



Lester Bassett

September 15, 1922 - October 24, 2010

Lester E. Bassett, 88, of Minocqua, Wisconsin gently passed away at his home in the midst of his devoted family on October 24, 2010. Les was born on September 15, 1922, in Woodruff, Wisconsin, to Alice Hill Bassett and Clarence Bassett. Les graduated from Minocqua High School and shortly thereafter entered military service, serving for the duration of World War II in the United States Army in the Pacific theater, including Saipan and Okinawa. After the war, Les left the Army and returned to Minocqua where he married Jean Ann Paquette in 1947, with Father Mayou of St. Patrick's Catholic Church officiating. After his marriage he and his father Clarence and several of his brothers built and operated Bassett Marine, which was located at the Northeast corner of the Minocqua Bridge. A few years later Les began employment at the Minocqua Lumber Company, where he worked until his retirement in 1984. During his employment at the Minocqua Lumber Company Les began as a laborer and eventually rose to become Secretary of the corporation. During his younger years Les was elected to the Town Board of Minocqua and to the School Board of the Joint Elementary School district No. 1, serving as Treasurer in the latter organization. He also served as commander of the Oneida County Council of the American Legion, the president of the Land O' Lakes Building Materials Association and the treasurer of the Minocqua Lions Club. He was named Outstanding Young Man of 1958 by the Minocqua Jaycees. In later years Les pursued his hobby of woodworking, producing many finely crafted pieces treasured by his family

and friends. Throughout most of his life, in addition to woodworking, Les loved golf and deer hunting, and inculcated a love for the beauty of the Northwoods outdoors in his children. Les is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Jean Paquette Bassett, of Minocqua, Wisconsin; by his daughters, Denise Bassett Cirilli of Minocqua, Lisa Bassett Brandt of Stevens Point, Julie Bassett of Minocqua, Leslie Jean Bassett Sorensen of Wausau and Lynne Bassett Wakely, Wisconsin; by his sons, Scot Bassett of Minocqua, Gregory Bassett of Hazelhurst, Gary Bassett of Stevens Point and Michael Bassett of Green Bay, Wisconsin; by his sisters, Jessie Bassett Hose of Houston, Texas, Alice Bassett Chase of Chetek, Wisconsin, Edna Bassett Pottratz of Rockford, Illinois, Freddie Bassett Geisler of Blacklick, Ohio and Martha Bassett Kreji of Milwaukee; by his brothers, Bill Bassett of Hazelhurst and Jerry Bassett of Viola, Wisconsin; by 18 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Services for Lester Bassett will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Woodruff at 11:00 AM Friday, October 29, 2010.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *When I was a little guy and Les and Jean used to live on Lake Minocqua, Dad (Gerry) would take me over and Uncle Les would give me a haircut out on the porch.*

I have many fond memories of Uncle Les and he will surely be missed.

Mark Bassett - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

PG

“ *Uncle Lester had such a great sense of humor, I don't think he missed one of our weddings without wearing that mustard colored suit coat, It became a tradition not only with him but also for us, it wasn't a wedding unless Uncle Lester was there wearing that dam yellow jacket.*

Patrick Geiger - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

KW

“ *There are so many great memories I have of Grandpa. The ones that always stand out in my mind are sitting on Grandpa's work bench in his wood shop and just watching in amazement, as he made beautiful pieces of wood work.*
I love you Grandpa

Kara Wakely - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

LG

“ Les was one of the people I genuinely enjoyed seeing come through the door where I worked. Even in failing health, he was quick to smile and say something funny to make the situation seem less grave. Always appreciative and thoughtful, he will be missed as someone who always made my day a better one.

Lloyd and Susan Glynn - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

DA

“ I was so saddened to read about the loss of Les. I wish to convey my deepest sympathy to all of you. May he rest in peace.

Diane (Purdy) Ahearn - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

DJ

“ Our condolences to the Bassett families. Take this time to celebrate your Dad's life and cherish this family time.

David and Susan Jaster - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

SB

“ I send my heartfelt sympathy to Leslie and all her family at the loss of her Dad. He was quite a remarkable man. I shall be thinking of you all and keep you in prayer at this sad time. Blessings! Sue

Sue Bishop - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

CM

“ To Gary and Denise and all of the family, I am so sorry for your loss. And please know that you are in my prayers. Remember those wonderful memories that you have made over all of these years. Thinking of you, Cindy (Gahler) McCardle

Cindy Gahler McCardle - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

WF

“ I was sorry to read in the Lakeland Times of the Passing of Lester. I worked with him at the lumber co. He was always a gentleman and I enjoyed working with him. My prayers go out to all his family and friends.

Bill Fredrick

William Fredrick - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM