

Ervin Reuther – BS 1958 Pharmacy

Resident of Baxter, MN

Ervin A. Reuther, of Brainerd, died on Monday, November 21, 2022 surrounded by his family after a full and rich life of 90 years.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa. Family and friends are invited to gather at 10am with the service at 11am and luncheon to follow.

Ervin was born to Ludwig and Katarina (Bendewald) Reuther in Fredonia, ND on December 14th, 1931. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1950 and then joined the Air Force where he was stationed in Germany as a weatherman (1950-54).

He benefited from the GI Bill and attended the School of Pharmacy at NDSU in Fargo, ND, graduating in 1958, and had a long and successful career as a pharmacist. He was president of both the North Dakota State Pharmacy Association and the State Board of Pharmacy in ND.

In 1959, Ervin met Sandra Van Ornum. They married in 1960 and shared 62 years together. Ervin enjoyed 30 years as the owner and pharmacist of Langdon Rexall Drug in Langdon, ND and was an active member in the community. He was a Langdon City Commissioner for 8 years, president of the Chamber of Commerce, President of JC's, board member of Cavalier County Memorial Hospital and board member of the local bank. He looked forward to monthly lunches with his downtown business friends---fondly known as SLABR.

25 years ago, Ervin and Sandra retired to Breezy Point, MN where he experienced lake life with joy. Family and friends visited often enjoying the fruits of his labor including pickled beets, cucumbers, red raspberry jam and the zinnia gardens. Ervin was a golfer and member of the local investment and garden clubs. He was also an active volunteer. He helped seniors access Medicare supplemental insurance as part of the Senior Linkage Line. He worked for several years with one of his favorite non-profit organizations, Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity, where he was also a board member and Vice President.

He was honored as the Crow Wing County Senior Citizen of the year for his volunteer work. Ervin is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sandra; three children, Becky (Brian) Twamley, Cindy (Paula Goldade) Reuther, Kevin (Gerry Tyrrell) Reuther; grandchildren, Erin (Adam Grizzle) Twamley, Morgan (Adwoa Afreh) Twamley, Dylan and Ada Leavitt-Phibbs, and Frances, Aristotle and Cooper Pappajohn-Goldade; great-grandchildren, Ella and Noah Grizzle; and many other family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his five siblings.

Ervin was well loved, and we will miss him dearly. In lieu of flowers the family invites donations to Erv's favorite charities, including Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity, Lakes Area Music Festival, and WeARE-The Clinic. <https://www.lakesareahabitat.org> <https://lakesareamusic.org> <https://www.wearebrainerd.org> Arrangements are with the Nelson-Doran Funeral Home, Brainerd. The service will be livestreamed.