



# Willis A. Gessler

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## **Willis A. Gessler**

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**W**illis A. Gessler, age 90, formerly of Tomahawk, passed away Saturday, September 25, 2010 at Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, WI. Willis was born on August 17, 1920 to Archie and Rose (Schorllkopf) Gessler in Richmond, WI. Willis married Carolyn Franco on August 28, 1943 in Reno, NV. Willis was mayor for the city of Tomahawk from 1976-1982, he was on the city council, and a volunteer on the fire department in Tomahawk for 10 years. Willis was the past president of the Lions Club and awarded a lifetime membership along with the 1994 Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. He was instrumental in the establishment of the SARA Park Activity Center in Tomahawk. Willis was a navy 2nd class petty officer (torpedo man) in World War II. He was a member in the American Legion, VFW, Chamber of Commerce and Tomahawk Area Corporation. Willis is survived by his wife, Carolyn Gessler of King, WI; son Buddy (Debbie) Gessler of Tomahawk, WI; daughter, Nancy (Michael) Specht, Irma, WI, 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters, and 2 brothers. Willis is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, and a sister. Willis enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golf, loved to snowmobile, ice fish and the outdoors. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 30, 2010 at the Ainsworth Hall Chapel in King. Visitation will be held at 10:00 AM until time of services. Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences available at [www.hollyfuneralhome.com](http://www.hollyfuneralhome.com)



## Tribute Wall

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**Glenn B. Gessler** posted:

Sorry we couldn't make it can't carry oxygen tanks in car. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Arch sends his love and prayers too! He always loved to talk to Willy. Love Buddy and Joan

March 4 at 7:00 PM

DJ

**Dale And Ellen Jante** posted:

Dear Carol, We have wonderful memories of you and Willie. Don and Marianne considered you to be their best friends and we know you had a lot of fun together as couples and individually. We are sorry about Willie's death and hope you are doing well physically. God Bless you and your family

March 4 at 7:00 PM

MB

**Mary & Bradd Bucks** posted:

Carol and family. We were saddened to hear of the passing of Willy. He was a good man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

March 4 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Willis A. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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