



Elvin Robert Busjahn

November 4, 1928 - June 8, 2021

Brodhead – Elvin Robert Busjahn, age 92, passed away on June 8, 2021 while at the William Middleton VA Hospital in Madison, WI.

Elvin was born on November 4, 1928 in Lena, IL the son of Herman and Florence (Shank) Busjahn.

He married the Love of his life Sara Ann Becker on June 20, 1952. The bond between them was incredibly strong. They had many adventures together. They worked together and put in long hours so the Farm and the Family were successful. When they weren't working, they knew how to have fun too. Camping, Canoeing and mushroom hunting were a few of their favorites. Elvin served in the US Army from 1951-1953. He worked for many years farming outside of Brodhead and later retired from the Brodhead US Postal Office as a postal carrier.

He was an active member of the Garden club in Brodhead for several years, As an accomplished farmer, he was able to share some of his secrets with his fellow members. He especially enjoyed his apple trees and would help other people with theirs. He scared more than a few of us thinking that he had pruned off way too much, but it always came out OK.

Elvin was a member of the American Legion in Orfordville. He was always

getting involved with Legion activities like the Chicken Barbeque, Hosting Rudy's Boys tug of war team and helping out with things like the paper drive to help the local Boy Scout troop raise funds so they could go to Summer Camp.

Was an avid canoeist who was as enthusiastic about leisurely floating down a river and enjoying the afternoon as he was about sprinting towards the finish line in an all-out dash to win a race. His last race was when he was 90 years old. He and his son, Carl took 2nd place at the Muscoda canoe race on the Wisconsin river 50 fifty years after they took 2nd place in the Brodhead JC's canoe race on the Sugar River, their first canoe race.

A great springtime passion for him was hunting Morels. The "Steak of the Woods" as he liked to call them. Always one to share, he wouldn't hesitate to let another mushroom hunter know exactly where he had found his most recent harvest. Just ask him and he will tell you, "on the South side of a hill, under a dead tree".

Elvin is survived by his wife, Sarah Ann Busjahn; two sons, Carl Busjahn and Melvin(Carol) Busjahn; 5 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren,
Elvin was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Dan, and his Brothers, Harold, Eugene, Marvin and Leonard.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday September 26 at the Orfordville American Legion from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Please bring a funny or heartwarming story about Elvin so we can all enjoy some of his good times again.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.
www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com 608-897-2484

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree

in memory of Elvin, please visit our floral store.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Orfordville American Legion
3913 State Road 213

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *Tom & Karen Eyler family purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Elvin Robert Busjahn.*



Tom & Karen Eyler family - September 22, 2021 at 03:25 PM

AB

“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Elvin Robert Busjahn
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at D. L. Newcomer
Funeral Home
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Elvin Robert Busjahn - June 28, 2021 at 11:02 AM

RH

“ *Always a wonderful character around his son Carl's canoestore.
Kind and pleasant . And a doting grandfather.*

Rick hill - June 27, 2021 at 08:29 PM

BB

“ I grew up on Elvin and Sarah’s farm outside of Brodhead from the age of 4 until high school. Elvin was one of the nicest people you could ever hope to meet - he would take us kids canoeing, on various errands to get us off the farm (which always resulted in a treat), and taught us so much (especially about the fruit trees!). I had planted an apple tree in my yard quite a few years ago now and he came over to help me get it how it should be “You have to have 2 main branches” as he trimmed the bejesus out of it. I was just looking at it this morning as I pulled in my driveway from the farm and thought of him...as I thought to myself “That is one beautiful tree...it’s perfect.” He will always be in my fondest memories. ❤️

Becky Beutel - June 14, 2021 at 12:55 PM

RF

“ Elvin had an amazing impact on our lives. He gave us the opportunity to purchase his farm many years ago to create a lifelong family homestead. He and Sarah enjoyed numerous visits with us over the years (I’d make the coffee, they’d bring the donuts). We loved listening to their reminiscing of their farm life. We do have to confess though that the very first time he came to “prune” the fruit trees, he almost gave us a heart attack! What wonderful memories he gave all of us! Sincerely sorry for your loss,

Rick and Connie Austin Family - June 12, 2021 at 09:44 AM

TB

“ Elvin was a neighbor (with a beautiful garden) and also a regular at my office. He always had a smile and a great story. I looked forward to seeing him and I am sad to hear of his passing.

theresa bernstein - June 11, 2021 at 07:02 PM

RD

“ Sorry for your loss. He was very knowledgeable about a lot of things. I remember the apple tree he had on the farm---biggest apples I have ever seen.

Ray Douglas - June 11, 2021 at 05:35 PM

PB

“ Uncle Elvin was my husbands uncle but I always thought of him as my uncle too. He was the kindest, most wonderful man. His garden was so pretty and he shared so much of it with friends and family. I was thinking of him a lot this Spring as I watered the Irises he gave me. Uncle Elvin I'll love and remember you for all my days. Thank you for being "wonderful you" Love, Patty Mary.

patricia busjahn - June 11, 2021 at 11:56 AM

PB

“ Uncle Elvin was my husbands uncle but I always thought of him as my uncle too! I loved him so much! He was just so wonderful, kind and such a wonderful gardener...Uncle Elvin I'll remember you forever. You were and are the best uncle anyone could ever have had. Love, Patty Mary

patricia busjahn - June 11, 2021 at 11:39 AM

RP

“ I have many fond memories of Elaine from when we rented his farm. In my prayers.

Randy Pinnow - June 10, 2021 at 07:10 PM

KN

“ I'm so sad to learn of Elvin's passing. He was the BEST mail carrier! I remember him leaving plums or berries in my mail box many times. I decided - on a very hot day, to put a raspberry sundae in my mailbox...It was timed perfectly! He was one of the good ones! Fly high, Elvin!

Kari Newcomer - June 10, 2021 at 05:00 PM

BW

“ The sweetest man ever

Brenda Wahl - June 10, 2021 at 04:57 PM

BW

“ A 'Heart' gesture was posted

Brenda Wahl - June 10, 2021 at 04:56 PM

DW

“ A candle was lit in remembrance

Dean and Nancy Walters - June 10, 2021 at 03:26 PM

BF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed our conversations thru the years when he came to my office. He told me many stories about farming and his family.

Brenda and Randy Fowler - June 10, 2021 at 03:11 PM