

OBIIT - BAKER RICHARD W
11-18-1932 - 10-19-2014

Richard W. Baker, age 81, of Reedsburg died Sunday morning, October 19, 2014 in his home. He was born on November 18, 1932 in Waukesha, the son of Ralph and Vivian (West) Baker. Dick attended Baker School and East Troy High School.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. On June 7, 1959, he was married to the former Annette P. Alderman. Dick served for 37½ years with the Army National Guard retiring at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4. He then worked as the Washington County Veterans Service Officer for five years. Dick also served with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs from 2000 until his declining health forced him into his final retirement.

He was an active member of the Reedsburg American Legion and the Reedsburg V.F.W., the Wisconsin Southwest Cornish Society, Cornish Society of the Greater Milwaukee Area, Reedsburg Historical Society, Sauk County Writers Club and the Shamrock Club of Sauk County. Dick enjoyed genealogy, Cornish studies, traveling, writing poetry, working as a tour guide with Pendarvis in Mineral Point, "fishing" and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Annette; five children: Valerie LeMoine, and her fiancé, Dan Gray, of Reedsburg; Timothy (Tina) Baker, of Poynette; Tammy (Dennis) Ott, of Hillpoint; Wade (Gina) Baker, of York, South Carolina and Heather (Tony) Weise, of Theresa; fifteen grandchildren: Adreanne Bailey (Jim Curtsinger), Nate LeMoine (Cassie), Megan LeMoine (Troy Allen), Asa Ziech, Ashley Ziech, Josie LeMoine (Cody McDonald), Bob Baker (Megan Thurman), Dan Baker, Sonja Kruschke (Rick), Heath Pickel (Chrissy), Brandon Silvers (Jessie Jenness), Chantel Brantley (Jesse Mitchell), Justin Pickel (Bethany Kirk), Wyatt Baker and Logan Baker; nineteen great-grandchildren; his sister: Doris Kienast, of Hartford; his brother-in-law: Dick (Melva) Alderman, of Troy Center; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by one grandson: Hallie LeMoine; two great-grandchildren: Ashlyn and Hayden Pickel; his son-in-law: Curt LeMoine; his brother: Don Baker and brothers-in-law: Jim Kienast and Rod Alderman.

Memorial services will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the United Methodist Church in Reedsburg with Pastor Marvin Singh officiating. Military rites will follow the service. Interment will be at Little Prairie Cemetery in Walworth County at a later date. There will be a visitation from 9:00 A.M. until the time of the service on Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Wisconsin Honor Flight would be appreciated. The Hoof Funeral Home is serving the family.