



Carl W. Abendroth

February 14, 1925 - December 29, 2016

Carl Walter Abendroth, 91, passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2016, at Milestone Senior Living in Woodruff WI. He was born on February 14, 1925, in Rhinelander WI, the eldest son of Walter and Melinda (Schmidt) Abendroth.

He attended Northwestern Military Academy in Lake Geneva WI, and during summer vacations worked at Robbins Flooring Company, the family flooring business in Rhinelander. Carl's varied interests included reading, music, and aviation. He was an avid pilot, exploring the nooks and crannies of Wisconsin in a single-engine plane, and an enthusiastic pianist who played with an uncommon gusto.

Carl served his country during WWII in the US Army. He was a Staff Sergeant in the Signal Corps in the Pacific Area, developing a keen appreciation for the Japanese and their culture.

After the service, he returned to school and graduated from Valparaiso University with a business degree. He went to work in the family hardwood flooring business and generally made a nuisance of himself around the Abendroth household in Reed City MI, before becoming smitten with his little sister's college roommate, Suzanne Jonak. They were married on June 16, 1951.

Shortly after getting married, Carl and Suzanne moved to Washington DC, for a one-year position with the Office of Price Stabilization. Returning to Reed City, Carl and Suzanne contributed three offspring to the local population while Carl continued in a leadership role in the hardwood flooring business, a career that spanned almost 40 years.

During these years and after, Carl and Suzanne travelled all over the world and settled in several locations, including White Lake WI, Memphis TN, Crystal Falls MI, Singapore, Scottsdale AZ, Wausau WI, Fredericksburg TX, Hilton Head SC, Manitowish Waters WI, Eagle River WI, Sayner WI, and Woodruff. They moved into Milestone Senior Living when it opened in early 2013.

In their travels, Carl and Suzanne developed and maintained friendships all over the country and around the world. Friends and family will always recall Carl's natural ebullience, outgoing personality, and ever-ready smile.

Carl was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Arbor Vitae and formerly Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder Junction. He was a member of the American Legion and involved in volunteer activities in Wausau, Scottsdale, and the Lakeland Area.

Survivors include his wife Suzanne, son Tom (Cherie) Abendroth of Arbor Vitae, two daughters Debra Stephenson of Sayner and Barbra Guerra of Woodruff, five grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, a brother John (Anne) Abendroth of San Diego CA, and a sister Marie Winter of Deerfield Beach FL. He was preceded in death by a sister Ruth and one granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held on Friday January 6, 2017 at 11 AM at the Peace Lutheran Church in Arbor Vitae with a Gathering of Friends & Family one hour prior to the service and luncheon following. Burial will take place at a

later date in the Park Cemetery in Ogdensburg WI. In lieu of flowers,
memorials may be made to Peace Lutheran Church or Ministry Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Park Cemetery

Ogdensburg, WI

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church
Arbor Vitae, WI 54568

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Hi, family, our condolences I've known Carl him since the 1970s personal & business. He respected all. ...He never questioned our trust & ability on the West point project witch we will ever be grateful If I count the top 5 people in my lifetimem he is on it. I'm proud to have known Carl, . Kindest Regards, Dan Baseman & past president of Baseman Bros. Inc, & VP Marilyn Baseman (Decesed 2006 had alz. Over 12 years)

note met Carl, wife, , daughter last at alz. meeting at minocqua wi.

Sorry so late just got my Eagle River Paper Today

Dan Baseman - January 11, 2017 at 10:02 PM

CR

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I met Carl and Sue when I worked at Little Creek. He always had a quick smile and when he ordered his coffee he always looked at Sue and would ask what sweets they should get! May he rest in peace. Sincerely, Cheryl Reith

Cheryl Reith - January 06, 2017 at 08:41 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl W. Abendroth.



January 05, 2017 at 08:12 AM

YE

“ *Your Friends at Element purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Carl W. Abendroth.*



Your Friends at Element - January 04, 2017 at 08:34 PM

HF

“ *Tom and Cherie: Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dad. Will keep you in our prayers. Hope and Mike Kannapolis, NC*

Hope Lotzer and Mike Fehling - January 04, 2017 at 04:20 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Carl W. Abendroth.*



January 04, 2017 at 10:12 AM

SG

“ *My condolences to the Abendroth Family. I'm truly blessed to have known him. He was such a sweet man (very appropriate that he was born on Valentines Day). I will always remember how he took a pumpkin full of candy out to the employees at AGA every morning, he was out there for at least an hour every morning he was there. This world could use a lot more people like him. May he rest in peace. Love and prayers to all of you.*



Sheree M. Graham - January 04, 2017 at 10:03 AM

LG

“ Luis-Cristian Guerra purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Carl W. Abendroth.



Luis-Cristian Guerra - January 03, 2017 at 09:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl W. Abendroth.



January 03, 2017 at 03:27 PM

MF

“ Matthew Cullen and Kathleen Paris family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carl W. Abendroth.



Matthew Cullen and Kathleen Paris family - January 03, 2017 at 03:06 PM

HS

“ Hal Koller and Prostar Surfaces purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carl W. Abendroth.



Hal Koller and Prostar Surfaces - January 03, 2017 at 01:38 PM

HG

“ *Harvey W. Gifford purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Carl W. Abendroth.*



Harvey W. Gifford - January 03, 2017 at 01:34 PM

MG

“ *Condolences to the Abendroth Family. We have so many fond family memories from White Lake WI. (Yawkey - Bissell / Robbins) and Amasa MI.(AGA). Mr Abendroth will be remembered as an amazing man and a very successful business leader. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

With Love, The Gamble Family

Mike Gamble - January 03, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Renee Paris lit a candle in memory of Carl W. Abendroth*



Renee Paris - January 03, 2017 at 12:41 PM



Such a kind man! Always with a good story and a chuckle or two.

Renee Paris - January 03, 2017 at 12:43 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl W. Abendroth.*



January 03, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ *Alan (Zenwa Industry Sdn. Bhd) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carl W. Abendroth.*



Alan (Zenwa Industry Sdn. Bhd) - January 02, 2017 at 07:58 PM



“ *Tan Family in Singapore purchased the Tropical Tribute Spray for the family of Carl W. Abendroth.*



Tan Family in Singapore - January 02, 2017 at 06:17 PM



“ *Debra and family - So sorry for your loss. It's hard to lose a loved one at this time of the year. Prayers for peace and comfort in the New Year. Sharon Brooker*

Sharon Brooker - December 31, 2016 at 06:16 PM

TD

“ *Sincerest condolences to the Abendroth family for the loss of a truly great guy and long time friend.*

Carl and I met in 1960, and shared our business and personal thoughts right through the time when he could no longer communicate. Our association began as a customer/supplier relationship and evolved to employer/employee as Robbins first hired me, and ironically, as Republic subsequently hired Carl.

Throughout the years, I also got to know Carl's beautiful wife, Sue, who was his pillar of strength and support. I wish her peace and comfort in this time of grief.

Tony DiNatale

Tony DiNatale - December 31, 2016 at 09:59 AM