



Raymond J. Poetzl

March 31, 1937 - May 14, 2018

Raymond J. Poetzl

age 81, lifelong resident of Fifield was welcomed into eternal life by angels, with his loving and caring wife at his side at his home on the morning of May 14, 2018. On June 3, 1961 he married his wife of 57 years, Ethel Salandich. Raymond was a veteran of the United States National Guard and supported his family by doing what he loved, which was being outdoors. It consisted of logging, road construction and his love of operating his own equipment while helping others. For 46 years Ray and his wife Ethel were the dedicated caretakers of Forest Home Cemetery in Fifield. In his retirement years Ray would spend his time helping family and friends of the Fifield area. He also did a lot of snowplowing with his Chevy.

He is survived by:

His wife Ethel of Fifield,

the five children he and Ethel raised:

Raymond (Renee) Poetzl of Park Falls

James (Robbin) Poetzl of Cottage Grove, OR

David (Mistie) Poetzl of Menominee, MI

Virginia (Adam Canik) Poetzl of Butternut

Robert (Erica) Poetzl of Porterfield

(20)grandchildren, (9)great-grandchildren

his brother Edward Poetzl of Menominee Falls

his sister Delores Lobermeier of Fifield and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his infant grandson Derek Poetzl, (3)brothers: Lawrence & Norbert McKeever, and Thomas Poetzl and his sister Rita Nitke.

Funeral services will be held on Friday May 18, 2018 at 11:00am from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Fifield. Deacon Chet Ball will officiate.

Burial will follow at Forest Home Cemetery in Fifield with military rites under the auspices of the Fifield American Legion Post.

A visitation will be held on Friday at the church from 9:30am until the hour of the service.

A special thank you to Flambeau Home Health and Hospice as well as all friends and relatives who helped support Ray and Ethel through these difficult times.

The Novitzke Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Cemetery Details

Forest Home Cemetery

Old 70 Road and Krucky Road
Fifield, WI 54524

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Balsam Street
Fifield, WI 54524

Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Military Honors

MAY 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond J. Poetzi*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Poetzi.*



May 17, 2018 at 03:18 PM

RN

“ Ray was more like an older brother than an uncle to me. I can remember him as a teenager. He caught me sharing a cigarette when I was quite young. I don't remember when, but he was still helping on the farm. He properly scolded me, and I never heard another word about it—from anybody.

He lived with us for a short while in 53 or 54. He wasn't feeling well one night and couldn't sleep. I too was up for some reason (we were sharing a room, so if he was up, I was up). I asked him if he was 'worsen' tonight? He assured me "There ain't no such word as worsen!" Okay, I can't be entirely certain that he actually said "Ain't" but I remember the 'worsen' part clearly.

For a while in the early 70's I worked with him in the woods. One day when we broke for lunch he returned to his pickup to find he had left the back open (why not, we were in the seclusion of the deep forest) and his Styrofoam lunch box was broken to pieces. The contents were strewn about the area. Fortunately, the bear only took some and graciously left some behind. Ray kept a good humor about it, as he did most things in life.

Ron Nitke

Ron Nitke - May 16, 2018 at 01:11 AM

KH

We are so very sorry for your loss our hearts, love, and, prayers go out to each of of the Poetzl family, friends, and love ones!

Herb and Kari Hatfield (Mistie's parents)

Kari Hatfield - May 16, 2018 at 07:39 AM

VP

I remember the good times of playing farmers dice, playing the card games of 7 up, 500 rummy, putting puzzles together even though my brothers hated the puzzle thing, the marble games, and thankful for all the teachings or morals, values, hard work, determination, courtesy, respect, consideration, to be kind, and to always treat others the way GOD wanted you to treat them, according to the Bible dad was strict but he always meant well.

Virginia Poetzl - May 16, 2018 at 09:52 PM

JT

Our sympathy to Ethel and their family, Ray was a good and honest friend, he will be missed by all

Jerry & Tulluah(Kay) Thelen - May 17, 2018 at 01:43 PM