



Charles E. Higgins

June 9, 1925 - September 14, 2016

Charles Edward Higgins, 91, of Fond du Lac, died Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at the Fond du Lac Lutheran Home. He was born on June 9, 1925, in Joplin, Missouri, a son of Roy Higgins and Edna Hermes. Charles served with the United States Navy from 1942-1945, in the South Pacific Theatre, during the North African Invasion. He was involved in various amphibious operations in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea. In June of 1949, he entered the Air Force Cadet Program and graduated 2nd Lieutenant in June of 1950. He served in the Korean Conflict as a B29 pilot, flying 38 missions over North Korea. Charles was awarded two air medals. While in the Air Force, he flew AT6-B25-DC3-C45-C54-B29-B50 aircraft. He was honorably discharged in 1953. On June 1, 1957, he married Shirley Conway at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Manitowoc. Charles worked as a corporate pilot for 34 years. He retired from Giddings & Lewis Machine & Tool Co. as chief pilot in 1988, after having flown 2 ½ million accident free miles with their company. He designed and flew the first instrument approach landing systems at Skyport Aviation. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Club and the American Legion. One of his pleasures after retirement was building and flying model planes. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; four children: Erin (Ron) Rademann, Patrick (Carol) Higgins, Amy (Rick) Goeden, and Linda (Tony) Ahern; seven grandchildren; and a brother, Richard Moore of Chester, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Bonnie Clendenin and Ella Mae Cannella. A private family service will be held with entombment at the Chapel of the Risen Christ

Mausoleum in Calvary Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Trier-Puddy Post 75.

Tribute Wall



“ *May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

Lorie Baldwin - September 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda, Tony & Family, Our thoughts & prayers are with each of you during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Your Friends at Ahern*

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