



Bernard M. Shafer

November 6, 1919 - June 21, 2011

Bernard M. Shafer, 91, of Rosendale, died Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at home. He was born on November 6, 1919, in the Town of Springvale, a son of Robert A. and Berna M. Hoyt Shafer. Bernard graduated from Rosendale Union Free High School. On June 6, 1942, he married Grace M. Braatz. They recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. Bernard farmed from 1938-1980, as well as selling farm machinery for A.H. Bluemke for 30 years. He was a member of Rosendale United Church of Christ. He served on the Rosendale Union Free High School Board, along with the Fond du Lac County Board, and the Springvale Town Board. He was a member of the Ripon Masonic Lodge and the Rosendale Historical Society. Bernard enjoyed bowling for over 50 years and was an avid golfer and a great card player. He was lovingly known by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren as the "M&M grandpa". He is survived by his wife, Grace; three children: JoAnn (Robert) Millard of Madison, Patricia (Charles) Michels of Minocqua, and John (Sue) Shafer of Rosendale; grandchildren: Todd, Tricia (Charles), Jeff (Julie), John Jr. (Julie), Jenny (Kurt), Chris, and Matt; great-grandchildren: Erik, Alysa, Danielle, Emily, Zach, Isabella, Alex, John III, Morgan, Olivia, Ashley, Ben, Alexa, Drew, Adam, and Lucas; two sisters: Jane Splitgaber, and Joyce Pinch; and a sister-in-law, Margaret Shafer. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Steven Shafer; four brothers: Robert (Dot), Dean (Marion), Sid, and Bill (Barb); and two sisters: Jeanette (Clarence) Rupnow, and Geraldine (Bob) Owens. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2011, at United Church of Christ, 204 West Division Street, Rosendale, with Rev. Wes Wasell officiating. Burial will be in Rosendale Cemetery. The family will greet friends and relatives on Monday at church from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Agnesian Hospice Hope or Rosendale United Church of Christ.

Tribute Wall

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Jim & Jeanne Pinkerton - June 27, 2011 at 09:47 AM

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Jim & Jeanne Pinkerton of Canon City - June 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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susan shafer carson - June 26, 2011 at 09:02 PM

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Robert Shafer - June 26, 2011 at 05:42 PM

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Karen (Rupnow) Helm - June 24, 2011 at 01:58 PM

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Jane Schmit (Johnson) - June 23, 2011 at 09:42 AM

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Erin Zimmerman - June 23, 2011 at 09:11 AM

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