

ROY J. BISSIG

Roy J. Bissig, "Papa" died at the home of his only daughter and son-in-law, Judi and Tom O'Brien on November 24, 2003. He was the grandfather of Matt (and Janice) Ditzler and Heidi (Ditzler)(and Rob) Scott, and recent great-grandfather of Evan Matthew Ditzler. He was born on April 30, 1920.

Roy is survived by his sister Dorothy (Bissig) Meier, Arizona.

Proceeded in death by his sister Ruth (Bissig) Kessler. He was a special uncle to many nieces and nephews. His parents were Matthias and Selma Bissig.

Roy was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Hilda Hefty. Their lives were marked by extreme love and devotion to one another. They were best friends and worked side by side as cheesemakers in Green County. His work took him to several cheese factories over 40 + years, including the Grinnell Factory, Monroe. Roy received many cheese making awards including "Cheese Maker of the Year" from Kraft Foods and first place at the Wisconsin State Fair.

An avid sportsman, he enjoyed archery, hunting, fishing, trapping, range shooting, dog training, basketball, wrestling and boxing. He was a founder and life long member of Marshal Bluff Archery Club. Roy enjoyed playing cards with his friends and delighted in teaching his grandchildren. He jogged and exercised daily for many years.

Papa died in peace, surrounded by the support and love of his family and his God. At the age of 72, he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior and became a passionate scholar of the scriptures.

He modeled his life with honesty and integrity. He showed his love for his family, neighbors and friend by always being available for advice and help. He was a truly great man and will be missed by all whom had the honor of knowing him.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 29, 2003 at the Appleton Alliance Church, Appleton. Internment was at the Monticello Cemetery next to his beloved wife. Roy's family and friends attended a Remembrance gathering at Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello on Sunday, November 30, 2003.

The family requested in lieu of flowers memorial gifts be made to the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center.