



## **MATTHEW ROBERT MERZENICH**

December 4, 1929 - June 3, 2013

Matthew Robert Merzenich, 83, of Caledonia, died Monday, June 3, 2013 at his home. He was born December 4, 1929 in La Crosse, WI to Jack and Josephine (Dittman) Merzenich. He graduated from Loretto High School, Caledonia in 1948.

Matt served in the U.S. Airforce and the Army, and he was a member of the American Legion Post 191 in Caledonia. He married Patricia Reiersen April 18th 1959.

Matt worked at Becker Lumber Company and M&M Construction, Caledonia. He then took over Reiersen Clothing Store, well known as "Matt's Clothing" in Caledonia. He also worked at Caledonia Chrysler and the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement.

Matt loved spending time hunting, fishing and golfing. He went on numerous fishing trips with family and friends. He also kept busy with small construction projects for his family. Matt was an avid Minnesota sports fan and Caledonia Warrior fan, never missing a game. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all and he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; daughters, Julie Merzenich of Caledonia, Jackie (Doug) Colsch of Caledonia, a son, Jim (Janet) Merzenich of

Stoughton, WI; grandchildren, Tyler, Meagan, Brett, Cody, Jack, and Jessica; great grand daughter, Tayla Jo; special friend, Christi Schulte; nieces, Denise and Mary Jo; and nephew Jeff.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, Terry Allen, and a son Joseph; and a brother, Eugene "Dew Drop".

A funeral mass will be at 11 am on Sat., June 8th at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Father Gregory Leif will officiate. Military honors will follow outside the church following mass. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 am Sat. morning before the service at the church and will continue at the luncheon in Holy Family Hall after the service. Per Matt's request, his body was bequested to the Department of Anatomy at the Mayo Health System in Rochester. McCormick Funeral Home, Caledonia is asissting the family with arrangements.