



William "Bill" V. Lacina

January 11, 2015

Lacina, William "Bill" V. age 92 formerly of Mankato, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on 1/11/15. Preceded in death by parents, Victor and Gertrude; son, James Victor and sister, Mabel Linn. Bill was born July 15, 1922 in Buffalo, MN. He married Gertrude F. Aigner on July 3, 1943 at St. Mary's Church in St. Cloud, MN. Survived by loving wife of 71 years, Gertrude Lacina; children, William D. (Beverly), Mary M. Lacina, John S. (Laurie), Thomas R. (Jane), Robert J. (Gwen), and Susan G. (David) Lovik; 19 grandchildren, Will, Laura, Joel, Jared, Jamison, Corbin, Matthew, Dawn, Greg, Ben, Tommy, Jake, Erin, Lindsay, Taylor, Ryan, Sarah, Emily, and Daniel; 38 great-grandchildren; along with many other family and friends. Bill served in the US Army Company M 311th Infantry during WWII in the European Theater. After the war he settled in St. Cloud, MN and became Assistant Water Superintendent until April 1959 when he became the Water Superintendent for Mankato, MN, where he worked until his retirement in 1981. He loved his faith and family above all and enjoyed many sports and hobbies, especially traveling, camping, woodworking, fishing, hunting, reading, and celebrating family events. He was very dedicated to the family rosary. He wintered in Brownsville, TX for over 20 years and taking 2 summer trips to Alaska was a highlight of his life. Memorials preferred to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of his wife.. Visitation Friday 1/16, 5-8 PM with prayer service at 7 PM Washburn-McReavy, Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 W. Broadway, Crystal. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday 1/17 at 11 AM with

visitation 1 hour prior at the Church of St. Raphael, 7301 Bass Lake Road,
Crystal. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. www.Washburn-McReavy.com
Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" V. Lacina.*



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“ *Uncle Bill leaves a rich legacy by touching lives with the things he held in high esteem. I am blessed by the gift of his life through his trust and love of God and the love he had for his family. I am thankful for many good memories and the promise that I will see him again in heaven. Praying God's comfort to my dear auntie and cousins. All my love.*
Shari Linn Barberg

Sharon Barberg - January 15, 2015 at 03:08 PM



“ *Carla Kordek purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William "Bill" V. Lacina.*



Carla Kordek - January 15, 2015 at 09:07 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" V. Lacina.*



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“ I have so many great memories off Uncle hunting, fishing, camping poker games...He has blessed our lives and given them color. The Memory I would like to share was he and i on a road hunt. It was the year I fell out of a tree putting up deer stands the Saturday before the gun season. I broke some ribs and was in such pain i couldn't be still in a stand. Uncle was getting older and had a hard time with the cold. We woke opening morning to temp in the teens snow and a 25 - 35 mph North winds. Everyone went to their stands and Uncle and i got in my truck for a road hunt. With the strong north wind our plan was to drive on the south side of larger swamps and woods. That morning we saw so many deer our plan was really working. We headed south on the golf course road and in the middle of a section of land was a huge buck bedded with several does. Uncle drove around the section and droped me off about 400 yards east of the bedded deer. His experience told him the deer would head north in to the wind so he drove my truck back to the north end of the section and cut them off. I posted waiting and after a while a big doe broke out across the old pasture, then another then the buck. I had an easy fourtyfive yard 3/4 away shot missed five times, reloaded and at 150 yards missed two more times. That year I was trying out some new Sabet sleeve slugs and was in too much pain to test my gun and slugs. Walking back to the road all i could think about was how Uncle would have gotten that buck on the first shot...and i wouldn't of had the experience to set up on the north side and cut the buck off and turn him back south. When i got back to the truck He smiled and teased me saying something about buck fever and atleast there was a story to tell.

mike linn - January 14, 2015 at 02:27 PM