



Marlowe Pearlie Bakken

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Mr. Marlowe Pearlle Bakken, age 89, passed away at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare in Franklin on Friday, July 15, 2016.

Marlowe (Soapy) was born in Summit, South Dakota on June 10, 1927 to the late Peder and Mary (nee Tesness) Bakken. He was united in marriage to the love of his life, Irene Chamley on October 28, 1950. They were married for 60 years at the time of Irene's death.

Soapy proudly served his country in both the United States Navy and Army. He began working as a linesman for Milwaukee Road at age 16 and worked there for 52 years.

He was an avid Bible reader and loved reading God's word. Soapy enjoyed Cowboy and Western movies and gracefully dancing with his wife, Irene "Beaner." He was a family man with a great sense of humor, and he passed that on to his family members. Soapy will be remembered for teaching cribbage to his grandchildren, and through the years was always eager to beat them at a game. He enjoyed hosting cookouts where he prepared his legendary rotisserie chicken. Soapy was a great role model for showing what unconditional love really meant. He was completely selfless and constantly showed concern for others with his giving nature.

Left to cherish his memory are his two sons: Mike and Pete Bakken; three daughters: Cheri Meyers, Roxanne Bakken and Michele (Troy) Hansen; 14 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; other relatives and friends. Soapy was preceded in death by his wife, Irene; daughter, Cindy; one grandson, and 8 siblings.

Funeral services will be held at the Wilson Funeral Home on Friday, July 22, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with Holly Anderle officiating. Relatives and friends may meet with the family on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will follow at West Lawn Memorial Park with full military honors.



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Please direct memorials to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.



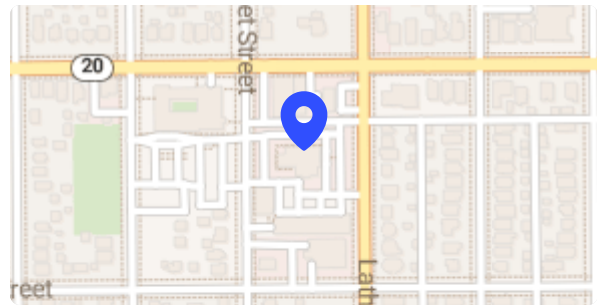
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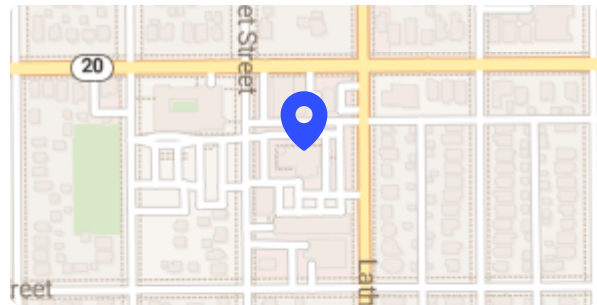
Visitation

- Friday, July 22, 2016**
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Wilson Funeral Home - Racine**
1212 Lathrop Ave, Racine WI 53405



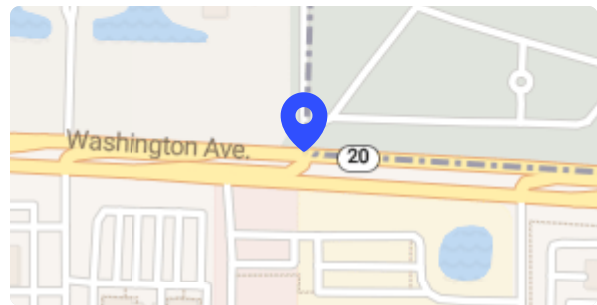
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Cemetery Details

- West Lawn Memorial Park**
9000 Washington Avenue, Mount Pleasant WI 53406





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bakken family.

July 21 at 12:57 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bakken family.

July 21 at 12:55 PM



The Dick-Bakken & Orville-Bakken Families sent a Basket of Memories to the Bakken family.

July 19 at 11:11 AM



Caren Larsen posted:

I am so Happy I had the Pleasure of knowing this Wonderful guy through my Friendship with his Daughter. He was Funny & Happy right up to the end of his long happy life. So Happy to know Jesus received his servant Safely Home. Hugs & Love to his Family

July 19 at 9:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Bakken family.

July 18 at 4:41 PM





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BR

Brenda Bakken Redlin posted:

One of my earliest memory of Soapy and your family was when I was in the back seat of the car and two of the girls were in the front having a contest who could be the loudest. The girls singing "My Baby Does the Hanky Panky" and Soapy playing his music on the radio. It was so fun. I remember you all having so much fun when you were home together with Karla and Karen. What a great family you have.

July 18 at 4:32 PM

SB

Sally Bakken July 23 at 1:18 PM

Sally Bakken:My sister, Debby & I never had the pleasure of actually meeting Uncle Soapy & Beaner, but enjoyed many, many stories from our Dad, Soapy's 10 year older brother, & after dad passed, continued to hear bits of communication from our mom, Dorothy, as her & Soapy continued to keep in touch. It wasn't until after mom passed, that Debby & I began to get to know our dear Uncle more personally through cards & letters. I was devastated to hear of his passing, & that I hadn't had the pleasure of knowing him in earlier years. Time doesn't stand still,..it runs out, but I feel extremely blessed to have gotten to know him as much as I did. He touched my heart, & will be greatly missed. Yes, we will all be together again, someday, & I will look forward to finally be able to give him a big hug ♡

SH

Sheila Holz posted:

My favorite memory of Uncle SoapyWhen I would visit Racine I would spend many days at the Bakken's. One day Soapy was in the bathroom doing his business. He started yelling "Beaner I love you." I looked at auntie Beaner, she had a smile on her face and said "he does that all the time" I will remember Uncle Soapy with love and great memories.Sheila Holz

July 18 at 3:57 PM

KR

Karla Ruffalo July 21 at 3:33 AM

Just really appreciating my Uncle Soapy as I look back on all the memories. The most precious thing is how he walked in Faith for all to see. Life can be beautiful and life can be hard but walking with Jesus always makes it easier. Thank you Uncle Soapy for showing us all how to do that.Karla Ruffalo



Memories only last if you share them

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



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