



## Robert W. Ahlborn

November 29, 1930 - February 16, 2016

Robert Warren Ahlborn, age 85, a lifelong resident of the Township of Minocqua, died February 16 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born November 29, 1930, to Robert Lawrence and Anita Ahlborn at his grandfather's, Carl Ahlborn's, homestead located seven miles from the village on Blue Lake Road. He lived his life within one mile of his birthplace.

He was baptized and confirmed his faith at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minocqua. He described his education as, "I attended the School of Hard Knocks."

He married Zelda Johnson, August 8, 1954, in Lacrosse, Wisconsin. They became members of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minocqua, December 19, 1954.

After growing up on his parents' farm located on Blue Lake Road he worked at many jobs. He worked at the bowling alley. He made water skis for Bud Nix. He was a caretaker for J.C. Thompson. He worked for Jack Branham and Jerry Trapp.

In 1978 he established his own business, Ahlborn Excavating. He enjoyed working and believed in giving his customers a fair day's work in exchange for his wages.

He was a resourceful person. He enjoyed making his own repairs and "tinkering" in his shop.

He believed in helping people and was devoted to his family. Health issues plagued him in his latter years, and he will be remembered for his attitude,

"Never say whoa in a hard pull."

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, William and Clyde; one sister, Mary Behn; and a beloved grandson, Eric J. Schmidt.

Robert is survived by his dear wife, Zelda; a daughter, Lorraine (Scott Schmidt), Minocqua; a son, Steven, Lacrosse, Wisconsin; two grandchildren, Lea Schmidt, Minocqua, and Jeffrey Schmidt (Soo Hyun), Denver, Colorado; and three great grandchildren, Trevor and Lexi Morgan and Allison Schmidt. He is also survived by his sister, Janette Brendemuehl, Wausau, Wisconsin; and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, with visitation from 12:00 PM until the time of service at the Church.

Memorials may be given for God's glory to Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 93, Minocqua, WI 54548.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

Woodruff, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church  
8632 Hwy 51  
Minocqua, WI 54548

## Memorial Service

FEB 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Bob helped us when we moved to Hazelhurst, he worked clearing our land, helped design our exposed basement and supplied 1000's of feet of ruff sawn wood for our barn and basement . A honest, hard working, kind man with a wonderful wife Zelda. We will always remember Bob that way. Our prayers are with his family. Duke and Tammy Cook Hazelhurst WI.

duke cook - February 20, 2016 at 07:44 AM

HD

“ I have always admired the loving closeness of the Ahlborn family and I cannot fathom the sense of loss you feel at this time. If my Uncle Karl were alive, he surely would be joining you in mourning the loss of the fine man he loved as a brother. I send my sincerest condolences. Hannah Dana

Hannah Dana - February 19, 2016 at 04:19 PM

JM

“ Prayers to a wonderful family Robert will always be remembered by the Bartels Family, he was always ready to lend a helping hand! You are all in my thoughts and prayers ❤️



Judy Milligan - February 19, 2016 at 03:21 PM

LK

“ Love, Trudy, Barry, Riannon, Elise, and Nathan Kolar purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert W. Ahlborn.



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**Love, Trudy, Barry, Riannon, Elise, and Nathan Kolar -**  
February 18, 2016 at 09:59 AM

VB

“ Prayers to you and your family Zelda. Rip Bob.



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**Vonnie Braun -** February 17, 2016 at 10:13 PM