

Date of Birth
Oct 12, 1926



Date of Passing
Jan 30, 2017

Herbert Harold Hessil

Hessil, Herbert Harold Herbert Harold Hessil, 90, Green Bay, passed away peacefully Friday, June 30, 2017 after a brief period of declining health. Herb was born on October 12, 1926, to Adam and Ethel (Schlorf) Hessil in Milwaukee. The family moved to Koepenick, WI where Herb attended grade school and then moved to Morgan in Oconto County. Herb graduated from Oconto Falls High School, Class of 1944. Besides working on the home farm, he organized a 7-piece polka band and played for weddings and social dances from 1944-1950. Herb married Jean Mathews on June 3, 1950, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Green Valley. They moved to Antigo, WI where he hired out as a Locomotive Fireman on the Chicago & North Western Railroad. He transferred to Green Bay in 1954 as Fireman and Engineer for 35 years. Herb was the Fireman on the last steam locomotive to pull

a revenue train for C&NW in Sept. 1957. He was the engineer on a special train that carried passengers to Milwaukee after the famous Packers Ice Bowl game in 1967. After retirement, he volunteered at the National Railroad Museum, worked with the jail ministry and visited shut-ins through his church. He enjoyed fishing at Kelly Lake and bowling on senior leagues. He is survived by his wife of 67 years of marriage, Jean; son, Wayne (Dinah); daughters, Diane (John) Rathke, Joann (David) Borlee; three grandchildren, Amanda (Brett) Rosso, Timothy and Nathan Borlee; two sisters, Dawn Thom and Elda (John) Grade. He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Donna; brother and sister-in-law, Fay (Joyce) Hessel; and brother-in-law, Robert Thom. Friends may call at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 341 Wilson Ave., Green Bay from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, followed by the Funeral Service at 11 a.m. with Rev. Diane Rew officiating. Interment will be at Fort Howard Cemetery, Green Bay. Blaney Funeral Home is assisting the family. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com. Family was important to Herb. He loved organizing family gatherings to celebrate holidays and special occasions, often hosted at their cottage at Kelly Lake, near Suring. Herb had a deep faith in God. He was a friend to all and will be forever loved.

Memories of Herbert

