



Melvin "Mel" Marthaler

August 19, 1931 - February 20, 2025

Melvin (Mel) Frank Marthaler, age 93, passed away on February 20, 2025, at the Benedictine/Assumption Home in Cold Spring, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 am on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Rockville. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Mel was born in Melrose, Minnesota, to Alphonse and Dorothy (Imdieke) Marthaler.

Mel served his country as a Corporal in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. During his service, he experienced the loss of his father and was honorably discharged to return home to care for his family and help on the farm.

On July 6, 1955, Mel married the love of his life, Lucille Loesch. Together, they raised four daughters: Barb, Mary, Brenda, and Shari.

Mel was a hardworking man who dedicated many years to Cold Spring Granite. He also served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Rockville Fire Department for 26 years. He spent countless hours helping in the Rockville bus garage and was always ready to lend a hand to anyone in need.

Mel was always there for his daughters, gathering with friends or getting together with his Army friends or enjoying time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

If he wasn't camping with friends, he was mowing the lawn and caring for his

yard, a passion he maintained well into his 90s.

He is survived by his daughters, Barb (Chuck) Froehling, Mary Marthaler, Brenda (Ed) Molitor, Shari (Bob) Gross; sibling, Janice (Wil) Kalstrom; grandchildren, Tracy Taufen, Jeff (Jessica) Molitor, Bryan Molitor, Ryan Gross, Nathan Gross, Holly (Brian) Dietman, Amber (Kurt) Bowman; great-grandchildren: Ian, Lily, Josie, Jordyn, Walter, Harrison, Chase, Georgia, Paige, Tyler.

He was preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife, Lucille; brother, Denis and sisters, LaVina Walz, Clarine Stalberger, Dorothy Lembeck; great-grandchild, Olivia Bowman.

A special thanks to the staff at Benedictine/Assumption Home and St. Croix Hospice staff for giving our dad the best care and dignity he deserved.

Cemetery Details

Calvary

Rockville, MN 56369

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

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

Service

FEB **25**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TK


“ *Deepest Sympathies to the entire family! Thank you for sharing him with us. He was a good neighbor to uncle Jerome and your families kindness was such a gift. Sorry I could not attend the services but you are in my thoughts and prayers. May memories and stories in time heal your broken hearts*

Thais Kiffmeyer - February 26, 2025 at 12:10 PM

GC

“ *Brenda , Barb Your dad was one great guy got to know him at Granite Water Works. God Bless Gene Cossairt & Family*

gene cossairt - February 24, 2025 at 08:43 PM

 Donna Schindele Knaus

“ *John and I send you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Dad! We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers! John loved working with Mel at the Granite Company! Always enjoyed seeing and visiting with him through the years! Such a friendly and kind guy! Love John and Donna Knaus*

Donna Schindele Knaus - February 24, 2025 at 04:28 PM

JF

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Marthaler Family on Mel's passing. He, and Lucille, were some of the kindest people I ever met. With all of us coming from Western Stearns County, we always had a special bond and they always cared so much. They deep support for anything I did was always so valued by me. Very special people! God bless Mel's; and Lucille's memory!*

Jeff & Marlene Bertram Family - February 23, 2025 at 07:56 AM

FO

“ Fr. Tom Andert, OSB lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" Marthaler



Fr. Tom Andert, OSB - February 22, 2025 at 01:21 PM

FO

Mel & Lucille were my favorite people from John Paul when I was Chaplain at Assumption recently! I still remember Lucille's plates of delicious treats, especially around the holidays. Now Mel & Lucille are together again, dancing with the angels in heaven. Please know what a wonderful man your dad was, and how kind and thoughtful your parents were to everyone! Blessings and Condolences to all the family with fond remembrances, Fr. Tom

Fr. Tom Andert, OSB - February 22, 2025 at 01:26 PM