



Russell L. Wiesen

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Russell Lawrence Wiesen, age 94, of Waupaca, WI, passed away at his home on Thursday, December 29, 2022. Russ was born on June 8, 1928 to the late Lawrence Martin Wiesen and Edith Evelyn (Hales) Wiesen-Lewis. He graduated from Waupaca High School in 1946. In 1947, Russ joined the Army National Guard and served his country during the Berlin Crisis in 1961. He retired from the Guards after serving 26 years.

On September 27, 1950, Russell was united in marriage to Donna Jean Nelson. Together they had three daughters. He was a machinist his entire life, owning and operating C&R Repair (now Waupaca Machine) with Charles Weisbrod. Faith was an integral part of his life as he was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. As a member of St. Mary's, he was involved with the Knights of Columbus – helping with the annual chicken BBQ and Tootsie Roll sales. His other interests included summer camping trips, boating on the Chain O' Lakes with his grandchildren on the "Spirit of the Lakes" pontoon, and building/creating wood or metal crafts and projects. After retiring, he volunteered at Bethany Home repairing wheelchairs for the residents. You could also find him attending his grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's school or sports activities.

Russell is survived by his wife of 72 years Donna Wiesen; his three daughters Kathryn Wiesen-DeSardi (Anthony) of Scottsdale, AZ, Mary Jo Solberg (Robert) of Waupaca, WI, and Libby Chehale Alexander (f/k/a Jean Wiesen) of Madison, WI; six grandchildren Michelle Solberg-Ford (Euan Ford), Ryan Solberg, Anna Corbett, Abbey Corbett, Marc DeSardi, and Amalia DeSardi; two great-grandchildren Carter Solberg and Anja Ford; two nieces Dana Glogovsky of CO and Teri Glogovsky of IL; and also by numerous cousins in the New London and Fond du Lac areas.

He was preceded in death by his father Lawrence M. (Henrietta) Wiesen; his mother E. Evelyn (Irving "Barney") Lewis; a sister Donna M. (Steve) Glogovsky; four step-brothers Edward Prochnow Jr., Robert Prochnow, Kenneth Lewis, and Clifford Lewis; and a step-sister Lorraine (Lewis) Arndt.



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A Memorial Mass will be on Friday, January 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Waupaca, WI. Father Xavier Santiago will preside. A visitation will be held on Friday morning from 10:00 – 11:00 AM at the church. Burial will take place in the spring at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery in Waupaca. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in his honor. The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.





Events

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Memorial Visitation


 **Friday**, January 13, 2023


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church**
N2845 Shadow Rd, Waupaca WI 54981

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Cemetery Details

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John R Lasswell posted:

Kathy, Mrs. Weisen, and Russ's family, Please accept my sincere condolences for Russ's recent passing. Something about a Facebook posting by Cheryl Kienert Roberts made me decide to do a Google search where I found this sad news. C & R Repair provided a vital service (particularly) to the farming community of central Wisconsin of my youth. I met Russ for the first time when doing some work for my dad. I made an engineering drawing of a component where there was some unknown information and took it down to the shop to get some information on what it would cost to make a replacement. I knew that Russ had the missing information and obtaining it was part of the mission. On reviewing my effort, Russ promptly informed me of the error in my ways and some other things...which was vexing! He eventually saw the frustration in my eyes and changed his tone to one of a teacher. His comments were not unkind, but a learning moment for a budding mechanical engineer. I've thought about that afternoon often throughout the course of my career and remembered it as a lesson of the knowledge and skill inherent in a craftsman. Russ clearly was an asset to the community in so many ways. I am equally sure he was a loving husband, father, and grandfather (and other relation-names as well). I hope that memory will be a comfort to you going forward. Kind Regards, John R. Lasswell

February 5 at 5:45 PM



Jody Virnig lit a candle in honor of Russell.

So sorry about missing that Mr Weisen passed away. Just found out yesterday. He was always really nice to me when I'd visit with the family. Mrs Weisen and girls so sorry for your loss Thinking of you



January 15 at 3:57 AM



Lee E Schultz posted:

I lived next to my Uncle Russ for four short years and have some fond memories from that time. Russ was always kind to me and I remember that kindness especially at my father's funeral. Condolences to Russ's family.

January 13 at 6:51 AM



Brenda Sopa lit a candle in honor of Russell.



December 31 at 12:19 PM



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Brenda posted:

Thoughts and prayers to Donna and the rest of the family. Russ was always a delight to talk with. Cherished the conversations about the times past. RIP

December 31 at 12:18 PM



Tammy Larson posted:

I lived next door to Russ and Donna for 3yrs I enjoyed talking with them. They loved watching the birds I had in the yard. I enjoyed visiting with them. They were like grandparents too me. Russ loved working outside. He would always tell me well I'm still here don't know why I lived my life. I would tell he Gods not done with you yet. Russ you will be missed. You are at peace now no more pain. Love Tammy

December 30 at 12:23 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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