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Marshall A. Riley



Nov. 24, 1925—March 29, 2013

Marshall A. Riley, age 87, passed away about one year ago in Madison, WI. No formal funeral services were held and no local obituary was published at that time.

Born to Elmer and Carrie Riley, he was raised in Waupaca, WI, and spent a lot of time at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King where his parents worked. From them he learned a high work ethic and took great pride in a job well done. He also developed a lifelong love of sports and especially enjoyed watching the Packers. At age 17, he found himself compelled by love of and dedication to country to enlist early in the U.S. Navy and served four years during WWIL Afterwards, he moved to Milwaukee, earned the highest respect of those he supervised for many years at Delco Electronics including his future bride.

Retirement years were lived here in Eagle, and he often remarked that they were some of the best years of his life. He loved the quietness and small-town feeling Eagle provided him. Every chance he got, he would fly his airplane out of Palmyra Airport, sometimes alone but often with his pilot buddies to faraway places camping under its wings and enjoying their company as well as the sites uncovered along the way. Often he reflected on the times he spent mastering his stunt techniques and how it gave him great peace and tranquility when flying above the clouds.

He was survived by his devoted wife, two sons, one daughter and their spouses, one sister-in-law, several grand- and greatgrandchildren, nieces, nephews and his cat, Smoke. No one could have asked for a better neighbor or friend, and he is deeply missed.