



Ervin Skaja

November 19, 2005

Ervin J. Skaja, age 78 Rockville May 12, 1927 – November 19, 2005
Saturday, November 19th, 2005 marks the passing of Ervin John Skaja. Erv resided in Rockville with his wife of 58 loving years, Marie. He will be remembered as a man with a tremendously big heart and a passion for accordion playing, cards, joke telling and life. Born in 1927, Erv is a product of northern Minnesota and in 1941 moved with his family to St. Cloud and began his life-long career in transportation as a city bus driver. In the years to follow he successfully moved his way through over-the-road truck driving and eventually founded Rockville Bus Service in 1968. The autumn years of Erv's life were split between their summer home on Eden Lake (Eden Valley) and their winter home in Bulverde, Texas. Ervin was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and a selfless giver to the community. He is looking down on his wife Marie Skaja, his children Judith (Taufen), Joseph, Timothy, Jacqueline (McGuire), Wade, Stephen Scott, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Johanna, and siblings Walter, Cecilia, Roman and Louie. Ervin John Skaja garnered the respect, friendship and love of many people. The visitation will be on Tuesday, November 22nd starting at 4pm and Wednesday from 9-10:30 a.m. at Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring, with rosary and prayers beginning at 7p.m. Tuesday evening. Funeral mass will be on Wednesday, November 23rd, 11am, at Mary of Immaculate Conception church in Rockville. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ervin Skaja*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *I didn't get many opportunities to get to know Erv, but the few family functions (a wedding, a family weekend at the cabin) I was invited to, he struck me as a simple, happy man. He had his passions and he quietly enjoyed them - his family, his accordion.*

If the Skaja family is any indication of what Erv was like as a father and husband, then he left behind the best kind of legacy one could. That simple sense of life he carried with him will go on through his kids and their kids and their kids, and whatever good they bring to the world will be a result of his hard work.

Well done Erv.

Curt Wagner - November 22, 2005 at 11:30 AM



“ *Without a doubt, Erv was a very special man. I felt very honored when He and Marie came up here to St. Elizabeth's Church in Elizabeth the other year, they parked their camper and stayed here for several days. They were really family here, Marie did cooking for us, they are such good people.*

I drove school bus for several years for Erv. Erv and Marie were always very supportive. I feel honored to have know Erv. There is much more that I could say -- but simply I deeply appreciate have known Erv. My sympathies to Marie and the entire Skaja family. God blessings to each of you. Fr. Rich Walz

Fr. Rich Walz - November 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our Deepest Sympathy Aunt Marie and family- I remember Ervin from back in 1964 when John and I were married. Back then we were unable to have wedding dances on a Saturday night. So at our wedding - being it was on a Saturday and no Saturday night dance back then - Uncle Ervin, who played the accordion very well - brought in his accordion and at the reception - we had the reception at an old hall in Sartell that had an auditorium upstairs - Ervin played his accordion and all enjoyed. At one time during the reception, he picked me up and carry me around the reception hall with me carrying my one high heel and we collected over a \$100 for "our honeymoon", he called it. Quite the guy Uncle Ervin. God Bless...Barb & John F.Fandel*

Barb & John Fandel - November 20, 2005 at 05:12 PM



“ *Ervin Skaja*

November 20, 2005 at 04:37 PM