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A. C. "Skip" Widdes

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A. C. "Skip" Widdes, 83, Rice Lake, Wis., died Saturday, July 4, 2015, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Jan. 13, 1932, at Superior to Harry and Sarah (Pomusch) Widdes. Skip graduated from Rice Lake High School in 1949, entered the National Guards and then became active in the United States Army. He was honorably discharged in 1956.

Skip attended UW–Barron County for a year and married Carol Mae Running on Nov. 9, 1956, at Cameron.



He was an over-the-road truck driver for Brady Motor Freight in Des Moines, Iowa, from 1956-1970. Skip owned and operated A.C.W. Sand, Gravel and Rock, Inc. from 1971-1998 and also owned Todd's Redi-Mix Concrete, Inc. from 1988-1998.

He worked for Todd's Redi-Mix from 1998-2002 and then repurchased the bulk transport division of the powder cement for Todd's Redi-Mix. He retired in 2012.

Skip was a very active community member, serving on the Rice Lake School Board of Education, Police and Fire Committee, UW-Barron County Foundation, WITC Foundation, Red Barn Theatre Board, Barron County Police Foundation, Wisconsin Council on Highway Safety Committee, Sterling Bank Board, Appeals Board Zoning-City of Rice Lake, US Hwy. 53 Rice Lake to Superior Accident Study Committee, Rice Lake Rotary Club International (received the Paul Harris Fellow Award two times), City of Rice Lake Utility Appeals Committee and was a Rice Lake Elk's member.

He also was a recipient of a Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Community Service/Lasting Contributions to the Rice Lake Community in 1983, and a Service Award (Dedicated Service) from the Rice Lake School Board in 1994. Skip received the 2002 Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen Award for the Lifetime Commitment for Betterment of Rice Lake.

Surviving, in addition to his beautiful wife, are a daughter Sarah Widdes of Rice Lake; a son Todd (Kathy) of Rice Lake; grandchildren Harrison, Ben, Zach and Lillieann; a brother-in-law Jack (Sheila) Running of Eau Claire; and many nephews and nieces.

Skip was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Jerry and sisters Harriet Wolstan and Ruth Finn.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, from Appleyard's Home for Funerals, Rice Lake.

Visitation will be held 3-7 p.m. Thursday and an hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.