



Robert E. Leigh

March 7, 1926 - March 1, 2024

Robert E. Leigh was unexpectedly called home to the Kingdom of Heaven on March 1st, 2024. He was 97 years old.

He was born on March 7th, 1926, in Fairburn- a small village 4 miles west of Berlin, WI. Growing up, he worked at a small general store that his grandparents owned, and he also helped on the family farm. When he was 18 years old, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He took basic training in Ft. Eustis, Virginia and technical training in Wyoming. Afterward, he was sent overseas to Yokohama, Japan where he served in the 8th Army Occupation before his discharge on August 26th, 1947. He was awarded the WWII Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal.

After returning home, he worked at the Berlin Chapman foundry where he poured iron and made mold castings for Briggs-Stratton engines for two and a half years. He then worked at Rockwell International as a machine operator for 35 years, retiring on December 31, 1988. He was a member of UAW Local 291, and also a 3rd Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus in Berlin. Bob met his dear wife June at a roller rink in Redgranite in 1947. They were married on November 26, 1949, and celebrated an incredible 74 years together.

After his retirement, he enjoyed volunteering for Berlin Memorial Hospital's Meals on Wheels program, and spending time with his family. Another of his great joys was traveling around with mom in their Cadillacs. From a Fleetwood to a Sedan DeVille to a DTS, he always believed in riding in style! He loved

mom's chocolate chip cookies, lemon meringue pie, and he made the best Old Fashioneds! He also enjoyed country music, and there was no bigger fan of Emmylou Harris than Bob.

He is preceded in death by his mother Bernice Friend, grandparents Louis and Anna Leigh, aunts and uncles, Norman (Ruth) Leigh, Norma (Art) Coleman, Donald (Marion) Leigh, Bernard (Ida) Leigh, Dorothy (Ben) Drover, and his daughter Peggy Leigh.

He is survived by his wife June, his children, Gary (Elaine) Leigh, Rick (Sharon) Leigh, Debi (Jerry) Downen, and Randy (Sharon) Leigh, his grandchildren, Jamie Peters, Jason (Ellen) Leigh, Rachel Leigh, Lauren Leigh, Austin (Pauline) Leigh, Nora Leigh, Noah (Daphne) Leigh, Tara Leigh (John), Whitney (Brad) Eidahl, Scott (Jennifer) Downen, Sean Downen, Ryan Klassa, Timothy Klassa, Eric Lee (Austin), great-grandchildren, Devan, Marina, Ava, Rebeccah, Chaz, Shannon, Scott, Sullivan, Micah, Felicity, Owen, Clara, Ella, Mariella, Cienna, many nieces, nephews, relatives & friends.

Bob was known and loved by many, and he will be very deeply missed. His enthusiasm, generosity, and kindness brought out the best in everyone, and his legacy of love and compassion will live on in the hearts of all us who were so blessed to know him.

"Thanks, you guys"

-Robert E. Leigh

1926-2024

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery

Berlin, WI 54923

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 6:45 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

MAR 11. 6:45 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAR 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-2050

Funeral Service

MAR 12. 11:30 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 Robert E. Leigh*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - March 09, 2024 at 06:44 PM

SH

“ *I loved vising your family when I was young. You and your family were the ones I wanted to see most. I remember Randy, Debbie, and Peggy the most and your home and family were one of my most cherished memories when we came to see you yearly. Oklahoma was a very far place from our relatives and I wish we could have lived closer, but that is not something you choose in life. To the family of Uncle Bob. I truly loved your family and my experiences with you will live on until I die. Take care. I'm thinking of you and you are in my thoughts and prayers now. Love, Sharon (Steger) Hendrickson, daughter of John and Patsy Steger of Newcastle, Oklahoma. And just want to say a little something to Randy. Sure did enjoy the basement band. Hope it went on to bigger things! Never heard but if you want to connect, my e-mail is b ehslh79@gmail.com. Love you all. I will never forget you.*

Sharon - March 11, 2024 at 11:09 PM

PD

“ *Peggy and Dick Downen purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Robert E. Leigh.*



Peggy and Dick Downen - March 11, 2024 at 11:39 AM

ML

“ *Maryanne Friend and Dennis Laughlin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert E. Leigh.*



Maryanne Friend and Dennis Laughlin - March 10, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ *179 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - March 09, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert E. Leigh.



March 09, 2024 at 01:36 PM



“ EAA Warbirds of America planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert E. Leigh.

EAA Warbirds of America - March 09, 2024 at 01:36 PM



“ Gerry Donna Dutcher lit a candle in memory of Robert Leigh



Gerry & Donna Dutcher - March 08, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ Robyn and Kathy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert E. Leigh.



Robyn and Kathy - March 08, 2024 at 10:56 AM

PL

“ *Bob was a very nice man. My condolences to the families. May he rest in peace.*

Pamela Lind - March 05, 2024 at 09:09 PM

DF

“ *Robert E, always a jokester always a friend. You never forget a guy like Robert E. RIP Bob. We'll ride again some day in that '61 T-Bird, maybe to Appleton...maybe farther! Dennis Flanigan*

Dennis Flanigan - March 05, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert E. Leigh.*



March 04, 2024 at 04:08 PM