

"Grandpa Roger" was a dearly loved and irreplaceable person in the lives of his family, who cannot put into words how much he will be missed. A kind, gentle soul who always put others first, he is cherished beyond measure as one who loved being with his family at the cabin, golfing with his grandkids, and reading stories to his great-grandchildren.

In Maple Lake Roger served as the Superintendent of Schools for 26 years. He was a leader in the community as well as the school system, serving in the Lions Club and other civic and church activities. He graduated from Mankato State, where Roger met Mary Ann (Mitzi) Dickmeyer of Fairfax, his wife of 60 years. Roger's career in education also included being a physical education teacher, history teacher, football coach and school bus driver, and Principal at both Hackensack and Eden Valley schools.

Roger William Riesgraf was born in Carver, Minnesota to Mathias J. and Mary C. (Dietz) Riesgraf. A farm boy, he graduated from Chaska High School, and was named to the All-Conference team in football and was voted Most Valuable Player on the baseball team three consecutive seasons at Mankato State. When WWII broke out, he enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the 788th Amphibian Tractor Battalion. His unit landed soldiers for the first wave invasions of Leyte and Okinawa. He served with distinction and was discharged as a Technician Five with three overseas service bars.

Roger is survived by his children William of Maple Lake, Elizabeth Riesgraf-Wyman, M.D. (Dick Wyman) of St. Cloud, Patrice (Len) Curtiss of Grand Rapids, Robert (Mary) of Becker, Susan (Dave) Anderson of Maple Grove and Jennifer (Steve) Eichten of Mounds View; twelve grandchildren Jason, Sarah, Anne, Robert, Daniel, Joseph, Matthew, Christopher, Ellen, Steven, Carlene and Andrew; eleven great grandchildren Zachary, Julia, Mary, Luke, Eve, Henry, Ellie, Elias, Benjamin, Abigail and Esther; brother Matt (Margo) of New Brighton; and sister-in-law Emmy of Portage, MI. He is preceded in death by his parents Mathias and Mary Riesgraf; wife Mitzi on June 18, 2010; sister Marion Lano; brothers Jim, Robert and Francis; and a still born sister.

Obituary, Guestbook & Video Tribute
online at www.dingmannfuneral.com



In Loving Memory
Roger W. Riesgraf
January 29, 1924 - August 28, 2016

The Prayer

*I pray you'll be our eyes
And watch us where we go.
And help us to be wise
In times when we don't know.*

*When we lose our way
Help us find your light
And hold it in our hearts
When stars go out at night.*

*Let this be Roger's prayer
Guide him with your grace
Reach him with your hand
And take him to your place.*

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Mass of Christian Burial
10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 1, 2016
St. Timothy Catholic Church
Maple Lake, Minnesota
Officiating: Fr. John Meyer
Musicians: Marge Pavlik, Sarah Goelz,
Krista Elsenpeter Tarbox and
St. Timothy's Resurrection Choir
Lectors: Sarah Sprengeler and Annie Gucinski
Gift Bearers: Carly Eichten and Ellen Anderson

Final Resting Place
St. Timothy's Catholic Cemetery
Maple Lake, Minnesota

Pallbearers
Dan Curtiss, Joe Curtiss, Matt Riesgraf,
Chris Riesgraf, Robert Wyman, Steve Anderson,
Andrew Eichten and Jason Wyman

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Funeral Care
Burial & Cremation Services 