



Jere Westfall

June 26, 1931 - September 30, 2011

Jere Westfall, 80, of Minocqua, WI, transitioned into afterlife at home, under Hospice care, on Friday, September 30, 2011. He was surrounded by his family.

Jere grew up on a cranberry marsh in Cranmoor, WI. He was the son of Margaret and Henry H. Westfall who passed on their love of nature and dedication to growing cranberries. He served 4 years in the US Air Force as a cryptographer, during the Korean Conflict.

In 1957, he married Nancy(Schmidt). They started their life together on the home marsh. In 1962, Jere became the general manager of Copper River Cranberry Co. in Merrill, WI, where they raised their four children: Kristina Westfall, Juneau, WI; Monica Westfall Suroosh, Richmond, VA; Brent(Stella), Three Lakes, WI; Eric(Anna), Hartland, WI.

Jere's love of nature was utmost, enjoying fishing and hunting. In later years, he loved to sit meditatively in the woods listening to the birds and the rustling of the trees.

He believed strongly in one's civic duty and was the Chairman of Harding Township for more than 20 years. He also served on the Zoning and Housing Boards of Lincoln County. After 35 years in Merrill, Jere and Nancy retired to Minocqua, WI.

Jere is survived by his wife, Nancy and their two daughters and two sons, as well as nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He is further survived by three sisters, Echo Denniston (David, deceased), Towanda, PA; Binnie

Herrmann (Thomas), Chino Valley, AZ; Shelley Christy (Thomas), Scottsdale, AZ. Jere left his family a legacy of love and respect.

Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 8th at 4:30 PM at the Bolger Funeral

Home-Woodruff Chapel with a gathering from 3:00 till 4:30 PM at the funeral home.

Online Condolences may be shared at www.bolgerfuneral.com

In lieu of flowers memorials would be appreciated to Dr. Kate Lakeland Hospice.

BOLGER FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES IS SERVING THE FAMILY.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *May the memories of Jere held deep within your heart, help to soothe you. You're in my prayers. With deepest sympathy, Lisa Habeck.*

Lisa Habeck - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

CH

“ *It is with great sadness that I hear about the passing of Jerry. I was blessed to have met him several times and found him to be a warm, kind and funny man.
My condolences to the family and hope that faith will provides them with the light needed to come out of their shattered world.
Chris, Brianna and Bridget*

Christina - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

GK

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of your family.*

Gary Kwiat

Gary Kwiat - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

DS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember the stories Eric told me of what it was like during the harvest time, especially all the hard work and devotion his father and family poured into the cranberries.*

My deepest sympathy, Don Schnabel

Don Schnabel - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JA

“ Grandpa Jere, Thank you for everything you taught me throughout my life. You helped make me the person I am today. You will always be with me. I love you.

Jason - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JL

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Jere. I was the treasurer for the Town of Harding when Jere served as Chairman. I very much enjoyed working with him. My thoughts are with the family.

Jan Lemmer - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

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“ My sincere sympathy to Nancy and the whole family. The memories from Scott School and the girls, Beta Sigma Phi, the snowmobile rides over the marshes, cranberries early after the harvest, cookie recipes, sharing strawberries early in the a.m. on the Schwoch farm, there are so many warm and caring thoughts and memories. Nancy, you and Jere were such a special couple and special friends when we all lived in Merrill and you will be in my thoughts and prayers through the days that come and go.
It was a privilege to know this wonderful man. Again, my sympathy.
Pat

Patricia (Schwoch)Wanta - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM