



Herbert Emery Butler

January 10, 1938 - December 19, 2016

Herbert E. Butler

RACINE - Herbert Emery Butler, 78, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on December 19, 2016 at Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee.

He was born in Waukesha on January 10, 1938, the son of the late Emery and Louise (nee: Timm) Butler. As a young child, Herb lived in Sussex. The family moved to Racine but often spent summers working at both the family's dairy farms in Sussex and Delafield.

Herb was a graduate of Racine Lutheran High School where he played on the football team, ran track and performed with the high school band. After graduation from high school, he enlisted and proudly served in the United States Army as a crew chief on a S-58 Helicopter. During Herb's station in Germany he met and married the girl of his dreams, Christa Wappler on June 26, 1959.

Shortly after returning to the states, Herb took up employment as a pipefitter at Western Publishing House. Herb worked hard and taught himself how to fix boat engines, which then became his passion. He was sought after by many places, landing a job at Maine Marine & Ski as Head Master Mechanic for more than 35 years. He received many awards from Lund Boats and Mercury Marine. He received a Master Mechanic Degree from Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac. Herb was a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Racine Eskimos Snowmobile Club, Antique Snowmobile Club of America, 5th Street

Yacht Club and Salmon Unlimited. Herb found great enjoyment in family camping trips, fishing, small engine repair and snowmobiling.

Herb is survived by his wife of 58 years, Christa, and their five children, Tammy (Scott Abrams) Butler, Trent (Jane Michels) Butler, Tessa (Justin) Migliano, Tara (Tim) Mattes and Tanya (Dan Henschel) Butler; nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren, two sisters, Mildred (Lee) Exner and Janice (John) Bertemann in addition to nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends throughout the United States and extended family members in Germany.

Herb's visitation will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 from 4:30 pm until 7 pm and will continue at the church on Wednesday from 9 am until time of service. Herb's funeral service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2065 Geneva St. on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 10 am with Rev. Stephen Jennings officiating.

Herb will be laid to rest with full military honors at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Herb in a special way may direct memorials to Zablocki VA Medical Center, 5000 W. National Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53295, Attn: Palliative Care Center #1200.

The Butler family would like to take this opportunity to express their profound gratitude to the Zablocki VA Medical Center as well as the entire staff for their attentive care and gentle manner given to Herb. A special thank you and forever love and gratitude to Dr. Malik Bandedaly and Dr. Joshua A. Bloom at United Hospital System in Kenosha. Without their care and compassion our time with Herb would have been much shorter.

Cemetery Details

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI 53182

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
2065 Geneva Street
Racine, WI

Funeral Service

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
2065 Geneva Street
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Herbert Emery Butler*



Sturino Funeral Home - December 23, 2016 at 05:40 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herbert Emery Butler.*



December 27, 2016 at 05:47 PM



“ *I send my Prayers & Love to you and your family. God need an extra special person to fill his Band of Angels & there's no one more Special then Herb. Sandy Sorensen, Class Mate.*

Sandy Sorensen - December 27, 2016 at 12:45 PM

RA

“ We are so blessed to have had the opportunity to live next door to Herb and Christa for a while. Our kids were very young at the time and loved to watch Herb working on his various projects through the window or by standing in our driveway. We were blessed many times by Herb snowblowing our sidewalk on the way to Bob and Marlene's house. He also sold us a snowblower for a very reasonable price as we were young and just starting out. Gerry especially values the encouragement he received from Herb when faced with a relocation of our family for work.

Christa, our hearts go out to you. You are a dedicated and loving wife and an inspiration in many ways. May the Lord bless you with peace and comfort as you enter into a new season of life.

*Renee & Gerry Abraham
Columbus, IN*

Renee Abraham - December 27, 2016 at 10:29 AM

JM

“ We remember Herb as one who did fine work on our sail boat motor , with a simile.
We are friends of Jan and John Bertemann. We send special condolences to Jan and the rest of Herb's family.
Lorry and John Murphy

John Murphy - December 26, 2016 at 11:40 AM

GL

“ So sorry to hear about Herbie. We had many wonderful times together fishing, boating, snowmobiling. Also, he was the best boat mechanic around and I've missed him the last 25 years in Florida. I think about him often since we've been in Florida and always hoped you both could visit us in your motorhome.
Gary and Jane Larsen, Naples, Florida

Gary Larsen - December 24, 2016 at 11:59 AM

KB

“ Dear Christa and Family, My sympathies and prayers are with you all, Karen (Jon) Boerger.

Karen Boerger - December 24, 2016 at 06:29 AM

JP

“ Deepest Sympathy on your loss. Herb was always willing to help out.

Jim 'DOC' Poplawski, Racine

Jim Poplawski - December 24, 2016 at 04:10 AM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes

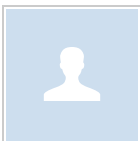


Sturino Funeral Home - December 23, 2016 at 05:04 PM

DS

“ My deepest Condolences on your loss. I just wanted to say that I worked with Herb for a short time at Main Marine and Ski. During that time Herb and I became good friends and he was always looking to teach and help me learn, as I had lots of questions. To this day I still tell my son stories and use things he taught me while I was there. Herbie will always be with me. Darryl R. Spang

Darryl SPANG - December 23, 2016 at 09:54 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Herbert Emery Butler.



December 23, 2016 at 08:16 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Herbert Emery Butler.*



December 22, 2016 at 04:26 PM