



Ernest O. Rufener

September 17, 1927 - May 3, 2016

Ernest O. Rufener, age 88, of Monroe, WI, passed away on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at Valley Park Assisted Living, Albany, WI. He was born on September 17, 1927 in Sylvester Township, Green County, the son of Jacob and Elise (Janzi) Rufener. His first marriage was to Mildred Sonstebly. She passed away in 1983. He then married Carol Gutweiler on May 1, 1993 in New Glarus, WI. Ernie was a hard worker and had farmed in the Green County area. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Monroe, WI. He loved playing cards, fishing in Canada, doing carpentry work, traveling, picking berries and cracking walnuts, and was an active member of Habitat for Humanity and just loved working. He always had to have chocolate covered peanuts! He is survived by his wife Carol, Monroe; a daughter, Beverly (Harry) Nehls, Oregon, WI; a son, Roger (Judy) Rufener, Monticello, WI; four grandchildren, Amanda (Mike) Heelein, Dennis, Mark and Brian Rufener; a great-granddaughter, Leah Heelein; stepchildren, Dean (Cindy) Morgan, Monroe, Mike (Cheryl) Morgan, Dover, MN, Steve Rufener, Monroe; step-grandson, Tony Lackey, Rochester, MN; siblings, Gertrude Voegeli, Monroe, Arnold (Gloria) Rufener, Belleville, WI, Erna Maske, Monroe, Emil (Joanne) Rufener, Monticello, Walt (Sandy) Rufener, Monroe; and sisters-in-law, Kathryn and Ardellis Rufener, both of Monroe; He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, brothers, Armin, Jacob, Erwin Rufener, and a sister, Alice Camenzind. Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at St. John's United Church of Christ, Monroe, with Rev. Todd Hackman

officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of services at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Valley Park Assisted Living, Albany, St. John's United Church of Christ, Monroe, Monroe Clinic Hospice, or Habitat for Humanity. The D.L. NEWCOMER FUNERAL HOME, BROADHEAD, WI, is assisting the family. A special thank you to Valley Park Assisted Living staff, Monroe Clinic Hospice and St. John's ministers.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ A candle was lit by Steve Rufener

on May 4, 2016 6:09 AM

Steve Rufener - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

KA

“ A candle was lit by Kristine Kehm Armitage

on May 4, 2016 8:15 AM

Kristine Kehm Armitage - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

BH

“ A candle was lit by Bev & Harry

on May 4, 2016 6:42 PM

Bev & Harry - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

RL

“ A candle was lit by Robert and Linda Lostetter

on May 4, 2016 6:47 PM

Robert and Linda Lostetter - May 10, 2021 at 11:07 AM

RL

“ We will always remember how hard working Ernie was. he was a good and generous man and was a help to anyone. He will be sadly missed.

Robert and Linda Lostetter - May 10, 2021 at 11:07 AM

RO

“ A candle was lit by Ron

on May 4, 2016 10:09 PM

Ron - May 10, 2021 at 11:07 AM

ES

“ A Pole Pothos Plant was ordered on May 5, 2016

Expression of Sympathy - May 10, 2021 at 11:07 AM

LH

“ We sure enjoyed Ernie for the short time we had with him. His smile just brightened up the room. He was such a sweet and kind man. He will be deeply missed by all of us at Valley Park!

LouAnn Harmel - May 10, 2021 at 11:07 AM

RK

“ A candle was lit by Richard and Grace Klingsporn

on May 5, 2016 2:33 PM

Richard and Grace Klingsporn - May 10, 2021 at 11:07 AM

ES

“ An AZALEA PLANT was ordered on May 6, 2016

Expression of Sympathy - May 10, 2021 at 11:07 AM

DM

“ A candle was lit by dean and cindy morgan

on May 16, 2016 5:40 PM

dean and cindy morgan - May 10, 2021 at 11:07 AM

C(

“ *A candle was lit by carol rufener (wife)*

on May 16, 2016 5:42 PM

carol rufener (wife) - May 10, 2021 at 11:07 AM

MB

“ *To the family of Ernest Rufener;
I am sorry for your loss and would like to share a comforting thought
from the Bible at John 5:28-29. Jesus promised that the dead will
live again on a cleansed paradise earth. Since the Bible is truth we
can trust this promise. May you be comforted by "the God of all
comfort."*

Sincerely; Your neighbor at Lake Summerset- Mary Booker

Mary Booker - May 10, 2021 at 11:07 AM