



John Kenneth Sarkinen

December 13, 1934 - October 7, 2023

John Kenneth Sarkinen, age 88, died Saturday, October 7, 2023, from Parkinson's disease at his residence in Waverly. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church in Minnetonka.

There will be a visitation on Tuesday evening, October 10, 2023, at the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church at 5617 Rowland Road, Minnetonka, MN from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday morning at the church.

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

A special thanks to Dr. Bryce Pierson at Abbott Northwestern General Medicine Associates and Michelle Riebeling, RN of Trinity Hospice for their care.

John Kenneth Sarkinen was born to John and Mildred (Muonio) Sarkinen on December 13, 1934, in Gackle, North Dakota. He graduated from the Gackle High School, the University of North Dakota in Electrical Engineering and served in the United States Air Force.

On September 5, 1959, John married Lillian Amundsen in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and they lived in Montgomery, Alabama, for six months to complete his military assignment. They returned to Minnesota and raised their family in Columbia Heights. John was employed by Honeywell until he retired. In 2006, they moved to Waverly. John enjoyed the outdoors – hunting, fishing, and camping with family and friends. He also enjoyed woodworking and gardening. Most importantly, he was a faithful member of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. This living Christianity was most precious in his heart.

John is survived by his wife, Lillian; children, Clarine (Dan) Spencer, Rhonda (Carl) Heidegger, Michelle (Donald) Sarkkinen, Todd (Katherine), Scott (Heidi), Kevin (Judy), Gregg (Helen), Dean (Debra), Julie (Walter) Marttinen, Aaron (Jody); brothers, Curtis (Betty) and Stephen (Laura); sister-in-law, Helen Sarkinen; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren to whom he was a loving Papa; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Glen (Infant), Donald, and Darrel; sisters, Sylvia, Delores, Flossie, Victoria, and Alice; and a granddaughter, Mindy Sarkkinen

Cemetery Details

Old Apostolic Lutheran Cemetery

Delano, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Old Apostolic Lutheran Church
5617 Rowland Road
Minnetonka, MN

Funeral Service

OCT **11.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Old Apostolic Lutheran Church
5617 Rowland Road
Minnetonka, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Kenneth Sarkinen.



October 10, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Kenneth Sarkinen.



October 10, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Kenneth Sarkinen.

October 10, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of John Kenneth Sarkinen.



October 10, 2023 at 12:33 AM