



Raymond L Gulbrand

October 7, 1925 - April 7, 2022

Longtime resident of Fond du Lac, Raymond L. Gulbrand passed to spirit peacefully yesterday, surrounded by his family. He had lived a long and fulfilling life, recently celebrating his 96th birthday.

Raymond was born on October 7, 1925, and grew up in Denmark, Wisconsin. He was #7 of 10 children of Hans Gulbrand and Emma Behnke Gulbrand. He was the first of their children to go to college and the last remaining child until his death.

A WWII Veteran of the US Navy, Mr. Gulbrand had volunteered and served as a radio operator on a transport ship in the Pacific Ocean. Upon returning from his military service, he earned a Teaching Degree from the University of Oshkosh where he met his wife, Barbara. They were married in 1950 and recently celebrated 71st Wedding Anniversary.

Raymond was a highly regarded High School Biology Teacher and Boys' Basketball Coach for 12 years. He left an imprint on the hearts of many students who, to this day, seek him out to express how grateful they were to have him as their Teacher and Coach.

In 1963, he opened his own State Farm Insurance Agency and served the Fond du Lac community until he retired in 1995. In addition to being a

business professional, Ray was a well-respected and active member of his Church and Community. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed his time on an All-Star Bowling team with an average score of 201 and an impressive 801 Series.

Throughout his professional career and in his personal life Mr. Gulbrand exhibited the highest standards of personal character, integrity, devotion to family and community and to the belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to be treated fairly and have access to a good education. He never talked about his good deeds but helped many people throughout his life with acts of kindness.

His greatest accomplishment was raising his family. Raymond is survived by his devoted wife Barbara, his children Rick (and Sue) Gulbrand, Mark Gulbrand (and Ellen Baldwin), Blake Gulbrand, Jennifer Gulbrand (David Amaral); his grandchildren, Jessica, Jayne, Montana, Rekha, and Nataliya; and great grandchildren Jake, Kyra and Emerson.

Raymond lived his life fully and leaves a legacy of service, accomplishment, and love that will leave a lasting imprint on our hearts.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends from 12:00 - 1:00 PM on Monday, April 11, 2022, at Ascension Lutheran Church, 901 County V, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday, April 11, 2022, at Ascension Lutheran Church, with Rev. Jeffrey Blain officiating. Burial will follow at Floral Hill Cemetery, New London.

Memorials appreciated to Boys and Girls Club of Fond du Lac, Ascension Lutheran Church or Salvation Army of Fond du Lac.

Cemetery Details

Floral Hill Cemetery

New London, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ascension Lutheran Church
901 County V
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Funeral Service

APR 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ *Barb and family I am so sincerely sorry to read of your loss! Ray was a good man and I know will be missed by many.*



Chris Pieper - April 18, 2022 at 04:10 PM

MA

“ *To Barbara, all of the Gulbrand family and Jenn, Dave & Nataliya: My sincere condolences on the loss of Ray. I only met him once that I can recall, and that was when I travelled out to Wisconsin to attend Dave & Jenn's wedding. I can honestly say he left a great impression on me. You were all blessed to have him among you for all these years. Regards...Michael E. Amaral Walpole, Mass.*

Michael E. Amaral - April 13, 2022 at 07:08 AM



“ *Dear Gulbrands,*

My deepest sympathies. I hope the many memories you all share carry you through this difficult time. I have heard it said that grief is merely an expression of profound love. That love is the best part of life. Sending hugs.

Lisa Lincoln - April 11, 2022 at 09:43 AM

RM

“ Dear Family,

My deepest sympathy goes out to the Gulbrand Family. I was a student when Mr. Gulbrand came to teach and coach at Seymour High. I have good memories of him and am sorry to learn of his passing.

My God be with the family during this period of mourning.

Ralph Melchert

Ralph Melchery - April 10, 2022 at 07:26 PM

LB

“ Ray was one of the nice guys, his family should be very proud of his life accomplishments they were many. I got to know Ray thru Insurance he sold for State Farm i was with American Family but we were friends and never let our difference of companies get in our way of friendship, i would lose a few customers to him and he would lose some to me.

My wife Carol worked for the Sheriff department and Ray would come in for accident reports and she said he was always well dressed, friendly and smiling.

Also got to work at UPS with Rick for about 4 years and looking back the apple didn't fall very far from the tree.

God Bless Your family

Lyle & Carol Birschbach

Lylr Birschbach - April 10, 2022 at 03:44 PM

CK

“ I had the privilege of serving on Church Council with Ray at Immanuel Trinity Church. Ray was a man of great faith and high integrity. A huge loss for the FDL Community. Carla Kenas

Carla Kenas - April 09, 2022 at 09:49 AM

DH

“ Barb and Family, We send our Prayers to you all for your loss of Ray, He was a wonderful person and a great Church Friend. I know we had differences about some issues at Church but always was able to Iron them out and come to a understanding. He loved IT as did we but life moves on and things change. He will be missed and know he is at home with our Lord and Savior for Easter Prayers for all Dale and Tonja Hansen

Dale R Hansen - April 09, 2022 at 09:44 AM

TS

“ Sending our love to the entire family. We had the pleasure to meet Mr. Gulbrand - a dear dad and husband, friend and coach, accomplished professional, and outstanding citizen - He made a difference in so many lives!

Telma Sullivan - April 09, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond L Gulbrand.



April 08, 2022 at 05:47 PM



“ 17 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory - April 08, 2022 at 02:57 PM