

## Hermann Funeral Home

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### Mason L. Beard

( March 24, 1926 - August 25, 2021 )

**Mason L. Beard**, age 95, of Stockton, IL passed away Wednesday, August 25, 2021 in Monroe, WI. He was born March 24, 1926 on the Earl Carpenter Farm in Rural Stockton, the son of Harold H. Beard and Helen G. (Carpenter) Beard. He married Joyce L. Ascher on July 26, 1949 in the Stockton Methodist Church by Rev. Glenn Ames. Together they raised 5 children.



Mason was a WWII Veteran enlisting in the Naval Reserve in High School and serving in the Southwest Pacific in the New Guinea and Island campaigns as a GM 3/c both in the Sea Bees and aboard ship. He was honorably discharged on May 23, 1946.

Mason and Joyce were married almost 72 years and had traveled much in this country especially in the west. He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Stockton Post 449 American Legion since February 1946 and had served as Post, County and 13<sup>th</sup> District Commander, life member of Hanover Post 5300 VFW, TREA, and NRA. He had been a Boy Scout and was a long time Scout Master of Troop 31 and helped develop Canyon Camp, and was a member of the Order of the Arrow.

In March of 1955 he re-enlisted in the Sea Bee Reserve and was in Gitmo when Castro made his first move against Batista at Santiago. They also helped build the largest Boy Scout Camp in the world in Elbert, CO. He later trained Sea Bees for Vietnam and retired as officer in charge of the Dubuque Detachment of the 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion at Glenview Naval Air Station on October 1, 1980.

Mason is survived by his three daughters, Shannon (John) Taylor of Guffey, CO, Sherril (Russ) Reusch of Sabula, IA, and Sharon (Brian Johnson) Reid of Madison, WI; his two sons, Bradley (Nancy) Beard of Rockford, IL and Bryan (Laura Parsley) Beard of Menasha, WI; his grandchildren, Jody (Darrell) DeBoer, James Hale, Julie McKee, Justin (Ashley) Beard, Andrea (Ryan) Paget, Zachary (Elizabeth) Reusch, Olivia Reusch, Isaac Reusch, Robert (Lisa) Reid, Michelle (Scott) Reid, Heather Reid, Hiel Mason Reid, Ana Beard and MasonJohn Beard; his great grandchildren, Crystal, Cody, Corbin, Miranda, Adam, Bridgette, Scotty, Lindsey, Ruben, Jasmine, Matthew, Kyle, Remington, Reeves, Rozyn, Elijah, Ezra, Ezekiel, Gabriella, Giovonna, Jimmy, Parker, Sidney,

*William, Adam, Cameron, Alexis and Hailey; his two great great grandchildren, Noah and Stefanie; his several step grandchildren and great grandchildren; his granddaughter-in-law, Tara Hale; his half-brother, George Beard; and his brother-in-law, Jonathan (Judi) Ascher of Mineral Point, WI.*

*He was preceded in death by his parents; his step parents; his wife, Joyce; his infant son; his grandson, Jason Hale; and his brother, James Gardner.*

*The funeral service will be held on Monday, August 30, 2021 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Stockton at 11:00 a.m. There will be a visitation on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established.*