



## Earl W. Degner

March 2, 1941 - June 11, 2020

Earl W. Degner, 79, of Van Dyne, passed away peacefully with his family by his side, on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on March 2, 1941, in Fond du Lac, the son of William and Lillian Bagnel Degner. He was a graduate of L.P. Goodrich High School. He continued his education at Moraine Park, where he participated in Business Sales Training. He was married to Gale Marvin Degner for the past 61 years.

Earl worked at Gerber Product Company as a salesman and later was promoted to the regional sales manager based in Chicago, IL. In 1990, he was awarded the Salesman of the Year from Gerber Product Company. After retirement, he drove school bus for Rosendale-Brandon School District. He enjoyed winter trips to Venice, Florida in the motor home with their Shar-Pei's. Earl enjoyed time with his family, doing yard work, and attending baseball, volleyball, football and hockey games of his grandchildren.

He was a member of Salem United Methodist Church. Earl was a past member of FDL Noon Kiwanis, Fond du Lac Masonic Lodge and he was the watchman of the shepherds, White Shrine of Jerusalem. He was a volunteer of Bay Lakes Council Boy Scouts. He was a charter member of Shar-Pei Club of America and was a member of the Bulldog Club of Milwaukee.

He is survived by his wife, Gale Degner, his son, Scott (partner Debra Stacey) Degner, three grandchildren: Nicole (Mike) Gierach, David (Michelle) Degner and Daniel Degner; two step-great-grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; his sister, Helen Degner.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Private family services to take place on Monday, June 15, 2020, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory. Entombment to follow at Shrine of Rest Mausoleum in Ledgeview Memorial Park.

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory is serving the family, [www.kurkifuneralchapel.com](http://www.kurkifuneralchapel.com). 920-921-4420.

# Cemetery

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## **Shrine of Rest Mausolem**

N6250 County Road K

Fond du Lac, WI,

# Comments

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“ I just now found out that my dear Gerber friend and co-worker Earl left us. Gale.....you know how close Earl and I was. To simply say we were friends just doesn't cut it. We were at one time as close as brothers. After Gerber got rid of their sales force we both just did not want to talk about this, the pain was unbearable. Sadly this meant not seeing each other for many many years. Friends kept me up to date, but this too passed with time. We loved our jobs.....we loved Gerber and did ALL we could do to sell truck after truck of baby food to the warehouses we called on. More than once Earl and I worked 24 to 36 hours straight to meet and surpass Gerber quotas. Earl was as good of a salesman as I ever had the pleasure to know or work with. Gale.....I'm so sorry for your loss. Earl was as good as they come. God bless you and your family. Don Girton

Donald Girton - July 07 at 04:20 PM

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“ To Gale, Scott, Helen, Danny and family....I'm so sad to hear the news of Earl's passing...he was always one of my favorite people...fun to be around...always had a good sense of humor!!! I pray that special memories of your precious Earl will put smiles on your faces....Love you all Alice

alice pickart - June 15 at 01:39 PM

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“ Gale and Family, We are so saddened by the passing of Earl. The memories of our many visits and dinners together and the great wedding feast you prepared for us will never be forgotten. You two got us into Shar Pei, and our first love, SuZee Que. We love the breed and have you two to thank for that. May God be with you at this difficult time.  
Ann & Mike Helmke-Sheboygan, WI.

Ann & Mike Helmke - June 13 at 02:18 PM

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“ Cousin Arden Degner and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Earl W. Degner.



Cousin Arden Degner and family - June 12 at 05:13 PM



“ To Gail, Helen, Dan, and the family of Earl Degner,

I am so sorry to hear about Earl.

My prayers and sympathy go out to all of you.

With prayers and Love,

JULIE Phillips.

**Julie Phillips** - June 12 at 11:02 AM

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“ Earl, one of the good guys! Shared many wonderful times with Earl and Gale. Sending Gale and family my sincere condolences.  
..... Sandy Giese



**Sandra K Giese** - June 12 at 08:57 AM

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“ Forever I will remember you as my great protector. You supported me through some hard times. I'll never forget the day you picked me up from school because I got suspended and when you ask what I did and I told you I punched a boy in the face and you asked why and I said because he called me bad names and you said next time to punch him for me! I appreciate so much the time you and Gale gave me and how you opened your home to me when I needed a parent! You will never be forgotten!

**Natalie Anderson** - June 12 at 12:28 AM