

Ada Marie 'Ame' Chrestay Holzman

Ada Marie "Ame" Chrestay Holzman died peacefully and surrounded by family members on Sunday June 23, 2013, after 90 years of well-spent life, 71 years of loving marriage, and 70 years of nurturing motherhood. She is survived by the love of her life, Martiri E. Holzman Sr. of Eagle Spring Lake, Wisconsin; as well as her children: Christie Wagar of Medford Lakes, NJ, Martin (Rosalie) Holzman Jr. of Julian, CA, Daniel (Catherine) Holzman of Baraboo, Patty Holzman of Mukwonago, Diana (Jeff) Brower of Walworth, Kathleen Holzman-Henry (Tim) Henry of Marlinton, WV, and Jeannine Holzman; her grandchildren: Vern (Denise), Blake (Monica), Jonathan (Jenn), Jeffrey, Jason, Beth (Gary), Lowell (Elizabeth), Ginger, Amy (Larry), and Daniel; her great grandchildren: Jenny (Kevin), Matthew, Katie (Tyler), Joshua, Lauren, Rachel, Justin, Ada Rose, Samantha, Ruby; and her great great grandchildren: Mia, Easton, and Liam.

Adaline Marie was born on September 27, 1922 in Duquense, PA to Andrew Albert

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Chrestay and Erma Blanche Williams Chrestay. She is preceded in death by siblings Virginia Starr and Andrew Chrestay Jr. and survived by siblings David (Charlotte) Chrestay and Carol (Cornelius) Spon-tak, as well as numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Ada's passing leaves the many who loved her in a wake of sorrow, but also gives us reason to celebrate the wonderful, quick-witted, warm-hearted woman that she was. Married on March 17, 1942, Ada and Martin embarked upon a full, exciting life together, traveling the world with the Air Force, making lifelong friends everywhere they went. She dedicated her time to teaching Sunday school, sewing, quilting, gardening, and painting ceramics. Whether in Japan, Panama,

Ohio, New Jersey, Massachusetts, or "up the hill" in Eagle, Wisconsin, Ada made a warm, joyful home wherever she happened to be. There was nobody better with a welcoming hug, a potato-masher, or a Sequence chip. We are lucky beyond measure to have had Ada Marie Holzman in our lives: a dear wife, a cherished friend, a loving mother, grandmother, great and great-great grandmother, a sweet heart.

Ada's visitation will be held on Wednesday June 26, 2013 from 10 AM until the time of service at 11 AM at VERNON EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, S90 W27550 National Ave in Vernon. In lieu of flowers, we invite you to make a donation to the African Mercy Ships.

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the majority of his days: in the company of his loved ones, at home "up the hill" in Eagleville, Wisconsin.

Though deeply saddened by the separation from wife, Ada Marie (Chrestay) Holzman, who passed in the summer of 2013. We imagine Martin and Ame reunited now, holding one another, catching up, enraptured as they share another one of their famous waltzes. Martin is survived by his loving children: Christie Wagar, Martin Jr. and Rosalie (Cowman) Holzman, Daniel and Catherine (Keepers) Holzman, Patricia Holzman, Diana and Jeffrey Brower, Kathleen and Tim Henry, and Jeannine Holzman; his adoring grandchildren: Joseph Laverne Van de Loo (Denise), Blake Van de Loo (Monica), Jonathan Wagar (Jen), Jeffrey Wagar, Jason Holzman, Beth Henry -Vance (Gary), Ginger Hudson (Anderson), Amy Morgan (Lawrence), Lowell Brower (Elizabeth), and Daniel Holzmänn; and his adoring great grandchildren: Jennifer Doyle (Kevin), Matthew, Katie Montgomery (Tyler), Justin, Lauren, Rachel Gidney (Matt), Ada Rose and Samantha Wagar, Ruby and Cole Vance, Rufus and Luna Morgan, and Maya Brower. Great great grandchildren, Mia, Easton and Tillman(Doyle), Liam Walter, Landon and Henley (Montgomery).

Martin was born on December 27, 1919, on Maple Hill near North Freedom, Wisconsin to Bertha and Peter Holzman. He is preceded in death by siblings John, William, Otto, Ernest, Lydia (Hann), Lawrence, Louise (Holland), and Herbert.

After a fulfilling, wonderful, and love-filled 97 years of life, Martin's passing leaves us grateful for the stories he told us, the care he showed us, the lessons he imparted to us, the sacrifices he made for us, and the example he set for us. Too small in stature for work on his family's farm, Martin was large enough in heart and courage to enlist at the age of 18 in the US Army Air Corps (before it became the air force!) for whom he proudly served as a bomber pilot, and photo reconnaissance pilot throughout World War II. Serving in the American Theater, the European Theater, and Pacific Theatre. Though military service would take him around the world, from Morocco to Ireland to Japan to Greenland to Panama, his most important stop was the first, Duquesne, PA, where at a USO Dance he met Ada Marie Chrestay, who joyously partnered with him for the rest of his life's great adventures leading them to rural Wisconsin, where they settled at the end of Martin's 24 years of military service. Beginning by eloping on March 17, 1942, Martin and Ada enjoyed a rich, exciting 71 years together, cultivating life long friendships everywhere they went, and periodically adding another child to their family. Gathering stories and memories, which would delight their friends and loved ones, for the rest of their days.

Whether scooping up a grounder (as Pepper Martin), the smallest member of the North Freedom baseball team in 1930's, piloting the "Eat at Joe's" B-24 over the Atlantic in 1940's, holding Ada's hand as they watched many sunsets over Eagle Springs Lake, or meeting one of his newest of great-great-grand children in 2016; whether diving into the lake in his stockings on the first warm day of spring, digging up his famous "Yukon gold" potatoes in heat of summer, cheering on the Packers with a Leinenkugel's on a cool fall afternoon, or leading his favorite prayer—"Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, let our daily food be blessed"—before a lively Christmas dinner as the snow fell on another Wisconsin winter; Martin's convivial warmth, adventurous spirit, and familial dedication were on constant display. A gifted raconteur with a miraculous memory, Martin's vivid stories, jokes, and anecdotes will continue to echo in our own memories as we carry them on within us. A green-thumbed gardener and master morel-mushroom-finder, his love of the "Good Earth" will continue to connect us to our planet and its gifts. A proud war veteran and a principled family man, his bravery and dedication will continue to guide and sustain us. We are lucky beyond measure to have had Martin Holzman in our lives: a doting husband, a cherished friend, a brave serviceman, a legendary yarn-spinner, a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather; a great man with a great heart

A Visitation will be held on Monday July 17, 2017 at Vernon Evangelical Lutheran Church, S90w27550 National Ave Mukwonago, from 11 Am until 12:45 PM. Funeral Service will take place at 1 PM. A procession to Jericho Cemetery will immediately follow service.

Visitation

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Service

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