



Michael Stoddard

June 10, 1926 - November 3, 2021

Mike Stoddard passed away peacefully in his home, on Wednesday November 3, 2021.

He was born on June 10, 1926 in Darlington, Wisconsin. He was the son of Mary and Willie Stoddard. Mike attended Darlington High School, graduating in 1944.

Mike served the United States during WW-2 from 1944-1946. He was a squad leader in the Central European Theater, spending time in Germany, Switzerland and France. He was a rifle expert and was awarded the Bronze Battle Victory Medal. Mike stood guard at the Nuremberg Trials, in Nuremberg Germany.

Mike married Jane Burke on August 18, 1948 in Gratiot, WI. Mike and Jane moved to Berlin in May of 1949 to manage the Kroger store on North Capron. In 1965 they purchased Weir's Foodtown, which they owned and operated as Stoddard's Foodtown until 1975. Mike was then employed by Sentry Foods until his retirement in 1988.

Mike was an active member of the Green Lake County Board for over 30 years, serving on numerous committees. He was also a member of the VFW, and All Saints Church.

Mike enjoyed cooking, gardening, feeding the birds and shopping for bargains.

Jane preceded him in death in 1984. Mike then married Jena Hoffman in 1989. Jena preceded him in death in 2003. Mike was also preceded in death

by his parents; one sister, Ruth Mckeon; one brother, Joe Stoddard, and many dear friends.

Mike is survived by one son, Bill Stoddard; and one daughter, Jill Marshall (Rich). He enjoyed 7 grandchildren and is survived by 6, Emily (Marshall) Chase, Katie (Marshall) Mehn, Michael Marshall, Ben Marshall (1983-2010), Meredith (Marshall) Brooks, Alexa Stoddard and Liam Stoddard. Twelve Great-grandchildren also survive Mike.

Mike wished to donate his body to science, hoping to educate students or be of help in any way. Upon his return to Berlin there will be information available regarding any services or memorial that will be held.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ I have many fond childhood memories of the Stoddard family. Mike was a one-of-kind gentle soul, always smiling, always friendly. I will never forget dog-sitting for Mike’s dog “Muffet” whom I was deathly afraid of! My sympathies to Bill and Jill and their families. RIP Mike.
Ann Reilly Beaman

Ann Beaman - November 10, 2021 at 01:08 PM

CH

“ We all lost a great man,one of a kind,witty,very funny, good jokester, great politician, and the best friend you could ever have. Hope to see you again Senator. Have fun playing poker with the old crew.
Sincerely
Jeff and Chris Weir

Chris - November 07, 2021 at 01:03 PM

CW

“ Chris & Jeff Weir lit a candle in memory of
Michael Stoddard



Chris & Jeff Weir - November 07, 2021 at 12:19 PM

DE

“ My first memory of Mr Stoddard was seeing him while grocery shopping with my mom at the Kroger store on market square. He always greeted us with a smile and a cheery visit. I looked forward to seeing him as much as the box of animal crackers and occasional Jack and Jill magazine that I would score. I also recall a special visit to the Stoddard home to meet Jill and Bill. Our parents created an opportunity to meet another family with chosen children. In recent years it was great to see him in photos online with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. What a blessing he was to you and you to him! Sincere condolences on your loss, may your memories bring you comfort.
Denise Koteski Jackson

denise - November 07, 2021 at 10:08 AM

MC

“ I remember seeing Mr. Stoddard when I went grocery shopping at Sentry with my mom. He was always so nice, friendly and patient (He always listened my little kid jabbering). He was also friends with one of my favorite teachers, Kathy Wells. I think those two used to compare notes about me because Mrs. Wells would ask how my grocery shopping went, and Mr. Stoddard would ask me about my school work. Of course, as a child, I loved the attention. A great memory from growing up in a small town. I bet they are having one heck of a reunion, and Heaven just got a lot more fun.
Rest in peace, Mr. Stoddard.

Mary Coleman - November 05, 2021 at 08:24 PM

BP

“ I got to know Mike when we were neighbors on S. State Street. We would randomly visit each other, have a drink and share funny stories. Our children were very young at the time and loved Mike's visits. So very sorry to hear of his passing. Rest easy friend.

Bob Prellwitz - November 05, 2021 at 05:39 PM

BB

“ I was just thinking of Mr Stoddard last week. (don't remember ever calling him Mike. Always Mr Stoddard). I worked for him, he made it seem like 'with' him, for my 4 years of high school. With Louise, Harry, Jeff and of course Jill. We had so much fun at the store. So easy to work for. Sliced my thumb with a box cutter once. When I showed Mike I thought he was going to pass out. But he drove me to the emergency room for stitches. Then back to work. Thought he'd tell me to go home! Working for him was the best job I ever had. And watching him take care of customers and how he interacted with them was a great learning experience for me. Mike was the nicest and most honest person. I'll continue to think of him often.

Bill Barnes

Bill Barnes - November 04, 2021 at 10:23 AM