



Donald Carl Borchert June 17, 1927 - August 3, 2010



Tuesday, August 3, 2010

Don Borchert, our dear friend and a dear friend to many of you, passed in the night last night. Mary, his wife, just called us and asked that we let everyone know. Mary shared that they are planning a celebratory gathering at the Esquire Club (1025 N. Sherman Ave.) in Madison on Monday, August 9 from 4-6pm in celebration of Don's life. We will see you Monday night... We will miss you, Don.

Sun Prairie -- Donald Carl Borchert, age 83, passed away on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at his home in Sun Prairie. He was born on June 17, 1927, the son of Carl and Olga Borchert. Don grew up on a farm near Colby, Wisconsin. He graduated from high school and joined the Navy, serving aboard the USS Cascade and the USS Holland in the Pacific region. Returning from the Navy he had a short career with the Saint Louis Cardinals and a sixty year career in Broadcast Engineering. Don received his PE in 1966 and joined WHA Radio and Television in 1968. After retirement he continued to Chair the Broadcasters Clinic and served as a technical advisor with the Madison Community Candelabra tower project for the UW Research Park Foundation. In 2003 the Society of Broadcast Engineers named him Educator of the year and in 2006 he was inducted into the Wisconsin Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He was a charter member of the Capital City Musky Club.

In 1951 Don married Betty Hall of Pikeville, Ky. They had two sons, Steven and Scott. Betty passed away in 1984. In 1991 he married Mary McAteer in Hawaii.

Don has survived by his very caring wife, Mary Borchert; his two sons; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A celebration of Don's life will be held at the ESQUIRE CLUB, 1025 N. Sherman Ave., Madison, on Monday, August 9, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to HospiceCare Inc, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, WI 53711.

Don's family would like to thank Dr. Schelman and his staff at UW Hospital for his care. He will miss all his friends and of course his Beagles.