



Per Erik Lindstrom

October 11, 1927 - October 25, 2017

PER ERIK LINDSTROM, age 90, October 11, 1927- October 25, 2017. Born in Tenala, Finland, he was the youngest of Isak Edvard and Linnea Lindstrom's ten children. He is survived by Alice, his wife of 62 years, and two daughters, Nancy Cantrell (Bill) and Laura Snell (Woody) and granddaughters Hayley Cantrell and Lauryn Cantrell. He is preceded in death by his only grandson, Ryan Cantrell.

He is also survived by many nieces and nephews in the U.S., Finland and Sweden. Known by many as Pelle, Perus, Erkki, and Per, he was also known as "Pap" by good friends and neighbors Terri Bowie and Hannah Bowie-Bird.

Erik came to America in 1951 as a master machinist, having served in the Finnish army. He also served two years in the American army before becoming a U.S. citizen on May 11, 1954. He then worked for several companies, including AMF before establishing Saunas by Erkki which he ran for over 50 years, designing/building hundreds of saunas, most notably the sauna in the Embassy of Finland, Washington, D.C.

He was a founding member the Finlandia Foundation, National Chapter, as well as the Port Tobacco River Conservancy. He was also an active in the First Baptist Church of Welcome for almost 25 years, especially known for his singing "Silent Night" in Swedish at Christmastime, his beautiful woodwork

and his service as an usher.

Erik will be missed by his family, including his church family as well as his many other friends and clients.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on October 29, 2017 at the First Baptist Church of Welcome, 6735 Port Tobacco Road, Welcome, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, please remember him by giving to the First Baptist Church of Welcome, P.O. Box 107, 6735 Port Tobacco Road, Welcome, Maryland, 20693 or to his favorite charity, "Christmas Shoe Box, Operation Christmas Child" in care of the First Baptist Church of Welcome at the same address as above.

Erik was in an orphanage in Finland from five to fifteen years of age and had a special place in his heart for making sure that children get something for Christmas because he did not.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Welcome
6735 Port Tobacco Road
Welcome, MD 20693

Tribute Wall



“ *Per Erik Lindstrom*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Per Erik Lindstrom*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Lindstrom, Nancy, Laura, Hayley, and Lauryn: I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Lindstrom -- husband, father, and grandfather -- to my dear friends. Please know that whenever someone passes through the Gates of Heaven, they are never truly gone. They live on in the hearts and memories of those who love them. I know Mr. Lindstrom was most truly loved by his family and friends. He lived a life to be proud of. Please accept my sympathy.*

Kathy Wrenn - October 28, 2017 at 05:39 PM



“ *Alice, Nancy and Laura, we are so sorry for your loss. Eric was a wonderful man. He had a sad childhood, but having you, Alice for his wife, and his daughters Nancy and Laura, I'm sure he had a happy adulthood. We just want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love to you all, Rudy and Juanita Tarlosky*

Rudy and Juanita Tarlosky - October 28, 2017 at 02:42 PM

DK

“ Some of my best high school memories include time spent with your family. Erik Lindstrom was one of the kindest people I ever knew. He so loved his family and always made me feel like one of them. He and I had a running joke, no matter how much time lapsed between visits, that grits should be eaten with cream and sugar (the way he liked them) and not with butter and salt and pepper (the way I like them). He nicknamed me “The Grits Kid” way back in 1973 and that is how he always greeted me. I will never forget him. I am so sorry for your loss.

Love always,
Debi Kisendaffer

Debi Kisendaffer - October 27, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ God Bless you Erik. We used to live down the road from you and Alice (Harbor Dr in Port Tobacco). You were always friendly and very pleasant to talk to and know. May God bring you rest and comfort to your family.

Chris and Pete Ritzcovan
formerly of Port Tobacco

c - October 27, 2017 at 09:46 AM



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Raymond Funeral Service, PA - October 26, 2017 at 04:18 PM



“ Alice

Don and I were saddened to hear of Erik's passing. We have many fond memories of you and Erik, especially during our "fight" to keep OTB out of Port Tobacco. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Shyrl Burtchette - October 25, 2017 at 09:16 PM