



BERGER, ALTON OLIVER

Co I 382nd Infantry

WESTBY — Alton Oliver Berger, 91, of Westby passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013, at Norseland Nursing Home, surrounded by his family.

He was born April 23, 1922, in the Township of Coon, Vernon County, Wisconsin to Albert and Olga (Rogstad) Berger.

He attended Local Country Grade Schools. He was baptized and confirmed at Coon Valley Lutheran Church and was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Westby. On Sept. 19, 1942, he married Rhodia Solverson in Viroqua. He was drafted into the United States Army and served his Country in World War II with the 96th Infantry Division and was Deployed to the Philippine Islands. He received a Purple Heart from battles fought in Okinawa.

After discharge he returned to the Westby area and farmed for many years. Alton owned and ran a Pool Hall in Westby for several years. Alton retired from farming and started a new career driving school bus for the Westby Area School District for many years and enjoyed the kids on his routes. He retired for the second time, but quickly went back to work as a Crossing Guard for the School District. He spent his retirement years watching sports, traveling to the Army reunions, and later in life, loved to go sightseeing with his family members. Alton especially liked to spend time sneaking treats to all his family members' pets. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Eagles Club.

Survivors include his three sons, Allen (Mary Nelson) of Westby, Wayne (Susan) of Hatfield, and Monte (Lois) of Westby; 11 grandchildren, Lisa Berger (Kevin) Tucker, Dawn (Scott) Konze, Aaron (Carrie) Berger, John (Holly) Berger, Mike (Rebecca) Berger, Katie (Justin) Fleischman, Greg (Crystal) Anderson, Travis (Jennifer) Anderson, Matt (Linda) Berger, Tricia (John) Crowley, and Tom (Theresa)

Berger; 23 great- grandchildren, Arielle, Liv, Annika, Henry, Charles, Leo, Will, Mason, Wesley, Ella, Nora, Ryan, Megan, Rachel, Colin, Tessa, Gabe, Emily, Jacob, Jessica, Connor, Hunter, and Colton.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rhodia; his parents, Albert and Olga; his brother, Alvin; his half sister, Lylas; his daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Loren Anderson; and daughter-in-law, Judy (Perkins) Berger.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Westby. Pastor John Dumke will officiate with burial to follow in Our Savior's Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the services at 11 a.m. on Monday at the church.