



## Marlowe Pearlle Bakken

June 10, 1927 - July 15, 2016

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.

Please direct memorials to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

# Cemetery

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## West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Avenue

Mount Pleasant, WI, 53406

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Wilson Funeral Home - Racine

1212 Lathrop Ave, Racine, WI, US, 53405

**JUL** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marlowe Pearlie Bakken.



July 21, 2016 at 05:57 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marlowe Pearlie Bakken.



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“ THE DICK-BAKKEN & ORVILLE-BAKKEN FAMILIES purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Marlowe Pearlie Bakken.



**THE DICK-BAKKEN & ORVILLE-BAKKEN FAMILIES** - July 19, 2016 at 04:11 PM

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“ 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

**Caren Larsen** - July 19, 2016 at 02:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlowe Pearlie Bakken.



July 18, 2016 at 09:41 PM

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“ 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.

**Brenda Bakken Redlin** - July 18, 2016 at 09:32 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 ♡

**Sally Bakken** - July 23, 2016 at 06:18 PM

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“ Sheila Holz is following this tribute.

**Sheila Holz** - July 18, 2016 at 08:59 PM

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“ My favorite memory of Uncle Soapy

When 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

**Sheila Holz** - July 18, 2016 at 08:57 PM



“ 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

**Karla Ruffalo** - July 21, 2016 at 08:33 AM