



## Gary Oliver Ocker

October 21, 1938 - February 2, 2025

### Gary Oliver Ocker

passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on February 2, 2025 at the age of 86. Gary was a hard-working and generous man who loved his family, friends, and farm-life. He was born in Glidden, WI on October 21, 1938 to parents Ernest and Olga (Moe) Ocker. At the age of 5 months, he and his family moved to Fifield to establish the family farm, known later as Ocker's Acres. Gary attended Fifield High School and shortly after graduating in 1958, he met the love of his life, Jan. They married on February 25, 1961 in Fifield. They were married for 61 years. Gary loved all aspects of the farm, including the land and the cows. He had a bright sense of humor, enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers, and spent his free time riding around on the Gator (which he nicknamed "The Putt-Putt") with his four-legged companion Jade assessing the crops and livestock. Gary was always up for a last minute parts run in order to keep the farm up and running until the very end. He played a vital role in developing and operating the farm including many upgrades and changes over the years. He was an active member of the community by serving as Fifield Town Chairman, on the Park Falls School Board for 30 years, and was a member of the Fifield Fire Department.

Gary is preceded in death by his wife Jan, his parents Ernest and Olga, his brothers Ernie and Don, his sisters Gladys and Nancy, his nieces Kathy and

Patty, his nephew Rick, and great-grandson Ezra Samson Kalade Marvel. Gary is survived by his sister Harriet and his brother Ron, 5 children, Toni (Brad) Champeau of Green Bay, Sandy Marvel (Chris) of Eau Claire, Jon (Suzy) Ocker of Fifield, Lisa Ocker of Tucson, AZ, and Judy (Lewis) Wibel of Eau Claire. His 15 grandchildren, Ben, Vinny and Amanda Champeau, Christopher (Iyabo) and Joseph (Malorey) Marvel, Emily (Chuck) Koshak, Jonathon (Austyn), Olivia and Ebbe Ocker, Isaac (Lynz), Ellen and Zachary Jordan, and Lucy and Madelyn Wibel, 8 great grandchildren, Leona and Lilly Champeau, Titus and Cyrus Marvel, Marave Marvel, Layton Ocker, Sayler Koshak, Lyna Jordan, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00am on Monday February 10, 2025 at the Fifield Congregational Church in Fifield. Pastor Jill Lempke will officiate.

Burial at Forest Home Cemetery in Fifield will follow.

A visitation will be held on Monday from 10:00am until the hour of the service at the church.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

[www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com](http://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Home Cemetery

Old 70 Road and Krucky Road  
Fifield, WI 54524

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fifield Congregational Church  
N13977 West Central Ave  
Fifield, WI 54524

## Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PB

“ Gary was such a nice man. He always had a great smile and laugh. I always enjoyed talking with him because of his nice outlook on life. He is missed.

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**Pam Borman** - October 18, 2025 at 05:49 PM

KG

“ Gary Ocker was a remarkable man. For many years he had our second graders come to farm and experience a farm, calves, barn, hay ride, milking, a dairy treat, etc. He and his wife always made it special for all of us.

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**Kathleen Granstrom** - February 14, 2025 at 07:32 PM

TB

“ Dear Gary Ocker Family,

*Our hearts are with all of you during this very difficult time. I will miss Papa Gar. Though he and I never exchanged many words, I gave him a hug whenever I could, and he always graciously accepted. I remember helping with the cows in the barn, until I got kicked, and Papa Gar saw me limping and said, "Did she git ya?"*

*And I remember leaving to go to a movie - Jan, Gar, Judy, and me - and Gar looked in his rear-view mirror, said nothing, but slammed on the brakes, spun the car around and sped back toward the house. The cows were out. We raced back, he put the cows back, and we were off to the movie.*

*I always felt like an extension of your family when I was with y'all. I'm sure that's just a natural thing in your family. I am grateful.*

*Love to all of you,  
Tracy (Kundinger) and Ed Busby*

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**Tracy Busby** - February 10, 2025 at 09:06 AM



*Very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a great guy. Having grown up in Fifield, I have many great memories of him... to many to count.*

*Condolences to the Ocker family.  
RIP Gary*

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**Mark Symonik** - February 12, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ Favorites Gift Box was purchased for the family of Gary Oliver Ocker.



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February 06, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Oliver Ocker.

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