

Obituary

Alfred "Al" O. Van Gundy

Alfred "Al" O. Van Gundy, of Beaver Crossing, was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on May 24, 1923 and died Saturday, September 8, 2007 at his home at the age of 84 years 3 months and 15 days. As a young boy Al attended Lincoln Public Schools and graduated with the class of 1941 from Lincoln High School. In 1943 Al was drafted into the US Army and served with the 8th Armored Division in the European Theatre during WWII. Returning from the service, he met the love of this life, Esther Sunneberg and they were united in marriage on August 24, 1946 in Lincoln and to this union, three children, Michael, Terry and Janel were born.

Together they made their home in Lincoln where Al worked in the sign industry and began his own sign business "Al Van Gundy Signs" in 1951. Al was one of the few sign painters who did gold leaf lettering. Al and Esther moved to Beaver Crossing in 1977 where he continued his sign business. Al's hands were never quiet and in his spare time he enjoyed woodworking and spent a great deal of time in his shop – never retiring. He made miniature furniture, repairing and rebuilding antique furniture. He also remodeled several homes. Al was a very gentle man, a good husband, father and grandfather and his family meant everything to him.

During the years Al lived in Lincoln he served Boy Scouts in many ways including Scout Master. He enjoyed a trip to the Philmont Scout Camp and spent many enjoyable family camping trips to Jackson Hole, Wyo. He has also been a member of the Knights of Columbus, Junior Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion in Lincoln.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Esther, Beaver Crossing, children and spouses, Michael and Peggy Van Gundy, Jefferson City, Mo., Terry and Lorry Van Gundy, Auburn, Janel and Lenny Monroe, Lincoln, nine grandchildren and spouses, Justin and Jennifer Van Gundy, Olathe, Kan., Alison and Dr. Joshua Nadaud, Toledo, Ohio, Emily Van Gundy, Jefferson City, Mo., Staci and Joe Edgington, Seward, Brook Van Gundy, Sioux Falls, S.D., Hannah Van Gundy, Brownville, Summer and Aaron Wells, Lincoln, Bryson Monroe, Phoenix, Ariz., Brianne and Justin Hladky Lincoln, one great-granddaughter, Kylie Edgington, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Al was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Van Gundy, three brothers, Ronald Van Gundy, Herman Van Gundy and Frederick Van Gundy.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend, with Fr. Maurice Current officiating. Al's family requests that everyone attending the funeral wear casual attire. Interment at Calvary Cemetery, Beaver Crossing with Military Services conducted by Beaver Crossing American Legion Post #178. Visitation is only on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until service time at the Friend funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to Tabitha Hospice or the Friend Animal Clinic. Pallbearers are Justin Van Gundy, Brook Van Gundy, Joe Edgington, Bryson Monroe, Aaron Wells, Justin Hladky, and Dr. Joshua Nadaud. The organist, Donna Harding, accompanied Randy Kaliff, the soloist, as he sang

“In The Garden” and “Ave Maria”. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend. A full obituary and condolences can be sent to the family at laubermore.com.