Robert “Bob” W. Felstead Jr.

July 31, 2014 — Aug. 19, 1926


Bob was born Aug. 19, 1926, in St. Charles, the son of Robert and Gertrude (Mason) Felstead Sr., where he lived on the family farm with three of his sisters, Alice, Margaret and Mary, and his six brothers, Lyman (Carol), Clayton, Samuel, Richard, Allen (Julaine) and James (Sharon).

He honorably served his country with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II in Okinawa, and was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Bob often talked about his trip to Washington, D.C., with the Honor Flight to see the World War II memorial. On Nov. 6, 1946, Bob was united in marriage with June Halliburton in Little Rock, Ark. Bob and June moved back to St. Charles where they raised their two girls, Ramona (Marcial) Villafan, St. Charles, Minn., and Ravenna Falcon, Collin, Ga. June passed away on April 16, 1988. He later married Bernice (Golt) Carson on Aug. 29, 1992. Bernice passed away on March 6, 2003.

Bob was employed as a machine operator in road construction, and he later worked as a high-pressure boiler engineer for the state of Minnesota at Winona State University until his retirement. He was a member of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus Kostka and the Knights of Columbus. Bob will be remembered for his love of woodworking, gardening and airplanes, especially attending the air shows in Oshkosh, Wis., and Winona. In later years, he found great fulfillment in volunteering at the nursing homes in the Winona area.

Bob is also survived by his stepchildren, Steven (Mary) Carson of Winona, Linda Theis of Winona, and Jon Carson of Winona; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wives; brothers, Samuel and Clayton; and sisters, Alice Leisen and infant, Mary.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, 558 East Broadway, Winona. The Rev. Monsignor Thomas J. Hargesheimer will officiate. Following the Mass, the American Legion Leon J. Wetzel Post No. 9 of Winona will provide military honors outside of the church.

Bob will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery in St. Charles, Minn., in a private family ceremony. Visitation will be held at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church on Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. The family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be considered to Lake Winona Manor or the Winona Humane Society. Online condolences or memories may be left for Bob’s family at www.watkowski-mulyck.com.

Entrusted to our care — Watkowski-Mulyck Funeral Home.