

BKR3 Richard L. Adams

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Bkr/3 Richard L. Adams, 322 West New York avenue, won the victory medal, American area service ribbon, Asiatic - Pacific area service ribbon with one star and the Philippine liberation service ribbon with one star. He joined the navy June 28, 1944.

Adams, Richard L. "Dick"

Richard L. "Dick" Adams, of Appleton, passed away at the Appleton Medical Center on Wednesday, December 22, 2004, at the age of 84. Dick was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 7, 1920, son of the late Perry



and Lillian (Baumgart) Adams. As a young man, his interest quickly turned to the excitement of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and all that surrounded it. He worked at the Speedway as a young man, but even after relocating to Appleton, his interest remained keen. Before the Indianapolis 500 was nationally televised, Dick covered the race, interviewed the drivers, and sent the films and recordings back to the area for the local print and news media. Dick had attended every Indy 500 for more than fifty years. Here in the area, he was affectionately known as "Mr. 500," and if you needed to know anything about the race, Richard Adams was the man to seek. World War II broke out on his 21st birthday, and Dick answered the call by joining the United States Navy. As a member of the Seabees, he was stationed in the Philippines. Dick's professional career in Appleton spanned some forty-six years, having owned and operated Bonded Collectors in Appleton's Zuelke Building from 1953 until the time of his retirement in 1999.

He was a former member of the Appleton Downtown Noon Rotary Club, the B.P.O.E., the Appleton Yacht Club, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Old Timer's Club, and the Appleton Jaycees. In his younger years, he played big band music in Oshkosh where many will know him as "Oz Adams and his band." An avid Green Bay Packer fan, Dick enjoyed his daily meetings at the Appleton City Centre with his friends and "senior advisors."

Dick is survived by his wife, Kay (nee Baldwin) Adams of Appleton; a son, Steve (Diane) Adams of Kimberly and their son Barry; a daughter, Susan (Thomas) Fischer of McFarland, Wisconsin, and their sons Devin and Matthew; a sister, Barbara (Floyd) Wambold of Oshkosh; a niece, Linda (Bill) Smith of Oshkosh and their son Brian; a sister-in-law, Lois Gottfried of Danbury, Connecticut, and her entire family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

