

Raymond L. Becker ¹⁰⁶⁷¹

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Rib Lake, for Raymond L. Becker, 66, a retired Rib Lake businessman and rural mail carrier who died Saturday morning at his home.



Rev. James Hinton will officiate and burial will take place in Lakeview Cemetery, Rib Lake. Frank Gacek, John Dolezalek Sr., Vern Hanke, Bill Leonard, Frank Zondlo and Jim Shore will serve as pallbearers.

The body lay in state at Dallmann Funeral Home, Rib Lake where a rosary service was held Tuesday evening.

The oldest child of the late Frank and Cecelia (Shannock) Becker was born March 14, 1918, at Junction City and at an early age moved with his parents to the Rib Lake area. He attended the Rib Lake area schools and was graduated from Rib Lake High School.

He began a coin machine business before entering the army's air force during World War II. After his discharge he returned to the Rib Lake area, owning and operating his own coin machine business known as Becker Amusements.

Mr. Becker also drove school bus and served as a substitute rural mail carrier for over 20 years. Later he became a full-time rural mail carrier, retiring in 1982. He then sold Becker Amusements to his son, Ron.

While serving in the armed forces, Mr. Becker played with the Army Band. In 1946 he served as the Rib Lake Summer High School Band director. He also organized the Ray Becker Orchester, performing with that group as well as many other smaller bands in the area.

A fire inspector for the Rib Lake area, Mr. Becker was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, National Rural Letter Carriers Association, Lehman-Clendenning American Legion Post and the American Federation of Musicians. He was a retired member of the Rib Lake Volunteer Fire Department and a former fire chief. He also was a former member of the Rib Lake Village Board.

His marriage to Mary Probst, who survives, took place October 15, 1949, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by nine daughters, Beverly, Mrs. Tim O'Meara, Chicago, Julie, Mrs. Michael Albers, Clearwater, Fla., Ilene, Mrs. James Koch, Rib Lake, Bernadette, Mrs. Dale Strobach, Phillips, Duffy and Jill, both of Oklahoma City, Okla., Christine, Milwaukee, Jacki and Bonnie, both at home; four sons, Ronald and Edward, both of Rib Lake, Martin, Milwaukee, and Phillip, at home, and 13 grandchildren. Other survivors include a brother, Robert, Rib Lake, and two sisters, Lu, Mrs. Richard Hales, Rib Lake, and Mrs. Lorraine Radtke, Mount Horeb.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gregory, who died in 1972.