



## Erich J. Westerman

March 6, 1936 - June 9, 2019

Erich J. Westerman, 83 year old resident of rural Randall, MN, passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at his residence. There will be a private Funeral Service. A Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 PM on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Interment will be at Bethany Reformed Church Cemetery outside of Clara City, MN.

Erich Jan Westermann was born on March 6, 1936 in Campen, Germany to the late Onno and Jannette (Folkerts) Westermann. He grew up and attended the local schools in Loquard, in the "Ostfriesland" area of northwest Germany. Erich emigrated to the United States in 1955 at the age of 19, and made his way to his uncle's farm near Clara City, MN. Erich was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Betty" Feldman on June 2, 1960 at Bethany Reformed Church in Clara City. They settled on their own farm nearby until 1975, when they purchased a farm in Culdrum Township in Morrison County, MN. Together they raised nine children. Erich enjoyed all aspects of farming, especially the field work and driving his International tractors. In 1988, he suffered the loss of his wife, Betty. Erich continued farming until his retirement in 2006, although he has continued to help his sons on their farms. Erich was united in marriage to Viola Dalquist on December 2, 2006 in Little Falls and they resided near Randall, MN. Erich enjoyed listening to Southern Gospel and German hymns and folksongs. He kept track and watched the international soccer matches whenever possible. Erich enjoyed reading and was interested in learning

about new and different places. Erich took occasional trips back to Germany to visit relatives and enjoyed receiving visitors at home. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and “pulling their legs” to get a reaction. Erich had a steadfast character and lived his life guided by his strong faith in God.

Erich is survived by his wife, Viola Dalquist-Westerman; sons, Blaine (Sheila), Scott (Janell), and Landon (Michelle) Westerman; daughters, Heide Westerman, Andrea Westerman, Erica Evoniuk, Elizabeth Westerman, Jodi Westerman, and Sonja (Loren) Fellbaum; stepsons, Kurt (Julie) and Eric (Kathy) Dalquist; brother, Frank (Grete) Westermann; 17 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Onno and Janette Westermann; wife, Betty Westerman; brother, Dirk Westermann; and sister, Gerda Westermann.

Honorary Pallbearers will be his grandchildren, Kristan, Brandon, Diandra, Jordan, Morgan K., Darren, Morgan J., Grace, Anna, Dawn, Jessie, Quade, Madison, Tyler, Emily, Dirk, Ian, Cole, and Erin.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethany Reformed Church Cemetery

Clara City, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Erich J. Westerman* ”



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - June 12, 2019 at 02:20 PM



“ *Erich J. Westerman* ”

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

KA

“ Extending my sincere sympathy to the family of Erich Westerman. I recall when I first started attending church in the early 80's in Long Prairie and met he and Betty. There were not too many dairy farmers in the congregation, we just began farming and quickly identified with them. One time I commented to Betty, how nicely dressed the children always were in services and did not know how she managed with myself struggling with the economics of the dairy industry. She said you just plan to sell bull calf for the annual school shopping.

*My thoughts and prayers are with you during this season of loss, may you experience the comfort and presence of the Lord for he is the God of all Comfort.*

*Sincerely,*

*Karen Asfeld, Clarissa*

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Karen Asfeld - June 13, 2019 at 06:51 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Erich J. Westerman.



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June 13, 2019 at 07:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Erich J. Westerman.

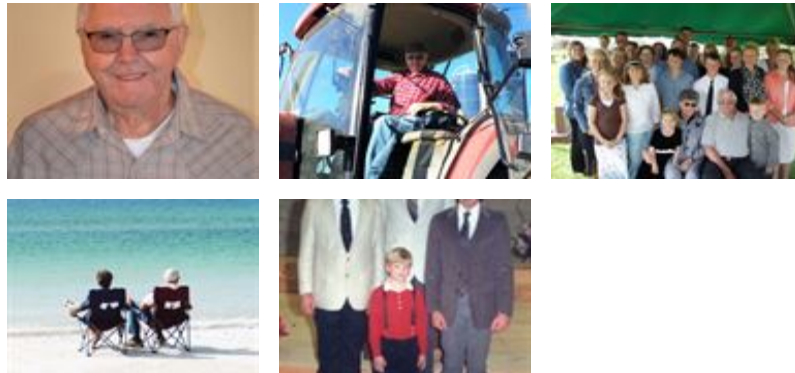


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June 12, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - June 12, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Erich J. Westerman*.



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June 12, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ *Michelle* so sorry to hear that your father-in-law passed away. May he rest in peace.



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**Debbie Jelinski-Harakel** - June 12, 2019 at 12:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Erich J. Westerman.*



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June 12, 2019 at 12:01 AM



“ *Linda Kaiser lit a candle in memory of Erich J. Westerman*



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**Linda Kaiser** - June 11, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erich J. Westerman.*



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June 11, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erich J. Westerman.*



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June 11, 2019 at 05:37 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Erich J. Westerman.*



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June 11, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, going to miss seeing him around. He was a wonderful man. Sending prayers your way for peace and comfort in these up coming days.....*



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**Renee and Mike N.** - June 11, 2019 at 12:20 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this! Thinking of all of you. Jen (Ambuehl) Moen, Jon, Lucas & Jake*

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**Jen Moen** - June 11, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ *Chuck And Faye Santala lit a candle in memory of Erich J. Westerman*



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**Chuck and Faye Santala** - June 11, 2019 at 07:44 AM

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“ Kerry & Denis Hiemenz lit a candle in memory of Erich J. Westerman



Kerry & Denis Hiemenz - June 10, 2019 at 09:14 PM

KH

Vi, Blaine, Heide, Scott and Jan, Erica, Jody, Andrea, Zig, Sonja and Loren, Landon and Michelle and families-  
So feeling your dad's passing along with you. Knowing Jesus has all of you wrapped in His Loving Care during this time.

We love you all and are praying for great Peace, Comfort and Strength over you.

Kerry and Denis💙

Brett and Brandon and families💙

Kerry & Denis Hiemenz - June 10, 2019 at 09:21 PM

EE

Hello my dears,  
we still can not believe that Erich died. He was 83 years old and could live at home until the end, which should be a comfort to all of us. I like to remember 1980 when we were at Erich's farm. We were young, and I did a lot of nonsense. I had a lot of fun. I think I can remember that the children who lived on the farm always said to me .... Marc is a nardy boy ... we were sooooo young ... I'll never forget that time ...Marc Westermann (nephew) form Emden, Germany

Erica Evoniuk - June 12, 2019 at 05:21 PM

IH

I am so sorry to hear of Erich,s passing.. I had such a nice visit with him yet at Irene Koenen,s visitation. Whoever thought that the Lord would take him so soon..May God comfort you & supply all your needs. He has been a Special cousin to me. He would always call me on my birthday. That was so thoughtful of him. He will truly be missed.

Ida Huisman - June 12, 2019 at 08:49 PM