

Arthur Erfle, 92, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford, ND.

Arthur Erfle was born in a sod house near Chaseley, ND to David and Lizzie (Roller) Erfle on July 20, 1930. He grew up on the family farm, two miles west of Heaton and attended school there. During 1954 – 1956, Art served in the United States Army. He returned to Heaton to operate the farm.

On July 16, 1961 he was united in marriage to Janice Peterson of Minnewaukan. They farmed at Heaton until April 2000, when they moved to Carrington. They were snowbirds in Weslaco, TX for about 15 years. Art attended the Heaton Congregational Church and the Federated Church in Carrington. Art enjoyed going to the farm up until a month ago. Art's happiest times were trimming ditches with his 4440 John Deere tractor, working with his evergreen trees, and tinkering at the farm, fixing farm buildings. In 1988, he was awarded the Wells County Soil Conservation Award. In 2013, Art received the 2013 Conservation Achievement Award for the 77,841 feet of trees he nursed and maintained. Art started planting trees when he was 4 years old.

Janice passed away in 2004. Art enjoyed spending time with Charlotte Skiftun for about 15 years. He was blessed to spend quality time with his family and especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Steve (Mary Hoffner) Erfle, Heaton, ND, and Michael (Brenda) Erfle, Heaton, ND; two daughters, Lisa Balas, Las Vegas, NV, and Joni Erfle, Fargo, ND; grandchildren, Crystal Schmeets, Bismarck, ND, Jafrah Erfle with fiancé, Alex LaVoy, Fargo, ND, McCormick Erfle, Heaton, ND, Brittany Balas, Basehor, KS, and Delaney Erfle, Heaton, ND; his sister, Ruth Jensen, Surprise, AZ; former daughter-in-law, Lynn Erfle; and former son-in-law, Thomas Balas.

He is preceded in death by his wife; his parents; seven brothers, Lloyd, Nick, Roger, Arnold, David, Elmer and Fritz; and two sisters, Martha Burkhard and Irene Hennecke.

Pallbearers are the Erfle Farms employees, Leon Wright, Kelly Perleberg, Brent Schimelfenig, Dave Magnus, Eugene Cronje, Shawn Leiseth, Alex LaVoy, McCormick Erfle, who watched over Dad for many years.

We will all miss him very much and know he is in peace up in heaven.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Arthur "Art" Erfle

JULY 20, 1930 – JANUARY 8, 2023

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July 20, 1930 – Chaseley, ND
January 8, 2023 – New Rockford, ND

VISITATION & PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, January 12, 2023
Visitation 1:00PM - 7:00PM
Prayer Service 7:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, January 13, 2023
10:30AM
Federated Church UCC/UMC, Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING

Pastor Rick Loewen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Clara Edwardson ~ Organist
Lowell Rau ~ Vocalist

Congregational Hymns

The Old Rugged Cross #186
How Great Thou Art #4
God Will Take Care of You #47

PALLBEARERS

Leon Wright ~ Kelly Perleberg ~ Brent Schimelfenig ~ Dave Magnus
Eugene Cronje ~ Shawn Leiseth ~ Alex LaVoy ~ McCormick Erfle

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Art's Nieces & Nephews

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery, Carrington, ND

MILITARY HONORS

North Dakota Funeral Honors Team

JUST A FARMER

"Just a farmer," you said,
And I laughed 'cause I knew
All the things that farmers
Must be able to do.

They must study the land,
Then watch the sky
And figure just when
Is the right time and why.

To sow and to plant
To buy and to sell
To go to the market
With cattle and well -

You know the books
That farmers must keep
To pay all those taxes
And be able to sleep.

And you know the fixin'
That farmers must do
When machines like mad monsters
Break a gasket or two.

I guess when God needed
Folks to care for his earth
He chose "just farmers"
'Cause He knew their true worth.

-Helen G. Coon

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