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Mr. Campbell -

I'm sending the abt from Larry -
you may use what you want
for your Honor Wall -

I'm also inclosing a check
for ^{\$}200.00 in his memory - as he
never got to the wall as his
health didnt allow it.

Sincerely

Delora Shepard & family

Thank You

I hope this is ok

Helping Our Heroes

Lawrence C. Shepard

Lawrence C. Shepard, age 92, of Rhinelander, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2014 at Friendly Village. He was born Oct. 8, 1921, in Downing, to James and Agnes (Schramski) Shepard.

Larry is survived by Delores (Carpentier), his beloved wife of 64 years; four children, Joan (Tom) Haebig, Sharon (John Staley), Tom (Brenda) and Rob (Patti); 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Jean (Harris) Shepard; and many nieces and nephews.

Larry was predeceased by his parents and seven siblings, sisters Julia and Leona "Sis" (Fritz) Steinberger, brothers Edward (Helen), Jack (Lois), George (Lorraine), Bill (Lucille), and Harris (Nita). Larry also was predeceased by in-laws, Romeo and Edith Carpentier.

Larry was a decorated



Shepard



awarded the Air Medal & 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with 5 Battle Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the Army Medal of Honor.

Upon returning from his service in the military, Larry was stationed in Washington, Oregon and California working with CCC Firefighting Units. When he returned to Wisconsin, he worked with the U.S. Forestry Services, and was a counselor at a boys' camp before marrying Delores. Larry retired from the Rhinelander Paper Mill after 34 years of employment.

Larry was known by his family and friends to be a devoted family man, with a kind and generous heart, who always found the time to help others. His greatest joy in life was time spent with family. He especially loved Sunday Packers games, the Brewers, and wintering with Delores in Gulf Shores, Ala. He was an avid outdoorsman his entire life and loved hunting, fishing and camping. Long walks in the Northwoods and strolls on Gulf Shores' beaches brought him much joy. Watching and feeding birds and wildlife became a favorite pastime in his later years. Larry was musically gifted, playing trumpet, accordion and guitar and sang with a beautiful tenor voice. He was a motorcycle and snowmobile enthusiast, a passion which both his daughters and sons share. They all have wonderful memories of time spent together. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren enjoyed his fun-loving nature, and never tired of his antics. He will

OBITUARIES

World War II veteran serving as a tailgunner on B24 Liberators with the 13th AAF (Pacific Theatre). These crews were affectionately called the "Long Rangers." During his combat experience in the Pacific Theatre, he flew some of the longest missions ever attempted by B24 Liberators in formation. A major mission involved a flight to Balikpapan, in Eastern Borneo, at that time, Japan's greatest oil supply base. The strike required a formation of the "Long Rangers" to fly non-stop, round trip of 2,500 miles and 17 continuous flying hours. This mission was the "Long Rangers" most costly mission with a number of the B24 bombers, and their crews, never returning. Larry earned the Army Air Force's highest honor, the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for personally saving his crew, the 307th Bomb Group, 370th Squadron, from imminent disaster on the return flight after the airstrike. He was also

be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A mass will be held for Larry on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at Nativity of Our Lord/St. Joseph's Site. Father Tom Thakadipuram will be officiating. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. until the time of mass on Tuesday in the church at the St. Joseph's site. Interment, with military honors, will take place at Forest Home Cemetery. Carlson Funeral Home (715-369-1414) is assisting the family with arrangements and condolences for the Shepard family may be directed in care of www.carlsonfh.com.