



## LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien

May 29, 1926 - September 28, 2020

The funeral service for LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien of Wadena will be held privately at the family's request.

LeRoy, age 94, passed away on Monday, September 28, 2020, at the Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena, MN.

LeRoy Richard Kresien was born at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, MN, on May 29, 1926. He was the second of three boys born to Ernest and Martha (Skalisky) Kresien. LeRoy attended Wadena High School where he was known as "BeBe". He was a member of the track team and played on the basketball team that won the District 24, in 1943! BeBe graduated in 1944 and was drafted into the US Army. After basic training he was shipped out on the Queen Elizabeth to serve his country in WWII. He was honorably discharged in 1946, and returned to Wadena to work with the City Dray, unloading freight and delivering it to the stores. He unloaded lumber by hand along with coal for the stores. BeBe also loaded boxcars on the Great Northern Railroad for Homecrest, Ind.

LeRoy was united in marriage on August 16, 1952, with Donna Jean Devereaux at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena. They liked to travel and visited many of the states and Canada. In addition, they raised Black Angus on their farm east of Wadena.

LeRoy purchased the City Dray in 1963 and operated it for over 30 years until he retired in 1994. Time away from work found him active in sports, softball, baseball and bowling, and enjoying the outdoors while hunting and fishing. Lots of memories were made at the cabin on Little Pine Lake near Perham. LeRoy belonged to Immanuel Lutheran Church, was a life member of the VFW and charter member of the Elks Lodge, and served as director of the ABC (American Bowling Congress).

Preceding LeRoy in death were his parents; brothers Ernest, Jr and Wally; and nephews Ronald and Thomas.

His memory will be cherished by his devoted wife of 68 years, Donna; along with many relatives and friends.

Military honors provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Burial will be at Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Memorials may be directed to the Mission Endowment Fund, c/o Immanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 69, Wadena, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Sorry Donna for your loss. My Mother (Naomi Brust) and I always enjoyed talking with you and BeBe when we were all eating at the Boondocks. You were so faithfully caring for BeBe.

Sandi & Barry Pratt - October 08, 2020 at 01:54 PM

TG

“ Bebe loved bowling and always had a pretty well known reaction when throwing a strike. RIP my friend.

Thomas Gerszewski - October 08, 2020 at 11:24 AM

MH

“ Marjorie And Harry Harrison lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien



Marjorie and Harry Harrison - October 05, 2020 at 11:52 AM

MH

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Marjorie Harrison - October 05, 2020 at 11:51 AM

DR

“ *David & Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien*



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**david & barb rousslang** - October 02, 2020 at 02:29 PM

JB

“ *Joan Brauch sent a virtual gift in memory of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien*



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**Joan Brauch** - October 02, 2020 at 06:37 AM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien*



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**Jim Stoneman** - October 02, 2020 at 06:21 AM

AB

“ *Alan Bielema lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien*



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**Alan Bielema** - October 01, 2020 at 01:56 PM

GP

“ Gerald And Peggy Porter lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien



Gerald and Peggy Porter - September 30, 2020 at 07:40 PM

MP

“ Morris & Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien



Morris & Karen Priebe - September 30, 2020 at 07:25 PM

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“ The Members Of Wadena Elks Lodge #2386 lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien



The Members of Wadena Elks Lodge #2386 - September 29, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien.



September 29, 2020 at 02:28 PM

JE

“ *Bebe was one of the last living classmates of my mother and I know she was fond of him and the many reunions they shared especially in more recent years. Donna, my most sincere condolences.* ”



**Jane Erckenbrack** - September 29, 2020 at 01:14 PM

RR

“ *Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien* ”



**Rocky Reese** - September 29, 2020 at 10:14 AM

MF

“ *Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien* ”



**Marie Fraune** - September 29, 2020 at 09:27 AM

JJ

“ *Jon & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "BeBe" Kresien* ”



**Jon & Patty Johnson** - September 28, 2020 at 09:49 PM

GW

“ *Lit a candle in memory of LeRoy "Bebe" Kresien*



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**Glen Donna Wood** - September 28, 2020 at 08:32 PM