



Ralph Henry Radke

December 12, 1939 - March 7, 2014

Ralph Henry Radke, age 74, of Dassel, died Friday, March 7, 2014, at the Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Dassel, with Rev. Keith Carlson officiating. The interment will be held at the Dassel Community Cemetery following the service.

A visitation will be held on Monday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel and one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

Ralph Henry Radke, the son of Robert and Dolly (Connor) Radke, was born on December 12, 1939, at his Aunt Jessie's house in Webster, Wisconsin. When Ralph was two years old, the family moved to Oregon to work for Boeing Aircraft.

They later moved to a farm near Milaca where Ralph grew up and helped on the family farm. Ralph graduated from the Milaca High School in 1956. Upon graduating from high school, Ralph served his country in the United States Army from 1957 to 1960,

In 1960, he met his future wife, Sharon Rivers and on June 6, 1964, they were united in marriage in Elk River, Minnesota. Together they made their home in

Fridley where Ralph was employed by Co-Lite Manufacturing, the Twin Cities Army Ammunitions Plant, and Carter Day Sheet Metal Manufacturing. In 1986, they moved to Dassel, where they owned and operated the Dassel Motel until 2001, when they sold the motel and bought a house in Dassel where they have lived since.

Ralph loved to go camping, fishing, building things like storage sheds, lawn swings; kitchen cabinets; remodeling; working on automobiles; gardening, and collecting aluminum cans from the ball field. He enjoyed life and loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and his church family. He also loved children of all ages especially his class at Awana.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Sharon of Dassel, two sons, Ronald (Tamara) Radke of St. Cloud, and Mark Radke of Brooklyn Park, four grandchildren, Justin, Sequoia, Quillan, and Seneca, one brother, Bernard (Mary) Radke of Carthage, NY, aunts, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, David and Francis, and his father in law, Joe Rivers.

Tribute Wall

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“ *“People don't really leave us; a part of them lives on in us, through all the fond memories. They stay in our hearts forever.”*

My love and remembrance.

~Amy (Radke) Hegge

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