



Jrwin A. Kastanek

February 7, 1927 - April 17, 2009

Jrwin A. Kastanek, age 82, of Center Valley, Morrison County, Minnesota, passed away April 17th, 2009, at Gracepointe Crossing East, Cambridge, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, April 25th, 10:30 AM, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN, with the Reverend Gerald Dalseth officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 PM on Friday, April 24th and 9-10 AM on Saturday, April 25th at Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz. Parish Prayer Service at 7 PM Friday, April 24th. Military honors provided by Little Falls VFW Post 1112 and Pierz American Legion Post 341.

Jrwin Kastanek was born February 7th, 1927 in Hillman Township to the late Frank and Anna (Nimsch) Kastanek. He grew up on the family farm near Center Valley and attended school in District 97. Following his schooling, Jrwin farmed with his father until his entry into the United States Army at the age of 18 years. He served during World War II in The Military Intelligence Service Center attached to the 3rd Army. After his honorable discharge in 1946, Jrwin returned to farming and furthering his education through night school. He did various custom farming, worked for Larson Boatworks, and for many years, Franklin Manufacturing, retiring in 1996. Jrwin was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, Little Falls VFW Post 1112, Pierz American Legion Post 341, Morrison County Historical Society, and the German-Bohemian Heritage Society. He had served on the Center Valley Creamery Board, the Cloverleaf Consolidated Telephone Company Board,

was a leader for the Center Valley Dairylanders 4-H Club, was active in NFO, and was a 34 year veteran of The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union. He was proud to have served as Clerk of the Hillman Township Board for 55 years, to have been an election judge for many years, and to have been a pitcher for the Center Valley, Lastrup, Pierz, and Buckman baseball teams.

Jrwin is survived by son, Allan J. Kastanek of Minneapolis, MN; daughters, Colleen Kastanek of North Branch, MN, and Charlotte Kastanek of Sartell, MN. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Ligeia Uker, Stephanie Cholensky, Annie Kastanek, and John Kastanek, and three great-grandchildren, Jakob, Mitchell, and Laura Kastanek. He was preceded in death by his wife, Cathryn, in 1999, parents, Frank and Anna, and sister, Melvina Janski. Casketbearers are Rick Gulden, Randy Gulden, Ralph Wilkes, George Wilkes, Ted Kasper, Dan Gruber, and John Kastanek.

Honorary casketbearers are the members of the Hillman Township Board; Doris Tomala, Gerald Meyer, Tom Stangl, Harry McDonald, and Loren Tomala.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz
202 Main St. South
Pierz, MN

Visitation

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

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz
202 Main St. South
Pierz, MN

Service

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

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

Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Jrwin A. Kastanek



Lemieur Funeral Homes - April 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jrwin A. Kastanek

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ I had the privilege of meeting the Kastaneks when Mrs. Kastanek died. I helped them create a beautiful family monument. What a wonderful family. My love to all of you, and I'm just wondering, who gets the aluminum christmas tree? Char, the "Sweet Adelines" singing was awesome. Stay in touch and keep your Dad's spirit alive. Thank you for your friendship. Hugs, Mary

April 28, 2009 at 07:06 PM



“ Jrwin will be missed b his entire family. My sincerest condolence to the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

April 25, 2009 at 03:10 AM



“ So sorry, Char and Colleen and Allen--*##imported-begin##*Denny Warta*##imported-end##*

April 23, 2009 at 11:48 AM



“ Beautiful tribute! My thoughts are with you.*##imported-begin##*Christy Hormann*##imported-end##*

April 22, 2009 at 10:19 PM



“ I am one of Jrwin's many granddaughters. Jrwin had an odd sense of humor which he passed down many people in our family, and he was always good at getting us to laugh in a way we would never suspect. He is also the reason I enjoy watching Twins baseball with the sound off and the radio on with the play-by-play. Jrwin was deeply loved by all of his grandchildren, and family gatherings will just never be the same without him*##imported-begin##*Stephanie Cholensky*##imported-end##*

April 22, 2009 at 05:15 PM



“ Despite the fact that Jrwin had so many health problems,he always tried to be upbeat and keep his sense of humor.

Your family has been through many challenges. May God help you through this sadness.

Love, Jan*##imported-begin##*Jan Kastanek Eide*##imported-end##*

April 22, 2009 at 11:03 AM



“ We will always remember Jrwin from the many Kastanek gatherings and events and how proud he was of his Grand Children and Great Grand Children. Our best to the Kastanek family.
John and Gayle###imported-begin##John and Gayle
McKay###imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 10:49 PM



“ We wish to extend our sympathy to all of the family on the death of your dear Dad and Grandfather. May God stand close to you at this sad time of mourning and loss and help you to live the future remembering the memories of good times. In love and prayers.
Your friends,
The Biewers###imported-begin##Don and Joyce Biewer###imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 12:39 PM



“ Sorry about the lost of your dad and grandfather. You all were outstanding neighnors. The best for your family###imported-begin##Allen Schraut###imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 12:09 PM



“ Char and family. My heart goes out to you on your loss. I know your family will pull together and find strenth and remember all the good times you had with him. Remember the lessons he taught you and enjoy all the great memories of his life as you share them.###imported-begin##Brian Boser###imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 01:26 AM



“ To Allan, Char, and Colleen -
Our deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers go out to you. We are so glad that we were able to meet Jrwin. God Bless...##imported-begin##Phil & Laura Moyer##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 11:47 PM



“ My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Ken Heidlebaugh##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 11:26 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all the Kastanek family. Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you all are very close in every thought and prayer.##imported-begin##I. Ali Mohammed##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 01:51 PM



“ I just always loved when he called me Char's "Boss Lady"! Made me smile (and feel a little important :)!).

God Bless you as you are finally joined with your wife in heaven!

Gail Ruhland and family!##imported-begin##Gail Ruhland##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 10:38 AM



“ My condolences to the Kastanek family for the loss of their Father!
This man of men will never be forgotten!
God's speed Jrwin!##imported-begin##Clyde Meyer##imported-
end##

April 20, 2009 at 09:25 AM



“ I learned of your dad's passing Saturday morning while I was in
Pierz. My sympathies go out to Char, Colleen and Alan but know
many are smiling and waiting for him as he passes from this life.
God Bless the Kastaneks.##imported-begin##Tim
Preimesberger##imported-end##

April 19, 2009 at 10:02 PM



“ Hello,
I am Colleen, Jrwin's oldest daughter.
Our family cherishes memories and welcomes you to submit
anecdotes and photos to this guestbook. We treasure your
stories.##imported-begin##Colleen Kastanek##imported-end##

April 19, 2009 at 08:28 AM