



## LeRoy Waytashek

March 14, 1929 - January 15, 2015

LeRoy "Whitey" Waytashek, 85 year old resident of Hillman, MN passed away on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at the Mille Lacs Long Term Care Center in Onamia, MN after a long battle with heart and kidney disease. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Onamia. A private interment will be held at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to service at Bethany Lutheran Church. Memorials can be made to Mille Lacs Health Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

He was preceded in death by his parents Rose and Anthony Waytashek and four brothers and one sister. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Judy, and children Sharon Bertrand (Jim), Todd Waytashek (Vickie), Kirk Waytashek and Vanae Pearson (Perry). He also is survived by grandchildren Tom Bertand, Kyle Waytashek, Andrea Pearson, Lucas Pearson, Alex pearson and Eric Pearson. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

One of the proudest periods of his life was his four years he served in the Air Force and fought in the Korean War. Upon graduating from the University of Minnesota he began teaching. He continued this love of learning and teaching for his entire life. After health issues prevented him from continuing in education he and Judy purchased the Montgomery Wards Sales Agency in Onamia. His family then entered the dairy farming business. He was an ardent lover of plants and trees and sold them for 25 years. In his later years he

enjoyed fishing, hunting, carving, painting, pottery and playing with his heavy equipment. His sense of humor, long conversations and worldly knowledge will be greatly missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church - Onamia  
500 Lindquist St  
Onamia, MN 56359

## Service

JAN 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *LeRoy Waytashek*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I met Whitey about 20 years ago and not a day goes by in which i don't use or think about something he taught me. He was a great man who had generosity with wisdom among other things. I love to remember the times we fished together, talked business together, talked about health, and just all the stories he had about life. Whitey has been a tremendous influence on my life and I am better for knowing him. My thoughts are with the Waytashek and Pearson Family as they grieve the loss of Whitey. I pray for you all to find peace and to remember the good times. I am going to miss him but he is with our Father in Heaven now. Love Ron Schultz*

**Ron Schultz** - January 23, 2015 at 01:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of LeRoy Waytashek.*



January 23, 2015 at 11:36 AM