



# Willy F Arlequeeuw

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**W**illy F. Arlequeeuw, 79, of Lawrence, passed away January 28, 2012 at the Lawrence General Hospital. Born in Eeklo, Belgium, November 26, 1932, and moved to Lawrence, MA at the age of 3, with his parents and sister. Willy was a lifelong resident of Lawrence, attended Lawrence Public schools and was a graduate of Lawrence High School class of 1950. He was a four year United States Navy Veteran serving during the Korean War. Willy was a proud Lawrence Police Officer for 30 years until his retirement in 1991. Most importantly, Willy adored and was devoted to his loving wife of 55 years; Yvonne (Lemay) Arlequeeuw; more than words can say. Willy was the proud supportive and fun loving father to their 5 children and sons-in-law, Linda (Arlequeeuw) & Bob Barnett, Diane (Arlequeeuw) & Barry Mackin, the late Valerie (Arlequeeuw) & Eddie Earnshaw, Glenn Arlequeeuw and Michelle (Arlequeeuw) & Brendon Lynch. He was a loving son to the late Germaine and Alfons Arlequeeuw and brother to Linda (Arlequeeuw) Desjardins. He was the world's best grandfather to Casey Conway, Mallory Conway, Joshua Mackin, Kiley Mackin, Arianna Earnshaw, and "Great-Grandpa Willy" to Sophia Conway. "Uncle Willy" will be missed by his many nieces and nephews and his Godchildren. Willy's family and friends who enjoyed being around him, will all help keep his memories alive. His bright smile and blue eyes could brighten any room and he was a true gentleman to all who knew him. Through the years he loved wood working, writing poetry, playing his accordion, traveling and had a great sense of humor. Most of all, he loved to cook and enjoyed so many different types of food! He was a very Patriotic American, but also proud of his Belgian heritage. He leaves many loving cousins in Belgium and enjoyed the times he traveled to see them with Yvonne. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 10:00AM in St. Michael Church in North Andover, MA. Burial will follow at Bellevue Cemetery, Lawrence, MA. Friends may call on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 from 4:00 to



## Obituary

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8:00PM at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc. 122 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA 01841. Memorial contributions can be made to: American Heart Association, PO Box 3049, Syracuse, NY 13220-3049 or to American Cancer Society PO Box 22718 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73123-1718.



## Tribute Wall

Willy F Arlequeeuw

DC

**Dave Cotter** posted:

My wife Terry and I offer our deepest sympathies dear wife and family. Willy and I were good friends for many years when we lived on Water street many years ago. We had many good times playing baseball and horseshoes at Connie Lamberts backyard on Water street. My wife and I were so happy to have him as best man at our wedding going on 55 years ago. He really was a great guy. We went to St. Augustines church many times in his fathers first brand new car a chrysler. Never forget him. He will always be in our prayers. Dave & Terry Cotter

March 7 at 8:00 PM

TF

**Terri Feeney** posted:

My sincere condolences to the Arlequeeuw family. I worked at Arlington Trust Company where Willy stood guard over us and protected us. I loved him and felt comforted on the days he was with us. May he rest in peace.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MM

**Michael And Linda Molchan** posted:

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Willy was a great person and Mike will always remember how good he was to him. Sorry we could not be at the services. Mike and Linda

March 7 at 8:00 PM

BA

**Brigitte Arlequeeuw** posted:

Dearest Yvonne and Arlequeeuw Family, I can hardly believe I am sending these condolences. Willy made such an impression on me since my childhood and ever after, that I can hardly believe wath happened. I'll never, never, never forget him !!!

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MA

**Meghan Arlequeeuw** posted:

To the Arlequeeuw Family: I never knew Willy, but as a member of the distant Arlequeeuw family we are all sad to hear of your loss. I hope that you all hold on to each other and the blessed memories you have and stay strong.

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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LO

**Leo J. Ouellette** posted:

My profound sorrow goes out to all of Willy's family and friends who's lives have changed dramaticly in his absences. To know him was to love him and he will be missed by all of us who knew him. Goodbye Willy, you will always be with us in spirit,in heart and in memory.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Martha (Earnshaw) Bonin** posted:

Yvonne and Family, I was so overwhelmed when I heard that Willy was ill and had passed away. Immediately I remembered his vibrant smile and quick wit. When growing up he always made the kids in the neighborhood feel safe, and welcomed. As an adult knowing him though Val and Eddie he had mischievous eyes that encouraged a good time, great family fun, and warm heart. I am one of the lucky people who met him, got to enjoy his company, and who can carry him forward with me in life. Karen and I will keep all of you in our prayers. Love, Martie and Karen.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MM

**May Mattson** posted:

My T houghts and Prayers are with you and Your Family

March 7 at 8:00 PM

LM

**Linda Mackin** posted:

We are so terribly sorry for your loss. Our love and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. Jack and Linda Mackin

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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AU

**Audrey** posted:

Dearest Arlequeeuw Family ~ Words cannot express how saddened and sorry we are for your great loss. Childhood memories in the Arlequeeuw home are some of my best. I do, and will always, treasure them. I remember Mr Arlequeeuw always cooking, preparing to cook, or unloading groceries, and as soon as I would walk in he would ask, in that booming but sweet voice of his, if I wanted something to eat :) There were a lot of fun parties too, and Mr Arlequeeuws accordian playing certainly added to them. I loved being in the Arlequeeuw home, and Mr Arlequeeuw will always have a very special place in my heart. I am so so sorry. May the Lord bless and comfort you all in your time of need. Love and prayers and heartfelt sympathy to all~ Ralph and Audrey xoxoxo

March 7 at 8:00 PM

SL

**Sharona Long** posted:

michelle and family...my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. i know that no words can describe the depth of your loss, but holding on to each other and your wonderful memories will help you through. love, sharona

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MJ

**Millie O'donnell Judd** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends at this sad time. Heaven has gained quite a great man.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

DD

**Dawn Donovan** posted:

Words can't explain our sorrow right now, but we will always remember that joy of laughter he brought to every room when present. We love you all!

March 7 at 8:00 PM

SA

**Sara** posted:

To the Arlequeeuw Family May you find comfort in the beautiful memories of Willy & the love that he had so strong for all of you

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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**Stephen Barthelmes** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Willy. He was such a beautiful warm person that I was fortunate to know for a short time. The world certainly is a sadder place without Willy with us. GOD will certainly have his hands wide open when he walks through those pearly gates. My prayers are with you during these difficult times. Take good care.

March 7 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Willy F by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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