

PFC Lloyd J. Zellmer

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Lloyd J. Zellmer, 86 of Oshkosh, Wisconsin died at home in the presence of family on Wednesday July 15, 2009. He was born April 30, 1923 in Oshkosh, the son of Lester and Emily (Witzlesteiner) Zellmer. On November 27, 1946, he married Joan Wendler who preceded him in death on October 4, 2004.

Lloyd was a graduate of Oshkosh High School, and attended the University of Illinois and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He served his country during World War II in the Army Air Corps — 5th Ferrying Squadron as a flight engineer.

Lloyd loved Lake Winnebago and the many activities associated with being on the water — ice boating, skating, fishing, water skiing. In the early 1950's he moved his family to a home he built at Island View where they lived for over 40 years. In 1994 he and Joan moved closer to the airport to "Cloud Nine" where he was able to enjoy his love of flying on a daily basis. Watching EAA at Cloud Nine was always a good time.

He also enjoyed hunting, bowling and golf where he scored a hole-in-one on number six at Lakeshore Golf Course — and of course he was a Packer fan.

Lloyd worked as a machinist and foreman for 30 years at Rockwell International (The Axle) retiring in 1976. He then joined his brothers, Richard and Robert, in business at Wisconsin Ordnance Works where he served as president until his death. His son Jack joined him in the sprocket manufacturing business. In 1991 he was elected to serve on the Winnebago County Board and served as a supervisor for one term.

After serving in the Army Air Corps he learned to fly from friend Steve Wittman and obtained his private pilot's license. He enjoyed flying his Cessna 182 for many years with his K-9 "co-pilot" Anna Bear. He spent many Sunday mornings at fly-in breakfasts across the state.

Through the Young Eagles Program he introduced many young people to the joy of flying by donating his time giving free, first flights to more than 300 children and young adults.

Throughout his life Lloyd always had a dog at his side. Pepper, Bess, Bee,



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Bee, Heidi, Misty, Anna Bear, Tiffany, Shasta, and Minnie, preceded him in death.

Lloyd is survived by his children

Linda (Gary) Busha, Sturtevant; Kathleen (Bill) Gilmore, Neenah; Barbara Zellmer (Mike) Heffernan, Madison; Patrice (Tom) Rothe Oshkosh; and Jack (Randie) Zellmer Oshkosh; 10 grandchildren Laura, Jillian, Erin, Michael, Kristy, Brian, Melissa, Cyrus, Nathan, Danny and 3 great-grandchildren Meghan, Marah and Mitchell; sister, Elaine Stein; sisters-in-law Irma Zellmer, Winnie Zellmer, Mary Ellen Zellmer, Margaret Coleman, Mary Ellen Gaab and brother-in-law Richard Gaab, and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife Joan he was preceded in death by his brothers Tom, Richard, Charles, and Robert and brothers-in-law Jack Coleman and Tom Stein.

A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, July 20, 2009 at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church (St. Vincent site) at 11 a.m. Family and friends may call at Fiss and Bills Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 S. Westhaven Drive Oshkosh, Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be a 7 p.m. prayer service. Friends may also call at the church on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Burial with full military honors will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established with the Oshkosh Area Humane Society or the EAA Young Eagles Program.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to AABC Healthcare and Affinity Hospice for the care and support they provided to Lloyd and his family.

When once you have tasted flight you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been and there you will always long to return. — Leonardo DaVinci

Fiss and Bills-Poklasny
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Pfc. Lloyd J. Zellmer, 367 22nd street, was with the 3543rd army air force base unit. He entered service Feb. 25, 1943. He has the American theater ribbon, good conduct medal and the victory medal.