



John "Fred" Leer

1933 - 2016

John Fredrick Leer, 83, of Northfield, died Friday, July 1, 2016 at Pigeon Falls Healthcare Center in Pigeon Falls.

Fred was born May 29, 1933 to Oliver and Nina (Larson) Leer, Sr.

Fred married Beverly Eighthy on July 26, 1953 in Elk Creek, WI. They lived in South Milwaukee for four years while he worked in tool and die manufacturing. Their daughter Vicki was born in October of 1954. They bought a farm in Northfield in 1957. He was a very good farmer and took pride in his cattle and their production. Three years after Vicki, Mark was born and eight years after that Karmen was born. Following a stroke at age 60 he retired from farming but still remained active.

Fred worked hard and played hard. He was an avid coon hunter and was a member of Northfield-York Rod and Gun Club, played slow pitch softball, snowmobiling and the Green Bay Packers, especially in the Bart Starr years. He loved all animals, horses, cattle and his dogs. For a number of years, he bred and raised bloodhounds and loved working with them.

Fred was a wonderful dad and would make it to all his kids activities. He tucked them in bed every night and would tell them he loved them and to say their bedtime prayer. As gruff and rough as he seemed, he was a marshmallow on the inside and had a big heart. He would do anything for anybody.

Fred is survived by his daughters, Vicki Moe of Hixton and Karmen Hanson (Jerry) of Hixton; daughter-in-law, Sandy Leer of Whitehall; ten grandchildren, Casey Moe (Tracy), Kimberly Lauterbauch (Wayne), Marcie Peterson (Derek), Mitchell Moe (Kimarie), Mallory Hanson, Kyle Hanson, Daniel Hanson (Taylor), Cory Lisowski (Dawn), Melissa Leer (Billy) and Andrea Beaman (Justin). He is further survived by his brother Oliver Leer of Pigeon Falls and numerous great grandchildren.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Nina, wife Beverly, whom he loved dearly, son Mark, sisters, Beatrice and Mary Lou Leer and a brother, Neil.

Funeral services will be 3:00 pm, Thursday, July 7, 2016 at Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home in Hixton. Rev. Mary Ann Bowman will officiate. Burial will be in Pigeon Creek Center Cemetery.

Friends and family are invited to call from 1-3 pm Thursday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be left at Jensen-ModjeskiFuneralHome.us