



## Virden C. Hartman

February 16, 1915 - October 19, 2011

VIRDEN HARTMAN NORWAY- Virden C. "Bud" Hartman age 96 of Norway, died Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at Golden Living Center in Florence, WI. He was born in Burlington, Iowa on February 16, 1915 the son of the late Oscar and Eva (Tiderman) Hartman. His family moved to Twin Acre Farm on the Brule Power Dam Road in Florence, WI. Virden graduated from Florence High School in 1933 and from the University of Wisconsin in 1935. Bud went to work at the Knoke sawmill in Florence, than several years in the Von-Platen and Goodman Lumber Companies and then to Bengal Iron Mine in Stambaugh until he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Virden served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. Traveling with the 319th Engineers Combat Battalion of the 94th Infantry Division. He is a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge and was part of the Army that occupied Czechoslovakia. After the War, Virden went back to work for the Goodman Lumber Company and then to Tirschel Beverage Co. in Niagara, after 30 years retiring in 1979. Virden married Maxine Gauthier in January of 1941, she preceded him in death in June 1989. Virden married Alice (Klemann) Backus on September 12, 1990. Bud was an avid hunter and fisherman, especially brook trout fishing. Life member of the V.F.W. Post #3635 in Florence, the American Legion and the National Rifle Association. Virden is survived by his wife Alice; daughters Darlene Orler of Norway, Bonnie Nelson of Norway and Bette (Richard) Haferkorn of Aurora, WI; 9 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 9 great great grandchildren; sister Phyllis Coleman of Florence, WI; several nieces

and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Maxine; sons-in-law David Nelson and Ronald Orlor; granddaughter Lori Richards-Bradley; granddaughter-in-law Katie Turini-Richards; and grandson-in-law Dan Anderson. Family will greet friends on Friday, October 21 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. A memorial service will be held on Friday at 12 p.m. at Ortman Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Michael J. Langlais, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will be held at the Quinnesec Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ My sympathy goes out to your family. I remember spending many afternoons at their home in Florence, WI with my Grandma Gen (Kosiba). He was a very funny man, always telling joke and many laughs were had. Just know that he is in a better place.

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**Sherry Kosiba-Rochon** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Virden while growing up in Florence. He was a member of the "Greatest Generation" for his military service during WWII. May he rest in peace.

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**Gerald W. McMullen** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ When we came to Florence each summer growing up, one of the most fun things we did was to hear what kind of tricks Bud had played on...whoever! He also knew more jokes than anyone we'd ever met. I know he and our dad (Pete) were always close. We will love remembering him - and the world will be a little less fun without him. You have all our thoughts and prayers.

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**Ruthie & Bob Harvey** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bonnie & Bette, I don't know if you remember me or not but I do remember you. I am sorry for your loss. My prayers are wih your families.

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**Carol Beauchamp Denil** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I would like to send my sympathies to the family for the death of Uncle Virdan. He was a special person in many ways. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Bev*

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**Beverly Czarnecki (Novak)** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM