

Star Lake Cemetery Records*
Star Lake, Vilas, Wisconsin

SURNAME	GIVEN	BIRTH	DEATH	BK/SEC	ROW	NOTES
Anmusson	Unknown	1896	09 May 1896			Infant Boy
Barry	Alexander	1871	1941	2-A	A	
Bartaszawlcz	William J.	1911	1997	1-B	04	
Bartaszewicz	Louise	1914	2008	1-B	04	
Bartaszewicz	Gerald J.	1933		1-B	03	
Bartaszewicz	Rosemarie	1936	1993	1-B	03	
Berry	Johanna	1840	1921	2-A	A	
Biedermann	John M.	07 Jul 1929	24 SAep1999	1-?	11	National Guard Army
Biedermann	Maurine	1930		1-?	11	
Brennan	John M.	13 May 1921	10 Feb 2004	1-B	03	CDR US Navy WW II Korea
Brennan	Joanne	16 Jul 1925	11 Jan 2009	1-B	03	nee: Hoag
Brennan	James Patrick	23 Jul 1929	16 Jun 2009			LCDR US Navy Korea
Brown	Harry			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Connors	Lila Elizabeth	1928		1-B	11	
Connors	Gerald A.	Jun 13.1927	May 19 1988	1-B	04	"Jerry" TEC5 US Army
Connors	Kevin	1957	1992	1-B	04	Son
Demmin	Wilma P.	03 Mar 1915	27 Aug 2008	1-A	01	nee: Bruhn
Demmln	Harold D.	20 Mar 1913	01 Aug 2000	1-A	01	Married 05 Aug 1939
Doltex	Baby			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Dougherty	Dr. Philip J.	19 Oct 1930	01 Apr 2015			"Doc"
Drajesk	Wayne Franklin	01 Dec 1933	19 Nov 2006	1-C	06	PFC US Army 54-1956
Drajesk	Dorothy J.	25 May 1935		1-C	06	nee: Radloff
Ellerman	Douglas	01 Sep 1931	28 Nov 2007		10	US Navy
Gokay	Grandpa			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Gokey	Baby			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Greene	Ernest F.	1916	1988	1-A	01	
Gunderson	G.			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Gunderson	Chris			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Halverson	Dale A.	1944	1998	2-D	11	Married Jul 27, 1968
Hansen	Chris			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Hanson	Baby			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Hanson	Baby			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Haywood	Gladys	1910	1980	1-B	05	
Higgins	Jeremiah	20 Nov 1955	03 Feb 2003	1-B	04	"Tim"
Higgins	Jeremiah H.	29 Nov 1928	15 Oct 2012	1-B	04	"Jerry" US Army
Higgins	Joan C.	24 Dec 1930	17 Jun 2010	1-B	04	nee: McCarthy
Howard	Patrick John	23 Jun 1943	03 Sep 2010			"Pat"
Iverson	Robert D.	1912	1989	1-B	03	Tec 4 U.S. Army WW II
Jacobs	John E.	1930	2013			
Jaeger	Neal Elmer	22 Oct 1934	31 Mar 1990	1-B	05	
James	Gladys B.	13 Jul 1920	14 Jan 2014			
James	William J.	07 Aug 1918	07 Oct 1991			1st LT US Army WW II
Jones	Ida Mary	1916	1989	2-D	11	
Jones	Keith W.	1913	2002	2-D	11	
Lenhart	Baby			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Liebenstein	J.O.	May 31.1927	Jun 02.2001	M	01	US Navy WW II
Liebenstein	Donna	16 Oct 1929		M	01	
Marsh	Donald A.	Oct 09, 1925	Apr 12, 1995	2-B	10	US Navy WW II

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Marsh	Marion G.	1924		2-B	10	nee: Wadginski
Mattson	Inglebox			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Mau	Charles Friedrich	1871	1914			
McCaughn	Teddy	1941	1987	2-C	06	Little Lepraehaun
McCaughn	Robert A.	1912	1992	2-A	A	Married Oct 07,1939
McCaughn	Gladys A.	1911	1977	2-A	A	Married Oct 07,1939
McKelvey	Edith R.	15 Mar 1929	18 Dec 1989	2-B	10	
Miller	Donald Erwin	11 Mar 1934	28 Nov 2010			SP4 US Army WW II
Miller	Harold E.	22 Apr 1923	12 Jan 1990	1-A	02	CPL US Army WW II
Miller	Mary Jane	05 Aug 1925	21 Oct 2005	1-A	02	
Molsan	Pete			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Moriarty	Mary Ann	1927	1984	1-A	02	nee: Hoeller
Moriarty, Sr.	John Jefferson	1920	02 Aug 2009	1-A	02	
Mortag	Joe		Jun 1994			
Ness	Mildred B.	1920	1991	1-B	03	
Ness, Sr.	Robert K.	21 Mar 1914	07 Aug 2014	1-B	03	PFC US Army WW II
Olson	John C.	1906	1979	2-D	A	
Olson	Catherine	1911	1981	2-A	A	
Olson	Clarence Herbert	1915	1920	2-A	A	
Olson	Tom	1864	1948	2-A	A	
Olson	Cyril	1904	1965			
Olson	Winifred A.	1911	1989	2-D	A	
Olson	Robert Neal	04 Apr 1933	17 Oct 2007	1-D	11	PFC U.S. Army Korea
Olson	John C.	1906	1979	2-D	A	
Olson	Baby			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Olson	Catherine	1880	1960	2-A	A	
Owen	Baby			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Parker	Fred	1898	1898	Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Parker	Ernest Edgar	27 Jan 1900		Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Peterson	Pete			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Piechura	John M.	1959	1995	2-C	09	
Piechura	Walter F.	1916	1996	2-C	09	
Pray	W. Son			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Richards	Marjorie L.	1922	2006	2-B	06	
Richards	David D.	20 Feb 1922	21 Dec 1987	2-B	06	SGT U.S. Army WW II
Rizzo	Delmalee	24 Oct 1927	13 Oct 2013			
Schwabe	George	1932	2014			
Slugg	Patrick H.	17 Sep 1920	16 Jun 2010	1-?	07	Married 17 Jan 1942
Slugg	Jean G.	06 Jan 1922	02 Apr 2005	1-?	07	Married 17 Jan 1942
Stachowiak	Florence	29 Jul 1919	26 Dec 2006			nee: Hedwig
Star	Harry			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Steffen	Patricia M.	1925	1983			
Sulenski	Baby			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Tabbert	Martin Henry	31 May 1919	29 May 1997	2-A	07	TEC 4 U.S. Army WW II
Unknowns	Others			Cross	Marker	Listed on Memorial Sign
Westling	Theodore J.	02 Aug 1919	15 Sep 1997	1-B	07	US Army WW II
Westling	Anita C.	1911	1998	1-B	07	
Yarosz	Alice E.	1919	1993	1-B	11	
Yarosz	Joseph S.	05 Jul 1923	04 Jun 2002	1-B	11	US Coast Guard WW II

Zwick	Bernard	19 Jun 1926		1-E	05	
Zwick	Ann	08 May 1934	29 Jul 2000	1-E	05	

In the summer of 2015 and 2016, all Star Lake Cemetery monuments/markers were cleaned, if appropriate, and then photographed by Max E. Rockafellow, member of the Eagle River Genealogical Society. Photographs were reviewed and additions and corrections were made to the Initial Cemetery Transcriptions of burials recorded during 2006-2007. Photographs of monuments/markers were then added to www.findagrave.com for genealogist to research via the internet.

Cemetery Master Records are held and maintained by the Sexton of the Star Lake Cemetery.

COINS LEFT ON CEMETERY HEADSTONES

While visiting some cemeteries you may notice that headstones marking graves have coins on them, left by previous visitors to the grave. These coins have distinct meanings when left on the headstones of those who gave their life while serving in America's Military, and these meanings vary depending on the denomination of coin.

A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect. Leaving a penny at the grave means simply that you visited. A nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together, while a dime means you served with him in some capacity. By leaving a quarter at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when he was killed.

According to tradition, the money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veterans cemeteries is eventually collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

In the US, this practice became common during the Vietnam war, due to the political divide in the country over the war; leaving a coin was seen as a more practical way to communicate that you had visited the grave than contacting the soldier's family, which could devolve into an uncomfortable argument over politics relating to the war.

Some Vietnam veterans would leave coins as a "down payment" to buy their fallen comrades a beer or play a hand of cards when they would finally be reunited.

The tradition of leaving coins on the headstones of military men and women can be traced to as far back as the Roman Empire.

In these more current days, coins still show up on military markers and non-military markers along with other small items, be they plaques resting atop the sod or tombstone erected at the head of the burial plot. These small tokens are left by visitors for no greater purpose than to indicate to the family that someone has visited that family member. On non-military headstones, coins, especially pennies, are favored by those who wish to demonstrate that the deceased has not been forgotten. A nickel means you went to school together, a dime you worked together and a quarter, you were there when they passed. In most cases, coins are collected in late fall and used for cemetery maintenance.

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