



John Clement Ruelle

June 5, 1927 - January 8, 2019

John Clement Ruelle, age 91 years young, passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at his home in International Falls, MN.

He was born the 9th child out of 13, on Sunday, June 5, 1927, to parents George Sr. and Bertha (Sabourin) Ruelle in International Falls.

John attended grade school at St. Thomas Catholic School. He left high school at the age of 17 and enlisted to serve his country in the US Navy Reserve for 14 months. He was assigned to the USS Appalachian. The ship docked in Hawaii, and was one of the first ships to dock at Hiroshima and Nagasaki after the atomic bombing. He traveled through the Panama Canal and was honorably discharged as a Carpenter's Mate Third Class on August 10, 1946. John returned home to finish his schooling and graduated from Falls Senior High School on June 5, 1947, having the honor of being Class President.

John married his high school sweetheart Lorraine Tomczak at St. Thomas Catholic Church on June 19, 1948. They were blessed with three daughters.

In his early teenage years he spent time working/living at his parents' as well as the Earley farm. After high school John worked as a cabinet maker, and later in life used his skills to build cabinets at their cabin in Kabetogama. At the young age of 16 he began his employment with the Mando paper mill. After several years he joined the maintenance department and worked his way up the ranks to become the Insulite Division's Maintenance Superintendent. He served as the Fire Chief for the Insulite/Paper Mill/Vinyl Bond complexes. John retired in 1985 with 43 years of service.

John and Lorraine spent many winter's traveling around the United States and spending summers at their lake cabin in Kabetogama. For many years they square danced, attending conventions across Minnesota. He enjoyed being outdoors, deer hunting, fishing and picking blueberries. John definitely had a green thumb by planting a garden and flowers at his cabin in Kabetogama. Carpentry and woodworking were a few of his many

talents building a screen house himself at the lake just last year. He was an excellent bowler, golfer, and loved playing and watching sports. The game of football was his passion. His greatest joy was being "Papa John" to his great-grandchildren and spending time with his growing family.

John was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Lorraine Tomczak; infant son; his parents, George and Bertha; brothers Clarence, Roland, Robert, George Jr., and Richard; sisters Cecile, Mildred, Jeannette, Mary Jane, Jean and Marge.

He is survived by his daughters Lynelle (Art) Shannon, Lynette (Bob) Rousseau, and Mary (Tim) Mathews; Grandchildren Tim (Erin) Rousseau, Robby (Abby) Rousseau, Ricky Rousseau, Kimberly (Wes Hendrickson) Shannon, Adam Mathews, Eric Mathews; Great-grandchildren Pacey (Steven Donaubauer), Matthew, Parker, Emily, Payten, Kayloni, Presley, Hannah, Maci, and Alexander; Great-great grandchild due in July; sister Marlene (Eugene) Skoglund and close friend Donna Holden.

A Funeral Mass of the Resurrection will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 15, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, January 14, at Green-Larsen Mortuary, with Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Interment will be at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery.

Cemetery

St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery

International Falls, MN,
MN,

Events

JAN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Green Larsen Mortuary

517 Fourth Street P.O. Box 154, International Falls, MN,
US, 56649

JAN **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Thomas Catholic Church

810 5th Street, International Falls, MN, US, 56649

Comments



“ My deepest condolences on the loss of your father—a kind, gentle man with a great sense of humor. May your many warm memories give you comfort. Trudy

trudy rautio - January 21, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ Paula Valentine lit a candle in memory of John Clement Ruelle



Paula Valentine - January 14, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ I'm so sorry for our families loss. I will always remember Uncle John's wonderful smile and his kindness.

Gary Tromblee - January 14, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ Remembering our Gentle kind sweet Uncle John. Who's smile will always be remembered.

mona hogy - January 13, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Clement Ruelle.



January 13, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Clement Ruelle.



January 12, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ John was always very kind and respectful when I worked with him in the office at Boise. He had a great smile and good sense of humor. It is nice to see he enjoyed a long life but I'm sure his daughters will miss him greatly. My sympathy to the family.

Patti Marble - January 11, 2019 at 11:42 PM



“ Donna Holden purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Clement Ruelle.



Donna Holden - January 11, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ So sorry to hear of John's passing my thoughts and prayers are with all the family



Darlene tomczak - January 10, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Clement Ruelle.



January 10, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ Rest in peace dear sir. Always a gentle caring soul with an infectious smile and a twinkle in his eye. John was a remarkable going concern; always on the go doing. Thinking of the joyous reunion there must be in heaven with Lorraine and all your family and loved ones there. You will be missed John. Blessings and hugs to your girls and family.



MICHAEL E Thiele - January 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ Wendy Ginter sent a virtual gift in memory of John Clement Ruelle



Wendy Ginter - January 09, 2019 at 10:36 PM



“ To the Ruelle family,
When I first started in the mill, I remember John as a sweet, happy man, always. May
he Rest In Peace!



Robbie Leerssen - January 09, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ We are sad to lose our great next-door neighbor at the lake. What a nice gentleman he was
-- never too busy to stop and chat and always willing to share much appreciated advice on
lake life. We will miss John very much and send our deepest sympathy to his family for
their loss.

Marcia and John Ryan - January 15, 2019 at 04:53 PM