



## Emil J. Burmeister

November 14, 1943 - April 1, 2017

Died April 1, 2017. He was born November 14, 1943 in Wild Rose WI. He is preceded in death by his parents Emil R. Burmeister and Erma (Pilger) Burmeister. He spent his youth and attended school in Wautoma WI. In 1963, he entered the US Army where he proudly served in the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions. In 1964, he married his wife of 52 years the former Barbara L. Beck. They had one son, Craig and one Grandson, Austin. In 1966, he served a tour of duty in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star. In 1967, he was honorably discharged from the military and made his home with his wife and son in Berlin WI. He started his career doing auto repair in his own business, after that, he and a partner (Monte Rhodes) started Berlin Small Engine Repair & Marine. After a successful start-up business Emil became sole owner and along with his wife, continued to build up his customer base. After the sale of his business, he became employed by various Marine dealers as service manager. He retired in 2008 from Blackhawk Marine. After retirement he continued to work part time for the Township of Berlin.

Emil loved to spend his leisure time hunting & fishing. Ice fishing was his passion. He also enjoyed watching football and NASCAR racing. He and his wife and their good friends, Karen & Ron Johnson made many trips to different race tracks around the country.

Emil was preceded in death by His mother and father, one brother, Bill "Billy B" Burmeister; parents-in-law, Joseph and Virginia Beck; brother-in-law, Joe

Beck Jr.; sister-in-law, Roberta Beck.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Craig (Etheena); and his beloved grandson Austin (Samantha). He is further survived by two Brothers, Robert (Tiffany) and Gary (Heather Janzen); sisters, Judy Yohn (Dennis Felton), Connie Brown (Larry Wilker), Ginger Brown (John), and Taffy Burmeister (Joe Reiser); in-laws, Jerry Beck (Marge), Jim Beck (Jean), John J. Beck (Jan Huser), Virginia "Nia" John (Carl). Also many nieces & nephews and their families.

Emil was Life Member and former Commander of Wells-Krause VFW Post 2925. He also was Past President and active member of Walleye's for Tomorrow Fox River Chapter.

Thanks go out to the Veterans Hospitals in both Milwaukee and Madison for the excellent care they gave Emil the last 2 years. All the doctors & nurses were always caring and professional. Also to St Agnesian Hospice Hope. The family will greet friends and relatives at the Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home in Berlin on Friday April 7, 2017, 4 to 8 PM. Celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 PM. With a luncheon at 3:30 PM at Billy B's Bar in Wautoma WI.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 4:00 PM (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 Emil J. Burmeister*



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**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - April 05, 2017 at 11:18 AM

CD

*Beautiful viideo. He was a special person. Thank you Barb and Emil for being such good neighbors.*

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**Cheryl Doro** - April 05, 2017 at 02:38 PM

JV

*Barb,  
That was a wonderful tribute video .....our sincere condolences to you and your family!*

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**Joe Viertel** - April 05, 2017 at 03:15 PM

RG

*Beautiful video. My condolences. Rusty*

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**Rusty Grant** - April 05, 2017 at 06:38 PM

CO

*That was a beautiful tribute to my brother.*

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**Connie** - April 05, 2017 at 06:41 PM

DB

*Barb,  
What a touching and very appropriate tribute to a great man! So sorry  
Tammy and I and the kids won't be there for the services, as we are on  
our way to Germany. We love you and will always cherish the  
memories of Emil*❤️

Debbie Beck - April 05, 2017 at 08:28 PM

SG

*Dear Barb and family, this was wonderful, thank you for doing this so  
some of us that are far away at the moment can share in his great life.  
He was a wonderful friend to have had known for a long time. He never  
called me by my name just my nickname that I think both of you gave  
me. He shall always be my friend in life and death. Hugs and see you  
soon*

Sharon Groff - April 05, 2017 at 09:38 PM

MT

*Sympathy goes out to your family. The video was beautiful, you have  
wonderful memories of Emil . Take care Barb,*

Mary Trochinski - April 05, 2017 at 10:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Emil J. Burmeister.



April 05, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ 106 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home** - April 05, 2017 at 11:14 AM