



Robert Arnie Kuhnz

March 30, 1925 - January 21, 2018

Robert Arnie Kuhnz, 92, of Fond du Lac, was called to his eternal home on Sunday, January 21, 2018.

He was born in Fond du Lac on March 30, 1925, the son of Ervin H. and Lillian L. (Schultz) Kuhnz, the youngest of twins. He worked at Sunrise Lodge, Land-O-Lakes, and Richman's Clothing before graduating high school. Robert graduated from Fond du Lac Senior High, Class of 1943. After graduation he entered the U.S. Navy, serving proudly as radarman on the destroyer USS Laws in the Pacific Theater during WWII.

On October 25, 1947, he married Betty J. Lee, at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac. He worked as a commercial artist at Canvas Products from 1946 to 1953 and Mercury Marine from 1953 until he retired after 34 years in 1987. After Betty's death in 1996, he was married to Nancy (Park) Jaeger, on October 14, 2000, at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac.

Bob was involved in many community activities and organizations in his lifelong home of Fond du Lac. He was a board member and publicity director for the Fond du Lac United Way from 1978 to 1987. He was an active member of Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran church where he was a church council member and head usher for over 50 years. Bob is a past member of the Fond du Lac

Noon Optimist Club and past member of the Fond du Lac Salvation Army Advisory Board. He was past member of the Elks Lodge #57, and a member of Fond du Lac High Alumni Association and active co-chairperson in all of his class reunions.

He was also very involved with the Fond du Lac Historical Society and the Galloway House and Village. He was board member and publicity director for 27 years and Chairman of the Board for 13 years. He was a member of the committee to produce our society's Fond du Lac County History Book and the planning for the 50th anniversary of the Fond du Lac County Historical Society and 40th anniversary of the Galloway House and Village. He and his wife Nancy were caretakers for the Galloway House grounds for seven years. In 1992 Bob was named Outstanding Fond du Lac County Senior Citizen.

Surviving Bob are his wife, Nancy of Fond du Lac; his sons: Jerry (Mary) of Greenfield, Wisconsin and Jeffrey (Cheryl) of Fond du Lac; five grandchildren: Jason (Anne), Heidi (Bill) Bywater, Brian (Dawn), Julie (Nick) Rusch and Daniel (Sarah); eleven great-grandchildren; three step-children: Jeff (Judy) Jaeger of Wautoma, Joel (Tara) Jaeger of Rosendale, and Brian Jaeger of Fond du Lac; and his step-grandson, Miles Jaeger.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Betty, sister and brother-in-laws: Robert (Evelyn) Willie, William (Blanche) Kuhnz, Lyle (Sylvia) Kuhnz, and twin brother Richard (Marie) Kuhnz. He is also preceded in death by two grandchildren, Andrew Kuhnz and Jennifer Kuhnz.

VISITATION: A casual gathering of friends will be on Monday, January 29, 2018, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac. A military service will be conducted by American Legion Trier-Puddy Post #75 at 4:30 PM in the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the Salvation Army.

A special "Thank you" to the Lutheran Home and Marquardt Hospice for the care of Bob.

Cremation has taken place.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ *The Batchelder's lit a candle in memory of Robert Arnie Kuhnz*



The Batchelder's - January 29, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Robert Arnie Kuhnz.*



January 27, 2018 at 12:57 PM

CK

“ *My condolences to the family. Bob was my mentor and good friend at Mercury Outboards where I worked with him for 11-1/2 years. A patient, talented, fun, and wonderful guy. He played a big part in my life. He was special.*

Carl "Spike" Knuth. Mechanicsville, VA

Carl "Spike" Knuth - January 25, 2018 at 03:46 PM

EL

“ Jerry, Mary, Jeff, Cheryl, and family

My deepest sympathies to your entire family on your loss I have and always will treasure the fantastic memories of Bob and Betty what fantastic neighbors they were to and for me and all the joyous times we all spent together

I treasure both Bob and Betty forever

Erv Lesczynski

Erv Lesczynski - January 25, 2018 at 11:51 AM

BK

“ *My Heart breaks with sadness along with the entire Kuhn family. Bob was a part of my life since I was a little kid. He made me laugh when he would come to visit my parents on 4th St. He always made me feel special. His dedication at Immanuel Trinity Church inspired me to follow in his footsteps at my church in Pembine today. He gave me advise as I was growing up, including when I was about to join the Air Force. Bob recommended the Navy. He followed my Career on the Police Dept. and always told me to stay safe. Later in my life, he became one of the best neighbors I ever had. I enjoyed many visits with Bob & Betty in their Home and Garage on 14th St. Bob will be missed, but also, will always be remembered, as his Kindness, Laughter, and Love, have been passed from him, to his Children and Grandchildren.*

Bob, Rest Peacefully. I Thank God, you touched my Life. Bill Kowalski

Bill Kowalski - January 23, 2018 at 03:17 PM

RB

“ Richard Burger lit a candle in memory of Robert Arnie Kuhnz



Richard Burger - January 23, 2018 at 01:37 PM

RB

First met Bob while working as a timekeeper and production control clerk at then Kiekhaefer Marine from 1957 until 1962 after graduating from high school in 1957. While talking to him, I found out that he had had my Dad as an Industrial Arts instructor at FDL HIGH SCHOOL and that he and NormJacky had drawn a picture of a Soo Line steam engine for my dad. The original is , I believe, still on display at the Galloway House after being donated there in 1960. Ove

Richard Burger - January 23, 2018 at 01:50 PM

RB

To continue from previous post. Over the years Mr. Kuhnz and i had a number of very good chats about mutual interests and he was a great person in my opinion. May he now RIP!

Richard Burger - January 23, 2018 at 01:55 PM

RB

“ Picture of Soo Line engine drawn by Robert Kuhnz and Norm Jacky while students of Galen H. Burger at FDL HIGH SCHOOL, Industrial Arts Instructor. Original drawing on display at Galloway House donated by Richard Burger, son of Galen Burger in 1960



Richard Burger - January 23, 2018 at 01:34 PM

KM

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Jerry and family. My brother, Bill sent me a text today from the north woods. 😭 You're in my thoughts and prayers. God hold you all in the palm of His hand.

Karen Moses - January 22, 2018 at 08:31 PM

CL

“ I am so sorry for your loss Jerry, Mary and the rest of your family.

Chris Lowe - January 22, 2018 at 07:53 PM