

Harry W. Raveling, 99
Sauk Rapids, MN
Jan. 9, 1917 - Mar. 9, 2016



Funeral Services were on Monday, March 14, 2016, at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids for Harry W. Raveling, age 99, of Sauk Rapids, who passed away peacefully Wednesday at Good Shepherd Community in Sauk Rapids. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Sauk Rapids with full military honors provided by Rice American Legion Post 473. Visitation was from 5-8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the services on Monday at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids.

Harry was born Jan. 9, 1917, in Warren, to Henry & Grace (Stevens) Raveling. He married Ruth LeBlanc on July 17, 1943, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Little Falls. Harry served in the U.S. Army

from 1942 to 1945 and was deployed in Wales, France, Holland and Germany. He lived in Cass Lake, Little Falls, and moved to Sauk Rapids in 1958. Harry opened his business, Minnesota Structural Steel, in east St. Cloud in 1952 and operated it until 2010. During that time, the shop produced steel docks used in the iron ore industry in the Duluth and North Shore area, and provided structural steel for many businesses and homes in central Minnesota. He was a member of Sauk Rapids American Legion Post 254. Harry enjoyed playing chess, reading and spending time with his family. He was a quiet, confident man who taught the welding trade to many.

Harry is survived by his sons, Robert of Rice and Richard (Deborah) of Rice; son-in-law, Gary West of Andover; grandchildren, Carla West, Leah West, De De (Greg) Doroshenko, Angela (Jonathan) White, Kristin Raveling, Scott Raveling, and Daniel Raveling; and great grandchildren, Abigail, Emery, Hadley, Connor, McKenzie and Noah. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ruth on Dec. 27, 1999; daughters, Mary West and Jane Theis; daughter-in-law, Michelle Raveling; brothers, Kenneth and William; sister, Gloria Riddle; and twin great grandsons.

Obituary, guestbook and video tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com

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