



## Clayton H. Squires

June 26, 1918 - May 4, 2013

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RACINE – Clayton H. Squires, 94, passed away on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Kindred Nursing & Rehabilitation, with his son by his side. He was born in Leeds, Wisconsin on June 26, 1918 to George and Minnie (nee: Venzke) Squires, the second of ten children. He lived part of his early life at Holcome, WI where his father logged and cut ties for the Soo Railroad. Later, the family moved to Thorpe, WI to a farm. They moved to Lindsey when Clayton was twelve years old. He started working on neighboring farms doing chores and cutting wood. In April, 1936 he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), and was stationed in Marinette County just west of Crivitz. In May, 1937 the camp was closed and he was transferred to a camp in Taylor County, where he was marking trees to be cut. He got out in July, 1937 and started working for a construction company near Wisconsin Rapids. In 1938 he started working at the Halberstadt Resort in St. Germain, WI where he met Ruth Halberstadt, the niece of the owners. They were married on November 20, 1940. He got a job at Belle City Foundry until September, 1941. He then moved to a farm on Braun Road west of US 41. He worked the farm on shores with W. L. Clark, a vice-president of Case Company. They stayed there until the end of 1945. Then moved to Townsend, WI to a small farm. In 1947 they moved to St. Germain, WI, and bought a home that had been damaged by fire. They remodeled it and put a basement under it. He worked for a local builder, and was caretaker for several summer camps in the area. He then

worked on his own, building cabins on Little St. Germain Lake for several resorts.

When the Korean War broke out all building stopped, so he moved to Racine and started working for Bondgaard Construction Company, working mainly on an addition to St. Luke's Hospital. In 1952 he left Bondgaard and went to work for Nelson, Inc. of Wisconsin. Some of the buildings he built were Precise Products, Triple E Engineering, St. Monica's Senior Citizens Home and the original portion of the Racine County Safety Building at Main and 7th Streets. Bud Nelson, owner of Nelson & Co. commented that on the jobs that Clayton was in charge of, they never had call-backs, and he was very proud of that... He was recording secretary for Carpenter's Local #91 in 1953-55, and president 1955-57. He retired from Nelson, Inc. in 1982. He was involved in the Boy Scouts as a Scoutmaster of Troop 66 sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church, and later as Committee Chairman.

He is survived by his son Donald (Virginia) Squires of Kansasville and daughter Judy (Bill) Edwards of Egg Harbor, WI: grandchildren Jon (Lora) Squires of Appleton, Dan (Karen) Squires and Jennifer Edwards of Racine. He is further survived by brother, George Squires and sisters, Lorna Bartley and Darlene (Jerry) Sherritt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Minnie Squires, wife of almost 68 years, Ruth; brothers Kenneth, LaVerne, Marvin, Calvin, LeLand, sister Margaret Falkenstein and grandson, Brian Edwards.

Funeral services will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Friday, May 10, 2013 at 5 p.m. He will be laid to rest next to his wife at West Lawn Memorial Park in a private ceremony. There will be a visitation at the funeral home on Friday before services, from 4 p.m. until time of service at 5 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave  
Racine, WI 53406

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 10.** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
[info@sturinofuneralhome.com](mailto:info@sturinofuneralhome.com)

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Dennis Squires lit a candle in memory of Clayton H. Squires*



Dennis Squires - May 09, 2013 at 01:03 PM

DS

*In memory of the Man I saw all too few times in the 55 years we've know each other....Godspeed Uncle Clayton!*

Dennis Squires - May 09, 2013 at 01:04 PM

MR

“ *Mary Robinson lit a candle in memory of Clayton H. Squires*



Mary Robinson - May 09, 2013 at 08:35 AM

MR

*Uncle Clayton will be missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Mary Robinson - May 09, 2013 at 08:36 AM

MO

“ *Marva Squires Ott lit a candle in memory of Clayton H. Squires*



Marva Squires Ott - May 08, 2013 at 09:27 AM

BA

“ Clayton was our neighbor across the street for years. I grew accustomed to calling him 'grandpa' for the 16 years I lived there. Such a gentle and peaceful man. It was always so neat to just sit next to him while he carved little characters out of wood and I am thankful for the numerous times he and Ruth let me hang out at their house when I locked myself out. I send my condolences to the family for your loss. He was a great man.

Barbara - May 07, 2013 at 09:58 PM

SS

“ I remember always sending uncle clayton christmas cards every year and he always responded with one in return and when my dad marvin died in feb. 1992 I remember uncle clayton was there and i was crying hard and he came up behind me and rubbed my back and said that it would be ok in that moment I felt comfort in knowing my uncle clayton was there for me and my family that was so nice and I will never forget you tell my dad I love him and rest in peace uncle clayton I love you  
your niece  
suzmarie squires  
(marvin squires no. 3 daughter

SuzMarie Squires - May 07, 2013 at 06:19 PM

SS

“ SuzMarie Squires lit a candle in memory of Clayton H. Squires



SuzMarie Squires - May 07, 2013 at 06:05 PM