



Everett "Ev" E. Eckstein

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His Lord said unto him, "Well done my good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things; enter into the joy of your Lord."

Everett Edwin Eckstein, a long-time resident of Waushara County, went to be with his Lord on August 25, 2025. Everett, son of Lewis H.C. Eckstein and Patricia Jane (Ray) Eckstein, was born September 14, 1942 in Neenah, WI. He grew up on the family farm as the second of six children. He graduated from Winneconne High School. Everett helped run the farm before going to school to study Conservation at the University of Stevens Point.

Everett met his future wife, Carol Ellen Carley by way of his best friend (her cousin) in 1961. They were married on May 2, 1964. He worked for the WI. Conservation Fisheries Dept. in Oshkosh for 3 years. Everett transferred to the DNR Fish Hatchery in Wild Rose in 1967. They purchased property north of Wild Rose and designed-built their own home, with the help of Carol's father, Arden.

Everett and Carol enjoyed 61 years of marriage and were blessed with two sons, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Always an active conservationist, Everett enjoyed his job working for the WI DNR for several years before he left to pursue his dream of becoming a full-time artist. Ev combined his love of conservation with his talents as a wood carver and created life-like ducks and songbirds which he carved, and Carol painted. They would sell at art shows throughout the Midwest. His love of conservation and the outdoors included hunting and fishing where he was able to pass along his love to his children. Hunting trips were taken to several western states and bear hunting and fishing in Canada, which Carol also participated.

He enjoyed distance running and was active in a local running club. He ran twelve



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marathons, countless half-marathons, and later coached the Wild Rose HS Cross-Country Teams. By good fortune, he ran in the 100th Boston Marathon in 1996, when his name was drawn from hundreds of applicants.

Everett had a strong sense of civic duty. He served the Town of Springwater for 34 years as Town Board Chairman and was a Waushara County Board Supervisor for 32 years. He also participated in the local Kiwanis club.

During this period, the Town of Springwater built the "Springwater Volunteer Covered Bridge" over the Pine River (west of Saxeville). He was the last surviving member of the original team of six men, who started building the bridge trusses. Everett was a Master Gardener and taught several classes in the area on how to construct and maintain a "Square Foot" garden: to grow more vegetables in a smaller area. He provided extra crops from his garden to anyone who could use them. He & Carol were the main staff for several years that helped to maintain the Covered Bridge Park Gardens. He appreciated the help from the various volunteers who also donated many hours with maintaining the C. B. Park Gardens.

Everett loved the Lord, and he loved people. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wild Rose, since moving to the area in 1967. He taught Sunday School for several years and held various church council offices. He was the current Council President.

Everett is survived by his wife Carol and two sons: Shawn (Heather) of Reedsville, WI, and Todd (Lorraine) of Olympia, WA. Two sisters, Judy Albee of Houghton, MI., Janet (Ed) Fritz of Franklin, WI, brothers Lewis, Jr. of Oshkosh, WI and Curtis of Green Bay, WI., brother-in-law, Arthur Merry of Oshkosh, WI. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Chloe Eckstein, Duluth, MN, Noah Eckstein, Milwaukee, Kimberly (Jacob) Keeling, Erin (Conley) Payne, Dylan (Karley) Eckstein, Brenna Eckstein and Dana (Oscea) Eckstein, and two Great-Grandchildren, William and Zoe Keeling, all from the Olympia area. Everett was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Jean Merry, brother-in-law, Steve Albee and sister -in-law, Sandra Friedenberger.

A celebration of Everett's life will be held from 10:00 AM until time of service at 12:00 PM on Monday, September 8, 2025 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 420 Park Street, Wild Rose, WI 54984. Private family burial will be held at Ravine (Lane)



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Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Holly Funeral Home of Wild Rose is assisting the family with arrangements.



Events


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Visitation


 **Monday**, September 8, 2025

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

 **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**
420 Park Avenue, Wild Rose WI 54984


Memorial Service

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 12:00 PM CT

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Cemetery Details

 **Ravine Cemetery**
Alp Ct. and Hwy. 22, Town of Springwater WI



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Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Eckstein family.

September 6 at 5:26 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Everett "Ev".

September 6 at 5:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Eckstein family.

September 6 at 2:36 AM



Colleen S. sent a Serene Retreat to the Eckstein family.

September 2 at 9:38 AM



Colleen S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Everett "Ev".

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GM

Gerry Marks posted:

So sorry to hear about Ev. I always remember him and always visited the Bridge he build. We grow up together and know the family of the Eckstein well. We lived next door in our early childhood. I helped on the farm next door. The O.B. bring back many memories. Love to the whole family. Gerry Marks

August 28 at 4:54 AM

KB

Kent Barnard September 4 at 11:31 AM

I was fortunate to see Ev not long before he died. I always thought of Ev like a spare Father. Even though we had our differences, I still had a lot of love for him, and respected his values. I will never forget Ev, there were so many good times at Kiwanis, Library Board Meetings and I'm happy to have one of his fish carvings and a bird feeder - although the latter, after 10 years in the elements is getting a little rugged!!! Ev will surely be missed by so many around the area, I'm happy to know that he is in a better place, however, probably talking about the snow plows and carving beautiful things..

NG

Natalie Girdauskas August 30 at 4:15 AM

Carol, I'm so sorry to see this, I always enjoyed chatting with Everett, his life experiences and how he truly cared about others will always be remembered. Sorry for your loss. Natalie Girdauskas

CE

Carol Eckstein August 28 at 1:32 PM

I remember the Marks family name & we probably have met. Thank you for caring. Carol Eckstein

JF

Janet (Eckstein) Fritz August 28 at 9:28 AM

Thanks, Gerry!! Was so good to see you at WAHS Reunion. Janet



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Everett "Ev" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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