



Arne Ellermets

November 2, 1931 - July 31, 2021

Arne Ellermets went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday July 31, 2021 in Lakewood Ranch Florida surrounded by his family.

Arne was born on November 2, 1931 in Tallinn, Estonia. He and his family escaped communism and arrived in New York when Arne was a 17 year old. From the age of 23 Arne served the United States of America as an officer in the USAF. Upon retirement Arne and his wife Wilhelmina served the Lord full-time as AWANA missionaries in Europe. Their life goal was to share Jesus Christ and see others come to know Him as Lord and Savior.

Arne was preceded in death by his wife Wilhelmina of 66 years. He is survived by his 6 children, Arne Ellermets, wife Lucia, Beth Barnett, husband Randy, Paul Ellermets, wife Susan, Mark Ellermets, wife Anne, Heidi Marburger, husband Gary, Kent Ellermets, wife Val. Arne is also survived by 16 grandchildren, Anna, Eric, Ashley, Krista, Brian, Matthew, David, William, Jack, Luke, Josh, Jeff, Jenn, Jessica, Paige, and Leah. He also leaves 24 great Grandchildren. He was DEARLY loved by his family. He also leaves his brother Heiki Ellermets, wife Alida, brother-in-law PC Klersy, wife Linda, and many nieces and nephews.

Arne enjoyed his military career as a Pilot and retired as a Colonel in 1984. Immediately following his retirement Arne and Wilhelmina became AWANA missionaries and served in Europe translating the AWANA materials into German as well as working in clubs. They loved their family and friends but above all they loved their Jesus. Arne will be missed.

The funeral will be officiated by Pastor Gary Marburger and Pastor Tim Passmore on Saturday, August 7, 2021 11:00 AM Visitation prior at 10:00 AM at Woodland Community Church, 9607 SR-70 E, Bradenton, FL 34202

The USAF will give Arne Ellermets a military burial with full military honors Monday August 9th at 9:30 AM at Sarasota National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Woodland Community Church
9607 East State Road 70
Bradenton, FL 34202

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

HN

“ I am deeply sorry to hear and find out my Commander of the 37th Tactical Airlift squadron at Langley AFB, Virginia has Transitioned to be with the Lord. A great commander, awesome basketball player that help us win the base championship in 1973. Served on missions to Germany, Vietnam campaign bringing our Vietnam vets home from the war. Great man who loved the Lord and would make sure I wrote to my when on any TDY missions. My prayers go out to his family. I wish I had known of his passing. God Bless.



Harold Shines, Sgt Operations NCO - July 15, 2024 at 09:47 PM

RS

“ We are so thankful for Arne and Wilhelmina and the blessing they were in our lives and in the lives of so many children and families! We met Arne and Wilhelmina in while we were stationed in Germany around 1993. Our kids attended Awana and they led a Bible study for Awana parents. Their ministry inspired us to volunteer in Awana when we returned to the states – serving in local Awana clubs in various roles and starting a club at our current church in Fayetteville, Georgia, where we just started our 15th year as Awana Ministry Directors. We were also intrigued by Arne’s stories of his native Estonia, a country we had honestly never even heard of before meeting him! God laid Estonia on our hearts and we’ve now been on three mission trips with Josiah Venture to serve at English language mission camps in Poltsamaa, Estonia. They were wonderful ambassadors of Christ and we are truly thankful to have know them both!

Randy and Jinda Skov
Fayetteville, Georgia

Randy and Jinda Skov - September 10, 2021 at 08:57 PM

RG

“ Arne & Wilhelmina impacted our lives and our ministry in several ways. Please allow me to share. They were still serving in Germany when we began our Awana Missionary ministry in Indiana, but as soon as they came back to the states, they came and served at our Scholarship Camp. There, they struck up a friendship that would last a very long time, and they were a regular source of encouragement to us both personally and in ministry. What an example they set before we missionaries as they served in their "shepherding" role with Awana. They were both very nice people and spoke highly of you, their family whenever they had an opportunity. We are grateful for their touch on our lives and we feel sorry for your loss. Please accept our gratitude for your parents' lives well lived and for sharing them with us, even if you didn't have a choice! :)

Rick & Mary Glover

US Awana Missionaries - Indiana

Rick & Mary Glover - August 09, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Arne Ellermets.



August 05, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arne Ellermets.



August 05, 2021 at 01:12 PM

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Clyde - August 03, 2021 at 06:12 PM

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Clyde - August 03, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Arne Ellermets.



August 03, 2021 at 04:14 PM

SR

“ Brian and I were serving with Awana in Budapest Hungary in the early 2000's. Arne and Wilhelmina came out to spend time with us, encourage us and mentor us in the ministry as well as in life! They loved on us and our six children so beautifully! Arne even took on an interim pastor position at our international church and blessed us as well as our entire congregation as he brought the Word each week and shepherded the flock.

We were so blessed here at Awana to have had the Ellermets a part of our missionary family- they loved Jesus with all that they had, loved people so well, had a heart to reach kids for Christ and were the hands and feet of our Savior in all that they did! It's an honor to call both Arne and Wilhelmina our friends- Brian and I are better people because of their lives poured into us! United with Jesus... reunited with your sweetie- rest in peace Arne!

Sandra Rhodes- Awana Global Advocate

Sandra Rhodes - August 03, 2021 at 03:22 PM