



Leonard Carl Diestelhorst

February 14, 1934 - December 3, 2021

Leonard Carl Diestelhorst, age 87 of Glidden, died Friday, December 3, 2021 at Park Manor Nursing Home. He was born on February 14, 1934 in Rib Lake, the son of Otto and Marie (Fischer) Diestelhorst. On December 1, 1973 he married Janet Kicherer. Together they raised a family in Glidden.

Leonard worked as a logger in his early years and later he labored many years as a machinist at Lionite Hardboard Wood Products in Phillips. After retiring from Lionite, he worked at Park Falls BP as a cashier. He loved fishing, polka dancing, playing cards, listening to the Brewers on the radio, and taking his beloved wife on long drives in the country. He especially loved spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Janet of Park Falls and son Clint (Kari) Diestelhorst of Brookfield, (7) step-children: Larry Robinson of New London, Bruce (Terry) Robinson of Weyauwega, Linda (Randy) Edinger of Two Rivers, Lorraine (Chuck) Butler of Wonder Lake, IL. Ben (Melodie) Robinson of Washburn, Randy Robinson of Park Falls, and Margaret Salerno of Glidden. (17) grandchildren, (10) great-grandchildren, (5) siblings: Linda (Ed) Palecek, Marian (Denis) Shaver, Alice Nutting, Vern (Joanne) Diestelhorst, and Leona Vande Vrede, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Erna (Don)

Loomis.

A Memorial Service will be held at Birch Street Funeral Service Chapel on Saturday January 8, 2022 at 11:00am. Deacon Chet Ball will officiate.

A Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Interment will take place at a later date.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Birch Street Funeral Service
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Park Falls, WI 54552
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Tribute Wall



“ Leonard Carl Diestelhorst

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Karen Kilger lit a candle in memory of Leonard Carl Diestelhorst



Karen Kilger - January 08, 2022 at 05:16 PM



You were such a kind heart.

Karen Kilger - January 08, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ Thinking of my big brother today with sadness that I am not able to be with the family to say goodbye, but I also praise God for the happy life he had with his wife Janet and the joy the two shared in raising their family. He was proud of everyone and extremely proud to be a grandpa. Memories of our childhood farm days will always remain precious to me

Leona vande vrede - January 08, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leonard Carl Diestelhorst.



January 06, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU. I REALLY ENJOYED WORKING WITH AT BP.SANDY



Sandy Dane - December 10, 2021 at 03:51 PM



“ This kind hearted man! A birthday didn't go without a phone call from him, usually singing Happy Birthday! A Christmas card each year! His pipe with the best smelling tobacco, stopping for a visit and a cup of coffee with lots of sugar (probably more than coffee), twisting his hair with those big fingers, a call when an acquaintance passed with tears in his voice, or the call I would receive when he was hospitalized. He wasn't happy when I was born cause I was "another girl", but he loved me! My memories are many and my heart aches for the loss of this "old soul". Rest now Lenny, you big oaf!

Linda - December 09, 2021 at 08:38 AM

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“ Leonard (Lenny) Was and always will be my only brother! In our early years I remember how much he loved cars (powerful and fast cars)! A 1956 pontiac with a huge V-8 engine and a Brand new 1957 Hudson (pink and white, with spoke wheels, an enclosed spare tire carrier on the trunk, white convertible top with white fold-down leather seats! He even let me drive it (I was ten) and I nearly ran in the ditch! He was strong, too! One time I remember lifting the front end of a John Deer H front end that had slipped off a block while dad was greasing the spindles and pinned dad's leg! Lenny lifted the front end of that tractor so dad could get his leg out! Once Lenny was splitting wood, missed the block and put the splittin mall into his boot between his toes! His only words were "Oh Darn! Better go to the doctor for this!" Wrapped the foot (boot and all) in a sock and drove to town to get sewn up! He was Best Man at my wedding and me at his! There are many more memories (Joys and sorrows) but most importantly I hope you have peace in your new place! God bless you Brother! You will be missed!

vern diestelhorst - December 08, 2021 at 08:51 PM