



William "Bill" J. Palecek

October 23, 1937 - October 25, 2020

William "Bill" J. Palecek

Age 83, of Park Falls, died on Sunday October 25, 2020 at Care Partners Assisted Living Stonewood in Eau Claire. He was born on October 23, 1937 in Butternut, the son of George and Liz (Kerscher) Palecek. After graduating from the Butternut High School, Bill entered the Army National Guard for two years. He operated a crane in the wood yard of the Flambeau Paper Mill in Park Falls for 40 years and made many lifelong friends. After retiring from the mill he spent 18 years working in his beloved woods and spent every moment he could enjoying them. Bill was also a private airplane pilot and spent many years flying a small plane around the northwoods with family and friends. In January of 2020 he was diagnosed with ALS and moved to Eau Claire to be close to his children.

He is survived by:

(3)children:

Peggy (Don) Joyner of Elk Mound

Rick (Joy) Palecek of Eau Claire

Scott (Monica) Palecek of Chippewa Falls

(6)grandchildren:

Molly Palecek, Maygen Palecek, Jennifer (Chris) McMeans, Jaclyn Joyner,

Alisha (Jeremy) Boettcher, Jake (Danielle) Berger

(10)great grandchildren:

Devin, Ashley, Cody, Brady, Sawyer, Raven, Caitlin, Bennet, Wyatt, and Korah
(2)great-great granddaughters: Everly and Sailor
his sister Pat (Nic) Bley of Seattle, Washington
his close friend Marian Walker
and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.
He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Lois, brother John, and
infant sister Mary.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls
on Friday November 6, 2020 at 6:00pm. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara will officiate.

A visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 5:00pm until the hour of
the service.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.
www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **6.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
276 5th Ave South
Park Falls, WI 54552

Memorial Mass

NOV **6.** 6:00 PM (CT)

St Anthony's Catholic Church
276 S 5th Ave
Park Falls, WI 54552-1143
(715) 762-4494

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" J. Palecek*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Patsy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" J. Palecek.*



Patsy - November 04, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ *We are soo sorry for you loss. Your Dad was a fantastic man. I remember many smiles when we would visit. Heaven is blessed with another angel. Our hearts feel for you and our prayers are with you. Love Lynn and Mike*

Lynn Stone - November 04, 2020 at 10:42 AM



Thank you so much. He is watching over us now, blessed to have had him for as long as we did. ❤️

Peggy Joyner - November 05, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Palecek.*



November 03, 2020 at 04:25 PM

HG

“ My earliest memory of Pa was visiting Rick and Joy’s cabin and being honored that I got to ride Pa’s four wheeler all by myself. I loved getting to hear his stories of how the North Woods used to be. He always put up with my brother and I borrowing his best planks of wood to use for our countless forts, bridges and projects. Pa will be dearly missed.

Hanna Guckenberg - November 02, 2020 at 03:09 PM

PJ

He enjoyed you both so much! Thanks for sharing your beautiful memories. ❤️

Peggy Joyner - November 05, 2020 at 10:28 AM

BG

“ Sorry for your loss. We have such fond memories of your dad. Couldn’t of asked for a better neighbor and friend. RIP. Brenda Gasch, Lynn , Jennifer and Timothy

Brenda Gasch - November 02, 2020 at 01:04 PM

PJ

You were wonderful neighbors and friends as well. Thanks so much!

Peggy Joyner - November 05, 2020 at 10:29 AM

MK

“ Bill and I were both born in October, many years ago, 20 days apart, yet I was a year ahead of him in school. As adults I chided him about this and he informed me that it was really to his advantage when he was a senior, because he was 18 nearly the whole school year. I guess for some reason he must have thought that was a license to skip school, so; he said he did it quite frequently. He would ride the school bus to school and then he and whoever would find entertainment for the day outside of the school. At the end of a skip day Bill would meet the school bus on the corner of County F by the Co-op Store where there was a stop sign. There the bus driver opened the door to get a good view before proceeding and it was there, that Bill would get on the bus for the 6 mile ride home. One afternoon when Bill was about to get on the bus, standing in the door of the bus was the School Administrator/ principal, Mr. Stoltz. M. S. was also known as "Ze Bull" and he was feared by all. Mr. S. told Bill the bus provided rides for kids who went to school and because he hadn't attended school that day he wasn't able to ride the bus home. Bill walked home and a lesson was learned then and when he got home much later than usual. Another lesson when he to explain to George and Ann.

We shared humor of our youth when we met in the grocery store.

Maxine Kilger - November 01, 2020 at 03:54 PM

PJ

Great memory! I never heard that one before! 🍷

Peggy Joyner - November 01, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Palecek.*



October 31, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss
Butch and Heather Tesch*



Heather Tesch - October 29, 2020 at 07:08 PM



Thanks so much.

Peggy Joyner - November 05, 2020 at 10:29 AM

“Peggy, Rick, and Scott, so sorry for your loss. Pa was truly a special man. I probably met him 30-35 years through Rick I believe on one of our camping get togethers up in the Park Falls area. One nice memory was after Rick built the cabin Linda and I were planning to come up there with the big RV. Rick had told Pa about us coming up for the weekend and before that weekend Pa had brushed back the dirt road and made sure there were no bad spots in the road for us to drive our rig all the way to the cabin site. We originally thought we would be sleeping in it by the his shed/office area. I believe even he was impressed by seeing our camper sitting by the cabin site when he showed up and we had it parked there. I'm guessing Scott and our campers were the biggest units to make the cabin/creek area our beautiful camping sites over the many years that we enjoyed hanging out with the gang up there.

One other time before that when Linda and I were on a week long vacation pulling the boat fishing different lakes in the Northwoods, we were going thru Park Falls after camping on the west side of the state and heading to the Lac du Flambeau area on a Sunday in the fall time. I told Linda that we would be going thru Park Falls and should we see if Bill is at his house. We stopped and he was. We had a nice visit and I told him we need to get going because we wanted to stop at a bar somewhere between here and there heading east in time to watch the Packers. Bill told us we could stay and watch the game at his home even though he had someplace to go before the game was to start. This was before Bill and us had really known each other real good (He just knew we were good friends of Rick and Joy), and I knew Bill wasn't one who cared to watch football anyhow. But for him to offer us to watch the game at his home with him not there tells you what kind of guy Bill was. At some point in time we started sending him Christmas cards and we always received cards from him at Christmas time. We always enjoyed visiting with Bill at Ricks cabin, Cedar Lodge, or here in Eau Claire when ever he would come down and we would be around for what ever occasion it was that would bring him to town.

Bill - I know you as a very kind, gentle, easy going and loving man. I feel honored to have crossed trails with you some 30 years ago thru

*your children and we will miss you.
God Bless you and rest in peace.
Ray and Linda*

Ray and Linda Chapek - October 29, 2020 at 06:57 PM

PJ

Thank you Ray & Linda ❤️

Peggy Joyner - November 01, 2020 at 08:02 PM

DG

“ *I was blessed to have met Uncle Bill a few years ago. His kindness and hospitality are memories I truly cherish.
My sincere sympathies,
Diane Gardner*

Diane Gardner - October 29, 2020 at 04:07 AM

PJ

Appreciate your condolences Diane.

Peggy Joyner - November 01, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Palecek.*



October 29, 2020 at 04:00 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" J. Palecek.*



October 28, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ *Worked with Bill 20 some years .The railcane was his He was so talented on that machine unbelievable how smooth he was. Most people dont realize how talented he was. Rest in peace*

Randy hanish - October 27, 2020 at 08:26 PM



Thanks so much Randy

Peggy Joyner - November 01, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ *Bill was my trucking buddy we went to the west coast a few time's . He was fun to have along I'm going to miss him.*

Larry Olafson - October 27, 2020 at 07:10 PM



Larry he spoke of those trips often. 😊

Peggy Joyner - November 01, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *Deer camp won't be the same without Bill stopping by for a beer and giving ys grief for not having anything hanging.*

Mark Kochanski - October 27, 2020 at 07:00 PM

PJ

😊 *He'll still be watching* 😊

Peggy Joyner - November 05, 2020 at 10:31 AM

BZ

“ *We had a lot of good times snowmobiling with your dad. Sorry for your loss. Maybe him and Bill are having a beer together.*

Bonnie Zoesch - October 27, 2020 at 06:45 PM

RP

“ *Back in the day After I had asked Larry Olafson for his daughters hand in marriage, I said I was planning something special for the proposal, I wanted to do something in the air, Larry said he knew just the guy. So over to Bill's place we go to ask if he would fly us on a certain day. Bill said it would be an honor with fair skies. On that day, a bright blue sky. A great Thanks to Bill it all went well even up to today. Rest in our Lords arms for all Eternity*

Ray Poetzl - October 27, 2020 at 06:21 PM

 David Cox

“ *We met Bill at the Cruise Inn bar and he and some family members stopped by our cabin on their wheelers. We rode to his and his sons cabin and enjoyed a friendly brew. He will be missed by many including people like us that didn't see him often but always enjoyed his happiness. Dave and Kim Cox*

David Cox - October 27, 2020 at 05:42 PM

KP

“ *Always a great guy to talk with, I always enjoyed talking with Bill at the Mill. My condolences to the family*

Kevin Powell - October 27, 2020 at 05:41 PM

CK

Bill you were an awesome guy! Thank you for sharing so many past stories with Claus and me! We loved listening to your snowmobiling and logging stories. Rest in peace Bill!

Claus and Judy Kraetke - October 27, 2020 at 08:34 PM

WF

All Palecek's are special people. Bless you. Walt Fischer

Walt Fischer - October 28, 2020 at 10:01 AM

PJ

Thank you all. ❤️

Peggy Joyner - November 05, 2020 at 10:33 AM