



Leo J. Zak

February 15, 1910 - September 16, 2008

Leo J. Zak, age 98, of Richardson's Corner, Hillman, MN, passed away Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 A.M. on Saturday (September 20) at Holy Family Catholic Church at Bull Dog Lake with Rev. Dr. Paul Fruth officiating. Burial will be held at Holy Family Parish Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 P.M. on Friday at the Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN and from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. on Saturday at Holy Family Church. A rosary will be prayed at 6 P.M. on Friday at the Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are with the Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN.

Leo J. Zak was born February 15, 1910 in Pulaski Township, Morrison County, Minnesota to the late Walter & Anne (Schubert) Zak. Leo grew up in Hillman, MN area and saw many changes to the area over the last 98 years he has resided there. When Leo was five years old his father built a resort on the Platte River called Camp Thoroughfare. Leo worked at the resort helping his father for many years. Leo and his father, and brother also opened Zak Brothers Wild Rice Plant on the shores of the Platte River. With the wild rice they harvested they processed, packaged the rice and always included a recipe with the bag. In 1938 Leo was united in marriage to Louise Bruber in Holy Family Catholic Church at Bull Dog Lake. After the couple were united in marriage Leo farmed in the Hillman area also ran the resort on Platte Lake and continued picking rice and trapping. After After selling the resort Leo

worked several different jobs but never gave up his rice picking and beaver trapping. He was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church at Bull Dog Lake which he helped build. Leo was also a charter member of the Richardson Township Lakes Area Lions Club for the past 15 years. Leo will be sadly missed by many family and friends who all came to know him as Grandpa.

Leo is survived by wife Louise (Bruber) Zak of Pierz, MN; daughters, Mary (Ron) Boser of Hillman, MN and Midge (Bob) Baniecke of Hillman, MN; sisters, Louise Thommes of Lastrup, MN and Josephine Kainz of Harding, MN; grandsons, Doug (Anne) Boser of Andover, MN and Scott (Jeanette) Baniecke of Forest Lake, MN; great-grandchildren, Aaron, Andrew, & Alex Boser, Devin & Ethan Nagel., Rachel, Ryan, & Megan Baniecke.

Leo is preceded in death by parents, Walter & Anne (Schubert) Zak; sister, Bertha Kahlhamer; brothers Pete & Al Zak.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz
202 Main St. South
Pierz, MN

Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Bull Dog Lake
1182 County Road 8
Hillman, MN

Tribute Wall



“ Leo J. Zak

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Dad, I pray you know what a wonderful father, grandfather, husband and Dad you were, the memorials given you by your grandson, were the most beautiful in the world, I know you heard them and are more proud of them then ever. There were so many at your celebration of life, it was one of your biggest celebrations ever, Your two great granddaughters were very sad and still wanted one of your hugs. Your great grandsons missed you very much also but stayed very courageous.
I pray you continue to watch over us all and give us your great wisdom that we have depended on for so long. I miss you terribly and wish I also could have another hug, please send your love down to Mom she is very lonesome without you.##imported-begin##Midge##imported-end##

September 21, 2008 at 09:56 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of Leo's family. I know he is up in heaven catching his limit of sunnies and winning in "Shoot the Moon"! God Bless you Leo and keep watch over my boys.
Love, Michele##imported-begin##Michele Schuyt##imported-end##

September 18, 2008 at 11:37 PM



“ Leo was one of the sweetest, nicest men who ever lived!!*###imported-begin##Darlene Evenson & Bernice Pies###imported-end##*

September 18, 2008 at 05:53 PM



“ Dear Midge & Family:

We were so very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. It sounds like he had a wonderful and long life. May you and your family be blessed with many memories of him, they will carry you through the tough times.

Mary & Aggie###imported-begin##Mary Skaj & Aggie Lacore###imported-end##

September 18, 2008 at 04:30 PM



“ *thanks for everything grandpa. i miss you and love you.###imported-begin##Doug Boser###imported-end##*

September 18, 2008 at 08:15 AM

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*I remember the fun times Tom and I shared with Leo and Louise at our lions club functions
I remember Leo always smiling and greeting us with a big hug Thise we such fun times
My deepest sympathy to midge and Mary and of course to Louise*



roseanne mccollins - June 22, 2025 at 12:55 PM