



Allen L. Barfknecht

November 24, 1928 - July 9, 2015

Allen L. Barfknecht, 86, of Fond du Lac, passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at home. He was born on November 24, 1928, in Randolph, Wisconsin, a son of August and Ada Close Barfknecht. When he was 11, the family moved to Fond du Lac. He enlisted in the Army in October of 1946, serving until July 1975. Allen was stationed in the Philippines, Germany for nine years, Alaska, Vietnam in 1965, and Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was a paratrooper in the 11th and 101st Airborne Division. He was also in the 1st First Air Cavalry Division. He made 137 jumps from planes and helicopters. Allen was an airborne engineer and a food service supervisor. He later worked for Mercury Marine and Pier Elementary School. Allen was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church. He enjoyed golf, participating in four leagues, achieving three "holes in one", bicycling, gardening, watching the Packers, and visiting with friends and neighbors. Allen was a quiet, caring father, grandfather, and friend. He is survived by two daughters: Christine Sederbaum of Texas and Karen (Marcus) Franklin of Arizona; a son, Ralph of Chicago; two brothers: Harold Barfknecht of Mt. Calvary, John (Joyce) Barfknecht of St. Peter; five sisters: Edna Wigger of Missouri, Hazel Hodorff of Fond du Lac, Janet (Eugene) Willis of Fond du Lac, Elaine Rubringer of Cleveland, Wisconsin, and Louise (Jim) Keifenheim of Fond du Lac; four grandchildren; a great-grandson; and 28 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Blanche Kuehn; a brother, Donald Barfknecht; a sister, Maysel Springer; three brothers-in-law: Bill,

Hubie, and Dave; and two sisters-in-law: Marianne and Zoeneida. The funeral service will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac, with Rev. Michael Morning officiating. The visitation will be on Tuesday at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service. Entombment will be in the Veteran's Garden of Honor at Ledgeview Memorial Park with military rites to be conducted by the American Legion Trier-Puddy Post #75 at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Memorials may be directed to Covenant United Methodist Church or the American Legion Trier-Puddy Post #75.

Tribute Wall



“ *so many memories death will not destroy!you will be missed!*

Hazel Hodorff - July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.Lynn Schrimpf Watkins*

July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the Barfknecht Family. May the Hearer of Prayer be of comfort to you at this time. (Psalms 83:18)*

July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Prayers to the family. God bless all of you.*

Marilyn Verhasselt - July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Uncle Al will be missed greatly. I will especially miss the holiday cards exchanged over the years. So many stories shared. The conversations will be missed. Uncle Al was a great patriot. Until we meet again.*

Steve Barfknecht - July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Al was a wonderful and caring person who I worked with at Mercury Marine. I also spent time with him walking in the Mall during the Winter. Thank you Al for being a part of my life.

Ron Giese - July 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Uncle Al was a huge blessing to me throughout my life, he was one of the kindest persons I've ever met. I will truly miss him and all his stories.

Jill Schultz - July 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I will miss my big brother a lot. He was a wonderful brother and uncle to my children. He was a fun golf partner for my husband Jim who not only thought of him as a brother-in-law but a friend. I know I will see him again one day.

Louise Keifenheim - July 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ What a amazing guy !! So sorry Hazel !! Dotty Streholski

July 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ My condolences to the family. Al was a wonderful uncle and friend.

Jerry Thomas - July 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM