

Everett Ruedebusch

September 30, 1927 – January 24, 2023

Everett Ruedebusch, 95, a longtime resident of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, passed away on January 24, 2023, at Windsor Manor Assisted Living in Grinnell, Iowa.



Everett was born on September 30, 1927, on a farm four miles east of Wilmot, South Dakota, to Dietrich "Dick" and Mae (Crooks) Ruedebusch. At age seven, he began attending the South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, where he excelled in basketball and graduated in 1947.

Following graduation, Everett worked for the Roberts County road crew for a year. In the spring of 1948, he joined John Morrell & Co. in Sioux Falls, beginning a 39-year career before retiring in 1987.



On August 11, 1951, Everett married Shirley Binney in Wood River, Illinois. They raised three children, Bob, Patti, and Paula, and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with family and friends in 2001. Everett treasured being a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, supporting his family at their activities and lending a hand whenever he could.

Sports remained a lifelong interest. He participated in basketball, softball, and bowling leagues and later enjoyed cheering for the Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Vikings, and Duke basketball team. He also enjoyed traveling, gardening, and helping family with painting and other home projects. His kind smile and friendly nature endeared him to those who knew him.



Sioux Falls Club for the Deaf Bowling Team
1963-64
L. to R: Leonard Ortman, Everett Ruedebusch, Jim Mitchell, Norman Larson Jr, and Merrold Berke.

Everett was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Sioux Falls and remained an active member for many years. He also belonged to the Sioux Falls Deaf Club, Senior Citizens Deaf Club, and South Dakota Association of the Deaf.

He was survived by his children, Bob (Paula) Ruedebusch of Rapid City, Patti (Steve) Mayer of Sioux Falls, and Paula (Bill) Rudolph of Grinnell; eight grandchildren, Katie Ruedebusch, Megan (Dan) Martinez, John (Brittney) Ruedebusch, Justin (Jennie) Mayer, Eric (Sara) Mayer, Cole Mayer, Kaylee (Alex) May, and Kirk Rudolph; five great-grandchildren, Miles Martinez, Charlotte and Ada Mayer, and Ryker and Nyla May; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; his parents; five brothers, Virgil, Quenton, Stanley, Murl, and Leon; and his granddaughter, Cassandra Mayer.



Memorial services were held on February 13, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Sioux Falls, with the Rev. Matthew Nix officiating. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were named pallbearers. He was laid to rest at Hills of Rest Cemetery in Sioux Falls. Arrangements were handled by George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory.

Everett receives recognition from SDAD President Patty Kuglitsch for 60 years of membership in the South Dakota Association of the Deaf.