



Otto T. Pelikan

January 5, 1929 - April 17, 2025

Otto Pelikan, age 96, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2025 at Harmony House in Pierz, MN surrounded by his family. To honor Otto, a celebration of his life will be held at Frosty's, 214 Main Street, Pierz, 56364 from 11 AM to 3 PM on Friday, May 2, 2025. All friends and family are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Meadow Ponds Assisted Living or Harmony House of Pierz. Caring for Otto and his family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Pierz, MN.

Otto was born January 5, 1929 in Telc, Czechoslovakia. At the age of 16, he was inducted into the German army towards the end of WWII until, a few months later, he was captured and held in an American POW camp. After his release, he eventually became a locomotive engineer, met and married Rosina Hammer, and together they had three children. In 1959, they immigrated to the Pierz, Minnesota area where they had two more children. After Rosina died in 1978, he met and married Margaret Kazeck and together they adopted two more children. With that marriage, they became a blended family of eleven children, and additionally, welcomed many foster children into their lives. His career in the US included over 10 years at Minneapolis Moline and later Redwood Industries in Pierz. Otto was very mindful of civil responsibility and was a member of the Pierz Lions, treasurer of his church, and volunteered with the boy scouts for many years. Otto was an experienced black and white photographer and developed many photos in his home dark

room. He was also a passionate gardener and gladly shared his harvests with friends and neighbors. Over the years, he developed a strong interest in astronomy, ultimately building a telescope, grinding his own mirror. As an aeronautics enthusiast, he built an airplane with friend Steve Stumpf. Otto produced many gallons of wine over the years and welcomed family and friends to his wine cellar. He touched many lives with his kind and thoughtful ways, and he was loved and respected by all in the community.

Otto will be lovingly remembered by his family here and in Czechia. His family includes: Terry (Perry) Butler, Erika (Steve) Englund, Tony (Bonnie) Pelikan, Andrea (Darnell) Pelikan, Debbie (Don) Hayes, Joey Pelikan; step-children, Dennis (Cindy) Kazeck, Doug (Cindy) Kazeck, Sue (Bob) Langerud; and step-daughter-in-law, Karen, to the late Dave Kazeck. His nieces, Jana (Fana) Zavadova; Alena (Jirka) Sadilkova, Anne Marie (Werner) Gall.

Otto was preceded in death by his wife, Rosina Pelikan; wife, Margaret Pelikan; daughter, Fran Pelikan; brother, Karel; nephew, Jirka Pelikan; and step-son, Dave Kazeck.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

14820 138TH ST
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Frosty's/The Brickyard
214 Main St South
Pierz, MN 56364

Tribute Wall

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“ Goodbye dad. Rest in peace. And thank you to my family who just like when my mother died refused to reach out even though they know how, and inform me of my father's passing. And I had to learn about it from an obituary notice MONTHS LATER!

Joseph Pelikan - July 12, 2025 at 02:30 PM

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“ Correna Becker lit a candle in memory of Otto T. Pelikan



Correna Becker - April 29, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ Laurie Venske Koll lit a candle in memory of Otto T. Pelikan



Laurie Venske Koll - April 22, 2025 at 11:43 AM



condolences sent to all his family he was a special man and now he's at peace.

Laurie Venske Koll - April 22, 2025 at 11:46 AM

TO

“ *Sympathy to the Pelikan family*



Theresa Otremba - April 21, 2025 at 01:33 PM