



## Stanley "Bud" Knopik

October 29, 1928 - November 9, 2009

Stanley "Bud" Knopik was born on October 29, 1928 in Little Falls, Minnesota to the late Joseph and Martha (Reh) Knopik. He lived on his parent's farm during his school years. Bud owned/operated Knopik Milk Trucking until he joined the service. He served in the U.S. Army from August 1951 until his honorable discharge in May 1953, Bud completed 1 tour of duty in Korea and earned the Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, United Service medal, and Combat Infantry Badge.

Bud worked as a motor grader operator for the Morrison County Highway Department for 15 years then Alexander Construction until his retirement in 1991. He was a lifetime member of the Little Falls VFW, and Local 49 Union for 40 years. Bud enjoyed fishing, including marlin fishing in Mexico, and he was an avid hunter. He went on deer, elk, caribou, and buffalo hunts with his son, Randy. He loved to garden and farm, especially cutting hay. Family was very important to him. Bud was united in marriage to Esther (Hayes) Swaser in 1978, until his death. He was previously married to Cleora (Ringwelski) from 1953 until 1975.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife, Esther; sons, Roger (Irina), Randy (fiancée Lisa Hughes) both of Fort Ripley, MN; daughters, Joy (Mike) Litke of Cloquet, MN, Bonnie (Jeffrey) Becker of Little Falls, MN; Step-sons, Allen (Marilyn) Swaser of Brooklyn Park, MN, Carey (Sandy) Swaser of Pierz, MN; sister, Mary Ann (Dick) Virnig of Pierz, MN, 15 grandchildren, & 3 great-grandchildren.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Angela Becker; and brothers, Henry, Michael, and George Knopik. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church - Harding  
29482 243rd Street  
Harding, MN

## Visitation

NOV **13.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stanley "Bud" Knopik

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Bud's passing. I just visited with him at the lake this fall before he became ill, and one thing I will always remember is his smile! He always had a big warm smile and one could not help to smile back when visiting with Bud. We will always remember him as the very kind and helpful neighbor across the lake and will miss him dearly. Our thoughts are with you. The O'Hotto's###imported-begin##Rod & Deanna O'Hotto###imported-end##

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November 11, 2009 at 12:50 PM



“ Bonnie and family. We are so very sorry to hear the loss of your father. All the great times you shared with him will always be with you. May God be with you during this sad time for you all.###imported-begin##Doug and Rita###imported-end##

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November 11, 2009 at 09:26 AM