



John Frederick Tetzlaff

September 6, 1935 - February 4, 2016

John Frederick Tetzlaff was born on September 6, 1935 in St. Paul, MN, the son of Frederick and Ruth (Kellam) Tetzlaff. He grew up in St. Paul and graduated from Monroe High School. He then attended Dunwoody Technical College to receive training to become an electrician.

John noticed a girl in the eighth grade and had vowed to marry her one day. After perusing this young lady for a few years, he married the love of his life, Annette Fredericksen on August 1, 1959 in St. Paul, MN. Together they lived in East St. Paul for over 30 years where they raised three children; Brian, Todd, and Kristy. John worked as an electrician for most of his life. He retired in 1996 from Hunt Electric after working at Unissys in Eagan, MN for the last twelve years. John and Annette moved to Lake Miltona after his retirement to enjoy fishing, swimming, and boating.

Coaching came very easily to John. He coached Babe Ruth baseball for over thirty years in St. Paul, MN. He won many championships through the years and taught many of his players more than just baseball. John's style of coaching was all based on "playing by the rules". He instilled the meaning of honesty, competitiveness, and humility by the way he taught his players the game of baseball. John did not only coach baseball, he also coached basketball and football, helping mold positive values into many children's lives. Family was very important to John. He loved his wife, children, and grandchildren very much. He played countless card games and board games, always making sure everyone "played by the rules". John loved to fish for

walleye on Lake Miltona and other area lakes. He also was lovingly called "Foreman" by his family because of the "lists" he had kept handy to make sure all chores were done, small or large.

John died on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at the Douglas County Hospital in Alexandria at the age of 80 years old. He is survived by his wife Annette Tetzlaff of Alexandria; sons Brian (Lisa) Tetzlaff of Zimmerman, MN and Todd (Katherine) Tetzlaff of North Branch, MN; daughter Kristy Tetzlaff of Brainerd, MN; grandchildren Britney, Areona, Alex, Madison, Isabelle, and Elinor. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Bill and sisters Phyllis and June.

A funeral service was held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Interment was in the Kinkead Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Kinkead Cemetery

Alexandria, MN 56308

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
822 Douglas Street
Alexandria, MN 56308

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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822 Douglas Street
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Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of John Frederick Tetzlaff



Anderson Funeral Home - February 10, 2016 at 02:48 PM

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“ Dear Annette and Family,

John was one of my brother's best friends in high school and they played on the Monroe High School football team together. When they graduated, John started a little league baseball and football team. I was 8 and he assumed that I would be a good athlete like my brother - he was so wrong. I became his batboy for the Babe Ruth team. For the football team. he recruited a bunch of huge nice kids from the orphanage by Holy Spirit. So, I quit the football team the next year. I can still hear John saying "if you quit tonight you'll be a quitter for the rest of your life". Of course, he had me back on the team the next fall getting killed by those huge kids again.

Besides being an honorable man and a good coach, he was hilarious. Without John, I would have never been a 2 year starter on the Central High School football team. Of course, he would show up at Central stadium where he played to watch me play.

I am so sorry for your loss,

Steve Flood

Steve Flood - February 08, 2016 at 11:11 PM

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Patricia Isakson - February 08, 2016 at 09:05 AM

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“ I will miss Uncle Jack and Annette's visits to Az...we had a Wii bowling league, and bowled at least twice a week...really had a good time! The dogs loved their visits and the play time! I am so sorry....Zoey & Sam & I will miss him lots



Pat Isakson...niece

Patricia Isakson - February 08, 2016 at 09:02 AM

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Patricia Isakson - February 08, 2016 at 08:36 AM

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“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Frederick Tetzlaff.*



February 07, 2016 at 04:37 PM

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“ *My sincere sympathy to the family. In recent years I've sought John out unsuccessfully...he deserves my thanks and a bro-hug for 2 of the best years of my life in the St Paul Highland Park Babe Ruth League. Coach T loved the game and it was contagious. He was an excellent coach & unforgettable...*

BLESS HIS FINAL PASSAGE...

Chuck Lennon

Mendota Heights MN

Chuck Lennon - February 06, 2016 at 08:21 AM