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LESTER ERNIE ROCENE

March 10, 1911 – December 9, 2007



Lester Ernie Rocene died December 9, 2007 at the age of 96 years, 8 months, 29 days. He was born March 10, 1911 in Missoula, MT. Lester was the oldest of four children and the only son born to Ernest Julius & Helen Christine (Larson) Rocene. His parents had moved from the Little Falls, MN area to Missoula in 1909 where his father was a shoemaker.

Lester was 18 mos. old when he came back to the Little Falls area with his mother to attend the funeral of one of his uncles who had been accidentally shot and killed while hunting. Lester's father soon followed them back to MN where farming was the way of life. At age 17 Lester assumed much of the responsibility of the farm work when his father died & his grandfather was getting up in years. While living on the farm, Lester proved himself to be a skillful welder. He crafted a 4-wheel trailer which a neighbor noticed, liked and purchased. Lester then made many more trailers for sale. He also purchased an old truck which he converted into a tractor to use as he continued working the farm.

Lester married Myrtle Lucille Olson in Evansville, MN on October 23, 1937 and they purchased the farm from his grandfather in 1944. Their son Robert Allen Rocene was born March 28, 1945. They moved from the farm to Little Falls, Mn where they bought a house in 1956. Lester had many vocations while living in Little Falls. He worked as a carpenter, mixed cement for a bricklayer, also as an auto mechanic. Lester moved his family to Columbia Heights, MN in 1964. While living there, Lester was employed for 25 years in the Maintenance Department at the Bethany Home in Minneapolis. Lester moved into the Augustana Health Care Center of Minneapolis on October 31, 2007 where he died December 9, 2007.

He will be remembered as a faithful husband and father. A dedicated Christian and long time member of First Covenant Church in Minneapolis where he served as usher for many years. He was a man of many talents, an amazing carpenter and skilled wood craftsmen – an inherited Rocene family trait. He was a good cook who carried on in true Swedish tradition = you never left his home hungry. He had a sense of humor and a wonderful laugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Helen Rocene; his wife, Myrtle Rocene on August 9, 1994; one sister, Violet Miller, in April 2001.

He is survived by his son, Robert A. Rocene, of Augustana Apartments, Minneapolis; two sisters, Evelyn Johnson of CO. and Lorraine Hober of AZ.; several cousins, many nieces, nephews and dear friends.



~ VISITATION ~
Saturday, December 15, 2007, 11:30 AM

~ SERVICE ~
Saturday, December 15, 2007, 12:30 PM

Augustana Health Care Center Chapel
1007 East 14th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota
www.augustanacare.org/mpls-health.htm

~ INTERMENT ~
Mound Grove Cemetery
Evansville, Minnesota

~ MEMORIALS PREFERRED TO ~
Donor's choice