



Elmer J. Vavra, Jr.

January 5, 1946 - July 4, 2023

Elmer J. Vavra Jr., 77 year old resident of rural Long Prairie, MN passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at the St. Cloud Hospital. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville, MN with Father Ron Dockendorf officiating. Burial will take place at the Bearhead Cemetery in Swanville, MN. A visitation will be held from 10:30 -11:30 A.M. on Tuesday at the Church.

Elmer was born in Little Falls, MN on January 5, 1946 to the late Elmer and Julia (Yanta) Vavra. Elmer attended school in Swanville, MN. He met the love of his life Dianne Traut while custom combining in North Dakota. They were married on November 25, 1965 during a snowstorm at St. Mathias Church in Windsor, ND. Together they raised 2 daughters and 2 sons. He enjoyed working road construction for Northern Improvement for 17 years and Central Specialties for 32 years. He was going to retire after this summer. Elmer also worked at the Stutsman County Sheriff's Department. One of his greatest joys was driving the bus for his children's school activities. Elmer and Dianne were Fire Wardens for 23 years. Elmer enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved deer hunting with his family. You could always find him cutting trees down in his spare time. During the winter months, he loved to ice fish, play cards, dice and watch westerns.

Elmer is survived by his wife Dianne of 57 years; children, Melissa (Wayne)

Klose, Alan (Kathi) Vavra, Tama (Daniel) Larson, John (Jennifer) Vavra; grandchildren, Dustin Klose, Tony Klose, Breann (Lance) Krogh, Alexander (Carmen) Vavra, Kaitlyn (Brandon) Lee, Austin Vavra, Jennifer (Andrew) Vlasak, Devin Larson, Brockten Vavra, Brodie Vavra; great-grandchildren, Tayia Krogh, Harper Lee, Beckett Krogh, Baylor Vlasak, Watson Lee, Adley Krogh, Kaden Vlasak, Mason Lee, Vito Vavra; sister, Karen Hoelker

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Julia Vavra; father-in-law, Wilmar Traut; brother-in-law, Don Hoelker, great-grandson, Gabriel Lee.

Cemetery Details

Bearhead Cemetery

Swanville, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 11. 11:30 AM (CT)

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12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Elmer J. Vavra, Jr..*



July 11, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *ComDel Innovation purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Elmer J. Vavra, Jr..*



ComDel Innovation - July 10, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elmer J. Vavra, Jr..*



July 09, 2023 at 11:31 AM

MS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the news of Elmer's passing. I am sad that I didn't get to see him on the way home from North Dakota. I believe I met Elmer when I was really little visiting Clarence over the summer vacationing with my dad. Dianne I am thinking of you and your family. So sorry for your loss.

Michelle Vavra Skibicki (Harvey Vavra Granddaughter)

Michelle Skibicki - July 08, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elmer J. Vavra, Jr..



July 08, 2023 at 12:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elmer J. Vavra, Jr..



July 07, 2023 at 03:08 PM

JH

“ Jerry And Julie Hollermann lit a candle in memory of Elmer J. Vavra, Jr.



Jerry and Julie Hollermann - July 07, 2023 at 01:34 PM

DP

“ *Darlene Palm lit a candle in memory of Elmer J. Vavra, Jr.*



Darlene Palm - July 07, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer J. Vavra, Jr..*



July 07, 2023 at 10:49 AM

HP

“ *Sending my condolences to all Elmer's family. May the Lord come to take him HOME to Heaven. Let peace fill your hearts* 💕💕💕

Helen Pfeffer - July 05, 2023 at 05:24 PM

NK

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. My sympathy to the family.*



Nona Koester - July 05, 2023 at 04:51 PM