



Ronald W. Gilbertson

November 14, 1936 - November 25, 2024

Ridgeway / Dodgeville – Ronald W. Gilbertson age 88 of Dodgeville, formerly of Ridgeway, died peacefully in his sleep on Monday November 25, 2024.

He was born in Dodgeville on November 14, 1936 to Reuben and Isabel (Harms) Gilbertson and was raised on the family farm near Hollandale. He graduated from Barneveld High School in 1955 and served his country in Italy from 1955-1957 in the U.S. Army and continued in the guards until 1962. In 1958 he married Helene Ryan of Ridgeway and together had four children; Ricky, Randy, Roxanne, and Rhonda.

A carpenter his entire life, he continued into retirement making wooden furniture, toys, and other special requests from family and friends. His most notable creation is the child sized train set now stationed on the Murphy property in Ridgeway. He was a member of the 40/8 club, Knights of Columbus and St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Ridgeway.

He will be missed by his wife of 66 years, Helene; his children: Randy (Sue) of Janesville, Roxanne (Jon) Iverson of Ridgeway and Rhonda (Tim) Polkinghorn of Mineral Point; his grandchildren: Tyler Iverson (Brittany Gutche) of Merrill, Keegan (Jeremy) Kofoot of Madison, Melissa (Jeff) Dettman and Denise (Mike) Schauer both of Janesville; his great grandchildren: Noelle, Levi, Colton, Zane, Talia, Ryan, and Sullivan and bonus

granddaughter Myla. He is also survived by his sister Luanne (Jim) Borcharding of Dodgeville and sister-in-law Theresa (Ladd) Puskus of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his son Rick, his parents, his brother Eugene and his wife Carol of Dodgeville and Helene's siblings and good friends Milton and Martha Husom, Ralph and Monica Scheidegger and Jim and Marlene Ryan all of Ridgeway.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 29, 2024 at ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Ridgeway. Burial will be held in St. Bridget's Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the Ridgeway American Legion Post No. 257. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. on Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Ridgeway Veteran's Memorial Project.

Cemetery Details

St. Bridget's Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Ridgeway, WI 53582

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

St. Bridget's Catholic Church
803 Main Street
Ridgeway, WI 53582

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Military Graveside Rites

NOV **29**. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Bridget's Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Helene and family. Ronnie was quiet a guy. He will be missed by many.* ”



Connie Thornburg - December 07, 2024 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Helene and family I am sorry for loss. Ronnie always had greeting and smile.* 🙏🙏🙏 ”

Sharon Sutter - November 28, 2024 at 12:07 AM