



Garlan J. VanNatta

June 4, 1939 - August 24, 2014

Garlan John VanNatta, age 75, died August 24, 2014 in Minocqua, WI after a short illness and a long battle with diabetes. Garlan was born on June 4, 1939 in Platteville, Wisconsin. He was the son of Frank L. VanNatta and Margret Stark VanNatta Adickes. Garlan graduated from Platteville High School and married Janice B. Ransom on November 21, 1959 in St. Peters Lutheran Church in Fennimore, WI.

Garlan served in the Army National Guard during the Berlin Crisis. He became a Master Plumber and worked as a Union Plumber until he was employed as Assistant Chief Engineer at St. Clare Hospital in Monroe, WI.

Garlan and Janice moved to Minocqua and started VanNatta Plumbing in 1979. Upon retiring in 1996, they would winter in Weslaco Texas and return home in the summer to be with family. They enjoyed many years of travel together.

Garlan had many interests and activities of which include: a member of the Masons, an American Legion member, snowmobiling, of which he was past President and trail master of the Lake Tomahawk Sno Fleas, President of the yellow hat club in Weslaco, Texas, square dancing, wood carving and wood turning. Garlan had carved a special piece for each one of his children and grand children.

He is survived by his wife Janice, Weslaco, Texas; his daughter Christine (Mike) Barenklau, Monroe, WI; his sons Todd (Rebecca), Lake Tomahawk, WI, Alan (Kris), Eagle River, WI; two siblings, Joan (Gene) Belken, Janesville, WI, Glorjean (Dennis) Blackburn, Clinton, IA; grandchildren, Caleb (Meghan) Riese, Oshkosh, WI, Chelsey (Steve) Ihm, Lancaster, WI, Crae (Lyndsey) Riese, Spooner, WI, Alex and Michael VanNatta, Lake Tomahawk, WI, Brandon VanNatta, Eagle River, WI, AJ VanNatta, Winter Garden, FL, Jessie VanNatta, Eagle River, WI; great grandchildren, Georgia, Jennings, and Jordy.

He was preceded in death by Brother In Law Jerald Ransom, Father In Law John Ransom , sisters, Constance Udelhofen, and Linda Gerber, Mother Margret Stark VanNatta Adickes and Father Frank VanNatta.

Memorial Services will be held on Sunday, September 14th at 2:30 PM at the First English Lutheran Church, Platteville, WI.

Dad you will be missed by many...

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Hi todd, i just learned of thin, so sorry for your loss. Your father was a great man. Im not sure if you remember me but you used to give me rides to schuul in your green nova. I hope things are finding you well.

phil schultz - January 18, 2015 at 11:24 AM

PC

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Garlan was one of my first friends when I started Platteville High School and even though I was a country bumpkin he was always nice to me and I remember that. He also always chatted with Dick and I at all the class reunions. Jan, it is not easy to lose a spouse as I well know but all the memories will last a lifetime.

*Peg Charles
Madison, Wi*

Peg Charles - September 10, 2014 at 10:27 AM

SH

“ Jan & family
So sorry to hear of your loss. What great memories of the Monroe Hsp parties we had.
Know you will have a big void in your life, but many wonderful memories.
Our deepest sympathy to you.
Gif & Sally Hoesly (New Glarus)

sally hoesly - September 08, 2014 at 01:02 PM

DG

“ We had so much fun in Texas with Garlan. So sorry for your loss. He will be missed very much. He was a true friend to us all. He was always there to help. I am going to miss that bubbly personality of his when I visit my mom in Texas. R.I.P. Garlan.....

Deb Girard - August 27, 2014 at 07:22 PM

RW

“ So very sorry for your loss. Garlan was always so nice to me, especially when I first started electrical contracting all those years ago. Garlan had a shop across the street from the present location and rented a portion to Norm Chriscelski of homelight electric. That was when I first met him.

Ronald Wiltzius - August 27, 2014 at 08:05 AM

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I am so sorry to read about Garlan. We have not seen him for many years, but always remember his big smile and seeing him at breakfast every morning at Tula's cafe with his wife. And of course, he did all the plumbing when we built our house in 1984!

Minerva Coyne (Mike) - August 28, 2014 at 03:49 PM