

Robert Bricco

Robert Joseph Bricco, 74, Ladysmith, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at home after battling prostate cancer for 12 years.

Robert was born Oct. 9, 1931, in White Lake, Wis., the son of George and Claudia Bricco. Robert attended White Lake High School and graduated there in 1949.

After graduation Robert worked for Kearney and Treker. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951. Robert served in the Korean War as a tail gunner on a B-29 and was stationed in Japan. He flew many reconnaissance missions over Korea.

Robert married Nancy Jagla at St. James Catholic Church in White Lake. He attended the Antigo Teachers College in 1955 and continued his education at UW-Stevens Point and majored in math and science. Robert came to Ladysmith in 1959 and worked for the Ladysmith School District teaching fifth grade.

He received his masters degree in administration in 1964 from UW Superior. He accepted the position of Ladysmith Middle School principal and continued in that position until he retired in 1992. Robert was active in the community serving on the Westlake Board, the County Board and the National Education Association Board of Directors. He was also the chairman of the American Red Cross in Rusk County for a number of years. Robert had many hobbies and interests. He was known for his love of cross country skiing. He loved hunting, fishing and doing carpentry work. Robert also enjoyed ice skating and playing cards. He loved traveling and camping especially around Lake Superior. He will be missed by many family and friends.

Robert is survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters, Rod (Josie) Bricco of Ladysmith, Debra Bricco of Bruce and Cheryl Gilles of Bruce, George Bricco of Eau Claire and Janice Meier of Chippewa Falls, Andy (Jamie) Bricco of Eau Claire, Janice (Frank) Beer of Manhattan, Kansas, Kathleen (Thomas) Jablonski of Minneapolis, Michael (Shelly) Bricco of Salt Lake City, Utah; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his immediate family Robert is also survived by one brother and four sisters, Richard (Betty) Bricco of Polar, Wis., and Betty (Joe) Cosenza of Belleville, Fla., Rose (Don) Hecker of Big Rapids, Mich., Virginia (Ed) Wurzer of Appleton, and Gloria (Shelvie) Dehart of Tigerton, Wis.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Gerald Joseph.

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Funeral services for Robert Bricco will be held Thursday, Dec. 29, at 10:30 a.m. in the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with Father Jim Bartelme officiating. Friends may call Wednesday after 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Ladysmith where a prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m.

The Nash-Jackan Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.