



Russell Carlos Heckert

January 13, 1930 - December 11, 2013

Russell Carlos Heckert

Russell passed on from this earthly plane early morning on Wednesday, December 11. He died peacefully at the Village Springs Skilled Nursing Facility. He was greeted by his mother Althea (nee Steinbicer), his father Elmer, his daughter Cindy, and his son Jeffrey.

Born in Shawano WI on January 13, 1930, he is dearly missed by his wife of 34 years, Carol (nee Nakielny), daughter Kathy McMillon and her adopted son Billy of Denver CO, sister Laura Flemming of Rockford IL, brother Ken and sister-in-law Janet of Elkhorn WI, Shirley Zalewski of Green Bay WI, grandchildren Kaylee and Austin Shepperd (children of deceased daughter Cindy), Terri Craft mother of his three children, daughter-in-law Susan Heckert (widow of Jeffrey Heckert), numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Russ went to school in Antigo and Elkhorn WI, then served in the Air Force as an air tower control operator during the Korean War. He received his Bachelors Degree in Engineering from the University of Wisconsin while working full time and raising a family. His entire professional career was spent working for various companies in the Defense Industry as a mechanical engineer, retiring in 1994 from Northrop Grumman.

Russ' passion for golf led him and Carol to retire in the golf "paradise" of Hot Springs Village AR. He also enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Rotary Club and the choir of Woodlands Presbyterian Church.

His Alzheimer's disease slowly ate away at his mind and his body, and took away many of the things he enjoyed in life...but memories of his loving-kindness and quiet demeanor will remain in our hearts always.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 21, at Woodlands Presbyterian Church, 11 Ecuestre Drive, Hot Springs Village AR followed by coffee and dessert in Fellowship Hall. A memorial service will also be held at a later date in Elkhorn WI.

Donations may be sent to Woodlands Presbyterian Church, Alzheimer's Arkansas, or Lester Dierksen Memorial Hospice in Hot Springs AR.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ To all of Mr. Heckerts family, loved ones and friends. My heart goes out to each of you.

I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is filled with some happiness that he is able to be himself once again and is no longer trapped and tormented by such a horrible disease. It also makes my heart lighter that he will be with Cindy and Jeff.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Barbie Beckous

Barbie Beckous - January 17, 2014 at 01:53 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Mr. Heckert so well from when he came into the bank with you while I was at the Village. And his being so kind as to let me wait at your home while someone came to help me when my car broke down. I miss seeing you and I am so sad to hear of his passing. May God give you peace at this time in your life.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Pat Harvey

Pat Harvey - December 13, 2013 at 11:52 AM

BM

“ Carol, my deepest sympathy for your loss and the long journey you have been on for the past years. Please take care of you now and know that you are surrounded by loving friends. I remember that your kindness in welcoming me to Hot Springs is a very special memory. Fondly, Barbara McDaniel

Barbara McDaniel - December 13, 2013 at 11:49 AM