



## Rudy Duane Laue

November 21, 1939 - August 4, 2013

Rudy D. Laue, age 73, of Richland Center died Sunday, August 04, 2013 after a brief illness with Pancreatic Cancer at the VA Hospital in Madison. He was born November 21, 1939 in Richland County the son of George and Myra (Roudebush) Laue. On August 13, 1960 he married Bonnie D. Kovars at the Little Brown Church in Iowa. Rudy worked for the Observer, Double Cola, Pulvermachers, co-owners of the Richland Roller Rink with the Clarson family and 28 years at the Richland Center Post Office. He enjoyed trapshooting with his friends Brad Bethke and Ray Marshall. He especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren at sporting events at both Richland Center and Ithaca.

Survivors include his wife Bonnie Laue of Richland Center; 4 children, Beth (Roger) Gander of Richland Center, Mark (Jenny) Laue of Ithaca, Chris (Bev) Laue of Richland Center, Sarah (Greg) Olson of Ithaca; 10 grandchildren, Christopher, Timothy and Andrew Gander, Jessica, Valerie and Josie Laue, Mikayla and Annaliese Laue, Caleb and Aubrey Olson; two sisters, Eloise "Skip" Miller of Richland Center, Joan (Kent) Brandt of Twin Cities, Minnesota; a half-sister, Jeanne Roe of Shawano, WI; other relatives and friends.

Rudy was preceded in death by his parents; his aunt and uncle who raised him, Anna (Lester) Perkins; brothers, John and Dick Laue.

Memorial Services will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM at

the Clary Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Roy Anderson officiating. Burial will be held at the Richland Center Cemetery at a later date. Friends may call on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and also on Thursday from 10:00 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers memorials can be given to a scholarship in memory of Rudy. On line condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

GT

“ Well it has been a year since your father pasted away. I hope this finds all of Rudy's children doing well. It sure would be nice to see you all again. I think this next year might be my last year. I might have a buyer. Take care.

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**Gary Kasten - Portage, WI - Friend & roller skating teacher** - August 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ Leave a condolence or a memory.

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**Julie Quist** - August 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To Rudy's Family,  
Bob and I send our deepest condolences to all of you. We were out of town when we heard the news and we were both shocked. I often saw Rudy walking to the hospital early in the morning for the exercise class. He was such a devoted family man, loved his Bonnie, his children and his grandchildren deeply. We are so sorry for your loss.

*Maureen*

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**Maureen Smith - Richland Center, WI - family friend** - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Annie and I send our deepest sympathy to the family of Rudy Laue. I have so many memories I hardly know where to begin. Some memories include spending time in Muscoda, working at the double cola plant, and just having a great time growing up in Richland Center. Even though we went through a very difficult time together Rudy remained a devoted friend. After we moved to California we didn't get to see Rudy and Bonnie very often. But on our trips to Richland Center we spent hours talking about old memories and making new ones. We had a great time watching his grandkids games and going to a tractor pull. Like so many have said he was a wonderful husband, grandfather and dad. He was like a brother to me and I will miss him so much. Mike and Annie

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**Mike Armstrong - Sutter Creek , CA - friend** - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, and relative. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. Sincerely.

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**Terri McGraw - Muscoda, WI** - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Thinking of all of you and the loss of Rudy. With Sympathy

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**Terri McGraw - Muscoda, WI - friend** - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I was very sad to hear about the passing of Rudy. My family (Roland Ebert family) did many things with Rudy and Bonnie and family at Park Street Christian Church many years ago. He was always one to laugh and have a great time. I send our condolences from Roland & Norma Ebert, Sheryl Ebert Hancock and Tammy Ebert Holmack.

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**Tammy Ebert Holmack - El Paso, TX - Friend of the family** - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I remember Rudy from the early days of the roller rink. Those were great times of skating and racing go-karts with Mark and Chris. Beth and I skated together as a dance pair for a while. Rudy was always around the rink helping us "kids" with skates or go-karts or whatever. My condolences and prayers to the family in this time of loss.

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**Dave Levy - Conyers, GA - Friend** - August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ To Rudy's family,  
Sorry for your loss. I only met him a few times but he was so nice. My dad (John Jacob) liked to run into him in Richland Center.  
Cathy Jacob

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**Cathy Jacob - Cambria, WI - Distant Cousin** - August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ When it was announced in Church Sunday morning that Rudy had passed away there was a spontaneous, collective, audible gasp. Rudy was unique and special and was my dear friend for 49 years. I realize today that a delightful source of laughter and joy has gone out of my life. We have always loved RC since coming there to minister 49 years ago, and a big part of it was Rudy and Bonnie. I was minister at Park St. 1964-1968. I preached there Sunday morning and it was the first time Rudy wasn't there. Very sad but richly blessed with wonderful memories.

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**David Haynes - Omaha, NE - Friend and Minister** - August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Bonnie, Beth, Mark, Chris, Sarah and families-

*Just a note to say how sorry I was to hear of Rudy's passing. What a joy it has been to be his friend over the years. I last spoke with him just prior to leaving on my vacation July 7th. Wish I could have visited with him again. We always had much to talk about, and high on his list was his grandchildren. He thought so much of you. Of course you've all done so much to make him proud, but he absolutely loved coming to your events, and sharing your lives with those of thus who would listen. I enjoyed Rudy. He loved his family. You were very fortunate to have him as husband, Dad, and Grandpa. I was fortunate to have him as a friend. Life at the bank...life at wrestling meets...life at area sporting events...won't be the same without him. I've so enjoyed the slideshow of pictures you've shared with us. Treasure them. Treasure him. And store up treasures in heaven so you'll see him again! May God wrap his arms around you and give you peace.*

*Bill Twining*

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**Bill Twining - Richland Center, WI - friend** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ To Rudy's Family,

*I know you will miss your Dad and Grandpa very much. The community will miss him too, because he was a wonderful man. I really got to know Rudy when I worked with him at the Post Office. He was always my go-to guy if I had any problems, and I don't think that there were many sporting events at Ithaca that I didn't see Rudy at. He loved sports, but mostly he loved watching kids sports. He was always very proud of his family and talked of them often. I will be thinking of you all as you go on without him. May your memories sustain you in the times to come.*

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**Barb Clary - Ithaca, WI - Friend** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I would like to express my condolences to the Laue family. I fondly recall Rudy's "presence" at the Roller Rink back in the 70s and 80s. In a calm but effective manner, he kept us (me, the Clarson gang, Mark Schmidt, etc.) in line. I think Hank had simply given up! (not that we had a tendency to misbehave). I also remember Rudy as a consistent presence at sporting events in which I (and in those days Sarah) competed. I always appreciated our conversations and his sense of humor, which lives on in his kids.

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**Brian Tennant - Madison, WI - Friend** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I am so sad to hear of Rudy's passing. We just got home from a visit to our daughter's in Door Co so I missed the service. Rudy was so good to Bonnie and I hurt for the void in the life of his family. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Connie Vlasak - Richland Center - friend** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

“ How God Works

*I have been looking for Gloria Miller for about 20 years and couldn't find her. On Sunday an obit was sent to Joyce from a former co-worker. The obit listed Gloria Miller as a sister that lives in Richland Center. On Tuesday I called Gloria but no answer. On Thu morning I got a call from Gloria but it was the wrong person, but told me there was a Gloria Miller that lived in Muscoda. I call that one and it was the correct one. The person I've been looking for 20 years was found on Thursday morning. During our conversation she asked me if I was going to the funeral. I said no, who's funeral and she told me your dad. I was shocked.*

*I live in the Branson, MO area during the summer and still run the rink in Portage in the winter. January starts my 41st year. Anyway when Gloria told me I just had to call the funeral home and hoping one of the children were there, and yes Sarah was. It was nice talking for a few short min. I hope Bonnie is doing good the rest of Rudy's children and grandchildren are doing well also. He may be gone from this world but went to a better world and even though he is gone he will live in your hearts forever.*

*God Bless your whole family*

*PS I will never forget all the fun I had teaching you kids at your family roller skating rink.*

*Gary Kasten*

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**Gary Kasten - Portage, WI - Family Skate Teacher - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ I recall many times at Bible Baptist Church when Rudy would join me with a group of men to sing random hymns in our evening service. He enjoyed singing many of the old traditional worship hymns and he always had a favorite hymn picked out to sing when we had singspiration times in the service.

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**John Rudersdorf - Richland Center, WI - Friend** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Bonnie and family I was so saddened to hear of Rudy's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**shirley wait - madison, WI - friend** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ My deepest sympathy Bev and Chris! My thoughts and prayers are with you!

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**Teresa Brey - Hood River, OR - Friend of Bev Laue** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Sincere Condolences to Rudy's family

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**Mark Miller - Colorado Springs, CO** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Condolences to Rudy Laue family, Rudy was a special husband, father and grandfather he was a true family man. His son Chris said it best “Rudy was his grandchildren’s biggest sports fan”. Rudy accomplished a lot in his short time here. I enjoyed my visits with Rudy and Bonnie over the years watching his family grow. His Life Images were very special what a great family he has and what a positive role model, inspiration for his family. Rudy’s will last for eternity by those lives he impacted in his family.

*I miss him.*

*Calvin Hardy Bonnie’s cousin.*

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**Calvin Hardy - Cazenovia, WI - Bonnie's Cousin** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Wanted to pass on my deepest sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Kirk R. McCauley - Columbus, WI** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ I feel short changed and unfortunate personally for not getting to know you more than I did. My memories of you are of immense respect and admiration for the man you were to your wife, children, and grandchildren. I am very grateful that your illness did not drag on.

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**Christopher Froh - Kenosha, WI - Nephew** - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ DEAR FAMILY I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS RUDY WAS A FRIEND MOSTLY WHEN WE WERE YOUNG . I ALWAYS REMBER PARTLY BECAUSE HE WOULD ALWAYS REMIND ME ABOUT TAKING TO MUSCODA TO SEE MY GIRLFRIEND AND LATER MY WIFE AND HOW HE WOULD WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT OUTSIDE HER HOUSE SO HE COULD GIVE ME A RIDE BACK TO RICHLAND CENTER . THANKS FRIEND

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**BOB HATFIELD - beaver dam , WY - friend** - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

-F

“ I got to know Rudy when we printed The Dodgeville Chronicle at the Richland Observer. He knew my love for baseball so we often talked about high school and Home Talent. I found Rudy a very nice man with a great sense of humor and wonderful character. I later ran into him often while covering or coaching a game. He made it a point to look me up whenever I was in a gym or baseball field where he was. I did not realize last spring when I saw him before the Richland Center/Dodgeville game that it would be the last time. I will miss him but I am thankful I knew him and will have great memories to carry with me.

*Pat Reilly  
Dodgeville*

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**-pat reilly - dodgeville, WI - friend** - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Rudy has been a part of our lives for a long time. His smile and always a question of where we have been traveling to! We send our fondest regards to the entire family. We will always have Rudy in our hearts.

*David and Ann Robinson*

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**David and Ann Robinson - AZ** - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Will miss Rudy a lot , always love to talk with him, great guy. Well guess he can give Nug a tough time again now.

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**Bird mama - Richland Center, WI - Friend** - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Always appreciated Rudy and his wit and smile.  
He was a great volunteer at the Family Thrift Shop and was always trying to get some one to buy something for a great deal!  
much love to all the family  
*Deb Niemeyer*

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**deb niemeyer - friend** - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Bonnie and Family,

*I was saddened to hear of the loss of your dear husband of 53 years. You have some lovely family pictures posted. It looks like you have a very nice family. I like the large beautiful house you have there in RC. Sending warm sympathy in your huge loss. Sorry I cannot attend. You will have lots of happy memories to bring comfort.*

*Love (one of the 4 girls in grade school days)  
Charleen*

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**Charleen Studnicka - Blue River, WI - Friend** - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ So sorry to hear of this loss. On behalf of: The "Richland Center Youth Wrestling Club", I want to acknowledge you and the time you gave to the youth, the community and wrestling.

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**Richland Center Youth Wrestling - R.C., WI** - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Rudy was a friend that I truly respected for his honest opinions. He was always one who thought that the best solution was the one that was best for the majority. I will miss him. John Guelig

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**John Guelig - richland Center, WI - friend** - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Rudy was such a great person. Al enjoyed being in the "Get Up and Go " class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. There was 8 of them and they would work so hard exercising and then go down to the coffee shop and have cookies and coffee. I do not think Rudy had an enemy in this world. He had such a wonderful sense of humor and was always smiling. May you cherish all the wonderful memories that you have shared over the years. Our deepest sympathy to Bonnie and the entire family. I know he will be missed not only in their exercise group but also at all the sporting events he always attended to watch his children and grandchildren throughout the years.

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**Deb and Al Walling - Richland Center, WI - friends** - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts during this difficult time.

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**Leslie Lewison - Wisconsin Rapids, WI - Friend of Daughters** - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Bonnie and her family. I have known Rudy and Bonnie since they started dating back in high school. We spent many good times together and shared the bad ones as well. His sense of humor was unbelievable, even when he was in pain, but he never complained. They were always so gracious when I would visit. Rudy will be in a better place and will be praying for us left behind.

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**Evy Bronowski - Rockford, IL - Friend** - August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I babysat for the kids and ironed for the family while I was in college. I also worked with Rudy at the Richland Observer stuffing papers one day a week. I had just visited Rudy last summer. We talked about the times I watched the kids. One memory that we both remembered was the time that Rudy and Bonnie went to the wrestling tournament in Madison and I watched the kids for the weekend. When they came back Sarah wouldn't go to her mother, she wanted to stay with me. Rudy was a great guy and I will miss him.

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**Margaret (Johnsrude) Davidson - Soldiers Grove, WI - friend of the family in college** - August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I am so sad to hear of Rudy's passing. He was a wonderful man who will be missed by so many. May the memories you have of him carry you through this difficult time.

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**Kris Tarnowski - Kiel, WI - daughter's friend** - August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

K!

“ Our hearts are so sad~ Rudy was such a special friend to my father Neil Hendricks..... Lawn chairs in the garage was where ~ the next trap shoot or world problems were chewed over.....~~Rudy,Brad,Ray, and Neil ~ with cookies and coffee served by Phyllis..... I am sure they are chewing something over as we ~ Thank God for their due Peace!

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**Kaye Hendricks Fogo - DeForest, WI - My Father good friend !** - August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Rudy will be saddling missed . We enjoyed the many games all of our families would go to to watch our girls play ball. Thinking of you all. Love and prayers. The neighbors and friends, The Gerdes

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**Roy and Connie Gerdes and girls - Tucson, AZ - Friends** - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Have said some very nice things about Wonderful Rudy and spent a lot of time explaining why, but each of last 3 times it comes back saying "there was a problem adding your memory, try again! If this goes through, please realize that we too know of the love Rudy had for everyone and know how he will be missed.

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**Roy and Connie Gerdes - Tucson, AZ - Friends** - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Are Thoughts and Prayers are with all of the Laue Family, When we moved here to wi. 3 years ago, my family and i had the plesure of meeting rody and bonnie ,The frist time we all met them we feel in oove with them, they were so sweet and so very careing, always asking about us and are children, how we were and how we were doing and if we ever needing anything just ask, and bonnies smiling pretty face,thats what i always noticed frist, yes we well miss him so, he was a very unique

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**Kyrie and Heidi Eng and Family - cazenovia, WI - cusion** - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Rest in Peace Rudy! you were a great person to friends and family. a passionate and compassionate man. you loved life and lived it! thank you for being you! you will be missed greatly!  
M\*A\*S\*H

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**Byron Clarson - Verona, WI - Friend** - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Rudy was pals with my brother, Lorin and worked sometimes with my Father, Harry Dalberg (Ewers Movers) and spent a lot of his teen years at our house. He worked with my Mother, Frances at the Richland Observer for many years. Our sincere sympathies to his wife, Bonnie and family.

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**Phillip & Marcia (Dalberg) Gilbank - Richland Center, WI** - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Thoughts and Prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Rest in Peace Rudy!

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**Paula Wilson - Richland Center, WI - friend** - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Yesterday I lost a very good friend. I loved Rudy not only for being a great guy but for taking very good care of my best friend, Bonnie. When we lived in RC, he would come by with his old car and give my sister and I rides....showed us where his family lives around the area. When i would go visit Bonnie, he would be so entertaining with his down home humor. He made my sister and I laugh so hard sometimes we would talk about him all the way home...and laugh some more....When I had my knees replaced he was always there to pray for my pain....now my pain is tremendously more and you aren't here to help me get over my sadness in my heart....I truly loved you, Rudy.....give God a little laugh today. We will watch over Bonnie for you....and give her a peck from you....Rest in Peach.

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**Judie Pospichal - Hancock, WI - Friend** - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Rudy's passing. Please know we are praying for all of your family. God bless and we love you, Sarah.

Peggy & Penny (Wallace) McKinney & Yagodinski - DeForest, WI - Friends - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Many memories of the skating rink and sleep overs at Rudy and Bonnie's house. Always took good care of us!! Thinking of all of the kids that were part of my life while I was there.

Craig Duhr - Kansas City , KS - Family - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. God bless all of you in this time.*

Jim Duhr - Lowell, MI - Bonnie's cousin - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I was saddened to learn of Rudy's death, but rejoice that my friend is with the Lord. My prayers are with his lovely wife, Bonnie and their children and grand children. I will always be grateful for the special relationship we were able to share together, and for the encouragement he provided while I ministered in Richland Center, but also through the years by phone or personal visit. The Lord and Rudy's family were always at the top of our conversations. He was proud of each one of you. May the Lord richly bless your lives, your memory of Rudy, and know Sandra and I will be praying for you.  
Don Hensley

Don Hensley - West Des Moines - Friend and former minister - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Rudy! I know heaven is already shining a little brighter with his smile! You are ALL in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Buni (Clark) Place - Stitzer, WI** - August 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM