985, where he built his home on the shore of Lake Washington. Evans had been employed as a Telephone Engineer for 40 years for the United Telephone Company and later Sprint.

He always had time to help others out. He was often found lending a hand to neighbors or at the Dassel Rod and Gun Club helping with the Fish Fry and other events. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and loved to travel. Together Evans and Wanda traveled to every state in the United States including Alaska and Hawaii. They also traveled to Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Nova Scotia, and enjoyed many fishing trips to Canada. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and his grandchildren for holidays and other special get-togethers, especially Christmas and the fourth of July.

Evans is survived by his wife, Wanda "Shorty" Terning of Dassel, children, Kim (Philip Thiesse) Terning of Excelsior, Kari Lemke of St. Paul, and Karl (Cammy Moses) Terning of Dassel. He will also be greatly missed and loved by his five grandchildren, Robert Lemke, Paige (Erik Fremstad) Thiesse, Cody Moses, Madeline Thiesse, and Samantha Terning.

He is also survived by his sister, Verna Sotebeer of Edina.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Reynold Tarning.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Evans for many years at the telephone company in Waconia and Chaska and always enjoyed working with him and our days of playing "Hearts" on our lunch hour. He will be dearly missed. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sadness. Karol

Karol Nielsen - May 03, 2018 at 05:57 PM

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“ I first met Evans in 1996 when attending a Dassel Rod and Gun Club function. After moving here from Iowa, Evans was one the first "Minnesota Nice" people I met and he truly was a great example to follow. He trained me how to make egg drop coffee and we have since proudly advertised the "Evan's Egg Drop Coffee" we have at the Rod and Gun Club fish fry events and the Opener Breakfast. Evans will be sorely missed. You have my deepest sympathy. Dean Winter

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“ we met evans when we opened the red rooster cafe in 1988 to 1998 he was such a great guy and friend he will be missed

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