



William D. Harmer

July 7, 1928 - November 4, 2010

William D. Harmer, 82, of Fond du Lac, died Thursday, November 4, 2010, at home, after a long battle with cancer. He was born on July 7, 1928, in Fond du Lac, a son of William J. and Erma Price Harmer. William served with the United States Navy from 1946-1948 as a radar specialist pilot aboard the USS Midway with the Atlantic fleet. He received his bachelor's degree in electrical/mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin- Madison in 1950. He married Doris Eldridge in 1950 and they had two children, Barbara and Richard. Doris preceded William in death on March 18, 1988. Bill worked at Giddings & Lewis for 25 years. He was a pioneer in research and development of electrical adaptation. He was awarded a patent for instrumentation control. Bill joined Harley Davidson in 1975 as a product development designer. In 1976, he became electrical manager of outboard testing for Mercury Marine. He received patent awards for crankshaft angle sensing systems in 1989. Bill retired from Mercury Marine in 1990. He then married his current wife Donna Wilcox in Henderson, Nevada. He loved baseball and coached little league and men's softball leagues for many years. He was also a member of the Eagles Aerie #270, Fond du Lac, for 62 years. Bill is survived by his wife, Donna; a daughter, Barbara Anderson of Denmark; a son, Richard (Debbie) Harmer of Fond du Lac; a stepson, Todd (Trisha) Wilcox of Ashford; five grandchildren: Jenny (Brian) Towns of DePere, Justin Anderson (Heather Wolffe) of Green Bay, Benjamin Anderson of Minneapolis, Matthew Harmer of Madison, and Emily Harmer (fiancé, Ben

Conger) of Milwaukee; a special granddaughter, Jayden Rabe Sawyer; two step-grandchildren: Taylor and Evan Wilcox; four great-grandchildren: Bayne, Quillon, Griffon, and D'Artagnan Towns. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Bernice Harmer; and son-in-law, David Anderson. A memorial service for relatives will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 11, 2010, at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 E. Division Street, Fond du Lac, with Fr. Brian Beno officiating.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Donna-You are in my thoughts and prayers. I extend my deepest condolences to you.

Shirley Baltz - November 10, 2010 at 07:21 PM

JR

“ Our deepest sympathies to your family. You will be in our prayers.

Jen & Aaron Roehl - November 09, 2010 at 10:36 AM

PR

“ Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Mr. Harmer.

Pickarts Radiator - November 08, 2010 at 02:00 PM

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“ To the Harmer Family, I send my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences. "TJ" Tom Johnson

"TJ" Tom Johnson - November 08, 2010 at 11:40 AM

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“ The world was a better place because of Bill Harmer. Donna, you made Bill happy.

Terry & Bonnie Harmer - November 08, 2010 at 10:03 AM

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"TJ" Tom Johnson of Fond du Lac, WI - November 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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So sorry for your loss. You dad was a good eagle member.*

Luann Wrzesinske - November 06, 2010 at 08:32 PM

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Luann Wrzesinske of Fond du Lac - November 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM