



Ernest Joe Exum

March 2, 1924 - March 2, 2017

Ernest J. Exum, age 93, of Brodhead, passed away on Thursday, March 2, 2017, at his home. He was born on March 2, 1924 in Grafton, WV, the son of Irving E. and Florence (Randolph) Exum. He married Margaret J. Lobmeyer on June 30, 1956 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Kinsley, KS. Ernie quit High School to join the U.S. Navy during World War II, after his brother had been captured. He served from 1942 until 1948 in the Pacific Theatre on a naval destroyer. After the war he moved to Chicago where he met Margaret and was a tool and die maker. In 1967 at the age of 43 he walked away from his successful career in Chicago and moved his family to Wisconsin to pursue his life long dream of farming. For the last 50 years he lived that dream. After earning his GED through the military, he was a life long learner. Avidly reading a wide array of subjects. He enjoyed reading, playing pinochle with his family, Sunday drives and farming with his five boys. His biggest success was his family. Driven to rise from his beginnings in poverty, he went on to raise 5 boys with Marge. He was most proud that all of his sons graduated from college, an opportunity he didn't have. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; four sons, Ken (Cathy), Simi Valley, CA, Doug (Laurie), Brodhead, WI, Mike (Renee), Madison, WI, and Curt (Marie) Exum, Oyster Bay, NY; a daughter-in-law, Jennifer Exum, Silsbe, TX; ten grandchildren, Noah, Theresa, Alexander, and Emily Exum, Eryka (Adam) Cook, Kelsey and Austin Exum, Jesse (Paul) Brandenburg, Cody, and Cassidy Exum. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son John in 2004, and brothers, Wilburn (Roberta), Harold and

Kenneth in infancy. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 6, 2017, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Brodhead, WI, with Father Larry Bakke presiding. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead. Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, at the D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, WI. A thank-you to Heartland Hospice of Rockford, especially Alison, Kristin, Pam, Abby and the rest of the staff. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to UW Carbone Cancer Center at: <http://uwhealth.org/donateuwccc>

Tribute Wall

DW

“ A candle was lit by Dean and Nancy Walters

on March 3, 2017 1:37 PM

Dean and Nancy Walters - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

ME

“ Thanks Rob and Tammy for your remembrances of the Happy times celebrating Holidays, it will be different.

Margaret Exum - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RR

“ Exum family,
We were honored and blessed to have known and shared holidays with Grandpa Exum. His stories, jokes and smile will be missed. Those we lose continue on in our hearts and memories. With love...

Rob & Tammy Riemer - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RF

“ A candle was lit by Rob & Tammy Riemer family

on March 3, 2017 2:01 PM

Rob & Tammy Riemer family - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JC

“ A candle was lit by Jane Copus

on March 3, 2017 2:45 PM

Jane Copus - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

BB

“ A candle was lit by Barbie Barber

on March 3, 2017 3:34 PM

Barbie Barber - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DP

“ A candle was lit by Dean Pawlisch

on March 3, 2017 8:04 PM

Dean Pawlisch - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JP

“ A candle was lit by Jeff and Natalie Ponkauskas

on March 3, 2017 8:06 PM

Jeff and Natalie Ponkauskas - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

MF

“ Thanks, Rita, for your thoughtfulness. It is much appreciated by the entire family.

Margaret Exum and family - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RV

“ My sincere sympathy to you for your loss. May you keep loving memories forever in your heart.

Rita Vickers - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

HP

“ A candle was lit by Hank and Laurie Pinnow
on March 4, 2017 5:05 AM

Hank and Laurie Pinnow - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DK

“ A candle was lit by Doug and Janice Knight
on March 4, 2017 8:28 AM

Doug and Janice Knight - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

MF

“ Dave and Connie, It was comforting to hear from you at this difficult
time and to know that we were in your prayers.

Margaret and family - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

CV

“ Very sorry for your loss. Will keep you all in our thoughts and
prayers.

connie and dave voth - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

TF

“ A candle was lit by The Allen Family
on March 4, 2017 3:19 PM

The Allen Family - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

SV

“ A candle was lit by Stan & Cleo Venetos

on March 4, 2017 4:12 PM

Stan & Cleo Venetos - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

LW

“ A candle was lit by Lois (Whitehead) Walling

on March 4, 2017 7:46 PM

Lois (Whitehead) Walling - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DF

“ A candle was lit by Doug and Kathy Foslin

on March 5, 2017 2:58 PM

Doug and Kathy Foslin - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

TA

“ A candle was lit by Tom and Kris Armitage

on March 6, 2017 8:16 AM

Tom and Kris Armitage - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

TA

“ A candle was lit by Tom and Kris Armitage

on March 6, 2017 8:17 AM

Tom and Kris Armitage - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

VK

“ A candle was lit by Virgil and Judy Keller

on March 6, 2017 5:25 PM

Virgil and Judy Keller - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DS

“ A candle was lit by Denise (Cooley) Sacker

on March 7, 2017 9:17 AM

Denise (Cooley) Sacker - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

ME

“ Becky, how nice it was to hear from you, and so comforting to know that we are in your thoughts and prayers. I remember well working with you at the Post Office! Those were good times even though we didn't always think so at the time. Hope you are both doing well.

Margaret Exum - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

BZ

“ My deepest sympathy to you Margaret and your family. I worked with you at the Monroe Post Office back in the late 70's and early 80's. I was Becky Ganshert back then. Time has gone by fast, again I'm sorry for your loss.

Becky and Dave Zuberbuhler - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM