



Melvin L. Updike

October 13, 1921 - September 26, 2015

Melvin L. Updike, age 93, of Janesville, formerly of Monroe, passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2015, at his home. He was born on October 13, 1921 in Lynxville, WI (Crawford Co.), the son of Frank and Minnie (Smith) Updike. He married Hazel A. Duerst on August 11, 1942 in Monticello, WI. She passed away on January 29, 2006. Melvin and Hazel had farmed in Adams Township before moving to Monroe and then to Janesville in 1968. He retired from General Motors Corp., Janesville and was a member of the UAW. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and the Moose Club, both of Janesville. He enjoyed making Swiss Clocks, deer hunting, fishing, dancing, playing cards and visiting the casinos. He is survived by three daughters, Janice (Rick) Schneider, Brodhead, WI, Nancy Bliefernicht (Rodney Hoverson), DeForest, WI, Kristine Fulmer (Ken Sommerfeldt), Janesville, WI; a son, Richard (Mary) Updike, Rice Lake, WI; a sister, Shirley (Bob) Albright, Sun City, AZ; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and one great great-granddaughter. He is also survived by two very special friends, Nyall Knutson and Margaret Klein. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a daughter, Judy Updike in infancy; four sisters, Olive Potts, Velma Voelker, Viola Tiffany, Garnette Olson; four brothers, George Eugene, Orville, Loren, and twin brother, Milford Updike; granddaughter, Kaitlyn Mae Updike; great grandson, Ashtian Rufer; and a son-in-law, LeRoy Rufer. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, October 1, 2015, at the D.L. NEWCOMER FUNERAL HOME, BRODHEAD,

WI, with Pastor Krystal Goodger officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, Monticello, WI. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Mercy Home Hospice Care. The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the Hospice staff of Mercy Home Hospice Care, Chaplain Jim Wehrheimand, and Chuck, who had been with him most of this year, especially Crystal and Lisa. The family members would also like to recognize and give a big thank you to Melvin's daughter, Kristine Fulmer and grandson, Mike Rufer, for all the loving care they gave to him during this time which allowed his wishes to be able to stay at home. He was a wonderful, vibrant, witty, generous, caring man who never lost his razor sharp mind, and will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Tribute Wall

RF

“ I am sorry to read this. I met him once and he was very kind. My your happy memories together be shared in the coming days. And may you feel his love.

Randy and Brenda Fowler - May 10, 2021 at 11:10 AM

DP

“ Janis & Rick
Our prayers are with you at this very difficult time.
Be assured the entire church family is with you!
Dean

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

HG

“ I send my condolences to the entire family. It has been around 50 years since I have seen any of the family. You have my sincere sympathy in your time of loss.

Harvey Goepfert - May 10, 2021 at 11:10 AM

CP

“ I took care of Melvin through Mercy Hospice and Melvin touched all of our hearts! Melvin was such a sweet and gentle man and will be missed by all that he had met throughout his life! Melvin always stayed positive and strong til the very end! A wonderful man has gone on to be our angel and keep us on the straight and narrow path!!! Once again I am sorry about your loss but honored to of been able to meet Mr. Melvin Updike!

Crystal Parker - May 10, 2021 at 11:10 AM

JY

“ We are so sorry to hear of Melvin's passing. He had a full life. Melvin must be playing cards, dancing, or fishing with Hazel, Mom, and Dad. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

Jim and Patricia Yolda, Abby Yolda, Benjamin, Alyssa, and Harper Yolda - May 10, 2021 at 11:10 AM

DH

“ Mike- So sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave and Gyda Hooker - May 10, 2021 at 11:10 AM

DB

“ Janice and families. Pleas forgive us. Looked at calendar-nothing on it. So sorry we did not attend your Dad's funeral-such a nice guy always--and Hazel too. Please accept our sincere sympathy. Prayers, hugs to all.

Don and Brenda - May 10, 2021 at 11:10 AM

BM

“ Janice I am so sorry for your loss, I didn't realize until today that he was your Dad.
Save your memories and they will get you thru.

Barbara Menehan - May 10, 2021 at 11:10 AM