



Ernst A. Groth

January 25, 1929 - July 12, 2023

Ernst A. Groth (Ernie), age 94, went home to his Lord and Savior on July 12, 2023. Born to August and Julianna (Kogelmann) on January 25, 1929 in Milwaukee, WI. He attended St. Marcus Lutheran Grade School and graduated from Milwaukee Lutheran High School, earning his tuition by delivering newspapers. He was actively involved in Junior Achievement. He proudly served his country during the Korean War in the United States Navy. Stationed at Pearl Harbor, HI, he served as an ammunition clerk. During this time he met the love of his life, Patricia (Bernard), whom he married 70 years ago on June 20, 1953 in Honolulu.

After his naval discharge in 1954, Ernie convinced Pat to move with their infant daughter Linda to Wisconsin telling her that Lake Michigan was just like Waikiki Beach! Ernie worked in sales with Standard Oil Company and DX, and eventually moved into middle management at Modine Manufacturing and the international sales department with J.I. Case.

Faith, family and a strong work ethic characterized Ernie's life. As an active member for over 30 years at Trinity Lutheran Church in Racine, he served as Sunday School Superintendent, Treasurer and on various boards, including Racine Lutheran High School. In recent years, he was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Oak Creek. Additionally, Ernie participated in the Mantle Club, Kiwanis and the VFW. Other interests included photography, reading and spending time outdoors.

In 1989 Ernie and Pat fulfilled a dream of returning to Hawaii and lived there

10 years, where he worked in building maintenance. Upon retirement, the couple moved to Venice, Florida, and became snowbirds between Florida and Wautoma, Wisconsin. Declining health and the desire to be closer to family prompted their return to Wisconsin in 2019. In his final years, Ernie resided at the Veterans Home in Union Grove, where he received compassionate care. Ernie is survived by his loving wife, Patricia; children: Linda, Diane (Bill) Leon, Robert (Peggy), and Gloria (David) Compton; grandchildren: Matthew (Brooke), Joshua (Lauren), Melissa, Nicholas, Colin (Mara), Nathaniel (Jordan), Mitchell and Daniel; step-grandchildren: Stacy (Tam), Kristin (Dave) and Sarah (Nathan). He is further survived by 14 great-grandchildren, soon to be 15 in September, as well as other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Henry.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church, 3381 E. Puetz Road, Oak Creek at 11:00 am with visitation from 9:30 am until the time of the service. Interment will take place at Valhalla Cemetery, 5402 N. 91st Street, Milwaukee at 2:30 pm.

Memorials may be directed to Grace Lutheran Church-Oak Creek; Trinity Lutheran Church-Racine, or Racine Lutheran High School.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Veterans Home in Union Grove for their kindness and care.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Cemetery

Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
3381 E. Puetz Road
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Oak Creek, WI 53154

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernst A. Groth*



Sturino Funeral Home - July 18, 2023 at 01:02 PM

LG

Wonderful tribute to dad!

Linda Groth - July 19, 2023 at 02:43 AM

SW

This tribute video is precious, so many wonderful memories. Ernie will be missed but one day we will all be rejoicing together. Thank you, Jesus for making that possible.

sandy and Bill Woods - July 19, 2023 at 04:30 PM

JP

Beautiful video !!! May your joy of sweet memories outweigh your grief. Sending love to the Groth family.

Jennefer Porterfield - July 19, 2023 at 08:33 PM

CT

Beautiful tribute. Now he has wings of gold. Bless you Linda

Cynthia Tiwater - July 19, 2023 at 10:19 PM

SM

So precious. Your dad is in heaven I know you'll miss him. I only met him once. Condolences to you Linda and your family. May you have peace through the days ahead. God bless you all 🙏🙏🙏

Susan Hansen Maxwell - July 21, 2023 at 08:44 AM

LG

“ Miss you so much, Dad. But you no longer are bed ridden. I can only imagine what you are experiencing in heaven. In God's time I will find out myself! Thanks for all the precious memories though the years. You were committed to God, family, country, and work. The path wasn't always smooth or easy; but God always brought you through. Of course with the German heritage we had a battle of the minds and wills, especially during my teen years!! I will never forget the traumatic experience of my first driving lesson with you! Thanks to a BLUE BLOODS episode 50 years later I could finally share that experience with you!! Even though you were a stoic German, you had a sensitive heart. You remembered dates many men forget. You gave little gifts. You reminded me of my confirmation date (4/7/68!)
We had fun as a family going up North traveling to Hawaii, Michigan, etc. We had a super family time in Florida as a family over the holidays in 2000. You were always present for school programs and events. We had so many celebrations. It was hard seeing you get confined to bed for the most part the last 3 years of your life, but I treasured the visits. You can rejoice all your children know the Lord. I know you pray all your family will walk in God's ways. Looking forward to a grand reunion in heave. Love you Dad!

Linda Groth - July 21, 2023 at 01:19 PM

MS

Hi Linda,

My condolences to you and your entire family.

*Please share this with Mrs. Pat for me. I am Marjorie.
She and I shared the same work space at St. Frances.*

Mrs Pat you, Mr. Ernie, and your entire family has been on my heart for the past 6 years or so. Every year since you retired from St.Frances and moved back to the mainland I would always await your beautiful Christmas letters of everything that had happened since the prior Christmas. I enjoyed every single letter. You and Mr. Ernie shared your family with us and for that I am truly grateful. The year that I didn't get one by the normal date I sent one to you and I was heartbroken thinking that something happened to you and Earnie. I always included you two in my prayers. Recently I asked Sue Watts when the last time she had had any contact with you and it was the last time as mine.

Today, 10/9/23, you and Mr. Ernie was very heavy on my heart so I started a Google search to locate you. I am devistated to hear of Mr. Ernie's passing. Please know that your entire family is in my prayers. Mr. Ernie rest in heaven.

Mrs Pat I truly enjoyed being your co-worker. You brought a lot of joy into the office. I truly loved every family memory that you shared with us. Your retirement party was bittersweet. I truly miss you and praying for you and your family. Marjorie Sims (bronze1010@aol.com)

Marjorie Sims - October 09, 2023 at 03:25 PM

LG

Dear Marjorie. This is Linda Groth, Pat and Ernie's oldest child. I just read your lovely tribute. When I am in Wis. I will read it to mom. She is at Parkview Gardens Assisted Living since 2020. Mom has dementia. She still has the same sweet spirit but can't recall a lot of events and people. I will send an email to you with my address and phone. Even today mom asks where dad is and can't grasp that he died 3 months ago. I will be sure you get her 2023 newsletter and look for copies if past ones. My phone is 940 733 8884. Feel free to call. Thanks again for your kind words and prayers. Aloha, Linda Groth, Euless, TX

Linda Groth - October 15, 2023 at 01:52 AM



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Sturino Funeral Home - July 18, 2023 at 12:56 PM



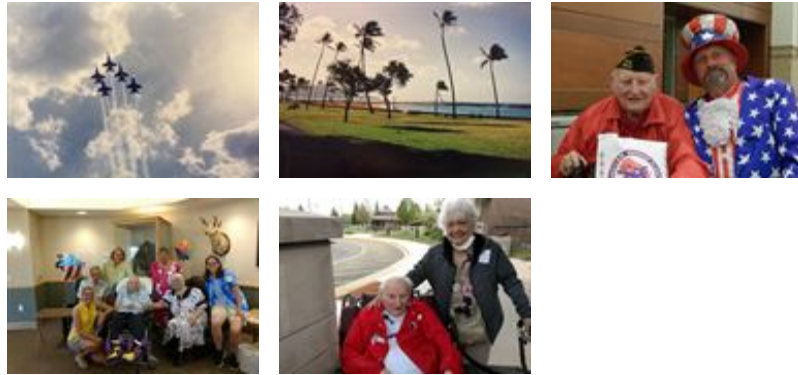
“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Ernst A. Groth.



July 18, 2023 at 10:50 AM



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Sturino Funeral Home - July 18, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernst A. Groth.



July 17, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Ernst A. Groth.



July 15, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ Linda J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernst A. Groth.

Linda J. - July 15, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ We remember meeting Ernst and Pat at their home for Thanksgiving in 2008 and were made so welcome.

Julia and Chris Davey - July 15, 2023 at 05:25 AM



We are so thankful for your friendship Julia and Chris! So many precious memories in Florida with you.

Linda Groth - July 15, 2023 at 10:23 AM