



## ERVIN "PINKIE" BARTH

June 24, 1925 - April 17, 2022

Ervin Russel Barth "Pinkie", age 96, passed away on Sunday, April 17th at the Buckley Assisted Living Apartments in Caledonia Minnesota. He was born on June 24th, 1925 in Preston Minnesota to Elmer Hennen Barth and Wilhelmina Augusta Barth.

Pinkie grew up seven miles SW of Preston Minnesota on the family farm. Pinkie enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1946 and served 2 years. He returned to Preston Minnesota in 1948 and started working on the farm.

Pinkie started working for the Filmore County Soil Conservation District and finally transferred to Houston County Soil Conservation Root River District until his retirement June 1990. He was a federal employee for 42 years.

Pinkie married Esther Irene Wheaton, "Bootie" and they had a wonderful journey of 56 years before she passed on April 18th, 2020. Everyone knew Bootie and Pinkie and they had a connection with everyone in Caledonia.

Pinkie just received his 50-year Mason pin and was a very active member. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 191 and the Caledonia Rod and Gun Club.

Pinkie is survived by nieces and nephews; Allyson Wheaton, Bethany

Wheaton, Joe Wheaton, Kathy Burton, Kristin Armstrong and John Johnson.

A service will be held at 11 am, Friday, May 20th, 2022, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 419 East Grove Street, Caledonia. Military honor will be performed at the church. Burial will take place, e at a later date in Evergreen Cemetery, Caledonia.

The family would like to thank Moment's Hospice, especially Aubrey, for their loving care of Pinkie.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
419 E Grove St  
Caledonia, MN 55921

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Our family sends condolences. I’m Dan Graff and I live in Rice Lake, Wi. I’m from LaCrosse and grew up across the street from Ervin’s Mom Willa, who was my great aunt. She was very close to my Grandmother Ruth, her sister. I remember going to visit Ervin and Bootie at their farm in my early days. I was intrigued by his chicken feather plucker, as my Dad, LeRoy and I cleaned chickens. I also enjoyed singing to Ervin and Bootie. They enjoyed visits to LaCrosse to grocery shop and stooped to visit my parents and more recently with my Mom Lola after Dad passed in 2006. They brought Mom eggs and she served coffee and cookies. I always enjoyed visiting with them when I was home and brought them fish. My Mom and I would like to attend the funeral and/or cemetery gathering if Moms health is good. I taught HS Biology for 31 years and enjoyed talking to Ervin about conservation projects. I’m on Facebook as Daniel Graff and would appreciate information on the cemetery date if you use messenger. Again, my Mom and I as well as my 5 siblings all send our condolences.

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**Daniel Graff** - April 22, 2022 at 09:55 PM

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*Daniel,  
Thank you for sharing your wonderful memories. Pinkie and Bootie touched so many lives. We would enjoy meeting you and visiting at Pinkies celebration of life.  
Immanuel Lutheran Church May 20, 11AM. Caledonia*

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**Kathy Burton** - April 25, 2022 at 04:06 PM

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“ I'm sure going to miss Pinky! He was such a sweet man. Always pleasant to talk to. Always brought a smile to my face.



Teresa MacLeod - April 22, 2022 at 11:24 AM

NM

“ ONE OF THE NICES PERSON I EVER MET AND ALSO DID BUSINESS WITH. NEIL MOREY

NEIL MOREY - April 21, 2022 at 11:09 PM

WW

I am wendell watts, Pinky's high school class mate. He called me a month ago. I wish that one of his neices or nephews would contact me. I have more to tell youj  
my email is wendellawatts@gmail.com  
\phone--320-217--2198--PLEASE

wendell watts - April 23, 2022 at 09:39 PM

KB

Wendell, I have sent you my contact information

Kathy Burton - April 25, 2022 at 04:10 PM