

Norman Janisse

Longtime Grafton resident Norman J. Janisse enjoyed dancing and socializing, his family said.

"He was a social bug," his daughter Jae Schwartz said. "He loved to dance. He and my mom could cut a good rug."

Mr. Janisse, 90, died Sunday, Dec. 14, at Cedar Lake Health and Rehabilitation Center in West Bend. He moved to the facility after he broke a hip five months ago, his daughter said.

He was born July 22, 1924, in Oostburg, the son of Edward and Delia Westerbeke Janisse.

Mr. Janisse served in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii when his ship was heavily damaged during the Dec. 7, 1941, attack by the Japanese Army. Mr. Janisse completed his tour of duty in the states.

He earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Mr. Janisse was an electrical engineer for Johnson Controls in Milwaukee for more than 40 years.

On Aug. 23, 1947, he and Bettie Simons were married in Milwaukee.

The couple lived in Grafton for many years and raised their family there.

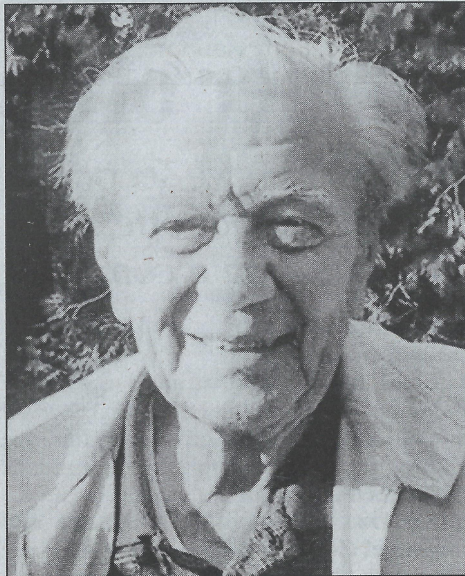
Mr. Janisse's wife Bettie died in 1999.

In 2008, Mr. Janisse married Carolyn Malone. The couple lived in Tudor Oaks Retirement Community in Muskego.

Mr. Janisse was an avid hunter and loved being outdoors, his daughter said. He also enjoyed carpentry and woodworking.

He was a former member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grafton.

Mr. Janisse is survived by his wife Carolyn of Muskego; son Dennis (Sharon)



of West Bend; daughters Crystal (Bill) Bliese of Lansing, Mich., Nicole Krutke of northern Wisconsin and Jae (Vince) Schwartz of Grafton; grandchildren Erick, Jeremy, Jodi, Heather, Holly, James, Jake, Shelby and Alex; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived his sister Dorothy (Wayne) Ruesink of Cedar Grove.

Mr. Janisse was preceded in death by his first wife Bettie.

Private family services will be held Saturday, Dec. 20.

Memorials to Cedar Lake Health and Rehabilitation Center in West Bend are suggested.

Mueller Funeral Home of Cedarburg is handling arrangements.

Doris Bensch