



John C. Stepp

April 29, 1924 - September 19, 2016

John C. Stepp, 92, of Fond du Lac, died Monday, September 19, 2016, at his home. He was born on April 29, 1924, in Bentleyville, Pennsylvania, a son of Edwin L. and Rena L. Ames Stepp. John was a graduate of West Bethlehem High School. After high school, he was a coal miner at Bethlehem Steel Co., Marianna Mine #58. In 1942, John enlisted with the United States Navy serving as an E5 Aviation Cadet for a few months. He then served with the Combat Unit Battalion 18, Amphibious, until 1945. In September of 1946, he continued serving with the navy for five more years. In 1951, he joined the Reserves 9-222 out of Oshkosh. He retired in 1978 with over 36 years of service. On January 31, 1947, he married Birdelle Cora Lieflander in Newport, Rhode Island. She preceded him in death on April 22, 2003. John was a foreman with Combination Door Company from 1951-1988. He was a member of the American Legion Trier Puddy Post 75 for over 50 years, Fond du Lac Lodge #140 F & A M, currently Lodge #26. He was a long time member of Church of Peace, United Church of Christ. He is survived by two sons: James H. (Diane) Stepp of Fond du Lac and Rev. Stephen O. (Jean) Stepp of Lowden, Iowa; seven grandchildren: Alexander, Nathaniel, Christopher, Johnathan, Anthony, Jessica, and Francine; four great-grandsons: Elijah, Xavier, Gabriel, and Sam; and a brother, Kay (Caroline) Stepp of Sceneray Hill, Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Birdelle; three sons: John, Mark, and Paul; a daughter, Kathy; and three brothers: Harry, Lee, and Robert. VISITATION: The visitation will be from 4:00 – 8:00

p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2016, at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac. A masonic memorial service will be held at 7:30 p.m. The family will receive friends and relatives on Saturday from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Church of Peace, 158 South Military Road, Fond du Lac.SERVICE: A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2016, at Church of Peace with Rev. Jennifer Dawson officiating.Inurnment will be in Estabrooks Cemetery with military rites conducted by the American Legion Trier Puddy Post 75.

Tribute Wall

SW

“ *sorry for your loss*

sherry wightman - September 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Uncle John C family & friends. We will miss our phone chats with him. Chuck & Martha Ames*

Charles Ames - September 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *Very sad at losing another member of the Stepp Family. Fred & Marie Crow*

Fred Crow - September 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *I first met John at the Naval Reserve Center in Oshkosh. Got to like him immediately. Had many occasions to see John over the years. Will never forget his humor and his "Sea Stories." Fair Winds and Following Seas to John. One of the Greatest Generation.*

Herb Dins - September 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Many fond memories from scouting years! Prayers and thoughts for your family. Paula Kath Paul*

Paula Paul - September 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ We lost another great sailor and friend. John is now with his beloved Birdelle. Peace and love to Jim, Steve and family.

Rosemary Deslsles - September 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Jim, Diane and family, My deepest sympathy to you all at this time of sadness. Thinking of you today and in the days to come. May he rest in peace.

Cynthia Parman - September 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Our Prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Marlend & Linda Bearwald.

September 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Deepest sympathy to the Stepp Family.

Mary Goebel - September 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Our deepest sympathy. We were together in Eastern Star and Lodge 140

Loraine - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM