



Darold "Jake" E. Collien

September 28, 1932 - July 14, 2024

Darold "Jake" E. Collien, 91, of Oakfield, died on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at St. Agnes Hospital.

He was born on September 28, 1932 in Oakfield, the son of Edwin A. and Loretta H. Criter Collien. He was a graduate of Oakfield High School, Class of 1950, and attended a U.W.-Oshkosh for a year. On September 15, 1951, he married Naomi V. Heimerl, at St. John's Catholic Church in Byron.

Darold was employed at the Oakfield Telephone Company, Oakfield Post Office, and Oakfield and Eden canning factories. He retired as warehouse manager, in July of 1996 from Friday Canning Corp., Oakfield. Darold was a past member of the Oakfield School Board, Oakfield Fire Department, Oakfield Village Board, and Oakfield Parks Department as Chairman. He worked many hours at the Village Park to keep the grounds and baseball diamonds in top shape. He started playing Oakfield Rock River baseball at the age of 14 and later managed the team. In 1975, he was named Rock River Manager of the Year and is in the Rock River Hall of Fame. He bowled for many years in the area and received several awards for high games and series. He enjoyed going dancing with Naomi to "The Downtowners" music and to other area polka dances. He also liked to go to Ralph and Mama's for their fabulous Mexican food.

You could see Darold at the park many evenings and weekends watching his grandchildren and now great-grandchildren playing baseball and softball, and attending the Rock River baseball games. He also attended school basketball

and football games. He enjoyed an occasional trip to the casino and more recently to the gas station to talk to Mr. T and Harry.

He is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Naomi Collien, his nine children: Gary (Rose) Collien, Greg (Kel) Collien, Ron (Karen) Collien, Cheri (Mike) Fisher, Randy (Beth) Collien, Cathy (Mike) Baker, Joe (Lisa) Collien, Karen (Mike) Merk, and Denise (Randy) Andrus; his son-in-law Mark Huck, 23 grandchildren: Ryan (Chris) Collien, Jason Collien, Jake Collien, Chad (Tiffany) Fisher, Brad (Maggie) Collien, Jessica (Ruben) Rodriguez, Andy (special friend Sarah) Collien, Amy (Josh) Wiesner, Kyle (Shawn) Fisher, Jen (Ryan) Leavitt, Kevin (Amanda) Baker, Josh (Courtney) Collien, Nate (special friend Caitlin) Merk, Brandon (Ashley) Andrus, Amanda (Jordan) Weed, Katelyn (Banks) Estridge, Michael (Brittany) Merk, Brett Collien, Dustin (Aly) Andrus, Samantha (Dylan) Stanley, Emily (Derek) Severson, Tyler (Molly) Collien, and Brian Baker; 37 great grandchildren, his brother Dick (Pat) Collien, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Diane M. Huck, infant sister Gelaine, father and mother-in-law Joseph and Viola Heimerl, and sister-in-law Gloria (Erwin) Denzin.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends and relatives from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Friday, July 19, 2024, at Sons of Zebedee Catholic Church, 101 N. Main St., Oakfield.

SERVICE: Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, July 19, 2024, at Sons of Zebedee Catholic Church. Burial will take place at Avoca Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Oakfield Fire Department or Oakfield Village Park.

Cemetery Details

Avoca Cemetery

Oakfield, WI 53065

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sons of Zebedee Catholic Church
101 N. Main St.
Oakfield, WI

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ *mary lou (shady) Broyles lit a candle in memory of Darold "Jake" Collien*



mary lou (shady) Broyles - July 19, 2024 at 08:22 PM

FA

“ *In the obituary, we forgot to thank the doctors and staff at SSM Health-St. Agnes Hospital ER, Cath Lab, ICU and 6 South for the care they provided to our dad. Especially nurse Lydia, who was so patient and kind to him, and she could get him to smile. Dad always seemed calmer when she was in the room.*

Family - July 17, 2024 at 04:58 PM

VS

“ *My sympathies to your family on the loss of your Father. I visited with him a few times when I worked for Dr Johnson & I also saw him at Ho Chunk Casino one day a number of years ago. Such a pleasant person. I'm sure he will be missed by everyone.*
Vicki Stoffel

Vicki Stoffel - July 17, 2024 at 08:34 AM

TE

“ *Tom & Carla Ewert lit a candle in memory of Darold "Jake" Collien*



Tom & Carla Ewert - July 16, 2024 at 10:11 AM

JM

My Sympathy and Thoughts and Prayers.

Jackie Malterer - July 16, 2024 at 10:06 PM

RL

What a privilege to call him a friend!

robert lewis - July 17, 2024 at 07:00 PM