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MADISON -- Floyd Harold Brehmer, 80, of Madison died Saturday at the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Fort Snelling.

The service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Madison.

Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. today at Zahrbock Funeral Home in Madison and for one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

He was born Feb. 17, 1926, in rural Bellingham to Eric and Martha (Kunde) Brehmer. He grew up on the family farm in Perry Township, Lac qui Parle County, attended District 88 country school, and graduated from Bellingham High School in 1944. He joined the Army in 1944 and served in the Asiatic Pacific campaign. He was wounded on Okinawa in 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1947.

He married Dorothy Schuchard on Aug. 9, 1949, in rural Bellingham. He graduated from Dunwoody Institute in 1950 with a degree in automotive electronics. They lived in Madison and he worked for Kleven Brothers and later for Reinhart Brothers Automotive Parts Company. They moved to Groton, S.D., in 1959 and returned to Madison in 1960. He worked for Wogans, B&W Automotive Supply. He purchased B&W Automotive Supply in 1961 and it became Brehmer Motor Supply. He purchased Berg Hardware in 1972. He sold the store to his sons in 1980 and retired in 1984.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Madison and served as the church treasurer. He was active at local, state and federal levels with veteran organizations. He was a Legion and VFW commander in Madison, was the state commander of the Disabled American Veterans from 1983 to 1984, and active with the National Order of the Purple Heart and the Western Chapter 24 DAV in Milan. He was involved in the ground-breaking ceremony at the new VA Medical Center at Fort Snelling. He was one of few

Minnesota veterans at the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial Wall and the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. He was also on the legion Boy Scout committee.

He is survived by his wife; children: Shirley (and Ron) Tschakofski of Montevideo, Jeanne (and Stephen) Bergerson of Clackamas, Ore., Judy (and Gary) Dillon of Southwick, Mass., Gary (and Lois) Brehmer of Madison, Donald (and Gail) Brehmer of DeGraff, James (and Lorna) Brehmer of Madison, Steven (and Ann) Brehmer of Deer Park, Wash., David (and Kjersten) Brehmer of Richfield; 21 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister: Dorothy (and Harold) Schultz of Milbank, S.D.

He was preceded in death by three brothers.