

To: Never Forgotten Honor Flight Organization,

The family of Daniel Markstrum, member of Rothschild/Schofield/Weston Post 8895, would like to honor our Dad by donating in his memory. Daniel passed away on 3-26-11, after several years of declining health, sadly not able himself to ever have taken an "honor flight."

Daniel attended his last VFW meeting in Sept. 2010, celebrating his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with his friends & "comrades".

Upon returning home to Wausau WI from WWII, Daniel learned that his good friend, Augie Gebhardt, had lost his life in the Battle of the Bulge in Dec. 1944.

Dan immediately called upon Augie's widow, Lucile Eches Gebhardt, and won her heart. When Daniel & Lucile married in Oct. 1946, Dan instantly became "Dad" to the 2 Gebhardt children, and became their adoptive father. Daniel & Lucile went on to have 4 more children. (Two of Dan's sons served in the Air Force during the Viet Nam era.)

In his children's minds & hearts, he will never be forgotten, and we make this donation to honor him and his good friend Augie. They truly were members of the "Greatest Generation".

Famly of Daniel Markstrum