



Edward Butler

October 20, 1916 - January 17, 2014

Edward F. Butler was born October 20, 1916 in Mosinee, WI to Dr. Edward F. Butler and Kate O'Connor Butler. He attended school in Mosinee and graduated from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa in 1938 with degrees in biology and chemistry. He married Catherine Nicks in the Church of Nativity in Dubuque on September 7, 1940. Edward purchased sizeable property on Lake 17 in Hazelhurst (from J.G. Swartz and L.M.Souders) in 1940, Ed and Catherine owned and operated Butler's Cottages and Ed served many years in Hazelhurst offices as town clerk and assessor.

Ed loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a life long member of the National Rifle Association. He is survived by his sons, Dr. Thomas and Dr. John and his daughters, Ann, Mary, Ellen, Catherine and Barbara, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandsons and preceded in death by his wife, Catherine. A graveside service will be held at 12:00 Noon on Friday, May 23, 2014 at Lakeside Garden of Sleep Cemetery in Hazelhurst.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Garden of Sleep

Hazelhurst, WI

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 23. 12:00 PM (CT)

Lakeside Garden of Sleep
Hazelhurst, WI

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Ed was a kind and gentle person, one of the "pillars" of my growing-up times. Memories of the years as my bus driver & the dad of great friends are legion, especially evoked by Bonnie's reminder of the use of his seemingly pet name "Knucklehead" (often attributed to my brother Bill!). He left this world a better place.

Marlene (Pawl) Learman - February 03, 2014 at 11:33 AM

MH

“ Ed was a great friend of my parents, and really of our entire family. It's been quite a few years since I last spoke to Ed, but I always remember enjoying any time I interacted with him. He would inquire about my mom and dad, and have some kind words for them, for me and something positive to share about life. He had a steady strength and gentleness to him, stern yet tender at the same time. When I was 16 and got my drivers license, the first vehicle I owned was purchased from Ed: a used 1973 Ford F100 pickup. Ed's gravestone is just a few paces from my grandparents, so I will be reminded of him often, and will offer back a gentle smile.

Mark Hartzheim - January 27, 2014 at 09:15 PM

SC

“ Thinking of all of you with the loss of your Dad. Loved going fishing out at your cabins even before we moved to Hazelhurst. many fond memories of your family. prayers for all of you. Susan Clark (Schlink)

Susan Clark - January 25, 2014 at 10:31 AM

HD

“ I have nothing but fond memories of Ed. I rode the school bus which he drove in the 60s. "Alright, you monkeys, settle down back there!" Two memories stand out the most. One was when Frankie Carlson told me there was no Santa Claus while we were riding the bus to school. I was crushed but Ed was right there to console me and tell me that Santa Claus was the kindness of Christmas and that really did exist...and that Frankie was a knucklehead.

The second memory was when the bus went off the road by Kitty Creek. The bus was teetering, supported only by a few maple trees which grew along the steep bank. That was before cell phone service and I don't remember if there was even a radio in the bus. Ed had all of us passengers slowly and carefully move to the left side of the bus and make no sudden movements. A passerby called the police and an emergency crew came to evacuate the bus. My parents didn't have phone service at that time so I was the only child whose parents did not come to take their child home. Mr. Butler took me home in his car, which I think was a station wagon.

He would let me sit right behind him in the front passenger seat because it was warmer there! He always gave me a little grin when I climbed the stairs into the bus, loaded with books and "school stuff." I trusted and respected Mr. Butler, as a child and as an adult. Your family is truly fortunate to have parents such as Ed and Catherine.

I send my condolences to you. Hannah (Bonnie) Dana 715-356-3322

Hannah (Bonnie) Dana - January 24, 2014 at 06:13 PM

JH

“ Your dad was one of the first persons I met on Lake 17. He was so friendly I often enjoyed talking with him.. My sympathy to all his family.

Jeanne Heck

Jeanne Heck - January 24, 2014 at 11:51 AM

MP

“ Very sorry to hear of your Dads' passing. He always made everyone smile--he drove my school bus when I was in grade school and always made us laugh! Sincerely, Mary Jo Perry



Mary Jo Perry - January 23, 2014 at 12:33 PM

MH

“ I am so sad to hear of your loss. My warmest regards to your whole family.
Mary Henricksen-Quayle

mary henricksen - January 22, 2014 at 03:21 PM

YB

“ Yvonne Braun lit a candle in memory of Edward Butler



Yvonne Braun - January 17, 2014 at 07:48 PM