



## Edward "Buzz" Bosler

June 23, 1914 - May 8, 2010

Edward Courtney "Buzz" Bosler surrendered peacefully to God's call at his home on Saturday May 8th 2010, with his wife Linda and close friends Bonnie, Brian, Candace and Dave by his side.

He was born June 23, 1914 in Louisville, KY to Edward Joseph and Flora Marie Bosler.

He was very active in sports until he developed pleurisy at the age of 16 and spent 9 months in the Waverly Hills Sanatorium. He went to St Josephs College in Rensselaer, Indiana, contemplated becoming a priest, until he discovered girls.

When Courtney was 18 his father suffered a severe heart attack. Young Courtney took over the family business, Madrid Recreations, in Louisville, after discovering his fathers business associates were cleverly embezzling funds from the company. The Madrid was a business complex of bowling allies, formal billiard rooms, a resteraunt, street stores, an indoor parking garage and the largest night club and dance floor in Louisville at that time. A dancer from the night club invited Courtney to take a vacation to the Northwoods and introduced him to the 2 great loves of his life, his 1st wife Marion Anderson and "Gods Country."

Married in 1938, Courtney and Marion enjoyed 68 years of travel, hard work, church and spending time with friends. Just after they were married Courtney felt the call of duty and enlisted in the US Airforce. He served as an airplane mechanic during World War II in Glendale, California.

In the service, he suffered a severe back injury that crushed his windpipe, leaving him with a squeaky voice. After discharge from the service, Courtney and Marion returned to the Northwoods where he learned the business of logging from Marions uncle, Leslie Thomas Posey. Courtney then bought his own sawmill and acreage.

He was always helping people build their homes and cottages in the area, where he developed his skills. He became a developer through the "College of Hard Knocks."

In the early 1960's he was offered a job at Century Hardware in Milwaukee as a salesman. Courtney and his wife, whom he nicknamed "Honey" traveled back to the Northwoods on weekends. Always with a trailer full of stuff to build their dream home on the point of North Two Lakes.

His love of bowling led him to open his own Pro Shop where he made many contacts and acquired the nickname "Buzz". Always positive, he used his different voice as a salesman. "People always remember the guy with the squeaky voice." He was also known for his ability to fit bowling balls specifically for people.

He taught bowling for 75 years, in Milwaukee as well as Minocqua and Rhinelander, forming many partnerships with other bowlers. In 1966 he traveled to Guatemala with the American Bowling Congress. He won many awards and trophy's. He taught bowling for the Special Olympic for 10 years, taught Youth Bowling for many years and bowled in the Senior Olympics until he was in his 90's.

Buzz had many construction talents and got involved in many community activities. Some of which include town politics, volunteer firefighting, driving the town snowplow and ambulance.

He was an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church. He served on the parish counsel and was an early organizer of the ushers group. His faith was always strong and carried him through his life. When he could no longer usher he could be found greeting worshipers with his walker for support, always a smile on his face.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 318 in Lake Tomahawk. After Honey passed away in 2006, Buzz tried to keep busy having garage sales. He always believed everything had value and someone would buy it. He met Linda Johnson in 2007. They shared the garage sale bug. They became constant companions, sharing a sense of humor that kept them laughing through everything. They were married on Thanksgiving, November 26, 2009.

Buzz had a quick wit and always greeted everyone with a smile. He was devoted to God and his friends. He was always available to give a hand to anyone who needed one. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Many will remember some of his "Buzzisms" on the philosophies of life..."Plan your work and work your plan" "Fix what you can with what you have" "Use common sense" "Can will, can't won't" "Engage brain before opening mouth" and "Half a loaf is better than no bread at all".

Courtney is preceded in death by his beloved "Honey" Marion Bosler, his parents, brother Joseph Earl (Hazel) Bosler, sister Dorothy Jeanne (Henry "Judge") Mazzoni and brother in law Ben Jewel Sr.

He is survived by his wife Linda, brother Col. Robert (Barbara) Bosler USAF (ret) of Peoria AZ, sister Mary Rita Jewel, many nieces and nephews and many friends.

A celebration of his life will be held on June 12, 2010 at 10am at Holy Family Catholic Church in Woodruff. A luncheon will follow.

Memorials may be directed to the Holy Family Building Fund. Tributes can be posted online at [www.bolgerfuneral.com](http://www.bolgerfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Buzz went out the way everyone should. Surrounded by loved ones laughing and joking one day and just very peaceful the next. Thank you to the wonderful people who have been helping me through this difficult time. I'm looking at either June 11th or 12th for a memorial service.*

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**Linda Bosler** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

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“ *Linda you're are a strong brave women may you keep your strength as you go on with your life and remember to always keep your FAith My HUGs to you :)*

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**Sandra Pepper-Hill** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM