



## Earl H. Grupe

March 18, 1935 - November 2, 2020

Earl Grupe a humble man of integrity and faith was born into eternal life at age 85 on November 2, 2020. He was surrounded by his wife and family at home as he passed peacefully into his Savior's arms.

Earl was born at Memorial Hospital in Sheboygan, WI on March 18, 1935 to the late Herbert and Mabel (Hetzl) Grupe. He grew up on the family farm in Cleveland, WI, attended a one room school and then graduated from Central High School in Sheboygan in 1953. He enlisted in the army and served from 1954-1956. He met the love of his life Carol Luedtke in the summer of 1958 in Manitowoc, WI. On September 24, 1960 they married and began a life of love, family and happiness. Earl graduated from U.W. Whitewater in 1960 with a B.S. accounting and economics. He then became part of the public accounting firm of Fontaine, McCurdy (now Arthur Anderson). He spent the rest of his career at the Ph. Orth Co. helping it to grow as Chief Financial Officer. He was genuinely liked by so many because he took the time to talk with people and listen to them.

Earl is survived by his loving wife of 60 years Carol of Woodruff, WI. Earl and Carol have two great children. Lori Kiser and her wonderful husband Mark who moved to Woodruff from Omaha to be Earl and Carol's caregivers. John Grupe and his terrific wife Tanya live in Wausau, WI. Earl was blessed with five grandchildren whom he loved and they adored him. Adam Kiser (Bex) of Kansas City, MO, Caleb Kiser (Taylor) of Seattle, WA, Daniel Kiser (Brenna) of Omaha, NE, Jerel Grupe of Wauwatosa, WI, and Kayla MacIntyre (James) of

Virginia Beach, VA. Two great granddaughters Kahlia MacIntyre and Kieava Kiser put the twinkle in his eye every time they visited. Two brothers Vernon (Carol) Grupe and Clarence (Betty) Grupe preceded him in death. Two sisters Caroline Wieland (Adolf Koncilja) and Joyce Lulloff (Frank) survive him as do numerous nieces and nephews.

Earl was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Oak Creek, WI and Peace Lutheran Church in Arbor Vitae, WI serving as elder and leader in both congregations. He was also an active member of Mitchell Field Rotary in Milwaukee for many years.

He loved to hunt pheasants and to fish. That muskie on the wall was showed off a lot! He also enjoyed travel around the world with Carol and good friends. A travel highlight was a 50th anniversary cruise to Alaska with his children and grandchildren.

Earl gladly and selflessly served his community and church and cherished his time together with family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Special thanks is given to the caring members of the Ascension Hospice team. We could not have taken care of him without each of you.

There will be a memorial service at Peace Lutheran Church, Arbor Vitae, WI on Saturday, November 14 at 11:00 a.m. Due to concerns from the COVID pandemic only immediate family will attend but the service will be live streamed for those who wish to view it. The web address for the service is <https://youtu.be/c3HU-Wcg7Q0>

There will also be a graveside interment service at the Kassa Cemetery, Cleveland, WI at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 3, 2021 followed by a lunch at St. John St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland, WI.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be given to Lutheran World Relief or Alzheimer's Association.

## Cemetery Details

### **Kassa Cemetery**

Cleveland, WI

## Previous Events

### **Live Streamed Memorial Service**

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

<https://youtu.be/c3HU-Wcg7Q0>

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Carol and family, my deepest sympathy to all of you. Mr. Grupe was my boss at Ph. Orth many years ago. He was one of the best, so kind and just a very genuine person. I have some wonderful memories from those years back at Orth. Thinking of you. Marjory Betchkal

Marjory Betchkal - November 16, 2020 at 05:56 AM

MB

“ Carol and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Grupe's passing. He was my boss at Ph. Orth, he was the best boss I have ever had. I have so many wonderful memories of him. May god comfort you at this time. Marjory Betchkal



Marjory Betchkal - November 14, 2020 at 01:06 PM

LS

“ Dear Grupe Family,  
Our sincerest sympathy on the passing of Mr. Grupe. We fondly remember our kind, gentle and smiling Delta Place neighbor. My God bring comfort to all of you as you grieve.  
The Block Girls: Linda Block Schulman, Donna Block Schmidt and Leslie Block Schweitzer

Leslie Schweitzer - November 09, 2020 at 08:37 AM

TH

“ Carol and family. I am saddened to read of Earl's death. My contact with him was infrequent. We were students together at Whitewater, sharing many of the same classes (it was small place then). My last contact with you both was the 50th Class Reunion. Janet and I shared a table with you, Dave Anderson and his wife and others. It was great to renew a friendship from so many years ago and to hear of things that have happened since. I recall he started working in Milwaukee at a small CPA firm, then on to a modular home builder in Pt Washington and then to a very successful career at Ph Orth.

*I found Earl to be so easy to talk with and know that he had to be fantastic husband and father. I wish I had maintained contact all these years.*

*Janet and I offer our sincere condolences to you and to your family  
Tom & Janet Hamilton*

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**Tom Hamilton** - November 08, 2020 at 08:48 PM

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“ On behalf of everyone here at the Alzheimer's Association - thank you so much for thinking of us at this time of loss to your family. Memorial donations made in Earl's name will be put to immediate use serving families and supporting research. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Dave Grams. Executive Director*

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**Alzheimer's Association WI Chapter** - November 07, 2020 at 02:09 PM

JK

“ *Dear Carol & Family,  
We are deeply saddened by Earl's passing. He was as true child of God and was loved by all who's lives he touched. He loved his family and so proud of them all. He was a dear friend and will be missed. But now he rests in perfect peace with his Lord and Savior. With deepest sympathy and love, Jack & Diane Kaczowski*

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**Jack Kaczowski** - November 05, 2020 at 09:32 AM

DE

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Dennis** - November 04, 2020 at 07:37 PM

JS

“ *We wish to send our deepest sympathy to the Grupe family. One of our favorite memories of Earl was in March 2012 when we took him snowmobiling. He was such a good sport that day! Earl was always fun to talk to and a gentle soul. We ended the weekend by celebrating his birthday with his favorite angel food cake with sprinkles.*

*Love and prayers,  
John and Lori Sheehy*



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**John and Lori Sheehy** - November 04, 2020 at 12:37 AM