



George J Kroll

April 23, 1931 - November 3, 2014

George J. Kroll 83 year old resident of Pierz, MN passed away Monday, November 3, 2014 at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN with Father Kenneth Popp officiating and Father Tony Kroll concelebrating. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 10 - 11 A.M. on Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN.

George was born on April 23, 1931 in Royalton, Minnesota to the late William and Rose (Cekalla) Kroll. He went to a country school in Royalton. After school, George farmed in North Dakota and Montana and picked apples in Washington state. He joined the United States Navy and served during the Korean War aboard the Howard W. Gilmore. George was united in marriage to Bernardine Merklings on February 6, 1956 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN. The couple moved to Ely, where George worked in the mining industry until 1978. They relocated to Sobieski and wintered in Texas and Arizona. George loved traveling, fishing, snowmobiling, bulldozing, listening to polka music and was an avid tree planter. He also enjoyed fixing things, everything mechanical to houses and loved to garden; growing things from his own seeds. He will be remembered as being a storyteller, telling many stories

of his Navy career. His famous saying was “rise and shine, daylight in the swamp,” which meant get up and get moving. George was a member of St. Joseph’s Church, American Legion, VFW, and Moose Lodge. He lived by the motto, “pray like you’re gonna die tomorrow and save like you’ll live forever”.

George is survived by loving wife of 59 years Bernardine, of Pierz, MN; children, Patti Kroll of Townsend, MT; Peggy (Ted) Beckman of Columbia Heights, MN; Scott (Kyong) Kroll of Garrison, MN; and Billie Jo (Bill) Hawley of Ely, MN; daughter-in-law, Jeanette Raab-Kroll of Rice, MN; 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren; siblings, Fidelis (Maggie) Kroll of Hoffman, MN; Alois Kroll of Columbia Heights, MN; Joseph A. (Helen) Kroll of Royalton, MN; Marcy Zilkoski of Little Falls, MN; Mary Heinzen of Eagan, MN; Evelyn (Bruce) Lindquist of Crystal, MN; Terry White of Richfield, MN; Cecelia Kroll of Simi Valley, CA; Irene (Dick) Ernst of Oklahoma City, OK.

He was preceded in death by parents, William and Rose; son, Jeffery; brothers, Paul and Peter; sisters, Sr. Felicia, Caroline, Clara, and Francis.

Pallbearers will be George’s grandsons, Mathew Beckman, Kevin Kronfuss, Brent Kronfuss, Nathaniel Hawley, Boone Hawley, and Jake Hawley.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
68 North Main Street
Pierz, MN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of George J Kroll



Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 05, 2014 at 11:34 AM

PK

I love you, more than words can ever say. Good bye dad. Rest in peace. Love always Patti

Patti Kroll - November 06, 2014 at 12:58 AM

JT

The Sombs children have many fond memories of George during our childhood days, I remember when you moved from aspen lane, we were all so sad, it was like part of the family was leaving. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Jackie Sombs Teigen

jackie sombs teigen - November 06, 2014 at 08:44 AM

GA

*Dear George Kroll family,
We are so sorry for your loss.*

In darkness, the beauty of stars and constellations will be admired all the more now. George is up there shining like a bright star.

May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead.

Love, Gary and Marsha

Gary - November 06, 2014 at 09:20 PM



“ *George J Kroll*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with all of his family and friends. Dean and Sara*

Sara Miller - November 04, 2014 at 07:55 PM