



ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER

April 20, 1935 - November 16, 2022

Arnold (Arnie) Ideker, 87, was welcomed into the arms of his Lord on November 16, 2022, at home surrounded by his family. He was born on April 20, 1935, in La Crosse Wisconsin to William and Pearl (Zimmerman) Ideker, and raised on a dairy farm near Brownsville. He graduated from Caledonia High School in 1952 and joined the Army in 1957. On October 15th, 1960, he married Letha Wieland at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Together, they owned and operated a dairy farm for most of their lifetime. After selling the dairy herd, he worked at Truss Specialist. He served his church and community in many ways over his lifetime. He served Zion Evangelical Church on the Church Council as President and Secretary for multiple terms. He was instrumental on the building and finance committee for the building of the church. He was a member of the NFO, and served on the Caledonia School Board and Tri County Electric Board of Directors. Arnie was an avid Caledonia Warrior sports fan and proudly worked the chain gang at football games for 31 years. He was extremely proud of his 8 children, 23 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Letha;

Children: Sonia (Mark) Lager, Eric (fiancé Andrew), and Alex (Zach);

Doug (Vicky) Ideker, Angie (Sam) Morken, and children Braxton and Averie; Heather, Amber, and Mike (fiancé Megan);

Diane (Mike) Thompson, Tori and Matthew;

Penny (Jon) Holzwarth, Kyle (Kayla) and son Chase, and Ben;

Peggy (John) Kreutzman, Elle, Abby, and Jack;
Brian (Bridget) Ideker, Will, Julia and Megan;
Darin (Jamie) Ideker, Jenna, Ashly, Emma, Maggie, and Stephanie;
Sue (Bill) Schlessler, Hanna and Ty;

Siblings include Phyliss Buchner, Ruth Proksch, Delmer (Dorothy) Ideker, Arliss (David) Seymour, Kathy (David) Fitzpatrick, sister-in-law Jean Ideker, and brother-in-law James Wieland. Preceded in death by his parents, brother William Ideker, Brothers-in-law Virgil Buchner and William Proksch, sister-in-law Marta Wieland, father and mother-in-law Bill and Hanna Wieland.

Visitation will be held at Zion Evangelical Church in Brownsville from 4-7pm on Sunday, November 20th. Funeral will be held at 11 am on Monday November 21st with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Zion Evangelical Church
210 7th street
Brownsville, MN 55919

Visitation

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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210 7th street
Brownsville, MN 55919

Funeral Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to all the Ideker families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mary (Christen) Burbach*

Mary Burbach - November 20, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *I remember many happy hours playing cards at the Ideker kitchen table. Arnie was a great fan of Caledonia sports. When I played a little football for Caledonia, Arnie's voice came through cheering us all on. He was a good friend. John Winslow*

john winslow - November 19, 2022 at 10:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.*



November 19, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.*



November 19, 2022 at 06:52 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.*



November 18, 2022 at 04:36 PM



“ *Menomonie Head Start/Early Head Start purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.*



Menomonie Head Start/Early Head Start - November 18, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *Caledonia Volleyball purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.*



Caledonia Volleyball - November 18, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *I always had fun talking to my cousin Arnie when I came back to Brownsville. He was always full of fun. I will have happy memories of him. My thoughts are with you, Letha. Marian Miller Lowrey*

Marian Miller Lowrey - November 18, 2022 at 01:22 PM

JS

“ I have so many fond memories. Arnie was always happy and willing to share his happiness. My sympathy to the Ideker family.
Jane Schiltz

Jane Schiltz - November 18, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.*



November 18, 2022 at 12:06 PM

SU

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Ideker family.*
Susan (Dibley) Duerkop

Susan - November 18, 2022 at 10:42 AM

RK

“ *Our deepest sympathy for your family. May your memories help you through this time of sorrow now and in the days ahead.*
Phil and Rose Kramer

Rose and Phil Kramer - November 18, 2022 at 10:19 AM

CS

“ CESA 11 Board of Control and Staff purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.



CESA 11 Board of Control and Staff - November 18, 2022 at 10:14 AM

CS

“ CESA 11 Head Start & Early Head Start purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.



CESA 11 Head Start & Early Head Start - November 18, 2022 at 09:40 AM

MG

“ So sorry for your loss. Remember him as a happy person.

Marilyn Grob - November 18, 2022 at 09:39 AM

DS

“ Letha & family, what a life lived! Arnie left a great legacy touching a lot of lives in his 87 yrs. What a Warrior fan! Such a good person who deserves the best in his next life. RIP Arnie!

Dave & Wilma Schoh - November 17, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.*



November 17, 2022 at 08:27 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Ideker family. Very sorry for your loss.*

Duane Kinneberg - November 17, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.*



November 17, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*



Teresa MacLeod - November 17, 2022 at 12:58 PM

SM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Arnold's passing! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! My love to you! Sandra Meitrodt

sandra Meitrodt - November 17, 2022 at 12:10 PM

KW

“ Kelsey Werner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.



Kelsey Werner - November 17, 2022 at 10:59 AM

DW

“ Living and working on the Ideker farm was a big part of my life. I was a member of the family. Will miss the old boss. 87 years is a long life. Remember the memories, share the stories and laugh a lot! Love and peace to Letha and all the family.

Dean Wohlers - November 17, 2022 at 10:51 AM

SB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will always have fond memories of him. He is a great man. Susan and Matt Bauer

Susan Bauer - November 17, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.



November 17, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ Letha and family, so sorry for your loss, may comfort be found in the many beautiful memories!

Nola Skappel - November 16, 2022 at 10:44 PM



“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to you all ❤️ Maybe him and my dad are having a cold one together- may God be with you all during this time- cousin Sheri and family

sheri - November 16, 2022 at 07:27 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of ARNOLD "ARNIE" IDEKER.



November 16, 2022 at 07:25 PM