

Edward Bernard Karls

January 9, 1931 - June 4, 2019

Edward Bernard Karls was born in Rockville to Bernard and Theresia (Nieters) Karls on January 9, 1931. After serving in the US Army during the Korean War, he married Irene Fuechtmann at St. Boniface Church in Melrose, MN on August 16, 1958. Ed graduated from Cathedral High School, St. Cloud, MN in 1948 and attended Drew Business College; he was graduate of St. Cloud State University Business College, which led to a 47-year career as a draftsman and salesman for Cold Spring Granite Company. Along with his wife, he built and operated Karls Grocery and Liquor store in Rockville for 16 years.

Ed was a faithful member of Mary of the Immaculate Conception church all his life, serving as a trustee of the church for 27 years and as an usher for 63 years. He was in charge of the Building Committee, Cemetery Committee, and Finance Council. He designed the granite altars, wood ceiling, and window surrounds of the remodeled church interior, as well as the east side parking lot, and assisted in the design of the Parish Center and the new front entry and elevator. For the Calvary Cemetery, he designed and built the Pro-Life Monument and negotiated the purchase of the additional acreage for the cemetery expansion, new gateway arches, and fencing.

Aside from his time in the Army, Ed spent his entire life living in and enriching the Rockville community with his talents. He served on the Rockville City

Council and EDA for 30 years, in addition to volunteering as a city fireman for 33 years. He negotiated the purchase of the land for Eagle Park and the new Fire Hall; he prepared the initial plans for the City Hall and Fire Hall and supervised the construction for the city. Ed organized the Rockville Firemen's Relief Association and later designed the Veterans Memorial and World Trade Center Monument at the Fire Hall.

He was a board member of the Assumption Nursing Home in Cold Spring for several years and a charter member of the Rockville Lions Club. The club honored Ed with the Melvin Jones award for his many years of service. He was also a member of the Catholic Foresters, secretary/treasurer of the local Catholic United Financial, and a charter member of the Korean War Last Man's Club. Ed returned home to the loving arms of his savior Jesus Christ on June 4, 2019, following a brief illness.

Survivors include his wife of over 60 years, Irene; 5 children and 12 grandchildren; Jeffry and Nancy (Brianna and Roman), Roxanne and David Hermanson (Katherine, Caleb and Zachary), Glenn (Phillip and Benjamin); Curtis and Pamela (Madeline and Lauren); Christopher and Amy (Taylor, Ashley and Dylan); and his sister, Rose Leither. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Kent; and his brother, Robert.

Friends and relatives may visit at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring, MN from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2019. Visitation will continue Saturday morning from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. in the church. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Rockville. Military honors will be provided by the American Legion Post 455 of Cold Spring, MN.

Cemetery Details

Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Cemetery

Rockville, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring
600 Red River Ave. So.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Visitation

JUN 8. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Mary of Immaculate Conception Church
113 Broadway St
Rockville, MN 56369

Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mary of Immaculate Conception Church
113 Broadway St
Rockville, MN 56369

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Bernard Karls*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



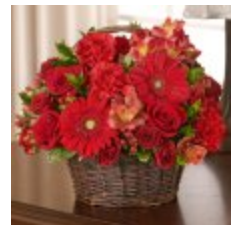
“ *The Insite Software Family purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Edward Bernard Karls.*



The Insite Software Family - June 07, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Edward Bernard Karls.*



June 07, 2019 at 09:26 AM

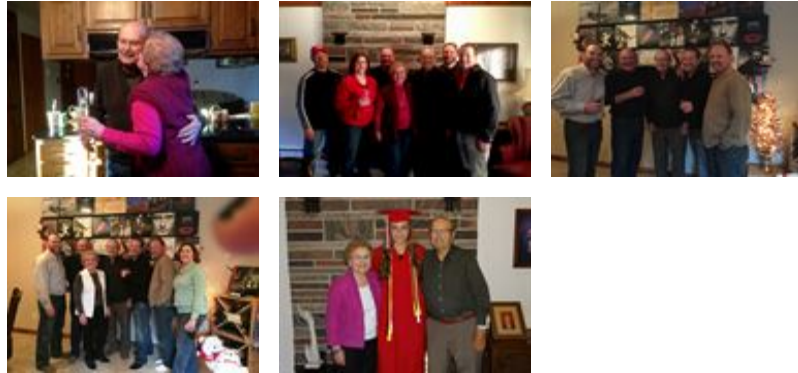


“ *My sincere sympathy to the Karl's family. He was a good man who accomplished many good things, and will be missed by many.*

Sandy Storms - June 06, 2019 at 11:25 PM



“ 36 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wenner Funeral Home - June 06, 2019 at 03:00 PM

VS

“ Irene and family. We will truly miss Ed who was very special by all standards. His smile, kindness, generosity, and helpful spirit is a rarity in today's world. He embodied the best of the best. May God bless you Ed, for all the good you have done in this world!
Vince and Audrey

Vince and Audrey Schaefer - June 06, 2019 at 01:23 PM

EF

“ Irene and Family sending the deepest Sympathies from our family to yours. Thank you for sharing Ed with Rockville and the surrounding communities. We were lucky to know him and Thankful for all the community work he did.

Entire Barney & Joey Kiffmeyer Family - June 06, 2019 at 11:38 AM

BL

“ Hello,
I just wanted to express my condolences to the family. May God bring you comfort during this difficult time. Isaiah 25:8.

blm - June 06, 2019 at 10:29 AM


 Bob
Walz

“ *I've known Ed for most of my life. I basically grew up in his house from grade school, through high school and beyond. I will always have a great respect and admiration for him. I've never known anyone more dedicated to his family, his church and his community. He leaves a remarkable legacy that will not soon be duplicated. My heart is breaking for Irene and the entire Karls family. Rest in peace Ed. Here's to a long life very well lived.*

Bob Walz - June 05, 2019 at 11:41 PM

SP

“ *To Irene and the Karls family. Our deepest sympathies to you on the passing of a great man. Ed was a leader in so many ways. Always leading with a kind heart, topped with a smile. We will miss him physically, but his memory will live on in our hearts. Rest in peace Ed and may you now enjoy your eternal rest in heaven for the good life that you have lived on earth.*



Steve and Sandy Pfannenstein.

Steve and Sandy Pfannenstein - June 05, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Edward Bernard Karls.*



June 05, 2019 at 01:08 PM

 Tim
Thelen

“ *Tim Thelen lit a candle in memory of Edward Bernard Karls*



Tim Thelen - June 05, 2019 at 10:27 AM

 Tim
Thelen

Curt and entire Karls family, my deepest sympathies to you on the loss of a great man. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in your time of grief and loss.

Tim Thelen - June 05, 2019 at 10:30 AM

SL

To the entire Karls family, I am so sorry for your loss. Ed was a great leader, developer, hard worker, and true to his Faith. Our old neighborhood will not be the same with out him, with deepest sympathy, Shelly (Sauer) Laudenbach

Shelly Laudenbach - June 05, 2019 at 10:58 AM