

Albert "Al" Blum, 83**Feb. 2, 1926 - July 8, 2009 -**

CECIL, WI — Albert "Al" J. Blum, 83, of Cecil, WI, passed away on Wednesday, July 8, 2009. Al was born on February 2, 1926, to the late Peter and Dora (Book) Blum at Westphalia. Al served in the United States Army.

February 7, 1950, Al married Mildred Kloewer at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Al and Mickie farmed in the Cecil, WI area. He always took pride in a straight corn row. After retiring he enjoyed driving for and visiting with the Amish. He was a member of the Bonduel Legion Post # 217, a member of the White Clay Lake Sportsman Club and he loved to play pool. He played baseball up

until he was 50 and then very much enjoyed coaching his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in the game of baseball. He loved to attend the activities that all the children participated in. Al was a member of St. Martin Catholic Church in Cecil and for many years helped with the maintenance of the church.

Al was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Esther; brothers-in-law, Alfred Wingert and Leonard Rauterkus. He is survived by his wife, Mildred "Mickie" Blum of Cecil, WI; his children, Gary (Diane) Blum, Cecil, WI; Cindy (Leonard) Herm, Green Bay, WI; Martha (David) Whorrall, New Holstein, WI; Edward (Gale) Blum, Bonduel, WI; Mary (John) DeBauch, Cecil, WI; Karen (Jerry) Patenaude, Green Bay, WI; Diane (Randy) Lohff, Shawano, WI; Ronald (Deborah) Blum, Green Bay, WI; 23 grandchildren, Scott (Angela) Blum; Chris, Deana and Derek Blum; Andrea Herm, Joe Herm; Kim (Todd) Singleton; Erin (John) Vercher; Jamie (Kris) Walta; Pam (Mikel) Lauber; Matthew (Rachel) Blum; Joseph Blum; Andy, Adam, Ashley and Aaron DeBauch; Greg Patenaude (fiancé, Kari); Rebecca Patenaude (fiancé, Taylor); Melissa Patenaude; Kevin, Kathy and Dan Lohff; Tyler Elliott; 7 great-grandchildren, Tyler Blum; Lexi and Chris Seals; Noah, Eliza and Abigail Walta; Natali Lauber; a brother, Herbert (Marie) Blum, Harlan; sisters, Antilia Wingert, Harlan; and Bernice Rauterkus, Clear Lake, WI.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 11, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Martin Catholic Church in Cecil, WI, with Father Len Evers and Deacon Tom Craig officiating. Visitation was at the church on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Bonduel Legion Post # 217 conducted military rites at the church following the service.



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