



## **B.W. Birk**

December 31, 2011

BALLWIN, Mo. -- B.W. Birk, 85, of Ballwin, formerly of Cape Girardeau, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, at Mercy Skilled Nursing Facility in Creve Coeur, Mo. He was born April 16, 1926, in Cape Girardeau to Leo H. and Lydia A. Voshage Birk. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Mr. Birk was owner/operator of B.W. Birk & Associates Inc. from 1959 to 2006. He was a leading mechanical contractor in Southeast Missouri, Southern Illinois and the greater St. Louis area. His firm was responsible for many large-scale mechanical contracting projects at sites including Noranda Aluminum, Saint Francis Medical Center, Southeast Missouri State University and Bissell Point Wastewater Treatment plant. He and Janet R. Rosemann were married Sept. 30, 1984, in Ellisville, Mo. He was a charter member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church and assisted in the construction and growth of the church serving on many boards. He has been a member of the Cape Girardeau Lions Club since 1971 and actively involved with its annual Pancake Day fundraiser. Mr. Birk was a licensed private pilot and an avid golfer. During his prime golfing years he had the enjoyment of playing the old St. Andrews course in Scotland and Pebble Beach in California. Survivors include his wife, Janet R. Birk of Ballwin; a daughter, Nancy E. (Mike) Buchanan of Cape Girardeau; a stepdaughter, Kim (Ed) Austin of Ballwin; a stepson, Rick (Donna) Stevens of Columbia, Mo.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, January 2, 2012 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel in

Cape Girardeau. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Paul Short officiating. Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 804 N. Cape Rock Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ I just learned this morning of B.W.'s passing and it saddened me very much. He was dear and kind and good to me over the years. I will miss him. My condolences to his family. Cathy Justus

Cathy Justus - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ You have our sympathy. B.W. loved to have fun. Here's to a great life!

Cary (Ritter) Giesler - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ MR BW WAS A ONE OF A KIND. WE ENJOYED HIS FRIENDSHIP. RICK PAT AND GENE WILL PRAY FOR YOU AND BW.

THE LaFONT FAMILY - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Jan, My sincere condolences on the passing of B.W. Seems like only yesterday you folks were getting married! Kathy and I are out of town, but our sincere prayers are with you and your family at this time. Dwight and Kathy

Dr. Dwight Johnson - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Nancy & Janet, We wish we could be with you at this time. I'm so glad the boys were able to meet Uncle B.W. when we were there - they thought he was as cool as I always did as a kid - his chocolate chip pancakes were the best! Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Judy Birk Hunter, Ian & Gavin

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**Judy Birk Hunter** - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Nancy, My heart & prayers go out to you and the family. Your dad was kinda my dad for a time & he will be missed. All my love, Melanie

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**Melanie Coy** - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM