



## Elwood Walter Manninen

September 6, 1942 - September 29, 2022

Elwood Walter Manninen, age 80, died Thursday, September 29, 2022, at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale, Minnesota. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m, with visitation at 10:00am at the Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church in Cokato, MN with Pastor Mark Olson officiating. Interment of the urn will be held at the church cemetery on a later date.

There will be a time to gather with the family from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church in Cokato on Sunday, October 2, 2022.

The Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel is in charge of the memorial arrangements.

Elwood Walter Manninen was born on September 6, 1942, in Hancock, Michigan to Walter Clemens Manninen and Vieno Maria (Jurva) Manninen. He graduated from Houghton High School and then attended Michigan Tech. In 1964, Elwood was drafted into the United States Army and served as a Military Policeman until his honorable discharge in 1966.

On December 10, 1966, Elwood married Karen Margaret Juusola at the Cokato Finnish Apostolic Church in Cokato, MN. He and Karen raised their 4

children in Michigan where he worked in research at the Eaton Corporation until his retirement in 2003 at which time they joined their children in Minnesota.

Elwood grew up in a Christian home and lived by faith. He was a member of Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church. He loved to spend time with his family especially for holidays and special events. He loved to tell stories, always had a project going, and was always going to his grandchildren's activities and sporting events. He will be missed immensely by his family and his friends.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, children: Eric (Jackie), Laura (Ben) Niemela and Andrew (Julie), sister, Virginia Saarela of Anthem, AZ, eleven grandchildren: Emily, Hailey, Maila, Tarja, and Logan Manninen; Olli, Senja, and Suvi Niemela; Ethan, Gregory, and Phillip Manninen and many family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Anne Margaret Manninen, his parents, Walter and Vieno Manninen, in-laws: Wayne Saarela, Norman Haag, Sally Haag, Pat Juusola, Detta Juusola, Steve Davison, and Phil Johnson.

# Cemetery Details

## Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Cemetery

Cokato, MN 55325

# Previous Events

## Time to gather with family

OCT 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church  
5939 Oliver Ave SW  
Cokato, MN 55321

## Memorial Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We were blessed as a family to have Elwood and Karen as our neighbors in Annandale as we raised our children. We always enjoyed visiting with Elwood and with Karen as they walked by on their many hikes through our neighborhood. We grieve with you Karen and family over your loss in this life while also looking forward to seeing Elwood again in Heaven with our Lord and Savior. Andy and Karen Fashant and Family

Andy Fashant - October 03, 2022 at 01:19 PM

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Karen,  
So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and yours at this sad time.

Peggy Glynn - October 06, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elwood Walter Manninen.



October 02, 2022 at 01:33 PM

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“ Fond memories of Elwood at Eaton Corp. Always smiling, always kind...a wonderful friend.

Nancy King - October 02, 2022 at 09:03 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elwood Walter Manninen.*



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October 01, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ *Ell was one of the nicest guys I worked with at Eaton Corp. He will remain fondly in my memory.*  
*Dave Dieball*

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**Dave Dieball** - October 01, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Greg Drew purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Elwood Walter Manninen.*



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**Greg Drew** - October 01, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elwood Walter Manninen.*



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October 01, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Elwood Walter Manninen.*



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October 01, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elwood Walter Manninen.*



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October 01, 2022 at 03:38 PM