



Daniel Backes

January 5, 2010

Daniel P. Backes, age 81 Cold Spring October 17, 1928 – January 1, 2010
Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Richmond, MN, for Daniel P. Backes, age 81, who passed on Friday at the Assumption Home in Cold Spring. Burial will be in the Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call after 4:00 p.m. Monday and from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Tuesday morning at the Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond. Parish prayers will be at 4:00 p.m. followed by a rosary with the Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Joseph's Society, and Catholic Aid Association, and the Cold Spring Area Maennerchor will sing at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home Monday evening. Dan was born in Richmond, MN, to Medardus "Dick" and Bertha (Phillipi) Backes. He married Vivian Landwehr on September 1, 1952 in St. Mary Help of Christians Church, St. Augusta, MN. Dan served in the United States Army from January 1951–October 1952 and fought in the Korean War. He was a welder in Minneapolis after the war before moving to Pearl Lake to pursue his passion for farming. Dan and Vivian later moved and settled on a farm outside of Richmond, which they developed into a modern dairy and Gold'N Plump Poultry operation. During Dan's 40 years of farming, he was known for his innovative farming techniques. He retired from farming in 1994 to a lakeshore residence where he enjoyed creating things in his "well-stocked" metal shop, singing in the Maennerchor, working on his computer, and fishing. In February 1971, he pursued his love of flying and received his private pilot's license later that year.

He loved to travel the back roads of America and traveled abroad to Korea, China, Russia, and numerous European countries. He was a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Catholic Order of Foresters, Catholic Aid Association--St. Joseph's Society, Cold Spring Area Maennerchor (member for over 50 years), 25th Infantry Division Association, and River Lakes Days Committee.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian; sons, Keith of Mariposa, CA, Terry of Cold Spring, and Michael (Kathy) of Port Angeles, WA; 2 step-grandchildren, Laura and Scott; 2 great-grandchildren, Peyton and Danika; and siblings, Walter (Mary) of Cold Spring, Willard (Bernie) of Cohasset, MN, Allen (Marcy) of Cold Spring, Jean (John) Becker of Maple Lake, and Mary Kay (Ed) Cotter of Hanahan, SC. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Vera Scherer; and brother, Timothy.

Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel Backes*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Aunt Vivian, Keith, Mike and Terry, we would like to pass on our condolences on Uncle Dan's passing. We know that this can be a very trying time and we hope that you remember what a treasure he was to have in our lives. We hope that you find peace and comfort in knowing how many lives he did touch over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this very difficult time.*
Sincerely,
Phil and Heather Cotter

Phil and Heather Cotter - January 18, 2010 at 08:06 PM



“ *Vivian, Terry and Family,*
I just wanted to let you know how proud I am to have known Danny and to have worked with him over the years. His tribute was correct, he was a great farmer and always an innovator. I certainly remember the good herd of Gurnsey's that he developed so that he could cash in on high components. Everything he did was forward thinking. As we celebrate his life, I just want you to know that I will miss him as he has always been a true friend. I wish the family the very best as you think back to the great times that we all had with Dan.
Wayne Quinn

Wayne Quinn - January 04, 2010 at 09:00 PM

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“ Aunt Vivian, Keith, Mike and Terry, I wanted to send my heart felt condolences on Uncle Danny's passing. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. I am sorry that I can not be there during this challenging time. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers!

susan - January 04, 2010 at 05:48 PM

PC

“ Aunt, Vivian, Keith, Mike and Terry,

I wanted to send along my condolences on Uncle Dan's passing. Hopefully over the next few days, the accumulation of personal testimonials can help you appreciate what a positive impact Dan had on so many lives and how fortunate we all were to share him with you. Our prayers go out to you.

*Sincerely,
Patrick Cotter*

Patrick Cotter - January 04, 2010 at 03:55 PM

SM

“ Hello Vivian,
I am sorry about the loss of your husband, Dan. We worked together at Jack Frost and I read about Dan's death in the paper. Please accept my sincere sympathy and I wish you the best in the future. I will keep you in my prayers.

Sharon McKenzie - January 02, 2010 at 10:32 PM