



Arnold W. Sunnarborg

January 28, 1933 - November 20, 2019

Arnold W. Sunnarborg, age 86, passed away peacefully on November 20, 2019 in Edina, MN. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, and is survived by his children: Renee (Tom) Kumpula of Elk River, MN; Arlan of Atlanta, GA; Rhonda of Minneapolis; Rachelle (Bruce) Rokala of Kimball, MN; Alden (Susan) of Myersville, MD; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; brothers Earl (Shirley) and Tom (Yvonne); sisters Shirley Myrmel and Kathy Ahlgren; as well as many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends. Preceded in death by brother Howard and sisters Dorothy and Verna.

Arnold was born in Cloquet, MN to the late Erland John and Impie Sunnarborg. Arnold was introduced to the craft of carpentry as a young boy working alongside his father, a master carpenter and custom cabinet builder. Arnold graduated from Cloquet High School in 1951. At the University of Minnesota-Duluth, he earned an undergraduate degree in Industrial Education in 1955; followed by a Masters degree in Education in 1964. Shortly after he began teaching, he was united in marriage to his lifelong sweetheart, Ruth. They were married for 60 years until Ruth's death in 2015. He taught industrial education for 37 years at Proctor High School and also taught courses for Potlach and DM&IR Railroad. He loved teaching – in and out of the classroom. He was a stickler for the economical use of materials, always eager to find the best way to get things done, and took pride in producing quality work.

Arnold was active in the church and community. He served on the Esko School Board, was a longtime Sunday School teacher and Board Member of the Esko Apostolic Lutheran Church, active in the Stonecroft Christian Couples' Club, a charter Board Member of Lutheran Bible Fellowship, a short-term missionary to Russia, was active in many other Christian groups, and member of the Esko Historical Society. He enjoyed fishing and outdoor activities, and relished trying new foods. He had a keen eye and outstanding fix-it skills. He loved a challenge, but to ensure the best outcome, he insisted that each new project begin with time for contemplation: "First, we have coffee."

VISITATION: 11 a.m. until the 12 noon Memorial Service on Friday, December 6th in the

Apostolic Lutheran Church, 25 Church Road, Esko. A luncheon will follow the Memorial Service. Private interment will be in the church cemetery. To sign the guest book and leave an online tribute, see www.atkinsnorthlandfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Apostolic Lutheran Cemetery

25 Church Rd

Esko, MN, 55733

Events

DEC **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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DEC **Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ So sorry about Uncle Arnie. Our thoughts are with you. We still remember our trip there and the wonderful visit over 10 years ago. Sorry to be so distant, and have not been able to visit as we would have liked over the years. You are always welcome if you come this way. Respectfully, David Hadley and family, Deborah, Matthew, and Christian

David Hadley nephew to Uncle Arnie - December 06 at 03:54 PM



“ We have beautiful memories of Uncle Arnie, and of Aunt Ruth. They left a legacy of love. They never let us forget we were their family too, and that meant so much to us all. Our heart felt sympathies to you all, you are in our prayers. And they will always be in our memories and an example to many.

With love and condolences
Harold and Pamela (Hadley) Morgan and family
David and Debbie Hadley and family
Stewart Hadley and family
Clarence Hadley and family

pamela Morgan - December 03 at 01:58 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Arnold W. Sunnarborg.



December 03 at 10:47 AM



“ With gratitude for the love of family and friends,
Love,
Arlan (Son, Atlanta)



Arlan Sunnarborg - December 02 at 02:39 PM



“ Stewart and I visited Arne on November 16 and had a lovely visit with Arne and Rhonda.
We viewed some pictures of the early beginnings of Bible Camp in our local congregation, at Chippewa Falls, WI. I loved Arne's smile and told him so. I'll bet he is smiling a lot now.
Joyce Tibbs

Joyce Tibbs - November 26 at 07:32 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Arnie's passing. Ruth, Arnie and the family were very important people in our lives living across the road for many years. I have many wonderful memories.

Dorothy Turnquist

Dorothy Turnquist - November 25 at 09:31 PM



“ Sue and I had a chance to visit Arnie and Ruth after attending a nieces wedding just months before her death. We had not seen them for several years as we live in Florida.
When we called to ask if we might stop by as we were on the way from Hibbing to Hayward, he said he would check with Ruth. When uncle Arnie came back on the phone he said "I talked with Ruth and there is nothing more important right now than to visit with Kurt and Sue. Our "half-hour" visit lasted for about 4 or 5 hours catching up and sharing trials and successes through our lives. God truly planned this visit knowing that it would be our last chance to see these two loved ones together. We got see uncle Arnie after he moved to Edina as well. We will truly miss one more member of the Sunnarborg clan and a true soldier for the Lord.

Kurt & Sue Myrme - November 25 at 03:26 PM



“ Mr. Sunnarborg was one of my first teachers who earned the respect of his students. All we had to do was be interested in the topic; learning "General Metals" was easy. I believe other students learned "the hard way" that metal-shop was not a good place to hone your class-clown skills. My bench grinder still operates just fine; it's 50 years old; I use it at least once per week. He was a great man.

Sam Talarico
PHS, Class of '71



“ He inspired me to always do the best, I still have all the projects the projects that were created in his class, each one has special memories.

Tony McKinnon
PHS 1981

Tony McKinnon - November 24 at 12:16 PM



“ Outstanding teacher. His teachings put me on the path I am on today. A true craftsman. His nick name was "Arnold Crankshaft" The story goes he made a new crankshaft for a old riding lawn mower he owned. I was impressed! He was a no nonsense teacher, and said he could measure the thickness of steel with his finger tips. He was always right. Thanks Mr Sunnarborg.

Jos Baker
PHS 1985

Joseph Baker - November 23 at 02:41 PM



“ My absolute favorite teacher. Huge influence in my making machinist work a big part of my career and hobby for life.

Richard Lindgren - November 23 at 01:12 PM