



Helmuth Henry Harms

March 23, 1932 - July 18, 2015

Helmuth Henry Harms, age 83, of Centralia, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2015, encircled by his loving family. Helmuth was born on March 23, 1932, in Good Thunder, Minnesota, the son of Ferdinand "Ferd" and Alma (Adermann) Harms. On August 16, 1958, he married Ruby Renken in Edwardsville, Illinois, and she survives him in Centralia. In addition to his wife, Helmuth is survived by one son, Steve Harms and wife Cindy of Warrenville, Illinois; one daughter, Lori Klosterman and husband Scott of Greenwood, Indiana; five grandchildren, Amanda Harms, Matthew Harms, Zachary Klosterman and fiancé Allicia Buchanan, Emily Klosterman and friend Thomas Kuntz, and Grace Klosterman; one brother, Roland Harms and wife Norma; two brothers-in-law, Ronald Matzke and Bruce Neubert; two sisters-in-law Delores Schwartz and Darlene Hellmann and husband Bernie; many loving and caring nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and former students. Helmuth was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Norman Harms and his wife, Lorna Harms; two sisters, Lorna Matzke and Violet Neubert; and one brother in law, Justin Schwartz. Helmuth was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Centralia, Illinois. He was a teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Edwardsville, Illinois, for eight years and met his wife there as they were both teachers. He then accepted a call to be the principal of Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia where he also taught 7th and 8th grade students for 36 years. He served as Scholar Bowl coach--even into his retirement years. He was a camp counselor at Piasa, was an ambassador at Kaskaskia

College after retirement, served as an election judge, was on the board for the Centralia Cultural Society, a member of Rotary and served as Rotary President for one year, he held office in the Southern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church, and he was a past president of the Spirited Seniors group at Trinity. He enjoyed playing card games with his friends and golfing--but most of all, he enjoyed his time with his family and friends. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 23rd, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia at 10:00 am with Pastor Mark Girardin and Pastor Perry Schefelker officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22nd, at the church, and from 9:00 am until 10:00 am at the church on Thursday morning. Interment will follow at Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville, Illinois, at 2:00 pm. Memorials can be made to Trinity Lutheran School, Centralia Cultural Society, Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, or the Kaskaskia College Veterans Tribute. Online condolences can be left at www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“*Sorry to hear of Mr. Harms passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family especially mrs. Harms. Carol Scheibe Kelso of his grade school class.*

July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“*Am glad we got to visit with you at the familyreunion in Mankato, Mn. Am sorry to hear of your passing. God be with you during this timeof sorrow. Beverley Vavra*

Beverley Vavra - July 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“*My thoughts and prayers are with the Harms family at this time. It is hard to say "farewell" to a loved one who is departing, but may the family members always enjoy their memories of HHH. I am so grateful for the opportunity he afforded me to attend Trinity Lutheran School my last two years prior to high school and for the lessons he taught me during those years. Being an educator may seem sometimes like a thankless job, but to Helmuth Harms I say, "Many, many thanks."*

Frank Ledbetter - July 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“*From the children and families of Emil Adermann our sympathies and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. It was a blessing for us to see all of you in Mankato, MN at the Harms family reunion. Take care.*

Lynn Hegrenes - July 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Harms family in their loss of a loved one. Reading the obit brought back many memories when we were members at Trinity Lutheran Church & School

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“ Mr Harms I want to tell you that I respected you. You were a person that I never questioned. I just knew that you were always right. Thank you for all you have done for my children while they were in your care. Enjoy heaven.

Candy Cary - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM