



Oscar Wedel

February 17, 1920 - April 24, 2020

Oscar Wedel, 100, of Beloit, WI, went to be with his Savior on Friday, April 24, 2020, after a long and very blessed life.

He was born on February 17, 1920, in Baraboo, WI. He was the sixth of seven children of William and Marie (Redeopening) Wedel. He was class salutatorian at St. John's Lutheran Elementary School in Baraboo and a 1938 graduate of Baraboo High School, playing on the football team that went undefeated and un-scored upon in 1937. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1941 and became a Master Sergeant in the highly-decorated 301st Bombardment Group, serving in England, Algeria, Tunisia, Italy, and Poltova, Russia during World War II. After the war, he returned to Baraboo and attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison, graduating in 1948 as an Electrical Engineer.

Oscar married Mildred Thistle of Lodi, WI. They were looking forward to celebrating their 72nd wedding anniversary. They have five children: Linda (Phil) Eberle of Hickory, NC; Greg (Jenny), of Kalamazoo, MI; Ann (Larry) Rubin, of Monona, WI; and Gary (Jean) and Karl (Carrie) Wedel, Beloit. They have sixteen grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren.

Oscar worked for Wisconsin Power and Light for 33 years, beginning in Portage, WI. In 1962, the family moved to Beloit where Oscar was Operating Superintendent. He retired from the Rock River/Blackhawk generating station in 1982 and remained in the house he and Mildred built in 1964. Oscar and Mildred attended St. John's Lutheran Church in Portage and St. John's Lutheran Church in Beloit, where they raised their children to grow in the love of the Lord. He was fearless in taking on new projects – from car repairs, to gardening, woodworking, camping, travelling, and his famous board games. In all, he was loved and admired. He was the family patriarch. He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith. "Well done, my good and faithful servant!"

Survivors include his wife, Mildred, all of their children, all of their grandchildren, and all of their great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his

parents and siblings.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI, assisted the family with arrangements.

Memorials may be given in his name to St. John's Lutheran Church, 1000 Bluff Street, Beloit, WI.

The family wishes to thank friends and family members for their love and support, Pastor Dennis Roser for his care, Sue Drager for her food and friendship, caregivers from Home Instead and Agrace Hospice for their compassion, and Linda and Karl for their love and dedication.

Comments



“ To the Oscar Wedel family,
Sorry to hear of Oscar's passing.
I worked for Oscar in the early 1970's for 2 years. I was the Assistant Operating Superintendent and it was my first supervisory position. Oscar was a great teacher and I learned a tremendous amount from him. It was a great start to my career to have such a wonderful, knowledgeable person to learn from.
Jack Grawe

Jack Grawe - May 07 at 08:36 AM



“ Greg, Jenny and girls,
I am so sad to hear of your loss. I hope his memory remains strong in your hearts and those memories bring you peace and joy.
John Wasserstrass

John Wasserstrass - April 29 at 07:32 PM



“ Hugs and love to all the Wedel families. Oscar was one of my late husband and my best friends. So many happy memories of him and Mildred. He was surely blessed of his 100 years and will be missed beyond words.
Jeanne Ludeman

jeanne ludeman - April 29 at 05:30 PM



“ Our sympathy goes out to Linda (Wedel) & Phil Eberle, Mildred and the rest of the Wedel family. I met Linda & Phil at Carthage College and the stories and love have continued for over 50 years. Such warm stories of Oscar and Mildred. We all grew to love them. May God bless and keep you at this time of sorrow and loss.

Lynn and Gary Kammes

Lynn C Kammes - April 29 at 03:10 PM



“ Greg and Jenny,

Our sympathy to you, Greg, and your family on the death of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the peace of the Lord be with you now and in the days

ahead.

Alan and Marilyn Sorenson

Alan & Marilyn Sorenson - April 29 at 12:15 PM



“ Greg and Jenny,

Sorry to hear the death of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Borg and Gayle Skaugon

Borg Skaugon - April 29 at 10:28 AM



“ Greg, My condolences on the passing of your father. May God give you peace during this trying time.

Art Goldsworthy - May 07 at 08:43 PM



“ Our condolences to my dear friend, Linda Wedel Eberle and family. Although I never knew him, Oscar, must have been a great guy to turn out such a wonderful, caring daughter as Linda. Keep happy memories close to your heart.

Laurel and Bruce Armstrong

Laurel H Armstrong - April 29 at 10:13 AM



“ Oscar was a such a wonderful man to us when he came into the office at the Wisconsin Power and Light. We were truly blessed to have known him. Rest In Peace, Oscar. Sandy Richardson

Sandy Richardson - April 28 at 07:41 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Wedel



Johanna - April 28 at 08:50 AM



“ I will miss Grandpa Oscar so much. We were all so blessed to have him as the patriarch of the Wedel family; such a wonderful example of a good Christian man.

Erin Cantu - April 27 at 09:13 PM



“ We recently enjoyed celebrating his 100th birthday with him and the whole family. Uncle Oscar leaves us with an amazing legacy. May we all strive to live up to his example of a life well lived.
Our deepest sympathy to his loving family.
Jim & Sue Wedel

Jim Wedel - April 27 at 07:47 PM



“ R I P, Oscar. A great neighbor and friend of ours for nearly 28 years. Dave and JoAnne Kreinz

Dave Kreinz - April 27 at 05:23 PM



“ I fun man to get to know and work with.

Henry Clement - April 27 at 02:07 PM



“ Sherlyn Howe lit a candle in memory of Oscar Wedel



Sherlyn Howe - April 27 at 02:03 PM



“ I will miss him dearly. His sense of humor was contagious. And he loved his cookies!

Susan Elaine Drager - April 27 at 01:58 PM