



Carl F. Bostrom

October 27, 1927 - December 5, 2017

Sometimes it happens that a life is more than the sum of its parts; so it was with Carl Bostrom. Born to Jacob and Lillian (nee Malo) Bostrom, in 1927, Carl was the sixth son of seven children; baby sister Esther followed. He married Jacquelyn Hilgert in 1949, after his discharge from the army. When he travelled, her picture went, too. Their children, Linnea and Lowell, are the happy result of a long, contented married life.

After many years of vacationing in the Northwoods, Carl and Jac moved to Arbor Vitae when Carl retired from his work in the insurance and health care industries. It did not take them long to find a church home at Ascension Lutheran. Carl joined the choir where he enjoyed its camaraderie, and served on the church council, always looking for ways the church could be the hands of God in its community.

'Projects' occupied Carl's mental and physical energy--among them, bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, gathering a work team to fill bags for Food for Kidz, designing a piece of jewelry, or planning a 'Jesus Loves Me' children's sermon for Valentine's Day. When he moved from the beloved lake house that he and Jac designed, he kept loneliness at bay with the help of Widows/Widowers Without, Sunday church, and trips to Ace, the post office and library, where he--and his interests--are well-known.

Carl will be remembered for his bow ties, his philanthropy, and, above all, his outgoing greetings and kindness to all he met. His family is blessed and grateful to have just celebrated Carl's 90th birthday with him.

Carl is survived by their daughter, the Reverend Linnea Wilson and her husband, Dr. Lanny Wilson; their son Luke and his wife Rebecca; and step-grandson, Blake and his wife Ashley. He is also survived by their son, Lowell and his wife, Dana; granddaughters Erin, Lindsay (Drew) Leibrecht, Kelly, and Ani; step-grandchildren Paige McMullin and Walker McMullin; brother Jacob; and many nieces and nephews.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and a sister, his wife Jacquelyn,

and his granddaughter, Lauren Wilson. He is mourned and will be missed.

Visitation will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua, with a Memorial Service to follow at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Carl's name to Ascension's outreach programs, The Children's Miracle Network, and the ELCA Fund for Young Adults in Global Mission, are appreciated.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Ascension Lutheran Church
7937 Hwy 51 S, Minocqua, WI, US

DEC **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Our condolences to the family

The Wipperfurths

Tom Wipperfurth - December 11, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ I have many warm memories of Carl and Jacque. Nothing specific I can call up, but I remember him as a warm, compassionate man, gentle and always welcoming my presence and thoughts. Both Carl and Jacque were Christian in every sense of the word. I hope I will see them in the next life, in Heaven.

My heartfelt sympathy to the family at such a huge loss. God is with you.

Jennifer Tiziani - December 10, 2017 at 02:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl F. Bostrom.



December 08, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ Carol Buffenbarger is following this tribute.

Carol Buffenbarger - December 08, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ I am praying for all of my family to find peace and strength in the midst of this unexpected sorrow. I give thanks knowing Uncle Carl is in Heaven now, though I do miss him.

He and Aunt Jacque were such a ray of sunshine to me whenever I saw them as a child. They always made sure I felt important!

And now in his later years, Uncle Carl also was a source of happiness and support as he called frequently to talk with my dad, Jacob Bostrom, and also to me or my sister, Becky Johnson. He gave me wise advice and loving support. He often mentioned how much he loved his own family and appreciated them helping out in small and big ways. He mentioned they often made him treats that he no longer was making for himself. He spoke of his love for his phone ministry of calling others in his church and community that needed a bit of cheering. He always left me with a lighter heart and a picture of his beautiful life he was enjoying!

I remember him singing, "It is Well with my Soul" in church. It sounded so nice, it became one of my favorite hymns still to this day. I imagine he is singing the chorus now with more joy than ever!

- With love and prayers for all of you, Carol (Bostrom) Buffenbarger.



Carol Buffenbarger - December 08, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ Oh, I will miss my buddy Carl. Always a smile and a warm hello. I had the pleasure of interviewing Carl for several Ascension Videos. He had so much to say. After the videos were shown in church, he would call me and tell me what a great job I did and he liked his part in the videos. He would call me after I did children's sermons to tell me the same. Just a very caring and genuine man. He's with the love of his life now, and that makes me smile. Prayers to the other loves in his life, his children and grandchildren. He was very proud of you all.

Gail Yelton - December 06, 2017 at 02:07 PM



“ To Carl's beloved children and grandchildren:

I had the very brief pleasure of meeting this wonderful man when he was a patient at Howard Young. What a light of love and joy he brought to so many people. Please know all of our prayers from the hospital staff and with you and your families as you mourn his unexpected death. May he continue to shine with heavenly light now and forever.

Chaplain Susan Leet - December 06, 2017 at 01:56 PM