



Wilfred A. Pagel

May 30, 1924 - May 12, 2010

Wilfred A. Pagel, 85, of Fond du Lac, died Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac. He was born on May 30, 1924, in Fond du Lac, a son of August J. and Myrtle M. Schwantz Pagel. He was a graduate of Fond du Lac Senior High School and the University of Wisconsin. Wilfred served with the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, first as a gunnery instructor in P-39's and P-38's, and later flew P-38's in combat with the 13th Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater. On November 23, 1968, he married Helen M. Sprenger in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He worked at Giddings & Lewis, then at Collins Radio in Cedar Rapids, and later worked at Mercury Marine until retiring in 1990. Wilfred was a member of Church of Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran. He is survived by his wife, Helen; a nephew, Michael (Lara) Pagel of Amherst; a niece, Karen (Fred) Thornton of Sun Prairie; great-niece, Katherine (Troy Brueckner) Thornton of Madison; great-nephew, Andrew Lakas of Illinois; great-nieces, Alyssa and Kristin Pagel of Amherst; three brothers-in-law: Harold Sprenger, Donald (Rosann) Sprenger, both of Coatsburg, IL, and Fred Zimmerman of Quincy, IL; two sisters-in-law: Ruth Sprenger, and Carolyn Sprenger, both of Quincy, IL; and many other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, August K. Pagel; three sisters-in-law: Rosemary Pagel, Elda Zimmerman, and Juanita Sprenger; and his beloved dog, Cedric. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at Church of Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran, 363 South Main Street, Fond du Lac, with Rev. William Gruenstern

officiating. Burial will follow in Rienzi Cemetery. The visitation will be at church on Friday, May 14, 2010, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Church of Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran and World Hunger.

Tribute Wall

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“ So many good memories of Will -- a gracious and kind man with great intelligence and a keen interest in life. He will be missed by his church family, and our hearts go out to Helen at this sad time.

Mary Arthur - May 13, 2010 at 12:12 AM