



## Earl W. Averbeck

March 15, 1927 - March 5, 2017

Earl W. Averbeck, 89, of Fond du Lac, passed away peacefully into God's presence, on Sunday, March 5, 2017, at Woodlands Senior Park. He was born on March 15, 1927, in Fond du Lac, a son of Oscar and Vera VanAllen Averbeck. On March 12, 1949, he married Donna Marie Schroeder at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. She preceded him in death on May 9, 2012. Earl was a farmer all his life. Being raised on the family homestead, he devoted his life to the land. Earl saw much progress through his life span. From a 1 horse drawn plow to 300 horsepower tractors, from a 25 cow herd to 200+ cow herd, from 100 acres of farm land to 300+ acres. He expanded and built up the Century Farm to something his family is very proud of today. He had the peace and pleasure of seeing his son and then his grandson take over the farm operation. All of his dreams and expectations came to fruition and he was thankful to God for it all. Earl was a lifelong member of Covenant United Methodist Church and was involved in various church committees. He was involved in Dairy Association Boards, Associated Milk Producers, and the Town of Friendship Planning Commission. He loved the Packers and Brewers and spending time with his family. He is survived by three children: William (Mona Sperger) Averbeck of Eldorado, Dr. Richard (Melinda Wynn) Averbeck of Pleasant Prairie, and Judith (Jim) Flood of Fond du Lac; nine grandchildren: Adam (Tami) Averbeck, and their children: Sloan, A.J., and Brayden; Nicklas (Casey) Averbeck, and their children: Charlize and Memphis; Courtney Averbeck; Louis (Jenny) Averbeck, and their son, Garen;

Nathan (Christina) Averbeck, and their sons: Jaycob and Levi; Micah (Jenna) Averbeck, and their son, Orion; Jamie (Dave) VanDixhorn, and their children: David, Anna, and Andrew; Sarah (Jason) Nelson, and their children: Ella and Kolton; and Teresa (Cary) Sabish, and their children: Easton and Walker; a sister, Joyce Bishop; and two sisters-in-law: Betty Schroeder and Evelyn Averbeck. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Donna; a brother, Ernst Averbeck; and two brothers-in-law: Joe Bishop and David Schroeder. The Averbeck family would like to express their deep appreciation to the staff of Woodlands Senior Park for their excellent and loving care given to Earl during his stay with them. VISITATION: The visitation will be from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Covenant United Methodist Church, 20 North Marr Street, Fond du Lac. SERVICE: The funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at Covenant United Methodist Church with Dr. Richard Averbeck officiating. Burial will be in Rienzi Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Covenant United Methodist Church or Agnesian Hospice.

# Tribute Wall

VH

“ Our sympathy goes out to your family. I know that my parents thought highly of Earl, and I myself have memories of stopping up at your farm and of fun times with Judy. I know that you will have wonderful warm memories, and I pray the comfort of Christ for you.  
*Ron and Valarie (McCourt) Hessel*

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**Valarie Hessel** - March 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My condolences to the Averbeck family.*

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**Dennis Yakaites** - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *In loving Memory of Earl W. Averbeck, a wonderful person who will always stay in our hearts: herewith, we are sending our heartfelt condoléances to the whole family ,with love from Dietrich & Simone Averbeck, and sisters Gertrud and Ilse.*

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**Dietrich Averbeck** - March 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Rest now Earl,I recall as a youngster visiting the farm, for occasional reunions with my dad Eddie, and my uncle Billie Wagner from Mayville. Earl and Donna would also visit through the years. He was an incredible character, and a pillar of the community that I am sure will be missed.God Bless,*

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**Chic Wagner** - March 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all in the Averbeck family. We were blessed to get to know him as a wonderful neighborhood friend. May all of your wonderful family memories together sustain you through this loss.*

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**Jim and Shirley Luby** - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM