



SIEGLER, JOHN B

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John B. Siegler, age 92, of Village of Biron, WI died Friday, June 27, 2014 at Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, WI.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Wisconsin Rapids. The Rev. Jim

Altman will officiate; burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Ritchay Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids on Tuesday from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, and again on Wednesday at the Church from 1:00 - 2:00 PM. There will be a Parish Rosary held at 7:00 PM Tuesday at the Funeral Home.

John was born January 14, 1922 in the Village of Biron to John and Jane (Gaffney) Siegler. He married Maxine M. Kempfert on December 4, 1941 in Wisconsin Rapids, WI and was blessed with 71 years of marriage and 7 children. Maxine died April 12, 2013.

John started his employment with Consolidated Papers in 1940. He left in 1942 to serve in the U.S. Army during WWII in the 96th Infantry Division and was active in the Pacific theater. In 1945, after the war, John returned to Consolidated Papers and worked on the paper machines at the Biron Division, later becoming Paper Machine Superintendent. He retired in 1982 with over 40 years with the company. He served on the Biron Village Board, was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and was a lifelong member of Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. He was well respected for his mechanical ability and was able to fix or build just about anything. His family enjoyed his sense of humor and singing. He was known as "King of the Dock" on our up-north vacations. Dad and mom enjoyed traveling and especially their trips to 96th Infantry reunions all over the United States. John was dedicated to his children's and grandchildren's activities. He was always happiest with his family all together.

John is survived by his children, Penny (Mike) Johnson, Jack (Kathy) Siegler, Don (Charlene "Charlie") Siegler, Jane (Dan) Gross, Mary (Dennis Olson) Reinke-Olson, Peggy (Jim) Hartman and Mark Siegler; grandchildren , Rusty Danielson, Sara (Eric) Knapp, Diane (Bob) Whitehead, Julie (significant other - Jason Wrycza) Siegler, Tom Olson, Ben Olson, Nathan Olson, Daniel (Maggy) Olson and Joyce Lundy;

and great grandchildren, Katelyn Wrycza, Ava Whitehead, Nick McCrossen, Maya Olson and Amelia Olson.

John is also survived by seven brothers and sisters, Mary Jane Moody, James (Shirley) Siegler, Margaret Nash, Tom (June) Siegler, Bill (Ellen) Siegler, Sally (Marvin) Mancl and Susan Berry. He is further survived by sister in law, Dorothy Kempfert.

John was preceded in death by his wife Maxine, parents, son in law Thomas Reinke, brother in law Harvey Kempfert, brothers and sister in law, Robert and Jean Siegler, Bud Moody, William Nash and Lee Berry.

The Siegler family would like to express their sincere thanks to the Wisconsin Rapids Care Center for the wonderful care given to our Dad. A memorial will be established in John's name at a later date.

Dad was always there in every imaginable way for us kids. None of us can adequately express all of our love and gratitude for him. He was a beloved husband, dad, grandpa, great grandpa, brother, uncle and friend. "Be good - That's the main thing."