



Rudy Liebsack

May 12, 1919 - November 20, 2018

Rudolph "Rudy" Liebsack, 99 of Grand Island died Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Grand Island. The cause of death was age related heart failure.

Graveside Service will be at a later date in the spring time at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to either the Hall County Hero Flight or the Grand Generation Center.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Rudy was born May 12, 1919, in Grand Island the son of Henry and Margaret (Eckhardt) Liebsack, German immigrants from Frank, Russia.

Rudy was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Gertrude (Schaar) Liebsack; brothers, Henry, Adolph and George and sisters, Kathryn, Frieda, Margaret and Lydia.

Survivors include daughter, Marilyn Davis of Grand Island, son, Steven (Donna) Liebsack of Hastings; several nieces and nephews and a special friend, Doris Breckner.

He was married to Gertrude M. Schaar (Arcadia, IA), on August 15, 1943. Rudy graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1937 and attended the University of Nebraska, 1940-1941 to study architecture until WWII intervened.

Rudy was assigned to the Army Engineer Corps, July 1941 through 1943. Then he transferred to the Army Air Corps while overseas. He was trained as a radio operator and joined the 7th Airforce (B-24 bomber crew) 431st Squadron. He flew 30 missions in the South Pacific including Iwo Jima, Nagasaki, Honshu and several other targets as a gunner-radar operator. Rudy's crew was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and numerous other medals. He achieved the rank of Technical Sergeant.

Rudy was honorably discharged from the service in November 1945 returning to Grand Island. He managed Grand Island Typewriter Company for thirty years. He was a member of Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Platt Deutsch, Saddle Club, Liederkrantz, the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia and other civic organizations. He was well known for his mastery of ballroom dancing, traveling to big band dances throughout the Midwest and South.

Online condolences may be sent to www.gjallfaiths.com

Tribute Wall



“ Rudy Liebsack

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM

VM

“ Marilyn, Big mama, i am sorry for the loss of your papa, sounds like he had such a full filling life. i was so saddened to see Virginia;s Jakes passing was unable to go. and Dr.Van Wei, so many loses but lot of good memories. hope you are doing well!!. Vivian-fifi!

vivian McDorman - May 07, 2019 at 09:12 AM

BB

“ Being the youngest Benner I remember the shared times the Benner clan had with Uncle Rudy he would come take us to the Grand theater to watch movies with him and he would go hunting with us out to my Grandpa Scott's farm not to mention all of the ballroom dances he put on Uncle Rudy was one of a kind he will be missed by many people somehow I feel this man knew how to live and achieved that everyday of his life God Bless and God speed Uncle Rudy

Brad Benner - November 29, 2018 at 08:07 AM

TB

“ Marilyn and family. So sorry to hear of Rudy's passing. I was so blessed to have met him and your family. May he forever keep dancing now. Prayers to you all. I sure have been missing his stories. God Bless you all.

Tori Bourland - November 27, 2018 at 08:55 PM

SF

“ Sorry for your loss Marilyn. Rudy was a good friend of my father in law while residents of Primrose a few years ago. Very likely a good friend to all residents of Primrose.He will be missed by many. You & your family are in our prayers. Steve French

Steve French - November 26, 2018 at 09:45 AM

DH

“ I fondly remember Rudy when I was a kid. my mom and dad associated with him a lot from the Germans from Russia. my condolences to the family, he will be missed.

Donald Herzog - November 26, 2018 at 01:27 AM

AH

“ *Heaven received a soaring angel with Rudy. His eagle eyes rarely missed a shot on the pool table too! May Rudy rest in the Peace of the Lord and all that he touched rejoice that he has gone Home.*

Angela Hoge - November 25, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ *Marilyn and family, I am so sorry for your loss! I didn't know Rudy personally but felt I did through his story that has been shared. I envision him dancing his way into heaven! Prayers for you all during these hard days. May the memories sustain you all!*

Willa Lemburg

Willa Lemburg - November 25, 2018 at 01:07 PM

NN

“ *So sorry he was a great person prayers for you Marilyn and your family.*

Nancy Nichols - November 25, 2018 at 11:47 AM

EH

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family.
Rudy was the best dancer and when the Oktoberfest came around, we stood in line to dance with him.*

Erika Gannon Haag - November 25, 2018 at 09:49 AM

Sharon Breckner

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Sharon Breckner - November 25, 2018 at 09:09 AM

BB

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Bob Breckner - November 25, 2018 at 09:08 AM

BB

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Bob Breckner - November 25, 2018 at 09:05 AM