



## Raynard F. Darnstadt

August 7, 1923 - June 2, 2015

On June 2, 2015, Raynard Frank Darnstadt went to join his wife of 67 years, Gloria “Rusty” Stempki and daughter, Gloriann. Raynard was born August 7, 1923 to William and Katherine Darnstadt in Lyons, IL. He was the youngest born to his family and attended Washington Grade School in Lyons, IL and Morton High School in Cicero, IL. Ray joined the Navy in 1943-1946 and served as an electricians mate 1st Class on the USS Change. He worked at UOP and Electro-Motive in McCook, IL. Ray met the love of his life, Gloria “Rusty” Stempki and they were married on November 29, 1947. They lived in his family home on Christie Avenue in Lyons, IL. In 1949, Ray began his family with a daughter, Gloriann. In 1951, he began Lyons Electric Co. out of his father’s garage with partners, John Cernak and Eugene White. Another daughter was added to his family, Susan Gail. As Ray’s family grew so did his company where he soon moved to Joliet Avenue in Lyons, IL. In 1955, he began to build a family home on Plainfield Road in Lyons, where his daughter’s family still resides. The company grew again and they built a new building on Lawndale Avenue in Lyons where he stayed until he retired in 1976. As Ray was getting ready for retirement he began to build a summer home in Boulder Junction, WI. He soon moved to that home permanently in 1979 where he made many good friends. Ray was a Perpetual Member of the Riverside Masonic Lodge 862 (AF & AM), a 62 year member of Local 134 IBEW of Chicago, a member of the Electrical Contractor Association of Chicago and a 30 year member at Wisconsin American Legion Post 451

Boulder Junction. He was a member of the Boulder Junction Lions Club since 1981 and served as President from 1986 – 1987. Ray was also a sponsor of Ducks Unlimited, a member of the Lyons Tigers AC and member of St. John UCC , where he served on the church council in Lyons, IL. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, bowling, over 55 baseball team and most of all his family. Raynard was preceded in death by his brother, William Jr. and sisters, Catherine Quitmeyer and Adeline White. Ray is survived by his daughter, Susan (Douglas) Dobes; seven grandsons, Christopher, Benjamin, & Nicholas Dobes. Sean (Erika), Chad, Shane & Brenden (Sarah) Compton ; two great grandchildren, Conor and Emma Grace, nieces and nephews and his “best girl” Maggee the golden retriever. A Funeral Service will be held June 11, 2015 at the Community Church of Boulder Junction, with visitation one hour prior to the 11:00 service at the church. Interment will follow at Cemetery of the Pines in Boulder Junction. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Lions Club of Boulder Junction.

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery of the Pines

Boulder Junction, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Community Church of Boulder Junction  
10445 Main St  
Boulder Junction, WI 54512  
<http://www.commchbj.org>

## Funeral Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Darnstadt Family,  
Dave & Connie Little wish to extend there deepest condolences.  
Rusty & Ray will very much be missed. We know Bob & Jenny Little  
enjoyed there friendship over the many summers they spent on  
White Sand Lake.*

*Rest in peace dear Ray!*

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**Connie Little** - June 12, 2015 at 07:22 PM

RS

“ Ray was my next door neighbor on White Sand Lake, Boulder Junction, Wisconsin for over 30 years.

*Ray, being the great neighbor and friend that he was, saved my house once. Noticing that steam was rising from my chimney, he broke into the house (from that day forward he was never without my house key!) and, being the master electrician that he was, disconnected the electrical to my boiler. It seems that two cutoff controls--low water and high pressure--had failed on the boiler, and without Ray's selfless act of kindness my house would have gone up in smoke!*

*This was but one of many neighborly and kind acts that Ray extended towards me.*

*There is a hole in my heart as I write this, and Ray will be sorely missed.*

*May Ray rest in peace, and may our Lord alleviate his family's grief.*

*Bob Shadur  
Pawling, NY*

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**Robert Shadur** - June 12, 2015 at 03:44 PM

JA

“ Ray Darndstadt was one of the greatest people I have had the privilege to know and love. We treasured every moment on White Sand Lake with him. Not only was he loving, wise, talented, gifted man, who was good at everything he did, always had a kind word, a smile, and loved nature and his environment, he was the patriarch of an amazing family. To Susie and Doug, Glorie and her kids, and of course, Chris, Ben and Nick, we send our deepest sympathies and prayers. We will keep him in our hearts forever. Julie and Bob.

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**Julie Anixter** - June 12, 2015 at 01:58 PM

NK

“ *Nikki Kassien lit a candle in memory of Raynard F. Darnstadt*



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**Nikki Kassien** - June 11, 2015 at 04:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Raynard F. Darnstadt .*



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June 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *We were so very glad Uncle Ray was able to join us in Mercer last 4th of July. He will be missed so very much. He was a very special guy, always glad to see us. He really liked his chicken skilly. I hope he knew I didn't mind that he liked Doug's better than ours. God Bless him and his wonderful family that took such good care of him and his beloved wife Aunt Rusty. Farewell to our last Uncle! Enjoy your family in Heaven!*

*Love,  
Rose (niece) and Brian Clish*

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**Rose Clish** - June 08, 2015 at 08:54 PM

TB

“ *I have been a care taker for Ray and he was such a kind and sweet man. Every morning he gave me the biggest smile when I arrived. We use to play checkers together and he was sure hard to beat. He will be missed. Tammy Bjork.*



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**Tammy Bjork** - June 06, 2015 at 12:18 PM