



Wallace Arthur Willette

September 28, 1925 - January 11, 2025

Wallace Arthur Willette, age 99, of Litchfield, formerly of Dassel, died Saturday, January 11, 2025, at the Lakeside Generations in Dassel. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 20, 2025, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel with Rev. Janine Olson officiating. The interment will be held on a later date at Lake Ripley Cemetery in Litchfield.

A time to gather with the family will be held one hour prior to the service on Monday, January 20, 2025, at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel.

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

Wallace Arthur Willette, the son of Arthur and Leona (Wolff) Willette, was born on September 28, 1925, in Coalridge, Montana. At the age of two, the family moved back to Montevideo. He attended Montevideo and Clara City School and graduated from the Clara City High School in 1943. Wally was baptized at Saint Mathews U.C.C. in Forest City, Minnesota in 1948, and was a member of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel.

Wally was drafted into service and served in the United States Army in 1944. He was sent to Camp Hood, Texas, then overseas to Leyte Island in the

Philippines as a Tank Crewman. When Japan surrendered, he re-enlisted and was sent to Fort Benjamin Finance School.

Wally was discharged in 1946 and went to St. Paul to look for work. He met Dolores Kuehl on a blind date and married on March 20th, 1948. Two children were born to this union, Suzanne and Paul. In 1950, Wally attended Saint Paul Barber School. He worked as a barber in Saint Paul for ten years where both practiced their professions. In 1963, Wally and Dolores bought a home in Dassel where he barbered for 42 years.

Wally enjoyed mechanical work, fixing his own vehicles from the time he was 15 years old. He was adept at many tasks, including carpenter work and making cabinets. He enjoyed fishing and vacationing at the lake in the summer. He loved gardening, yard work, and playing dice and cards with friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores; parents, Leona and Arthur Willette; mother and father-in-law, Walter and Laura Kuehl, son, Paul Willette; daughter, Suzanne Ahlbrecht and son-in-law, Allen Ahlbrecht; sisters-in-law, Alice (Art) Reilein, Diane (Willard) Maahs, Ruth (Bud) Marquardt, Jeanette Byrne and Bonnie Revering, and a brother-in-law, Walter Kuehl Jr.

He is survived by his grandchildren, Laurel Ahlbrecht, Rebecca (Shawn) Dillingham, and Allen Ahlbrecht; great-grandchildren, Aleisha Ahlbrecht, Dan Ahlbrecht, and Sam Mortenson; sister, Donna (Albert) Rademacher, sister-in-law, Donna Kuehl and many, many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. He has touched countless lives and will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

Lake Ripley Cemetery

1325 South Sibley Avenue
Litchfield, MN 55355

Previous Events

Time to gather with family

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
221 Atlantic Ave E
Dassel, MN 55325
office@glcdassel.com
<http://www.glcdassel.com>

Memorial Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ We only knew Wally thru his grand son AJ. Wally was a army tank soldier and spent countless hours in the beast. He spent hours in the heat and cold and rain doing he's duty. We believe that counts for a life time. 99 years,? he earned another year in that tank! We thank you for your service Wally. You are 100 in our book.

Daniel Blenkus Blenkush - January 15, 2025 at 12:12 PM

YT

“ Your Friends, the HIM Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Wallace Arthur Willette.



Your Friends, the HIM Team - January 15, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Wallace Arthur Willette.



January 15, 2025 at 09:00 AM

DA

“ Awesome picture of an awesome man! Living to the age of 99! So proud to call him my uncle!❤️

Darlene - January 15, 2025 at 12:59 AM

DB

“ Wally came to Dassel as my dad's "competitor" and they became Very Good friends...the two had similar kind and caring personalities...So Many meaningful Dassel main street memories....Don Berg.

Don Berg - January 14, 2025 at 05:01 PM

PA

I have wonderful memories of my friend, Sue's Dad. Always friendly and caring.

Patty - January 14, 2025 at 06:31 PM



Wally was a great guy can't believe he made it too 99

Tonya Tarning - February 15, 2025 at 12:37 PM

BS

“ We felt so fortunate to have Wally in our lives. He was my brother's father-in-law, but he was a dear friend to our whole family. Kind and thoughtful, full of smiles and kindness. He will be missed....

Bev Steberg - January 13, 2025 at 09:32 PM