



## William "Weeps" W. Maki

July 5, 1928 - April 8, 2021

### William "Weeps" Maki

William "Weeps" Maki, age 92, of Ironwood, Michigan peacefully passed away in his sleep on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Weeps was born July 5, 1928 in Ironwood, son of the late Toivo and Helmi (Mattinen) Maki. He attended Ironwood schools, graduating from Luther L. Wright High School in 1946. After graduation he was employed at Beckers' trailer factory and later worked for the City of Ironwood Public Safety Department as a police officer, detective, and eventually as assistant police chief. He always remembered the children he helped across the street at the school crossings, and many of them still remember him. He retired from the police force after twenty-six years of dedicated service.

Weeps, as everyone knew him, loved sports. He played baseball and slow pitch softball for many years, participated in two different bowling leagues and coached Little League baseball. Many summers were spent camping and swimming at Crystal Lake Campground.

Weeps is survived by his wife of seventy-one years, Jean, and children, Brian (Diana) Maki of Minocqua, Sandy (Gary) Bilenky of Marquette, Gary Maki of Minocqua, and Kathy (Dale) Vande Walle of De Pere. He is also survived by his brother Eino (Jeanne) Maki, and brother-in-law, Jack (AnnaMae) Anderson. Weeps loved visiting and being with his seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They will all deeply miss his great sense of humor and his many stories of days gone by.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Arvo, Toivo, Eugene, and Lauri.

Weeps will be laid to rest with a small private ceremony at Riverside Cemetery in Ironwood. Any memorial gifts should be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ironwood, of which he was a lifelong member.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

Ironwood, MI

# Events

Details are pending.

# Tribute Wall

MW

“*Jeanie, Gary, Kathy & families, I am so sorry to hear about Weeps passing. Knowing your family throughout most of my life, it's like another family member has passed. From graduating LLW with Gary, to working along side Jeanie at cable TV, there are so many memories of you all. His smile was infectious, and he always a kind word to say. His heart was as big as all outdoors. There is no doubt in my mind, that God has another Angel to look after us here on Earth. He will be sadly missed, but never forgotten. God bless you all, and I will keep you all in my prayers.*

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**Mark Wesenberg** - May 03, 2021 at 06:21 AM



“*Weeps Maki family,*

*This is Susie Saari Leinon. I am so sorry for your loss. My memory of Weeps is at Crystal Lake. He would soap up after dark and run, yelling into the lake.*

*We would laugh and say, "that must be Weeps". My dad, Paul Saari has been gone 21 years already. Cherish all the stories and memories. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Susie Leinon** - April 16, 2021 at 11:46 AM

LC

“ *Uncle Weeps was one of a kind, always joking and the life of the party. I have many special memories of him. You all have our deepest sympathy.*

*Lynn Cattelino and family*



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**Lynn Cattelino** - April 15, 2021 at 03:37 PM

JG

“ *Sandy, Gary, and family - you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.*

*Jeanne Graham*

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**Jeanne Graham** - April 14, 2021 at 06:54 PM

CK

“ *“Weeps” holds a special place in my grown ups while growing up book. Always a positive and encouraging person. Please accept my family’s most sincere condolences and sympathies. May the tears dry as you celebrate his life.*



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**Chuck Kolesar** - April 13, 2021 at 08:40 PM