

Don Meisner, 77, of Bella Vista, died February 25, 2009 at Mercy Medical Center in Rogers, Arkansas after a six year battle with cancer. Don was born October 12, 1931 in Cloquet, MN to William and Hildegard Beckrich Meisner.

Don joined the Army in 1952 and served in Okinawa as a lead marksman on the pistol team. He graduated from Elgin Watchmakers College and worked in Fargo until moving back to Cloquet in 1960. He worked at Potlatch Paper Company for 33 years until he retired to Bella Vista in 1993.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He loved to golf, fish, play cards with friends, have biscuits and gravy on Sundays and spend time with his family. He was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Cloquet, MN, and the American Legion.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and brother, John.

He is survived by his love and best friend of 51 years, Georgine (Jo Golden), five sons, Kim (Holly) of Cloquet, MN; Andy (Mary) of Rosemount, MN; Patrick (Lori) of Cloquet, MN; Geno of Edina, MN, and Brian of Fairbanks, AK; as well as brothers, William (Caroline) of Cloquet, MN, James (LeeAnn) of Hillsboro, OR, sisters, Patricia (Brian) Gilson of Cloquet, Marlene (David) Nehring of Tucson, AZ, and Nancy (Gerry) Cool of Sarasota, FL; grandchildren Mindi, Blythe, Corey, Shawn & Joshua; great-grandchildren Cole and Kayla.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2009 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, One St. Bernard Lane, Bella Vista, Arkansas with luncheon to follow. Don will be buried in Cloquet. Arrangements are by the Bella Vista Funeral Home & Crematory, 22358 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, Arkansas.