



## Arthur 'Art' Eller

April 20, 1931 - January 15, 2016

Arthur 'Art' Eller, 84 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Friday, January 15, 2016 at the St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Jeremy Ploof officiating. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. on Tuesday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN and from 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Arthur Joseph Eller was born on April 20, 1931 in Pierz, MN to the late Lewis and Susan (Preiner) Eller. He grew up in Pierz, MN where he attended Fr. Pierz Catholic Grade School and graduated from Little Falls High School. He was united in marriage to Marci Steckly on June 27, 1980 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in East Grand Forks, MN.

Starting at an early age, Art apprenticed in his grandfather William's harness business in Pierz, MN alongside his uncle Ben and father Lewis. This was interrupted by the U.S Army where he served his country from June of 1953 until his honorable discharge in April of 1955. Upon his discharge, Art returned to Pierz and continued to learn the harness business. Art was a third generation harness maker, which began in 1893 when his grandfather William built Eller's Harness Shop. After his father's death in 1959, Art bought a farm near Freedhem, MN and relocated the harness business where it remains

today. Art always had an interest in draft horses stating, "I've always had horses in my blood". He purchased his first registered Percheron mare and stallion in 1953 and has stated the breed is, "sharp, alert, spirited, and faster learning than most other breeds". In addition to raising and showing his own horses under the Pine Hill Percherons name, he traveled to county fairs throughout the Midwest and Canada to serve as a judge for draft horses, including the World Percheron Congress in 1994. Art was a long-time member of the Percheron Horse Association of America and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 1997. In recent years he continued to work full-time in the harness business and part-time in the outdoor furnace business until his death. Art was a very hard working, kind man that had a very strong faith in the Lord and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN. Art was beloved by many including his wife, Marci Eller of Little Falls, MN; children, Evelynn Eller of Cumming, GA, Emmett Eller of St. Paul, MN, Jeanette (Andrew) Eller Watland of Pierz, MN, Katie (Joel) Svensk of Minneapolis, MN and Craig Baglien of Chicago, IL; grandchildren, Gabriel Brisuda, Daniel Brisuda, Cory Watland, Zach (Wendy) Svensk, Amy Svensk, and Molly Svensk; great-grandson, Jace Svensk; sisters, Eleanor Seelen, Betty Morrissette, Joan Schmidtbauer and Janet (Norman) Schommer; and many special nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Art was preceded in death by parents, Lewis and Susan Eller; brothers, Jerome and Earl Eller; and sister, Florene Boser.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls  
305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Service

JAN 20. 11:30 AM (CT)

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305 4th Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur 'Art' Eller*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - January 19, 2016 at 09:55 AM

KB

*Beautiful tribute!!*

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**kenny Bechtold** - January 21, 2016 at 06:24 AM



“ *Arthur 'Art' Eller*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I am saddened today at finding out about Art's passing and his family has my deepest sympathy. I bought my first wood stove from Art 16 years ago and have stopped every year(often multiple times a year) to talk to him when I was that direction. My brothers farm and raise draft horses in Iowa and so Art and I would spend 3 minutes on stove business and then talk for a half-hour on farming/horses. "Ellers" was also always a friendly, helpful voice on the other side of the phone for so many years. I will miss Art and our talks.....God Bless.*

*Peter Drew- St Joseph, MN*

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**PJ Drew** - February 18, 2016 at 12:10 PM

LB

“ I'm so sad to hear about Art's death- Just last year we went to his shop and bought a few things - As a child I remember seeing Art and his horses at the Morrision County Fair as well as at the State Fair - I was always awed by the beautifully manicured black horses - He and my Dad (Carl Winscher) both shared that love for big horses and I will remember him with fondness - He's probably in heaven smiling down on all of us horse loving people.

God Bless

Linda Burkhard/Winscher

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**linda burkhard/winscher** - February 03, 2016 at 01:38 PM

MM

“ To the family,

*I am very sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you. My Mother, Lorraine Susan (Veith) Meyer is a first cousin of Art. His Mother, Susan, was my Mom's Godmother, hence her middle name is Susan. I would love going to the shop in Pierz when I was a little girl with my Dad, Sylvester. I loved the smell of the leather and I would sit on the saddles. I also checked out the state fairs to see if Art was showing his beautiful horses. I remember Art being a wonderful caring man.*

*Maggie Meyer*

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**Maggie Meyer** - January 23, 2016 at 08:38 AM

DB

“ Art sold me my first outdoor wood burner stove. He was such a good sales man that I bought 2 more after that. My heart goes out to the family Art was a really great man.

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**David Burggraff** - January 22, 2016 at 03:26 PM

KB

“ Always loved talking to Art when getting boiler supplies. One of the most interesting guys I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I will miss chatting with him. *Kenny Bechtold*

**kenny Bechtold** - January 21, 2016 at 06:06 AM



“ I remember as a kid going over to Art's and Dad buying us kids a saddle and a couple of bridles that Art had made. And being in awe of those beautiful harnesses.

**Brenda Barker** - January 19, 2016 at 08:18 PM



TM

“ Art was a great Breeder of Percheron horses I had the privilege of showing his horses and having him judge mine over the years. Another one of the greats gone but will never be forgotten

**Tina Miller** - January 19, 2016 at 08:02 PM



RB

“ Robert And Vonna Boser lit a candle in memory of Arthur 'Art' Eller

**Robert and Vonna Boser** - January 19, 2016 at 05:24 PM



PK

“ I grew up as a very close neighbor to Art Eller. My memories of Art bring an immediate smile to my face. He was an amazing individual who portrayed integrity in everything he did; from raising his family to his infamous harness business. My deepest sympathy to the family. He will live forever within you.

*Pauline Kastner*

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**Pauline Kastner** - January 19, 2016 at 09:54 AM

VD

“ I had no idea Ellers harness shop was still operating. Some my fondest memories were in that shop.

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**Verna Smith Divis** - January 19, 2016 at 09:50 AM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - January 19, 2016 at 09:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur 'Art' Eller.



January 19, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ The most honest, down to earth man and businessman I've ever had the pleasure to meet. Central Boiler is losing a great dealer, but mostly, we've all lost a great soul -  
L. Feia

Lance Feia - January 19, 2016 at 07:30 AM



“ When I was a kid on the school bus we couldn't wait to go by Art's farm so we could get a glimpse of his beautiful horses. My sympathy to Art and his family.

Bernie Boser Sorvari - January 18, 2016 at 11:27 PM



“ Mrs. Gangl lit a candle in memory of Arthur 'Art' Eller



Mrs. Gangl - January 18, 2016 at 08:38 PM



Cory this one is for you and Grandpa!!

Mrs. Gangl - January 18, 2016 at 08:39 PM

JG

“ Joel And Nicole Gross lit a candle in memory of Arthur 'Art' Eller



Joel and Nicole Gross - January 18, 2016 at 01:58 PM

TC

“ The Svensk Clan purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Arthur 'Art' Eller.



The Svensk Clan - January 18, 2016 at 12:40 PM

LW

“ L:ynn Watland, Joe & Beth Eibs, Dean & Robin Watland purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arthur 'Art' Eller.



L:ynn Watland, Joe & Beth Eibs, Dean & Robin Watland -  
January 18, 2016 at 10:25 AM

KH

“ Marci my deepest sympathy to you on the death of your husband. You. Will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Haaland - January 18, 2016 at 08:58 AM

LT

“ Art lived his life as a kind and honest man, full of wisdom. He loved his family and spoke of his children and grandchildren with great pride. His down to earth genuineness touched everyone's life in a way unique only to Art. He will be very sadly missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family - Linda Thielen Tatro

Linda Tatro - January 17, 2016 at 04:58 PM

EE

Linda, Thank you. I have many wonderful childhood memories of your family. Dad always thought well of you and appreciated having you as neighbors. Best regards, Evelyn L. Eller

Evelynn L. Eller - January 18, 2016 at 02:21 AM

TF

“ Terry Pamela Brisk Family lit a candle in memory of Arthur 'Art' Eller



terry pamelabrisk family - January 17, 2016 at 12:04 PM

KF

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers for Art's family. Our thoughts are with you

Karen and Frank Fussy - January 16, 2016 at 11:34 AM

WW

Our heartfelt Sympathy, will miss him driving past our house going out to Freedom every morning, prayers are sent Marci. Rich and Wendy Waltman (your Neighbors).

wendy waltman - January 17, 2016 at 08:08 PM

JF

*I will never forget Art's beautiful big black Percheron horses. He made the driving harness for me when I got my first Morgan and I still have the harness it has to be over 40 years old.*

*Jan (DiMatteo) Fransen*

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**Jan DiMatteo Fransen** - January 18, 2016 at 08:36 PM

CN

*Terrific guy. He had such beautiful horses*

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**cindy nelson** - January 19, 2016 at 12:31 AM

DB

*I had known*

*Art since I was a kid. My dad hired Art to pick rocks when Art was ten years old. We lived east of Pierz at that time. My dad let Art drive our horses, and at ten years of age, Dad said he could drive them as well as he did. Over the years Art did leather work for me. He built my buggy horse harness and made belts for our family. He did excellent work and had to be encouraged to charge more! Art was a wonderful man, always had time to talk and will be truly missed. Dave Becker*

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**David Becker** - January 19, 2016 at 08:34 AM

FP

*We met Art a few years ago with his Central Boiler business, what an honest, caring man. You could sit for hours and visit with him. He will be missed. God Bless You Art.*

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**From Pierz** - January 19, 2016 at 03:06 PM