

Remembrance

Willis Ray Maassen, 90

Sept. 2, 1929 - Oct. 15, 2019

AVOCA – Willis Ray Maassen was born September 2, 1929 to Julieus and Sena (Andersen) Maassen. Willis was the ninth son of 11 children. He received his education at Valley #2 and on to Avoca for eighth grade and graduated from Avoca High School in 1946 and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. Willis was united in marriage to Betty Joyce Krohn on June 6, 1954 and to this union they had four sons: Jeff, Bruce, Roger and Richard.



He was always interested in cooking. Willis owned the 64 café until he sold it and then continued to work at various restaurants including Kerns' Café, Villager, Avoca Grocery Store and Avoca Super Foods until he retired. Willis also had his own bakery out of his home where he was always well known for his cinnamon rolls, caramel sticky rolls, potato salad and pies. It was said that Willis could make six pies to the one Joan is deciding on making.

Willis passed away on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 having attained the age of 90 years, one month and 13 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents Julieus and Sena; son Richard; siblings Orpha, Howard, Gerald, Walter, Ralph, Francis, Dale, Curtis and John.

Willis is survived by his wife Betty; sons Jeff (Dawn) Maassen of Hancock; Bruce (Jacque Koch) Maassen of Springfield, IL; Roger (Jennie) Maassen of Avoca; daughter-in-law Allison Maassen of Neola; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; five step-great grandchildren; sister Joan Andersen of Atlantic; nieces and nephews; many friends and family.

A visitation with family to greet friends was held from 4 to 7 PM on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca. Inurnment with a graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca was in charge of arrangements.

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