



Lyle J. Leonhardt

December 18, 1928 - May 6, 2011

Lyle J. "Beeb" Leonhardt, 82, died peacefully on Friday, May 6, 2011, at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, with his loving family at his side. He was born on December 18, 1928, in Fond du Lac, a son of Albert and Edith Crook Leonhardt. Lyle graduated from Fond du Lac Senior High School. He married Nancy A. Panetti on April 18, 1953. He worked at Mercury Marine for 27 years and retired in 1990. He worked for five years at both Giddings and Lewis and then as a correctional officer for the State of Wisconsin. He was a member of the United States Army Reserve. He was co-founder of the Fond du Lac Lost Arrow Archery Club in 1956 and held various offices. Lyle and Ed Blatz organized the L & B Fishing Tournament which ran for 25 years. He was co-founder of Walleyes for Tomorrow and was their first treasurer. He was also a member of the Eagles Aerie 270 of Fond du Lac for 34 years. Lyle loved to fish and hunt with his son, family, and friends. He enjoyed spending time at his cottage with his wife, family, and friends. His family was the joy of his life and held great pride for each one of them. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Leonhardt; a son, Kurt A. (Deborah) Leonhardt and their son, Joseph, and his daughters: Tanya (Jim) VanSomeren and Kelly Rubisch; daughters: Beth Damm-Wendels and her children, Phillip (Shannon) Damm and Amy (Chris) Behnke; Louann (Bruce) Fauska and their children, Reid (Tricia), Nerissa (fiancé Matthew Bertram), Kirstie (fiancé Nicholas Leestma); Peggy (Jim) Leu and their children, Tony (Heather) Leu, Natalie (Kevin) Kimpel, Kevin Leu (special friend Marisa); sister-in-law, Mrs. David Leonhardt, and her children,

Linda (Chuck) Hooper, Diana (Lawrence) Peterson, Patricia (Buck) Jackson; brother-in-law, Dennis (Martha) Panetti and their children, Cathy (Mark) Epps, and Cindy (Frank) Cyr; nephew, Jerry (Mary) Montie; niece Joanne Montie (Carl Bresser); eight great-grandchildren; many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, David Leonhardt; a brother, Emmett (Diane) Leonhardt and their son, Christopher; his wife's parents, Paul and Florence Bird Panetti; and a niece, Sue Panetti Lee. A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at Memorial Baptist Church, 645 Forest Avenue, Fond du Lac, with Rev. Brian Hastings officiating. The family will greet friends and relatives on Wednesday at church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Louann and Bruce so sorry to hear about your Father....Your in my thought and prayers.On this fathers day may the good memories with your dad fill your day.

Dale Eggers Schaeve - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Dear Family of Beeb. The friend of Clarence Ochs and I knew him from a small girl as my brothers best friend. Many memories of him at my parents home on Boardman St. And truly loved him. Fun and just like another big brother. I am stressed to think that they died on the same day and I could not see him one more time. I really thought he would walk through the door at Clarency's wake. God Bless you Nancy and all your family at the death of Beeb. Evie

Evie Ochs Millar Janis - May 20, 2011 at 10:12 AM

EF

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Evie Ochs Millar Janis of Daytona Beach, FL. - May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

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Michael Bengel - May 16, 2011 at 05:46 PM

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Michael Bengel of Fond du Lac, WI. - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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Jean & Erv Kiefer

Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Kiefer - May 11, 2011 at 07:26 PM

DP

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Debbie Pixley (Mallon)

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Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Kiefer of Glendale, WI - May 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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Tracy Schessow - May 09, 2011 at 05:00 PM

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Tracy Schessow of Waukesha, WI - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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Please accept our deepest condolences. It's so sad that Lyle has passed so close to Emmett, but now the three brothers are together again, and you throw Chris in there, God is going to have his hands full!
The Leonhardts have always been an extended part of the Copet family, dating back to my grandpa Bud Copet's Luco Boat Marina. If there is anything that you need, please do not hesitate to call or email us.
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Jack, Alana and Nicholas Copet

Jack, Alana & Nicholas Copet - May 08, 2011 at 10:47 PM

JG

“ Rest in peace, Good Friend.

Jim Goudy - May 08, 2011 at 07:41 PM

BE

“ Dad, Thank you for being such a wonderful father, grand-father & great grand-father to all of us. You have been the only constant man in my life & I will miss you very much. You have always wanted to help me in some way or another but the last few years it has been difficult for you so now is your chance because I will be calling on you quite often. I am releaved that you are in a better place now & with many people that love you. I love you forever, Beth P.S. listen for me, I will be calling!!

Beth - May 08, 2011 at 11:31 AM

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Linda - January 01, 1753 at 01:38 PM