



Barney Sikma

August 24, 1921 - October 10, 2014

Barney Sikma, 93, of Wichert, passed away Friday (Oct. 10, 2014) at Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno. He was born Aug. 24, 1921, in Wichert, the son of Harry and Nellie VanDerMeer Sikma. Mr. Sikma was veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, serving in Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal. He was a retired librarian at the Garden City Public School system in Garden City, N.Y. He received his master's degree from Indiana University and his bachelor's degree from Taylor University. Surviving are two nieces, Susan and John Fields, of Bourbonnais, Karen and Lyle VanDerPol, of Hospers, Iowa; two nephews, Brian and Betty Ponikvar, of Tucson, Ariz., Larry Ponikvar, of Pine Top, Ariz.; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Fred; and two sisters, Minneta Ponikvar and Clara Sikma. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Saturday until the 11 a.m. funeral services at First Reformed Church of Wichert, with the Rev. Randy Knoll officiating. Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne is handling the funeral arrangements. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Wichert. Memorials may be made to First Reformed Church of Wichert or Hospice of Kankakee Valley (hkvcares.org).

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

7697 E. 4500 S. Rd.
Wichert
St. Anne, IL 60964

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Reformed Church of Wichert
St. Anne, IL

Funeral Service

OCT **18**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Reformed Church of Wichert
St. Anne, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Barney always had a smile and a kind word. He liked to drink tea and read the paper. He will surely be missed. Bless him. Thoughts and prayers to his family. Sincerely, Kelly from the commissary*

Kelly Beaudreau - October 12, 2014 at 12:47 PM