



Fredrick Warnecke

August 18, 1927 - October 11, 2021

Fredrick (Fritz) Warnecke, 94 years old, passed away October 11, 2021. He was born August 18, 1927 to Frances (O'Keefe) and Arthur Warnecke in Peshtigo, Wisconsin. He graduated as salutatorian of his high school class (of two people). He married his wife of 69 years, Carol (Mader) on August 16, 1952. They had one daughter, Jill, who was the light of his life.

Fritz enlisted in the Army at the end of WWII and was deployed as part of the Cavalry to guard the Bank of Japan. After returning home, he received his Bachelor of Science degree from UW-Oshkosh and began a teaching career at Berlin High School in August 1952. He taught for 17 years and was active in the high school community, coaching football, debate, and forensics. Fritz also continued his own education, earning a Master of Science from UW-Madison. He spent many of his summer breaks bartending at Norton's in Green Lake, likely serving up as much life advice as drinks.

He left teaching to pursue a career in finance, combining his skill for numbers with his personability to support community members in their investment planning. Over the course of his four-decade career in investments, he partnered with his son-in-law, Kevin Koch, and office manager Debbie Koch.

Fritz was an avid golfer, and spent as much time on the course as he did in the clubhouse. He was honored as the Mascoutin Country Club Man of the Year in 1983, acknowledging his contributions to the community and his family. Off the course, he spent years in the leadership of the Berlin Jaycees, actively involved at the state and national levels.

Fritz spent as much time as he could with his three grandchildren, going fishing, taking them on rides on his antique tractor Cyrus, and always having a Werther's candy on hand. He maintained much of the family land in Peshtigo throughout his life, spending weekends in a log cabin he and Carol designed out of salvaged barn timber. They spent most weekends there, gardening, working in the woods, and enjoying corn roasts and fish fries with the Dura families and other neighbors. The cabin also served as deer camp each

November to Fritz's friends and family. Over the past five years, Fritz enjoyed taking on the role of great-grandfather, or "Pop Pop" as his two great-grandkids like to call him.

Fritz was never happier than when he was entertaining. Whether it was dinner parties or porch parties, he enjoyed offering a gathering place for friends and neighbors. He and Carol were also fortunate enough to travel, enjoying winters in Arizona and exploring their genealogy in Ireland and Germany with friends across the years.

Fritz is survived by his wife Carol, brothers Arthur and Jerry (Josephine) Warnecke, sister Jane Schiedermayer, son-in-law Kevin (Debbie) Koch, grandchildren Simon (Valeska), Sarah (Praveen), Nathan (Anna), great-grandchildren Milan, Kiran, and great-grandchildren #3 and #4 due in February.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Jill, father Arthur, mother Frances, and sister Ellen.

Family and friends may visit with the family on Monday, October 18, 2021 from 9-10:45 a.m. at the Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home of Berlin.

A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held following visitation at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints Catholic Parish of Berlin, officiated by Father Anthony Thirumalareddy.

Inurnment with Full Military Honors by the Wells-Krause VFW Post #2925 will be held at St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery following services.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18.** 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

OCT **18.** 11:00 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Parish
N8566 WI-49
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-5252

Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Fredrick Warnecke*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - October 15, 2021 at 09:48 PM

SP

“ *Uncle Fritz was always so kind and generous, but what I remember most is the twinkle in his eye.
With love,
Susie*

Susan Peiffer - October 17, 2021 at 09:51 PM

GC

“ *Carol, I would like to offer my sincere sympathy on the passing of Fred. I so enjoyed looking at all the pictures and memories of Fred that you posted on the website.
God bless you!
Georgeanne Chier*

Georgeane Chier - October 16, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ *69 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - October 15, 2021 at 09:44 PM

JS

“ My uncle Fritz was a great gentleman. I think my favorite times spent with him were making firewood up at the farm and at the Warnecke golf outings, especially those spent up in Gresham. I believe he is now with Jill in God’s eternal kingdom of love and happiness. Until we meet again uncle Fritz.

James Schiedermayer - October 13, 2021 at 09:54 PM

TP

“ My name is Tanya Peiffer, my mom is Susie, the oldest of Jane Schiedermayer, who is my great uncle Fritz sister.
I remember when I was very young being at a family event and uncle Fritz coming after my elbows (that were on the table) with a fork. Haha!
Rest In Peace Uncle Fritz.
I’m sorry I am unable to attend the visitation.
Xoxo Tanya

Tanya Peiffer - October 13, 2021 at 06:36 PM

JC

“ Fred Warnecke was my teacher in Berlin High School and in fact, my favorite teacher. He always had that twinkle in his eye and a smile for everyone. He was involved in so many events and things at Berlin High School, and was an Advisor to my graduating class of 1956, where I was Senior Class President. His advice and counsel were always much appreciated because they always made so much common sense. Later in life I was a client of his in his stock brokerage firm as was my Mother. She also held him in GREAT admiration and respect. I last saw Fred at our classes 50th BHS Reunion in 2006 where Fred attended our Class Gathering and we all got to share memories and good wishes with him. Fred Warnecke was an outstanding supporter of Berlin High School and the Berlin community and everyone benefitted from all he did for so many there. I will miss him. May he rest in eternal and honored peace after a life well lived in service to so many. GOD Bless You, Fred Warnecke. From Jim Carey, BHS Class of 1956

James Carey - October 13, 2021 at 04:20 PM

GF

“ I was privileged to be in one of Mr. Warnecke American History class. I remember it being one of a fun class of humor and learning. Thank you for that, Mr. Warnecke. Rest In Peace for a life well done and lived.
Georgene (Dahlke) Fletcher
Class of “60”

Georgene Dahlke Fletcher - October 13, 2021 at 02:34 PM

JW

“ *Aside from my father my uncle Fritz was the biggest mentor in my life whether it was financial help advice being one of the best friends I've ever had I love him dearly and he will sorely be missed*

Jim Warnecke - October 13, 2021 at 10:45 AM

DG

Beautiful words of love Jim! I know this is a deep loss for you.

Donna Goestenkers - October 14, 2021 at 05:57 PM

DG

“ *Hi Uncle Fritz,*

Thank you for loving your family so much and for being a great Uncle. I am sad to know that you are not present in this world any longer but happy that you are on to your next journey of everlasting life to be embraced by God and to see Jill and all those with whom you love. Thank you for all of the memories!

Love,

Your loving niece, Donna & Mark

Donna (Warnecke) Goestenkers - October 13, 2021 at 09:02 AM