



## Christian Blank

June 17, 1924 - December 13, 2018

Christian Blank, 94 years old of Woodruff, passed on to meet God on December 13th, 2018 at Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff. He had been struggling with dementia for the last three years and a sudden case of extreme pneumonia that overcame his system.

He was born on June 17th, 1924 in Schotin, Germany. He was a German infantry soldier in WWII for one year to the end of the war. He worked 4 years as a prisoner of war in Italy, then in England on a farm. After release he went back to Germany and met his bride, Hedwig and married in 1951. They immigrated to the United States through Ellis Island and settled in Minocqua working at Rockwood Estates, off Hwy 70 West. He then provided caretaking for the Paul Chapman estate on Trout Lake and enjoyed meeting the Eisenhower brothers and other dignitaries. Making a job change he proceeded to care for the Dane Crook estate off Hwy 70 West. Mr. Crook was a timberman and Christian helped clear and plant many of the pine plantations around the Lakeland area, which are still standing and maturing today. He then went to work a career at the Wisconsin DNR hatchery offices in Woodruff, providing 25 years of lead maintenance to the many buildings and offices. He loved to work and meticulously maintain the grounds and structures. He retired in 1991 and continued to work many building projects on he and his children's homes. He also worked a part time job at the Methodist Church of the Pines for many years providing maintenance. He was a long time member of the church and watched it grow over the years and made

many lifetime friends there.

In his younger years, he was an accomplished artist and was exceptional at drawing people in pencil and scenes in oil.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Hedwig. They together raised three sons, Dietmar Blank (Janet) of Hermitage, TN, Daniel Blank of Arbor Vitae, WI and Dale Blank (Lori) of Hazelhurst, WI. He loved spending time with his five grandchildren, Julia, Nicholas and Braedon, Grace and Gabbie Blank.

Funeral services will be at Bolger Funeral Home in Woodruff, WI on December 22nd. Visitation will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, then prayer service soon followed by burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, off South Farming Road, Arbor Vitae. Followed by luncheon at Methodist Church of the Pines downtown Minocqua.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Garden

Arbor Vitae, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Woodruff Chapel  
1212 First Avenue  
(mailing address P.O. Box 40, Woodruff WI 54568)  
Woodruff, WI 54568  
(715) 356-6006  
bolgerfuneral@gmail.com  
<https://www.bolgerfuneral.com>

## Prayer Service

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Laurie Bragg-Valaskey purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Christian Blank .



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**Laurie Bragg-Valaskey** - December 20, 2018 at 07:42 AM

WJ

“ My condolences to the family. I knew Chris from when he worked at the DNR and always enjoyed talking with him. He was a very nice man and liked by everyone. I was sorry to read that he had been suffering from dementia and would have visited had I known. Regrettably I will not be able to attend the visitation but know that my thoughts are with you.  
Wes Jahns

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**Wes Jahns** - December 19, 2018 at 11:45 AM

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“ Hedy, Dietmar, Danny & Dale, Chris was an amazing man and a wonderful neighbor to our parents, Gayle & David Gammon. I know how much Chris's visits meant to Dad, especially after our mother passed and he was alone. May you feel his presence around you this Christmas season and in the days to come.  
Peace to you,  
Lisa Gammon Olson

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**Lisa Gammon Olson** - December 17, 2018 at 10:23 PM

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“ Hedy, Dietmar, Danny, and Dale, I was so sorry to hear of Chris's death. I send you my thoughts, prayers and well wishes. Chris was one of the kindest of men and such a great friend to my Dad, David through the years but especially after my mother had passed. I am grateful for the memories and the bright light that he brought to my Dad's life, especially towards the end. I pray you will all find grace, comfort and peace. My best always, Lana Gammon Buchner

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**Lana Buchner** - December 17, 2018 at 08:43 PM