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Robert Adam Nechodom Sr. "Bob", 722 E. Main St., Little Chute, 74, died peacefully at home Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2000 surrounded by his 12 children. Bob had been diagnosed 10 months ago with lung cancer. To the end, he knew the support and care of his 12 children. Bob was born July 10, 1926 to the late Adam and Harriet (Jansen) Nechodom. He was born and raised in Little Chute. In his youth he attended St. John's Grade School and completed high school while serving in the United States Army. On July 28, 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served in World War II. On June 18, 1945, he was wounded while serving in Okinawa and was granted an honorable discharge. He was awarded the Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Bronze Battle Star, two overseas service bars, the Army of Occupation Medal Japan, the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart Medal. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Little Chute and was employed as a welder and plumber by trade. On April 26, 1947, he married the late Lorraine (Vaubel) Nechodom at St. Mary's Church in Kaukauna. They celebrated 50 years of marriage on April 26, 1997. As a couple they took up residence in Little Chute and were members of St. John Parish. In June of 1952 Lorraine and Bob moved with three children to the family homestead at 722 E. Main Street, where the family expanded to 12 children. On May 31, 1950, he joined the Little Chute Police Department as a patrolman and later promoted to Assistant Chief of Police. In 1961 he was promoted to Chief of Police and retired May 5, 1989 after serving the Village of Little Chute for 39 years. While he served as Chief of Police, he wore many other service hats: Plumbing Inspector and Gas Inspector for the Village of Little Chute. Bob was a member of the American Legion Jacob Coppus Post 0258; Kiwanis International; Heart of the Valley Golden "K"; Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association; International Chiefs of Police Association and the 96th Infantry Division Association "Deadeyes". As a member of the Golden "K" he was instrumental in fund raising through the selling of pails. He earned over \$5000. which the Golden "K" used for Little Chute children with Spina Bifida. As a service to St. John Parish Cemetery Association, each winter Bob cleared snow from the sidewalk from his house west past