



Benedict "Dick" Brooks

February 17, 1929 - November 21, 2017

Benedict Alvin Brooks (Dick, Grandpa Dick) of Berlin, 88 years young, passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Leanne, and their six children, Tom (Georgia) Brooks, Terri (Don) Osterberg, Bob (Laurene) Brooks, Bill (Amy) Brooks, Cathy (Rob) Hargrave and Kelly (Tom) Krause. He was the best grandpa to 15 grandchildren; Bethany, Ben, Alexa, Wade, Joe (Natalie), Jim, Jack, Olivier, Steven (Melanie), Michael, Bryan, Brady, Trevor, Mitchell and Paige.

Dick was born on February 17, 1929, in Nekoosa, WI to Gerald and Caroline Brooks. He spent his childhood in Nekoosa with his siblings, Raymond, Geraldine and Glenn. Dick worked on their family fox farm, and always had a pocketful of raisins as a treat for the foxes. At the age of 19, Dick moved to Berlin. In the early 50's, he enrolled at Oshkosh State College to major in football. Soon after, he replaced his football uniform with a US Army uniform. He served at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Hood, Texas, best known as 'Bruno the Boxer'. In 1953, he returned to Berlin and the family business. Dick met Leanne Corbisier at the Roxy Supper Club in Oshkosh and on June 9, 1956, they were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Dick was the owner/operator, along with his brothers and family, of several businesses in Berlin: a mink ranch, a fox farm, B and W Fur Foods, Wisconsin Tank Tainer, Carri Craft Catamarans, ArtCraft, Prefinished Wood Products and Brooks Yachts.

A lifelong resident of Berlin, all knew him as an active participant in many community groups and events: St. Stan's/All Saints Parish, Oshkosh Comets Semi Pro Football Team, Berlin Softball League, Berlin Jaycees, River Raft Regatta, Berlin Veteran's Foundation, Senior Singers, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Helping Hands for Cancer 5K, 4th of July Duck Race, Senior Triathlon, Dude Looks Like a Lady (1st Place Winner!) He also made appearances as Uncle Sam and Santa on many occasions.

Dick was greeted at Heaven's Gate by many loved ones that went before him. Picture him with an MGD in one hand and a large vanilla ice cream cone in the other, running through

the Pearly Gates shouting HAPPINESS!

In lieu of a visitation (Dick was never traditional), family and friends are invited to join in a Celebration of Life on Friday December 1, 2017 at Mascoutin Country Club in Berlin from 6:00 – 9:00pm. His two favorite things, beer and ice cream, will be compliments of Grandpa Dick. A memorable program will begin at 7:30. Bring your stories to share.

Family will be available on Saturday December 2, 2017 at Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home in Berlin 9:00-10:00 am. A funeral mass will be held at All Saints Catholic Parish at 10:30, officiated by Father David Greenfield. A luncheon will follow the mass, and we encourage all to join us, spread HAPPINESS, and celebrate Dick's legendary life.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mascoutin Country Club
1635 Cty Rd A
Berlin, WI
(920) 361-2360

Visitation

DEC 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home
116 S Adams Ave
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-2050

Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Benedict "Dick" Brooks*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - November 28, 2017 at 01:09 PM

JM

“ *I spent a number of years as an active member of the All Saints choir and so very much enjoyed that time with Dick who sat behind me. He was such a positive man; never a contradiction or disparaging comment. We had great fun on the choir and during several evening practices in the old church buildings we were bedazzled by Dick's ability to chase down elusive bats who tried to join in our activities. God's blessings to the extended Brooks family. May you find comfort in the many great memories and love shared with a very special man.*

Jean Mathia - December 01, 2017 at 10:59 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benedict "Dick" Brooks.*



November 30, 2017 at 06:34 PM

ER

“ *everyone at copperleaf village of ripon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Benedict "Dick" Brooks.*



everyone at copperleaf village of ripon - November 30, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Benedict "Dick" Brooks.*



November 29, 2017 at 10:23 AM

SC

“ *Schoenick, Wendt, Petraszak, Krause, Chase, Clausen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Benedict "Dick" Brooks.*



Schoenick, Wendt, Petraszak, Krause, Chase, Clausen - November 29, 2017 at 08:30 AM

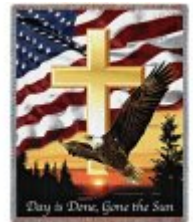
BM

“ *A blank space like this is too small to really list all the memories I have of Dick. Working at Carrie-Craft, fishing on Green Lake, playing softball, enjoying his voice at choir. He was a very good part of my life in Berlin. I will miss him and remember.*

Bill Mathia - November 28, 2017 at 09:32 PM

BM

“ *Bill and Mary Mathia purchased the Memorial Honor Blanket for the family of Benedict "Dick" Brooks.*



Bill and Mary Mathia - November 28, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - November 28, 2017 at 03:27 PM



“ 119 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - November 28, 2017 at 12:02 PM

TM

“ *Tom And Annette Merryfield lit a candle in memory of Benedict "Dick" Brooks*



Tom and Annette Merryfield - November 28, 2017 at 10:15 AM

MI

“ *Mark, Tammy & Carol Moore, REM Company Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Benedict "Dick" Brooks.*



Mark, Tammy & Carol Moore, REM Company Inc. - November 28, 2017 at 07:43 AM

SL

“ *Steve and Vicky Layfield purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Benedict "Dick" Brooks.*



Steve and Vicky Layfield - November 28, 2017 at 12:12 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Benedict "Dick" Brooks.*



November 27, 2017 at 03:40 PM