



## Merlin H. Strempeke

October 14, 1952 - October 31, 2024

Merlin H. Strempeke, 72 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Thursday, October 31, 2024 at his home in Little Falls, MN. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with David Sperstad officiating. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 9-11 A.M. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Caring for Merlin and his family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN.

Merlin was born on October 14, 1952 in Waterloo, IA to the late John and Margaret (Olds) Strempeke. He was united in marriage to Sandra Happke on September 20, 1971 at the Little Brown Church in Iowa. Merlin served in the US Air Force and Sandra and Merlin spent 4 years of married life traveling in the military before settling down in Little Falls, MN. He was employed at Tri-City Paving in Little Falls, MN for many years where he transported heavy equipment for the company. Merlin enjoyed working on trucks and spending his winters ice fishing with his friends and family. He had a love and passion for helping his son Tony and grandson Spencer work on and compete in area truck pull competitions. His love for his family will forever be remembered, especially the little great-grandchildren. Merlin was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Merlin is survived by son, Tony (Cindy) Strempe; siblings, Jack (Vicky) Strempe, Martin (Michelle) Strempe and Mike (Judy) Strempe; grandchildren, Spencer (Paige Pohlkamp), Kirsten, Tasha (Tommy), and Jordan (Cody); great-grandchildren, Clara, Riley, Ari, Josh, Travis, Abel and special cat, Missy.

Merlin was preceded in death by parents, John and Margaret Strempe; step-father, Anthony Senlicki; wife, Sandra Strempe; grandsons, Mitchell Strempe and Collin Strempe; brothers, Jim Strempe; sisters, Judy (Don) Zieman and Joanne Pflighaar and sister-in-law, Brenda Strempe.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (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 Merlin H. Strempe*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - November 05, 2024 at 05:19 PM

DK

*So glad we got to visit him recently. I use say "my cousin that looks like Richard Dreyfuss". ❤️*

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**Deb Kovacs** - November 06, 2024 at 10:15 PM

SW

“ *Shawna E Wester lit a candle in memory of Merlin H. Strempe*

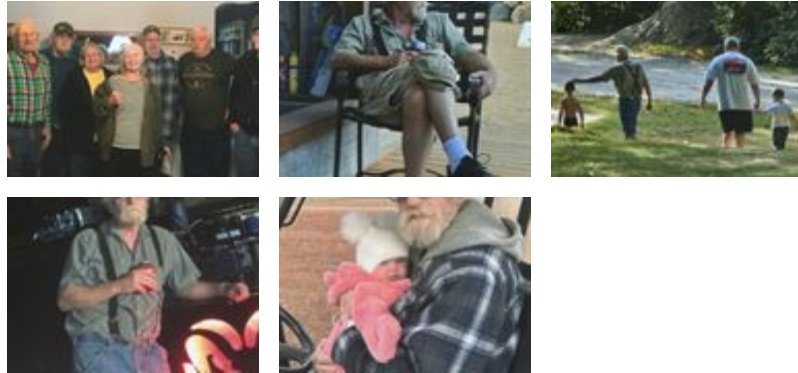


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**Shawna E Wester** - November 09, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - November 05, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Merlin H. Strempeke*.



November 04, 2024 at 10:38 PM



“ *Rick & Mary Zablocki* lit a candle in memory of *Merlin H. Strempeke*



**Rick & Mary Zablocki** - November 04, 2024 at 09:32 PM

PD

“ Sorry for your loss of a good guy. He will be missed by all who knew him.



**patti I dickmann** - November 04, 2024 at 01:13 PM

CL

“ Charlie And Dianne Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Merlin H. Strempe



**Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter** - November 03, 2024 at 11:58 PM

MB

“ Mary Brausen sent a virtual gift in memory of Merlin H. Strempe



**Mary Brausen** - November 02, 2024 at 05:01 PM

JB

“ Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille lit a candle in memory of Merlin H. Strempe



**Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille** - November 02, 2024 at 04:56 PM

MR

“ *Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of Merlin H. Strempe*



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**Mary Jo Retka** - November 02, 2024 at 02:48 PM

BM

“ *Merlin has been our neighbor for 12+ years, not once did he complain or take money for plowing us out. He loved sticky rice and would talk about his family & history. We always watched out for each other. We will miss him so much & know no other neighbor will compare like him. May he rest in peace.*



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**Becky Monnier** - November 01, 2024 at 08:23 PM

TL

“ *Tom Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Merlin H. Strempe*



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**Tom Ledbetter** - November 01, 2024 at 05:18 PM

RS

“ *Sending our condolences to the entire Strepke family. Such an amazing guy.. Many fond memories with him, back in the TCP days! Sure going to miss our visits and his smiling face, as he walked through our office doors! He thought the world of his family. Cherish those memories and May He Rest in Peace.*



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**Roger and Michelle Schneider** - November 01, 2024 at 05:01 PM

SK

“ *Steve & Judy Kathrein lit a candle in memory of Merlin H. Strepke*



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**steve & judy kathrein** - November 01, 2024 at 01:52 PM