



Melvin Baumgartner

January 8, 1931 - December 23, 2023

Melvin Baumgartner, age 92, of Onamia, MN, passed away on December 23, 2023. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:30 AM on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the Onamia Vets Club. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to Service. Interment will be in the Onamia Veterans Cemetery.

Melvin was born on January 8, 1931, in Richardson Township to Edgar and Virginia (Halstine) Baumgartner. He enlisted in the United States Army in December 1946 and was honorably discharged in December 1953. He worked at the Ford plant in St. Paul, Minnesota, for 30 years. He enjoyed watching the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. Melvin liked to spend his time hunting, fishing, and going to auctions.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Ellamae Baumgartner; three children, Shirley (David) Bauer, Melvin Jr (Suzanne) Baumgartner, Jodi (Lane) Lantis; nine grandchildren, Jessica, Jennifer, Jolene, Aaron, Timothy, Joseph, William, Victoria and Heather; thirteen great-grandchildren, Tristen, Chase, Sierra, Madesyn, Brody, Gram, Hannah, Hailey, Alec, Kyler, Brexton, Hunter and Ellamae; two great-great-grandchildren, Nevaeh and Aleio; two Brothers, Gerald, and Harold; five sisters, Dorothy, Gerry, Joyce, Marge, and Karen. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Virginia (Halstine) Baumgartner; four sisters, Shirley Mae, Fern, Margret, and Lavonnie; and step-son, Ernie; great-grandson, Austin; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Melvin was truly loved and will be missed by all.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Onamia Vets Club
38692 U.S. Highway 169
Onamia, MN 56359
(320) 532-4171

Celebration of Life Service

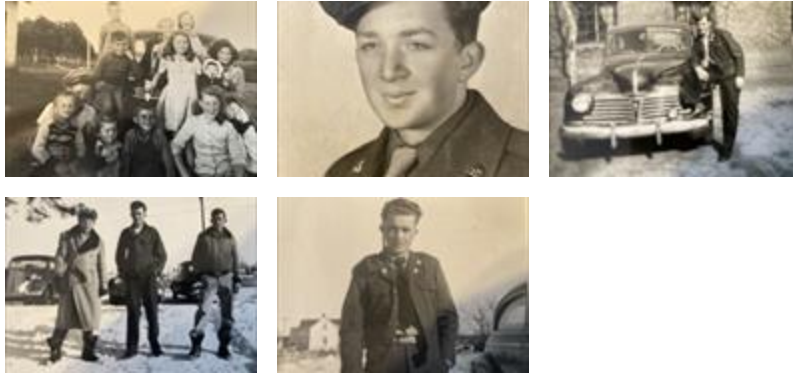
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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Lou Wilkes Jackson - December 31, 2023 at 03:30 PM

PW

“ Melvin was retiring from Ford Motor Company and came over to the farm to see if he and the kids (my cousins) would be able to deer hunt every year on the farm...that conversation lead to a lifetime of memories and adventures for both of us...Melvin donated so many hrs of hard work on the farm...mentored me in deer hunting...ice fishing...how to bid at an auction...Anytime we got into a vehicle it turned into a scavenger hunt watching the ditches for valuables...tools, Log chains,hub caps and lots more which we did find...when we went ice fishing he had me save egg shells to put down the ice hole to see the fish better...better then a Vexlar...i dedicate the Whitetail to you Melvin...

Peter Wilkes - December 29, 2023 at 04:37 PM

JL

OMG !! That is spot on !! I love the memories ❤️

jodi Lantis - December 29, 2023 at 07:37 PM

NH

I'm so happy Mel had such a robust family and long retirement! I worked with Mel in small-parts paint at Ford. As a side line Mel sold coffee in the unit. A nichel a cup. When he'd get tied up working through-out the department certain trouble makers would hang a sign on the coffee pot "Free Coffee Complements of Mel ". Boy would he be steamed! Enjoy heaven Melvin!

nick harrod - January 18, 2024 at 01:26 PM

NW

“ Melvin had a great impact on my passion for fishing. He was always watching over me as a kid while out on cove bay in the shack next door. Would stop in to make sure I was ok and see what the days catch was. I wasn't much older than eleven years old at this time spending all that time in the ice shack next door. My dad always made sure we stopped by to visit. I use to love going to great uncle Melvins garage sales. It was as exciting as Christmas Day for me. I'd get to rummage through all the cool stuff and almost every year Melvin would gift me a fishing pole or tackle. I was always so excited and to this day I accredit him as my biggest fishing mentor. You will be greatly missed uncle Melvin and forever hold a special place inside of me. Thank you for all the great memories on and off the lake during my childhood.

Nicolas Wilkes - December 29, 2023 at 12:40 PM

CB

“ Uncle Melvin will be always remembered as the oldest boy in the family of girls, and he always had a little glint in his eyes. Our memories of him & the Baumgartner celebrations will be treasured. Dad (Gerald) reminded me that there were only about 14 mths I believe between them in age. He also served our country. We are so sorry to Melvin's immediate family for your loss, & you are in our prayers. But please know that the Baumgartner family siblings & extended family all feel his loss, also, even though we don't gather very often.

Connie Baumgartner-Hirsch - December 28, 2023 at 06:23 PM