



Lawrence Richard Harding Sr.

September 19, 1928 - December 19, 2020

Obituary

Brodhead/Juda – Lawrence Richard Harding Sr., age 92 passed away December 19, 2020 at the Janesville Mercy Hospital.

Lawrence was born on September 19, 1928 in Rockford, IL, the son of Thomas and Ethel (Willis) Harding. Lawrence married Delores Serns in May of 1950. Lawrence and Delores moved and have been farming in the Brodhead area since March 1, 1955.

Lawrence was part owner of the Golden Rod Creamery in the 1950's and 1960's and later was involved with Swiss Valley Milk Company until 1971. Lawrence was an avid roller skater and even participated in many choreographic shows and plays on roller skates. He was a member of the Footville American Legion Post 237 until his death and served during both WWII and was called back into action during the Korean War in the US Navy aboard the USS Young DD580 Destroyer. His ship made 7 safe trips across the Atlantic Ocean before his discharge. Lawrence was also known to make and eat his own popcorn and always gave it out to family and friends. He was also fond of Delores's paintings of Bluebirds prior to her passing, as they always had Bluebird houses at their home.

The family would like to thank the staff at Cosy Lil Acre Assisting Living Center

in Janesville that provided to Lawrence over the past 4 years and also to the doctors and nurses at Janesville Mercy Hospital.

Lawrence is survived by his 3 children, Floyd Harding, Lawrence "Rick" (Kathy LaBarre) Harding and Cheryl Easland; 14 grandchildren and many great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Delores in 2014, a son, Robert Harding in 2012, a grandson, Christopher Harding in 2014 and three siblings, Thomas Harding, Dorothy Graham and Lorraine Kempen.

In lieu of flowers, cards can be sent in his memory to the DL Newcomer Funeral Home, PO Box 26 in Brodhead WI 53520. Memorials will be directed to the Footville American Legion Post 237 per Lawrence's wishes.

Private burial services will be held at a later date due to Covid-19 restrictions.

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 Lawrence Richard Harding Sr., please visit our floral store.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Keeping you all in our thoughts & prayers. We are sorry for your great loss.

Duane, Debbie Jean & Gregg - January 03, 2021 at 01:07 PM

IN

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. We appreciate the contact we always have had with our family in USA . Lawrence visited us once. He was a very kind person, and I know you will miss him a lot. Delores became my mothers good friend when she visited USA in 1938, and they kept in contact all life. Delores, and family, visited us in Norway several times. That was always nice. The two ladies had a lot to talk about.

Ingeborg and Per Fredriksen, Norway - December 28, 2020 at 12:22 PM

TF

“ The volunteers, flight team and board of Badger Honor Flight mourn the loss of their hero, Lawrence Harding Sr. We are thankful for his military service and proud to have served him on his trip to Washington, D.C. on May 12, 2012.

Tammi Alexander, Badger Honor Flight - December 25, 2020 at 08:56 PM

BM

“ Rick so sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you.

Barb Olson Menehan - December 23, 2020 at 03:06 PM

JK

“ *My sincere condolences to Floyd, Cheryl and Rick. I member how your dad and mom always welcomed us kids into their home when we were high school age and beyond. You were blessed with very special parents, and I know they will live in your hearts forever through the many wonderful memories. I can just see the big smile on your dad's face when your mom met him with open arms. Love to you all. Joan (Berra) Kurth*

Joan Kurth - December 22, 2020 at 07:03 PM

DF

“ *A candle was lit in remembrance*

Doug and Kathy Foslin - December 22, 2020 at 05:42 PM

LJ

“ *Bill & Leanne Johnson*

Leanne Johnson - December 21, 2020 at 06:26 PM

DH

“ *Dick always loved having corn boils. A fond memory.*

Debra Hulbert - December 21, 2020 at 01:48 PM

SH

“ *My sympathy for the Harding family. Lawrence was my Father-in-law for about 10 yrs. He will be missed*

Sherry Harding - December 21, 2020 at 12:48 PM