

Art Christiansen, 81
Sauk Rapids, MN
Dec. 1, 1935 - Nov. 25, 2017



Funeral services will be at p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sauk Rapids for Art Christiansen, age 81, of Sauk Rapids who passed away Saturday at the St. Cloud Hospital. Rev. David Hinz will officiate and burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Sauk Rapids with full military honors. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the church in Sauk Rapids. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Sauk Rapids.

Art was born Dec. 1, 1935, in Bemidji to Adolph and Tilda (Johnson) Christiansen. He grew up on the family farm in Bemidji and began working for Christiansen Construction. Art proudly served our country in the United States National Guard until his honorable discharge. He married Elizabeth Barthelemy on Aug. 1, 1959, at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Bemidji. He continued his career at Higgin's Sheet Metal, where he learned the metal fabricating trade. The couple moved to Sauk Rapids in 1960; Art was employed for over 40 years as a journeymen working his way up to foreman for McDowell Company until his retirement. Art laid to rest his beloved wife, Elizabeth, on Feb. 18, 2000. Art married Maurine Sebenaler on March 18, 2008. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church; Art walked strongly in his faith and profoundly

proud of his Lutheran baptism. Art was a lifetime member of the Sauk Rapids American Legion Post No. 254; he was extremely active in the color guard and took great pride in providing honors to fellow veterans. Art was also a member of the 40&8 and the Moose Lodge 1300 Waite Park. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting, camping, playing cards (500 and Cribbage) and cooking especially at the Bemidji Fish Fry Crew and lead chef for the legion steak fries. He also enjoyed his camper on Morning Star Resort on Rice Lake, trips to the casino, and travels with family and friends. Art will be best remembered as kind, gentle, generous, soft hearted, and he wore his emotions on his sleeve. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Art is survived by his wife, Maurine of Sauk Rapids; children, Todd (Michelle) of Sartell, Felicia (John) Brezinka of Clear Lake, Linette (Rudley) Rau of Rice, Colette (Doug) Dunlap of Sauk Rapids; step-children, Duane (Vickie) Sebenaler of St. Hilaire, Tim Sebenaler of Jordan, Shirley (Dan) Jolly of Mentor, Shawn (Laurie) Sebenaler of McIntosh, Michelle (Roger Hiller) Sebenaler of Bemidji, Jeffrey (Andrea) Sebenaler of Chanhassen; siblings, Hilma Blair of Bemidji, Melvin (Delores) Christiansen of Bemidji, Eileen Wagner of Bemidji, Eleanor (Jack) Owen of Baxter, Richard (Jan) Christiansen of Bemidji; grandchildren, Ashley and Nicole Christiansen, Danae Elizabeth, Ross, Robert, and Alix Marie Brezinka, Lillie and Chase Rau, Travis and Amber Dunlap; and many step grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Elizabeth; siblings, Wallace, Rudolph, Albin, Roy, Donald; and beloved four-legged friend, Buck.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Sauk Rapids American Legion Post No. 254 Color Guard.

Obituary, guestbook and video tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com.