



Gilbert "Gib" H. Lepien

October 1, 1923 - October 19, 2020

Gilbert Henry "Gib" Lepien died at his residence, Adelaide Place Assisted Living, Fond du Lac on Monday October 19, 2020 at age 97. He was born on October 1, 1923 in the Township of Rubicon in Dodge County and grew up on the family farm there. He graduated from Hartford Union High School in 1941, attended University of Wisconsin, and served in the Army Infantry before entering the plumbing and heating trade. He was Wisconsin's Plumbing Apprentice of the Year in 1957.

In 1949 he married Loraine Florence Mueller in Wauwatosa, and the couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 30, 2019. Gilbert was a plumbing and heating contractor and third generation owner of the family business, Fenner Plumbing & Heating, prior to their retirement in Florida. The couple enjoyed traveling together and returned to Fond du Lac later in their retirement years. He was actively involved in many ministries at Church of Our Saviour ELCA in Fond du Lac during all their years in the area. Gilbert was a founding member of the Hartford FFA and a lifelong member of Fond du Lac Masonic Lodge #26, serving as chaplain for many years.

He is survived by a sister Shirley (Loren) King; five children: Janet (Jeff) Huenink, Claire (Brian) Koehler, John (Linda) Lepien, Ruth (Dan) Muller, and Nancy (Todd) Kaphaem; twelve grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Irene (Fenner) Lepien; his wife, Loraine; two sisters, Barbara Mickelson and Joan Rogge; a brother, Robert Lepien; and a son, Robert Henry Lepien.

Cremation has taken place, with a memorial service for family at 1 p.m. on Sunday November 1, 2020 at Church of Our Saviour, 363 South Main St., Fond du Lac. No visitation is planned at this time. Gilbert will be interred at Arlington Cemetery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin beside his wife. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to Church of Our Saviour ELCA, 363 South Main Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935 or Faith Lutheran Church, 705 Leeland Heights Blvd. E, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Church of Our Saviour
363 South Main Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Dear Friends,
You may post comments, but the family has chosen not to respond to messages
in this section. Thank you for your understanding.*

Kurki Funeral Chapel - October 22, 2020 at 09:48 AM

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“ *Holy God, who with a father's love wipes away our tears and makes all manner of
things well, look with tenderness and affection on the members of the Lepien
family who are suffering pain and loss.
Heal their grief, strengthen their faith; help them to understand that all
separations, however traumatic, are only temporary and that together with you we
will all be young again and all laugh again.
I ask this through Jesus your Son. Amen*

The Rev. Michael G. & Debra Hackbarth - October 22, 2020 at 09:31 AM