

Everett Edgar Henning of rural Kiel died on Thursday, May 12 at his home.

Everett was born on March 29, 1932 to Otto and Norma (Reichwald) Henning. He graduated with the class of 1950 from Kiel High School. On November 29, 1952 he married Jellane Rabe. They were parents of four children. Everett served in the United States Army in Okinawa. He often expressed the importance of freedom and respect. Upon his discharge, he was employed at Kohler and then Tecumseh while also working alongside his father as a cheesemaker.

After his father's death, Everett and Jellane purchased and worked together at the cheese factory. In time they were joined by Kaylin, Kerry, and Kert. Four grandchildren would later choose this as a vocation.

Everett and Jellane treasured time with their family. They traveled. They enjoyed their home and neighbors on Wilke Lake. They loved the Lord and worshiped at Bethlehem United Church of Christ. Jellane died of cancer on August 16, 1992.

On December 17, 2005, Everett married Helen Riesterer. They treasured each other's friendship and their extended family. As Everett and Helen entered retirement, they enjoyed traveling, snow skiing, and being with friends. Everett's favorite two hymns were "Here I Am, Lord" and "How Great Thou Art."

He was a life member of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association and the Eastern Wisconsin Cheese Makers and Butter Makers Association.

Everett is survived by his wife, Helen; his children: Kaylin and Cyril Schmitz (Kiel), Kim and Fay (Spindler) Henning (Two Rivers), Kerry and Barb (Hutter) Henning (rural Chilton), and Kert and Christi (Stack) Henning (Kiel); his fourteen Grandchildren: Melinda and Eric Ausloos, Matthew and Kristy Schmitz, Marland and Sara Schmitz, Nicole and Robert Herda, Erica and Chris Mainwaring, Ryan and Kim Henning, Zachary and Kristi Henning, Leah Henning (friend, Guillermo Cortes), Michelle and Andrew Koch, Rebekah and Cory Henschel, Joshua and Maura Henning, Laura Henning, Kathryn and Devin Boris, and Rachel and Christopher Nadler, 20 Great Grandchildren, one sister, Doris Mae and Merlin Ninmer, and one sister-in-law, Joanne Moran. He is further survived by step-children: David and Cathy Riesterer, Dennis and Jacquie Riesterer, Dean and Nancy Riesterer, Dale and LaGeana Riesterer, Dawn Riesterer, Donna and Dan Verzal, Darrel Riesterer, 12 step-grandchildren, 7 step-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Everett was preceded in death by his wife, Jellane; his grandson, Christian Henning; his siblings and in-laws: Elvera and Milton Voigt, Leora and Herman Thomas, Evelyn Henning, Lorraine and Keith Boardman, Charles and Janelle Boedicker, and Dave Moran.

Everett's family will greet guests at Bethlehem United Church of Christ (11608 Lax Chapel Rd, Kiel) on Friday, June 3rd from 3 to 6 p.m. A funeral service led by Pastor Roy Rodgers and Pastor Randy Koppenhaver will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4th with graveside and military services to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family has established a memorial in his honor that will be distributed to causes Dad supported. We thank Sharon Richardson Hospice for helping our family walk with Dad towards his death. We are at peace to know that Dad is at home with his Lord, Jesus Christ.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.meiselwitzfh.com