

# TUSCANIA

## **Boehmke, Edward Charles 1894 WI – 1958 WI**



Edward Charles Boehmke – from “The Unsinkable Edward C. Boehmke” by Daniel J. Boehmke & John M. Schoenknecht, p 22 – published by Bill Schley, PO Box 91, Hartland WI 53029

This 56-page book is vital for researching Edward’s life.



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*The family home at 310 East Avenue in Waukesha WI, from which Edward Charles Boehmke went to war - [https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/118473219/person/250179453966/media/5e558a64-0915-4de7-bdd3-9a8accb23d98?\\_phsrc=yGI1100&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/118473219/person/250179453966/media/5e558a64-0915-4de7-bdd3-9a8accb23d98?_phsrc=yGI1100&_phstart=successSource)*

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**BOEHMKE EDWARD CHARLES** **Xc** **190 452**

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**355 Delafield Ave Waukesha** **A** **2 119 112**  
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*A/D 15 July 1917*

**Suspended 12 FEB 1959 ORIGINAL**

1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) <b>BOEHMKE, Edward C.</b>			<b>APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER</b> (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)	
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) <b>May 17, 1917</b>	3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) <b>April 10, 1919</b>	12. EMBLEM (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) <input type="checkbox"/> HEBREW (Star of David) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE MARKER
4. SERVICE NO. <b>250 930</b>	5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. <b>XC 190 452</b>	14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) <b>M. W. Horton, CVSO Court House, Waukesha, Wisconsin</b>		
6. STATE <b>Wisconsin</b>	7. GRADE <b>Pfc</b>	15. FREIGHT STATION <b>Waukesha, Wisconsin</b>		
8. MEDALS <b>Purple Heart</b>		16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) <b>St. Joseph's Waukesha, Wisconsin</b>		
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP <b>Army, Co. A., 107th Supply Train</b>		17. THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY. SIGNATURE <i>M. W. Horton</i> DATE <b>12/11/58</b>		
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) <b>June 2, 1894</b>		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) <b>December 10, 1958</b>		
DO NOT WRITE HERE RECEIVED <b>DEC 16 1958</b> VERIFIED <b>WY- 8862498</b> B/L <b>FEB 26 1959</b> ORDERED <b>COLUMBUS MARBLE WORKS COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI</b>		18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) <b>M. W. Horton, CVSO Court House, Waukesha, Wisconsin</b>		
19. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>M. W. Horton</i> DATE <b>12/11/58</b>				

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## Title

Postal Badge

## Subject

Civic & Government  
United States Postal Service  
Edward Boehmke

## Description

Edward Boehmke is seen here alongside the hat badge and a button from his Postal Uniform. Boehmke worked as a mail carrier for 24 years, retiring in 1941. His time as a mail carrier was only interrupted by his service in World War I.

In 1913 the first federally owned post office was built in the city. Situated in the triangle formed by Broadway and South, it is one of the best examples of Classic Revival architecture in the city. The building is known as the Rotunda today, and served as the post office from 1914 - 1962.

The current post office opened in 1962, providing additional space for bulk mail processing in addition to first class mail services.

Donor: Dan Boehmke

Adopt an Artifact Sponsor: Dan & Cheryl Boehmke

## Citation

"Postal Badge," *History of Waukesha in 100 Objects*, accessed June 24, 2024,  
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## Edward C. Boehmke

A Waukesha post office employe for 24 years, Edward C. Boehmke, 64, of 801 Lincoln av., died at his home last night of a heart attack.

Boehmke retired from the postal service seven years ago and had been employed at the Waukesha Hydraulic Jack service, 410 Arcadian av.

Funeral services will be at 9:45 a.m. Saturday from the Weber funeral home to St. Joseph's church at 10 a.m. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 3 p.m. tomorrow. A parish vigil will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Boehmke is survived by his widow, Alma; daughters Mrs. Jane Schley, of Monterey, Calif., Mrs. Ruth Alamschaw, of Canoga Park, Calif., Mrs. Frances Kawat-ski, Waukesha, and Mrs. Georgiann Dahms, Waukesha; sons Edward and Daniel, both at home; and a brother, Frank, of Waukesha.

"Waukesha (WI) County Freeman" Thursday 11 Dec 1958 p 13



# REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS.

(To be returned to the Register of Deeds of the County in which Birth occurs.)

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1. Full name of child (if named) Edward Bohanka
2. The color (a) White
3. Sex Boy
4. Names of other issue living
5. Full name of father Frank Bohanka
6. Occupation of father Painter
7. Name of mother previous to marriage Mary Hognak
8. Hour, day of week, month and year of birth June 2, 1894 Sun. 10 A.M.
9. The place, town or township, and county in which born W. 109 - 2 Ave. 11. Omaha
10. Birthplace of father Russia
11. Birthplace of mother Minsk

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August 1, 1894

REGISTER OF DEEDS

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the above is a true return of the birth and other facts above recorded.

Dated at

Minsk County,

Basara Zich

(b) Attending Physician.

Wisconsin, this — day — 189 —

Residence

W. 109 - 2 Ave. 11. Omaha

NOTE.—(a) State the color so distinctly that the race may also be understood, as White, Black, Mulatto, Indian, Mixed White and Indian, etc. (b) Strike out these words if the return be made by some other person, and add other explanatory words. An illegitimate child or a "still birth" should be so specified.

Recorded this

day of

189 4

August 1, 1894

Register.

WI birth record -

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*Life:*

his mother, Mrs. B. U. Jacob.  
Corp. Edward Boehmke returned to Waco Monday, after a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boehmke, East avenue. He had ten days leave. Corp. Boehmke is with the first truck company, 107th supply train.

"Waukesha (WI) Freeman" Thursday 29 Nov 1917 p 8

## "WITH THE COLORS"

Corp. Edward Boehmke, one of Waukesha's "Tuscanians," is still "somewhere in England" and writes to his brother, under date of March 10:

"We get up at 7 in the morning and have breakfast at 7:30. We sit around until 12, when we eat our dinner. After dinner we sit around until 5:30 and then we eat supper. After supper we go to a show at the Y. M. C. A. and after the show we go to bed. You can see by this that we are a hard-working bunch. This is a rest camp and we sure take a rest. \* \* \* \* Some days we take a short hike. The only thing that gets my goat is that we don't get any mail. All goes direct to France and we don't get it until we get there. \* \* \* Perhaps my next letter will be from France. "Bink" has been there for some time. That was the only time he beat me to it. Suppose if I had not been torpedoed, I would have got there first. I have something on him, at that, because I have been in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England, and he has been only in England. If you see Louis Seitz, tell him I saw some swell Ayrshire cattle in Scotland and there are quite a few in England.



"One thing that makes me feel at home is the "tin lizzies." This country is full of them. Once in a while you see a Studebaker and a Cadillac and there are a few Overlands. There was an Overland garage at Larne, Ireland. I don't know what they cost here, but the Fords sell for a little better than \$800.

"We have been able to get Velvet tobacco for the last few days and we can buy it for less than you can in the States. A can costs 4 pence, which is equal to 8 cents in real money. The money we have here is great stuff. The ten shilling note is white and almost looks like money, but the 1-pound note looks like a soap wrapper. The 5-pound note is the real one. There is enough paper in it to paper a good-sized room. The first time I saw one, a fellow was carrying it in his hand and I thought he had got his discharge.

"It is over two months since we had our last pay day. I think this is the longest time I have ever been "broke" in my life. I'm so used to it now that I don't think I'll know how to spend money when I get it. \* \* \* I am getting foreign service pay now, \$40.20 a month instead of \$36. Made an allotment of \$15 per month on my Bond, but after April 9 I will have my bond all paid up and get more cash. All my expense then will be for eats, tobacco and insurance.

"Don't forget to write and make it tobacco and insurance.

"Don't forget to write, and make it long and snappy, with all the home news you can scrape together. Make it a young newspaper. I don't care for expenses when they are on the other end. Best regard to all of the boys and the folks at home."

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## EDWARD BOEHMKE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

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Last Sunday Edward Boehmke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boehmke, employe of the postoffice, figured in a serious accident on the Beach road three miles west of Waukesha, near the Silvernail crossing of the Electric road.

Boehmke, with a companion, Roy Seitz, were returning from the Beach, the former driving. He leaned out to see the road more clearly as he thought a car was approaching from the opposite direction. The car veered off the road, ran off a culvert and overturned.

Motorists came to the assistance of the boys and brought them to the municipal hospital. Boehmke is suffering from several broken ribs and is severely bruised.

Seitz was painfully injured. Small cuts were given attention at the hospital and he went home.

The car was a total wreck. Following the accident passing motorists thieves robbed the car of every movable part, taking the lamps, tires, cushions, rims, tools and other parts.

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*"Waukesha (WI) Freeman" Thursday 2 Sep 1920 p 1*

## SIAMESE TWINS SURPASSED BY WAUKESHA DANDELIONS

Twin dandelions are fairly frequently found in the environs of Waukesha but the first one to bring a triple blossom into the Freeman office is Edward Boehmke, one of the seven Waukesha boys who were on the fated Tuscania. Mr. Boehmke found the blossom on the Charles Hughes property on Pleasant street, this morning.

*"Waukesha (WI) County Freeman" Saturday 13 May 1922 p 1*

*Wife:*

present.

**Boehmke-Penkowski Nuptials**

The marriage of Miss Alma Penkowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Penkowski, 1603 Jefferson street, and Edward Charles Boehmke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boehmke, 310 East avenue, was solemnized at St. Joseph's parsonage Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock, the Rev. W. G. Miller officiating.

The bride wore a becoming gown of navy blue taffeta and carried a shower bouquet of sweet peas, and was attended by her sister, Miss Mina Penkowski. The groom was attended by his brother, Frank. Following a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Boehmke will make their home in this city where Mr. Boehmke is a city mail carrier.

*"Waukesha (WI) County Freeman" Wednesday 22 Mar 1922 p 3*

## Alma Penkowske Boehmke

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007



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### Detail Source

Name	Alma Penkowske Boehmke [Alma M Boehmke] [Alma Boehmke] [Alma Penkowske Penkowski]
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	31 Jul 1905
Birth Place	Waukesha, Wisconsin
Death Date	27 Mar 1995
Father	<a href="#">August Penkowski</a>
Mother	<a href="#">Marie Kraska</a>
SSN	394166627
Signature on SSN Card	Alma M Boehmke
Relationship of Signature	Signature name differs from NH's name.
Notes	May 1941: Name listed as ALMA PENKOWSKE BOEHMKE; 25 May 1988: Name listed as ALMA M BOEHMKE; 30 Mar 1995: Name listed as ALMA BOEHMKE

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## Alma Penkowske

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004




### Detail Source

Name	Alma Penkowske
Marriage Date	17 Mar 1922
Marriage County	Waukesha, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	<a href="#">Edward C Boehmke</a>

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/91057172:61484>

## Alma C Pinkofski

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928



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Detail	Source
Name	Alma C Pinkofski
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	31 Jul 1905
Birth Place	Waukesha, Waukesha, Wisconsin
Father	August Pinkofski
Mother	Mary Kraska
FHL Film Number	1305603

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/956482:2544>

**Mrs. Alma Boehmke, of 465 W. Main st., is recovering today from a fall in which she received a fractured ankle. She slipped on the basement stairs and was taken to Waukesha Memorial hospital by a neighbor.**

*"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Friday 28 Jan 1949 p 3*



### Alma M. Boehmke

WAUKESHA — Alma M. Boehmke (nee Penkowske) passed away peacefully on Monday, March 27, 1995, at the age of 89 years.

She was a lifelong resident of Waukesha and a lifetime member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waukesha.

She is survived by children, Mary Jane (Gordon) Schley of Port Orchard, Wash., Ruth Alamshah of Encino, Calif., Frances Kawatski, Edward P. and Daniel J. (Cheryl) Boehmke, all of Waukesha. She is also survived by nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Robert Dahms; sisters, Mina Coutts of Jefferson, Wis., and Marie (John) Platteter of Waukesha. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Boehmke, and daughter, Georgiann Dahms, and grandson, John Schley.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m. at the Rudolph-Larsen Bros. Funeral Home, East Avenue at Carroll Street, with the Rev. John Mattek officiating. Burial will take place at Prairie Home Cemetery. Friends may call on Thursday from 4 p.m. until time of services at the funeral home. Memorials to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church would be appreciated.

"Waukesha (WI) Freeman" Wednesday 29 Mar 1995 p 5

*Children:*

## Mary Jane Schley

of Port Orchard

Oct. 12, 1922

June 9, 2013

Mary Jane Schley of Port Orchard passed away peacefully at Kitsap County Hospice on June 9, 2013, at age 90, after a brief illness.

Mary Jane was born in Waukesha, Wis., to Edward and Alma Boehmke, the first of six children. After completing school and while working for Wisconsin Electric Company, she married Gordon W. Schley on May 19, 1945, then in 1951 they had a son, John Gordon Schley. They enjoyed Gordy's long and successful Navy career together moving many times within the United States and elsewhere as Gordy's Navy assignments required. She especially loved their time living in London, England and enjoyed her collections of English Spode china and Waterford Irish crystal. After Gordy's last assignment



Blanger, Jr. (Joan) of St. Helens, Ore.; daughter, Joan E. Bauer (Frederick) of Bremerton; nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery on Thursday, June 13th at 1 p.m. Arrangements are entrusted to Lewis Funeral Chapel.

*Daughter Mary Jane Boehmke Schley (1922-2013) – "Kitsap (WA) Sun" Wednesday 12 Jun 2013 p 5*



*Mary Jane Boehmke Schley – left: Find A Grave 112929479 and right:*

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## Mary Jane Boehmke-Gordon Schley to Be Wed in Twilight Service Tonight

At twilight this evening the rectory of St. Joseph's church will be the scene of a spring wedding as Radio Technician first class Gordon W. Schley, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Schley, McCall st., claims as his bride Miss Mary Jane Boehmke.

Only the immediate families of the young couple will gather at 6:30 to witness the service, at which Father Francis Sutschek will officiate.

As the bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Boehmke, Beechwood ave., repeats her wedding vows she will wear a white wool cardigan suit, and with it a blouse of mist blue sheer. Her hat is a small toque, fashioned of white flowers, and veiled in white, and to complete her bridal ensemble, she will have as her only jewelry a strand of pearls with matching earrings, and will have a pink orchid pinned at her shoulder.

### Sister Is Attendant

Miss Frances Boehmke is to be her sister's only attendant. With her military blue gabardine suit she has chosen to wear a small hat of blue and strawberry shades, with other accessories of black, while her corsage is made of sweetheart roses, baby breath, and sweet peas. The groom's best man will be his brother, Milton G. Schley.

A corsage of American beauty roses will accent the dove gray suit and black accessories which Mrs. Boehmke, mother of the bride, will wear. The groom's mother, Mrs. Schley, has selected for her son's wedding a blue sheer print afternoon dress, black accessories, and a corsage of pink and white carnations.

A wedding dinner for the immediate families will follow the ceremony, and before departing for a brief wedding trip the newlyweds will greet 150 of their friends at a reception at the Avalon hotel. Assisting there will be two close friends of the bride, Miss Elvi Isakson, and Barbara Wedlock.

### Live in Chicago

Mr. and Mrs. Schley will make their home in Chicago, where the groom, a graduate of Waukesha high school, is on the staff of the materiel school at Navy Pier. The bride, who is also a graduate of Waukesha high school, has been employed for the past three years

as a stenographer at the Wisconsin Gas and Electric company.

Among those who have entertained for her were a group of friends from the Electric company, who gave a shower, and Miss Virginia Weber, who was hostess at a tea.

"Waukesha (WI) County Freeman" Saturday 19 May 1945 p 5

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**Ventura**  
*Ruth Ann "Bun"*  
*Alamshah*

With a mixture of gratitude and sadness we announce the passing of Ruth "Bun" Alamshah who entered into the loving arms of the God she knew so well on Thursday, Dec. 10, at the age of 85.

Ruth was born March 9, 1924 in Waukesha, Wis. to Alma and Edward Boehmke. She was the second of six children who grew up in a large, noisy house filled with activity and fun. A straight "A" student, Ruth graduated from Michael Reese Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago in 1946 and worked as a courier nurse on the Santa Fe Railroad between Chicago and Los Angeles. It was there she met Ted Alamshah, a dining car steward who captured her heart with elegant food (fine food was one of her favorite things) and quick wit.



They married in Chicago on Aug. 5, 1947, where she gave birth to her only child, a daughter, Diane, in 1950. They made their home in Canoga Park in the San Fernando Valley.

Ruth worked tirelessly as a nursing supervisor and head nurse of the medical/surgical unit at Encino Hospital for 32 years. A wonderful nurse, she was calm and committed to everyone under her care. She made many treasured friends there and was well respected for her remarkable intelligence, wonderful temperament and truly unique sense of humor.

These were the things Bun loved the most: dogs, all dogs, she never met a dog she didn't think was marvelous. She loved fine food and eating out, and trees and birds and flowers of all kinds, and big barbecues with laughter and jovial banter between people. She loved to gamble. She loved the warmth of the sun, gentle breezes and was grateful for the things of nature that God provided.

At her request, there will be no services.

Little Bun leaves behind her daughter, Diane "Deva" Skiles (dog Maggie Mae) of Ventura; granddaughter, Lisa (Ron) Smith and great-grandson, Thomas "TJ" Smith of Le Claire Iowa. Preceded in death by her sister, Georgiann Dahms, she will be missed by her brother, Edward (Kathy) Boehmke and sister, Francis Kawatski of Waukesha, Wis., brother, Daniel Boehmke (Cheryl) of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., and sister, Mary Jane Schley (Gordon) of Port Orchard, Wash. Also brother-in-law, Robert Dahms of Milwaukee, Wis. and many nieces, nephews and cousins and their families. Thanks for the special love so freely given by her dear friends Carolyn, Dan Lengel of Bellingham, Wash., Bernadette Brown of Ventura and Anita Plant of Port Hueneme.

Special thanks to the "special angels" at Victoria Care Center who truly do God's work.

Ruth has been entrusted to the care of the family owned Joseph Reardon Funeral Home, Ventura; 643-8623.

*Please sign the guest book at [obits.VenturaCountyStar.com](http://obits.VenturaCountyStar.com).*



*Daughter Ruth Ann Boehmke Alamshah (1924-2009) – "Ventura (CA) County Star" Wednesday 16 Dec 2009 p 18*





**Ruth Boehmke** —  
dead pigeon . . .  
has never had a  
pencil of her own.

Ruth Ann – Waukesha (WI) High School yearbook 1942 -  
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/30757\\_056764-00011?treeid=11332377&personid=172182044540&rc=&queryId=0d26f162-7dec-4cb9-b032-737af04488df&usePUB=true&\\_phsrc=cPx16248&\\_phstart=successSource&pld=70134988](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/30757_056764-00011?treeid=11332377&personid=172182044540&rc=&queryId=0d26f162-7dec-4cb9-b032-737af04488df&usePUB=true&_phsrc=cPx16248&_phstart=successSource&pld=70134988)

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A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Alamshah, Chicago, on Feb. 3 at the Jackson Park hospital there. Mrs. Alamshah is the former **Ruth Boehmke**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Boehmke, 465 Main st.

"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Saturday 4 Feb 1950 p 5

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## Frances A. Kawatski

April 18, 1925 — July 16, 2022

Frances A. Kawatski (nee Boehmke) passed away peacefully at AngelsGrace Hospice on July 16, 2022 at age 97. She was born on April 18, 1925, in Waukesha, WI, where she resided all her life.

Frances married John H. Kawatski on May 4, 1946, and together they raised five children: Kathryn Behrens of Columbus, Ohio, Lois Kawatski of Waukesha, Jane (John) Egan of Waukesha and Carol (John) Schmidt of Mukwonago. Son Steven died in 2017 and twin sons Timmy and Tommy died in 1947 in infancy. Frances and John were married for 35 years before John's death in 1982.

Frances was predeceased by four of her siblings and most recently her son-in-law Brent Behrens in 2021. She is survived by her brother Dan Boehmke (Cheryl) of Arkansas, sister-in-law Kathy Boehmke of Waukesha and nephew Mark (Kathy) Dahms of Waukesha. She was dear Amah to 7 grandchildren and dear great Amah to 12 great grandchildren.

She was a charter member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Waukesha, where she participated in Christian Mothers, Catholic Study Club for over 60 years and the annual fall festivals. She was also a member of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Frances was an example of what a homemaker strived to be: a nurturer of faith in her family, and adept at sewing, cooking, canning and thriftiness in managing a household. She had many longtime friends and enjoyed travel and activities with them including playing bridge.

The visitation for Frances will be held on Monday, July 25, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church 225 S. Newhall Avenue Waukesha with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 12:00 noon. The eulogy will precede the mass.

There will be a private, immediate family only, graveside burial for Frances and Steve.

The family extends their sincere gratitude to the staff at AngelsGrace Hospice in Oconomowoc,

Please no flowers due to family allergies. If you wish, you may choose to remember Frances with a donation to St. Mary Catholic Church in Waukesha or a charity of your choice.

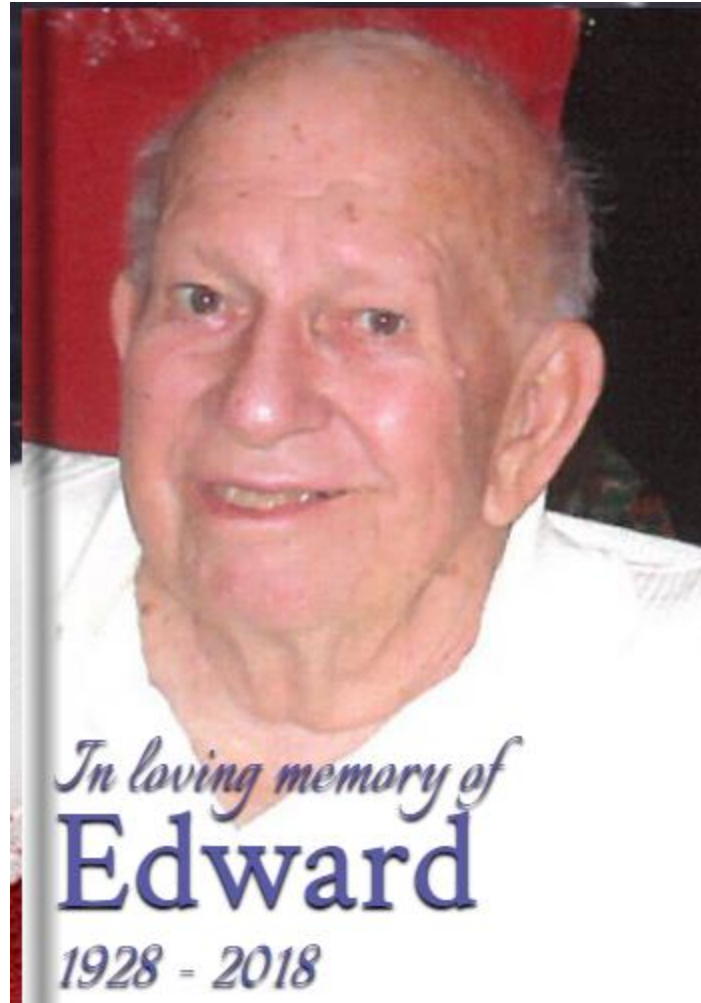
Randle-Dable-Brisk Funeral Home, Crematory and Preplanning Services is honored to serve the family. For further information, please call the funeral home at 262-547-4035 or for directions or to leave the family an online tribute message visit

[www.randedable.com](http://www.randedable.com)

*Daughter Frances A. Boehmke Kawatski (1925-2022) -*

*<https://www.randedablefuneralhome.com/obituaries/frances-kawatski>*





#### Obituary of Edward "ED" Boehmke

Edward Paul "ED" Boehmke passed away peacefully on Friday August 31, 2018 at the age of 89. He was born on October 8, 1928 in Waukesha, WI, the son of Edward C. Boehmke and Alma (nee Penkowski) Boehmke. Edward was an Army veteran. He served during the Korean War in THE SIGNAL CORPS as a Field Radio Repair Operator. Edward worked at Industrial Clutch Corporation of Waukesha for 38 years before he retired. His work was approved by "Lloyds of London".

After retirement, Edward married Kathleen on April 29, 1995. Ed has been a loving, caring, and faithful husband for 23 years. He will be dearly missed. He enjoyed junking, metal detecting, fishing, and hunting.

Edward leaves many special memories with his wife Kathleen, children: Julie(Hermann) Rack of Germantown, David(Sharon) Parfitt of Greenfield, Diane(Dave) Monnot of Milwaukee, Mary(Gregory) Hackel of Hamburg, siblings: Daniel (Cheryl) Boehmke of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, Frances Kawatski of Waukesha, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Alma Boehmke, and his siblings Mary Jane (Gordon) Schley, Georgiann (Robert) Dahms, and Ruth (Theodore) Alamshah.

The family expresses their gratitude to the Staff for the loving kindness that was shown to Ed during his residency at the Linden Grove Care Center.

Visitation will be held on Friday September 7, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. until the start of services at 11:00 a.m. at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 2016 Center Rd, Waukesha, WI 53189. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or a charity of your choice.

Cesarz, Charapata & Zinnecker Funeral Home, Cremation and Pre-Planning Services is serving the family. For further information, please call 262-542-6609, or for directions, an online obituary, or to leave a condolence, please visit [www.WaukeshasFuneralHome.com](http://www.WaukeshasFuneralHome.com).

**Son Edward Paul Boehmke (1928-2018) -**

<https://waukeshasfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/108374/Edward-Boehmke/obituary.html>

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Pfc. Edward P. Boehmke is spending a 20-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Boehmke, 465 W. Main st. He recently completed a 26-week course in field radio repair at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Follow-

*"Waukesha (WI) County Freeman" Thursday 10 Jan 1952 p 2*

## ☐ Marriage Licenses

### Filed April 10:

David L. Smith, 52, Waukesha, and Judith A. Laimon, 45, Waukesha.

Robert G. Greuel, 36, Waukesha, and Lisa A. Dean, 32, Waukesha.

Steven F. Brennand, 38, town of Pewaukee, and Carina B. Blume, 34, town of Pewaukee.

John P. Slusar, 27, Waukesha, and Michelle M. Yokofich, 26, Waukesha.

Edward P. Boehmke, 66, Waukesha, and Kathleen B. Stearns, 57, New Berlin.

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*"Waukesha (WI) Freeman" Saturday 13 May 1995 p 5*

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*Daughter Georgiann Boehmke Dahms (1931-1990) – “Waukesha (WI) County Freeman”  
Wednesday 17 Sep 1952 p 5*

## Miss Georgiann Boehmke Wed To Robert Bruce Dahms Today

The Rev. Theodore Loehr performed the nuptial rites at St. Joseph's Catholic church rectory, today for Miss Georgiann Boehmke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Boehmke, 465 W. Main st. and Robert Bruce Dahms, He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dahms, 223 Grand ave., Mukwonago.

Miss Boehmke chose for her 3 p.m. wedding, a waltz length bridal dress of chantilly lace. The scalloped neckline was accented with rhinestones. She was wearing a

fingertip veil with a bonnet headpiece of matching lace and carried a bouquet of white carnations and stephanotis.

A waltz length gown of sea foam green was worn by the bride's only attendant, her sister, Mrs. John Kawasaki. Of net and taffeta it featured a matching jacket with a winged collar and gathered three quarter length sleeves. Her matching headband was studded with seed pearls. Her colonial bouquet was of yellow carnations. Serving



the bridegroom as his best man was his friend, Anthony G. Feld.

The bride's mother was seen in a dress of wisteria shantung, with which she wore white accessories and a corsage of yellow garcia pom-poms. For the wedding the bridegroom's mother selected a navy blue lace dress, navy blue accessories and she had on a corsage of white garcia pom-poms. For her going away trip the bride chose a pink linen dress and white accessories.

Serving at the 3-5 p.m. reception at the Waukesha Women's club are the following friends of the bride:

Mrs. John C. Slack, Mrs. James Muth, Mrs. Lee Rice and Miss Patricia Wilbur.

The new Mrs. Dahms is a graduate of Waukesha high school and has been employed at National Advertising co. The groom is a graduate of Mukwonago high school and is presently a seaman in the US navy. After a short honeymoon in northern Wisconsin the couple will go to Norfolk, Va., to make their home.

Honoring the bride with parties were Mrs. John C. Slack, Mrs. James Muth, Mrs. Lee Rice, Mrs. Kenneth Knepeke, Mrs. H. J. Knepeke and Mrs. John H. Kawatski.

"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Saturday 25 Jul 1953 p 5

Scheduled to arrive at Norfolk, Va on Nov. 1, after a round-trip to Yokohama, Japan with a special five-ship task unit is Robert B. Dahms, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dahms, 223 Grand ave., Mukwonago and husband of Mrs. Georgiann P. Dahms. He was aboard the attack cargo ship USS Thuban

The task unit transporting units of Marine Air Group II left here, Aug. 5, passed through the Panama canal and arrived in Japan on Sept. 10.

After a five-day period of unloading, liberty and recreation, the ships started on the return trip with 1,793 army, marine and air force passengers returning from Far Eastern duty. After the passengers were debarked at San Francisco, the ships headed for the Panama canal and the last leg of the trip.

*"Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Thursday 5 Nov 1953 p 9*



**Dan Boehmke**

<https://www.facebook.com/dan.boehmke/>

Son Daniel John Boehmke (1945- )

# Daniel Boehmke

'Many of our communities don't even have heritages any more.'

Patrick Meirick  
Freeman Staff

WAUKESHA – Everyone remembers the bicentennial year of 1976. You couldn't turn around without seeing red, white and blue. The Spirit of '76 was everywhere, even on quarters.

But how about 1987, the bicentennial of the United States Constitution? Even with Warren Burger heading up that effort, that

observance passed all but unnoticed.

Daniel Boehmke is in Burger's shoes now, but he's faring better. He's one of the four co-chairmen of the Centennial Steering Committee, which has been planning a yearlong celebration of Waukesha's 100th anniversary of cityhood.

The community had been around for decades before 1896; Boehmke himself belongs to a group for history enthusiasts called the Waukesha 1834 Club. But he

points out that this year is also the 100th anniversary of city institutions such as the library and police department, as well as Waukesha County's Sesquicentennial.

In addition to his roles on the centennial committee and the 1834 Club, Boehmke also serves on the sometimes controversial Landmarks Commission.

So we asked him about how and why we can celebrate history and preserve it.



"We have to do what we can to preserve part of the past to remind us of where we've come."

— Daniel Boehmke

Lengthy article – "Waukesha (WI) Freeman" Thursday 23 May 1996 p 4

## Daniel Boehmke, 9, Real Lucky Boy

Daniel Boehmke, 9, of 465 W. Main st., considered himself a lucky boy today.

Daniel stumbled and fell on gravel in a driveway at 439 W. Main st. just as a truck was backing out about 2:30 p. m. Wednesday.

A rear wheel of the truck ran about two-thirds up Daniel's arm before a shouting bystander caught the driver's attention. The driver, Paul Shimkus, 1542 Jefferson ave., stopped the truck, then drove it off Daniel's arm.

Daniel was given emergency treatment at Waukesha Memorial hospital for bruises — and a thorough scare. He was released shortly after.

“Waukesha (WI) County Freeman” Thursday 14 Aug 1952 p 1



Engagement of Sandra Kaye Nemitz – “Wisconsin Dells (WI) Events” Thursday 21 Mar 1968

p 4

**WISCONSIN STATE  
UNIVERSITY—EAU CLAIRE**

**Two Waukeshans will receive degrees  
June 2 at the graduation exercises of  
WSU-Eau Claire.**

**Judith Kabitzke** will receive a  
bachelor of science degree in lower ele-  
mentary education. A bachelor of sci-  
ence degree in arts and sciences will be  
awarded **Daniel Boehmke.**

“Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman” Monday 27 May 1968 p 23





**SANDY NEMITZ IS BRIDE—** Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boehmke are now living in Waukesha, following their June 15 wedding at Davis Corners Methodist church.

Mrs. Boehmke is the former Sandra Kaye Nemitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nemitz, Rt. 2, Wisconsin Dells. Mr. Boehmke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boehmke, Waukesha.

The bride chose a gown of white organza cage over taffeta for her noon wedding. Viennese lace bordered the hem and graced the yoke and bodice of the gown, which was attached to a chapel train. Her bouffant veil was attached to a white satin pillbox trimmed with Viennese lace.

The former Sandra Nemitz carried a bouquet of daisies, Fuji mums, white baby's breath and ivy.

Mrs. John Stark, a sorority sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Kathy Kawatski, the groom's niece, and Susan Lindoo, another sorority sister, were bridesmaids.

Her attendants wore gowns fashioned of pink organza cage over taffeta. The neckline and sleeves of the gown were trimmed with daisy lace. Pink veiling fell from their headpieces of pink daisies and organza ribbon.

They carried pink carnations and white baby's breath.

Best man at the wedding was Nick Neher, fraternity brother of the groom. Other attendants were Wayne Nemitz, brother of the bride, and Stuart Thomas, fra-

ternity brother of the bridegroom.

Kenneth and Sharon Johnson, cousins of the bride, were ring bearer and flower girl, respectively.

The bride's mother wore a pink linen suit with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations. The groom's mother also wore a white carnation corsage and white accessories, but chose an aqua suit.

Mrs. Kenneth Foster played Wagner's Wedding March, and Janice Nichols sang the Lord's Prayer and O Perfect Love.

The wedding party and 110 guests left the church, decorated with mock orange blossoms, pink and white peonies, and pew bows in white satin, to attend a wedding dinner at Davis Corners Hall and wedding reception at the home of the bride.

Leaving for their Oshkosh wedding trip, the bride wore a going away jacket dress of pale blue linen. The bodice of the dress was trimmed with white eyelet.

The new Mrs. Boehmke graduated from Wisconsin Dells high school in 1964. She was a summa cum laude graduate of Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire this spring. Mrs. Boehmke will teach French and English at Brookfield East high school next fall.

Mr. Boehmke graduated from Waukesha high school and Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire. He is production control manager at the Engineering Products Co., Waukesha.

Charles Zinos, 41,  
Waukesha, and Sandra  
Boehmke, 37, Wauke-  
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Daniel Boehmke, 38,  
Waukesha, and Cheryl  
Currie, 41, Waukesha.

Marriage license with Cheryl Currie – “Waukesha (WI) Freeman” Saturday 18 Aug 1984 p 5

# Raising money for new museum would be tough for small historical societies

By John Lindner

Freeman Staff

WAUKESHA — Leaders of the county's small local historical societies say they would be hard pressed to help raise money for a new county museum building.

"I don't think it's a feasible idea," said Sharon Leair, president of the Wisconsin Council for Local Historical Societies and a member of the Genesee Heritage Society board of directors. "So many of the local societies are struggling to keep their own museums going."

"They wouldn't want to close down their own sites," Leair added. "Every site has its own importance."

The question of a new building for the Waukesha County Museum is not a new one. It was raised again during a recent county Administrative Committee meeting in which County Board Chairman Daniel M. Finley, chairman of the committee, asked whether the Waukesha County Historical Society and other local societies would accept a county challenge grant meant to pay for a new location for the museum's artifacts.

The museum now shares space at the old courthouse at 101 W. Main St. The first floor quarters are unsuitable for a county museum, county and historical society officials agreed.

However, at a time when spending guidelines are forcing the

county to delay badly needed highway improvements and other high priority projects, it's unlikely that a new museum building will receive county tax support.

Therefore, Finley suggested the matching grant whereby the county would pledge money that would go to the historical society if the society raised an equal amount through private donations. Finley added that if other historical societies would pool their fund-raising efforts, they could be provided with space in the new museum building.

However, Daniel Boehmke, director of the Waukesha County Historical Society, called the challenge grant a "smokescreen," saying that a contract between the county and the historical society clearly states that it is the county's responsibility to provide a building for the society's artifacts.

Furthermore, said most of the leaders of the county's 10 smaller historical societies, most groups are barely able to pull together enough money to support their own museums.

"Frankly I like Finley's idea," said Fred Dudley of the Oconomowoc Historical Society. However, Dudley added, "Right now we've got the armory and we're trying to raise funds to get that in order."

Jane Abbott, also of the Oconomowoc Historical Society, said the group is trying to raise \$350,000 to get its museum underway.

Abbott said that local historical societies tend to rely for survival on a small band of dedicated people. Some receive money from local governments. Others depend solely on private contributions, she said.

Abbott said that ideally, local historical societies should receive money from the county just as the county museum does.

However, Leair added that the local historical societies should understand that they can't always compete with other county projects.

"I don't think any historical society would expect to take priority over any of those things," she said.

Several local historical societies added that while the matching grant is a good idea, each society should share the money to help support their own sites.

Whatever the case, Leair said, the county should consider its local museums and historical societies as assets to the county.

"I don't think they should underestimate the value of a good museum," Leair said.

In 1987, the 230 museums and historical societies that belong to the State Historical Society drew about 750,000 people, Leair said. That figure shows the value of museums both as educational tools and tourist attractions that can translate into financial benefits for the county, she said.

"Waukesha (WI) County Freeman" Saturday 6 Aug 1988 p 3

*Father:*



Frank Joseph Boehmke - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/118473219/person/250179453964/media/bf840299-cebb-41fe-8916-64e69226701f>



*2 May 1923 in Waukesha, Waukesha WI – from left: father of the bride Frank Joseph Boehmke, mother of the bride Mary Woznack/Wozniak Bohemke, bride Amelia Agnes Boehmke, groom Leonard John Mueller - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/118473219/person/250179453965/media/60c0a311-fda2-4b22-98e5-8a38de6c56bc>*



## Frank Boehmke

Frank Boehmke, 83, of 310 N. East ave., died Monday at the Waukesha county hospital.

Boehmke, who was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, is survived by two sons, Edward and Frank, both of Waukesha; two daughters-in-law, Frances and Alma; one son-in-law, Leonard Miller; one sister, Mrs. Martha Kniewel, Hales Corners; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. from the Weber funeral home to St. Mary's Catholic church at 9:30. Interment will be at St. Joseph's cemetery. A parish vigil will be held at 8 p.m. tonight. Friends may call after 3 p.m. today.

*"Waukesha County Freeman" (Waukesha WI) Tuesday 24 Apr 1956 p 13*

## SOUTH WAUKESHA.

Mr. Frank Boehmke wishes to announce to his patrons that he is painting as usual this season, although he has removed to South Waukesha, Rt. 4.—A number from here attended a

*"Waukesha (WI) Freeman" Thursday 28 May 1908 p 5*

*Mother:*



## MRS. F. J. BOEHMKE DIES EARLY TODAY

Mrs. Mary Boehmke, 59, wife of Frank J. Boehmke, 310 No. East ave., passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leonard J. Mueller, 120 East College ave., early this morning. She had been ill for some time.

Mrs. Boehmke was born in Milwaukee and came to Waukesha in 1903. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church, the Royal Neighbors, the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, and the Ladies' guild of St. Joseph's church of which she was vice-president for about 15 years at one time. She was also a charter member of the American Legion auxiliary.


Besides her husband and daughter, she is survived by two sons, Edward C. and Frank M., both of Waukesha; 12 grandchildren, two brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at Weber's Funeral home to St. Joseph's church Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 9 a. m., with burial in St. Joseph's cemetery.

St. Joseph's Ladies' guild will hold a vigil at 4 p. m. on Tuesday at Weber's Funeral home. Friends may call at the funeral home tonight.

Mary Woznack Boehmke – "Waukesha County Freeman" (Waukesha WI) Monday 11 Sep 1933 p 1

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Marriages, 1838-1911**



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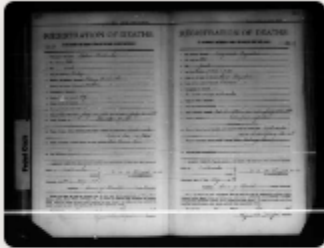
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Name	Frank Boemka
Gender	Male
Race	White
Record Type	Marriage
Birth Place	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Marriage Date	11 Jul 1893
Marriage Place	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Father	Matias Boemka
Mother	Anna Stejenka
Spouse	Maryana Wozniak
Certificate Number	2052

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*Siblings:*

**Adam Boehmke**  
in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S., Deaths, 1854-1911



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Detail	Source
Name	Adam Boehmke
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	0
Birth Date	21 Jul 1893
Birth Place	City
Death Date	21 Jul 1893
Death Place	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Father	<a href="#">Franz Boehmke</a>
Mother	<a href="#">Maria Boehmke</a>
Certificate Number	3440

Brother Adam Boehmke – b. & d. 21 Jul 1893 – lived ½ hour – born prematurely -  
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## Adam Boehmke

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928



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Detail	Source
Name	Adam Boehmke
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	2 Jul 1893
Birth Place	Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Father	Franz Boehmke
Mother	Maria Woonack
FHL Film Number	1305115

Not born 2 Jul 1893 – error in indexing - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/474148:2544>

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The H. G. Smith Mfg. Co., Easton, Milwaukee.

# REGISTRATION OF DEATHS.

(To be returned to the Register of Deeds of the County in which Death occurs.)

3440

1. Full name of deceased Adam Bachanek
2. The color (s) White
3. Sex male
4. Age (last birthday) 1 1/2 days
5. Name of the father of deceased Frank Bachanek
6. Name of the mother of deceased Maria ?
7. Occupation of deceased —
8. Place of birth of deceased Italy
9. Name of wife of deceased —
10. Name of husband of deceased —
11. Date of birth of deceased July 21- 1892 Date of death July 21- 1893
12. Cause of death (s) Pneumonia B. Ill.

13. Name of place, town or township, and county in which the person died Mishwaukee

14. Name of location of burial ground in which interred 29-10 Ave. 14 Ward  
Feb. Union bur.

15. Any additional circumstances.....

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the above is a true return of the death and other facts above recorded.

Dated at Mishwaukee County, U. D. B. Wingate M.D.  
(c) Attending Physician.

Wisconsin, this 22 day Aug 1893

Residence: Lawrence of Herald County, Wisconsin

NOTE.—(a) State the color so distinctly that the race may also be understood, as White, Black, Mulatto, Indian, Mixed White and Indian, etc. (b) Answer as definitely and specifically as possible, giving location of disease or injury, and if possible the cause thereof. (c) Strike out these words if the return be made by some other person, and add other explanatory words.

Recorded this 26 day of Sep 1893

Agnes M. H. H. H. Register.

gives birth & death date of 21 Aug 1893 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/55089:61721>



Sister Amelia Agnes Boehmke – 2 May 1923 – husband Leonard John Mueller -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/118473219/person/250179448984/media/83e0ac76-aa2e-4a46-b247-254097332790>



(To be returned to the Register of Deeds of the County in which Birth occurs.)

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1. Full name of child (if named) Emilie Agnes Bemke
2. The color (a) White
3. Sex Girl
4. Names of other issue living Edward
5. Full name of father Franz Bemke
6. Occupation of father labor
7. Name of mother previous to marriage Maria Woronsnack
8. Hour, day of week, month, and year of birth January 4 1896 Saturday  
6 o'clock A.M.
9. The place, town or township and county in which born Waukegan - 9 Ave
10. Birthplace of father Poland
11. Birthplace of mother Poland

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the above is a true return of the birth and other facts above recorded.

Dated at Milwaukee County, Wisconsin } Anna Helen (b) Attending Physician.

Witness, this 24 day of June 1896

Residence Waukegan - 9 Ave

NOTE.—(a) State the color so distinctly that the race may also be understood, as White, Black, Mulatto, Indian, Mixed White and Indian, Etc. (b) Strike out these words if the return be made by some other person, and add other explanatory words. An illegitimate child or a "still birth" should be so specified.

Recorded this 24 day of June 1896

John J. Neuff Register.

# Wisconsin, Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928

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Name	Emilie Agnes Bemke
Gender	Female
Birth Date	4 Jan 1896
Birth Place	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Father	Franz Bemke
Mother	Maria Woronsnack
FHL Film Number	1012915



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## Mrs. Leonard Mueller Dies

One of Waukesha's most generous and busiest citizens, Mrs. Leonard J. Mueller, 57, died Tuesday afternoon at Waukesha Memorial hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Mueller was born in Milwaukee on Jan. 4, 1886, but moved to Waukesha when she was about seven years old and has lived here ever since. She made her home at 120 E. College ave.

She was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic church and belonged to the Catholic Women's



Mrs. Leonard Mueller

club; the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, and the Catholic Study club. While a member of St. Joseph's church she sang in the choir and belonged to St. Joseph's Confraternity of Christian Mothers and auxiliary.

Mrs. Mueller, who was known to most of her friends as Millie, was also a past president of the Waukesha Homemakers' club, a charter member of the local American Legion auxiliary, and belonged to the Royal Neighbors.

Probably one of the things that best characterized the work of Mrs. Mueller was the "one-man service canteen" she maintained during the war, when many troop trains were going through Waukesha. Mrs. Mueller would go to the train station, and while the train was stopped at the depot, she served coffee and doughnuts to the always hungry and often lonely service men.

An excellent cook, Mrs. Mueller was also known for her blue ribbon baking. Mrs. Mueller felt she had to be a good cook to compete with her husband who has been chef at Giff's for 24 years.

Hobbies -- raising clematis and African violets, amateur photography, and china painting -- kept her busy, and Mrs. Mueller's collection of maps was considered by an antique dealer to be the "best of its kind" he'd seen.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard; two sons, Robert L. and Andrew; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Weber; her father, Frank Boehmke; two brothers, Frank and Edward Boehmke; and two grandchildren. All the survivors live in Waukesha.

Waukesha.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mueller will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's church. Friends may call at the Weber funeral home after 2 p.m. Thursday. A visit will be held at the funeral home Thursday evening at 8:15. Burial will be at St. Joseph's cemetery.

Sister Amelia Agnes (Millie) Boehmke Mueller (1896-1953) – "Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Wednesday 26 Aug 1953 p 1

### **Frank M. Boehmke**

Frank M. Boehmke, 76, of 111 Cook St., died this morning at Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

Boehmke was a resident of Waukesha since he was four years old. He worked as a painter and decorator for many years before becoming a machinist for 28 years at the Waukesha Motor Co.

He was a veteran of World War I and belonged to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He was a member of the American Legion, the World War I Barracks, the Knights of Columbus, the Old Timers Club of Waukesha Motor Co., and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Surviving are wife Frances, daughters Mrs. E. James (Mary) Wilkie and Mrs. Richard (Susie) Kocher, both of Waukesha, Mrs. Franklin J. (Anna May) Miglautsch of Hartland and Mrs. Arthur (Barbara) Stephens of Arcadia, Cal.; and sons Frank James, David L., and Richard R., all of Waukesha.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Josephs Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Josephs Cemetery.

The body will lie in state after 4 p.m. Thursday at the Rudolph Funeral Home, with a parish vigil at the funeral home at 8 p.m.

*Brother Frank Mathew Boehmke (1897-1974) – "Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman" Tuesday 2 Jul 1974 p 6*



*Frank Mathew Boehmke Jr. & wife Frances Anna Dick – 21 Jun 1928 -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/118473219/person/250179453967/media/f628d3b0-c843-4e91-8fbc-558d7923dacd>*

**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Edward Charles Boehmke**

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. A - corporal

Serial number: 250,930

Entered service from: Waukesha, Waukasha WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Edward Charles Boehmke

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Frank Boehmke, 104 James St., Waukesha WI

Returned from war on: "North Carolina" Mar 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Edward Boehmke

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Frank J. Boehmke, 310 "E" Ave., Waukesha WI  
(PFC, Co. A, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Edward Charles Boehmke - b. 2 Jun 1894  
Milwaukee WI; res: 204 East Ave., Waukesha WI. Single. Sub. [likely substitute] mail  
carrier, US government, Waukesha WI. Military experience: Belvay (spelling?) tr co New L  
[New London WI?] Infantry WI. Short in height, short build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: 1939 NTSA: 155 Newhall, Waukesha  
WI - same address 1955 WI Survivors

World War II draft registration (1942): as Edward Charles Boehmke - b. 2 Jun 1894  
Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI; res: 735 Beechwood Ave., Waukesha WI. NOK Alma Boehmke  
of the same address. Retired letter carrier (was age 47). Height: 5'6 ½" – 139 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 10 Apr 1919

Address: Waukesha WI

Rank/unit: private 1<sup>st</sup> class, Co. A, 107<sup>th</sup> Supply Train

**Army Discharge:** April 1919 Camp Grant, Illinois

**Remarks:** Overseas Jan. 24, 1918 - April 1919

#### Birth & death:

Born: 2 Jun 1894 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI [WI birth certificate records surname as  
Boehmka]

Died: 10 Dec 1958 Waukesha WI

Find A Grave record: 37912198, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Waukesha, Waukesha WI

Cemetery: St. Joseph

Tombstone: veteran flat - Wisconsin CPL Co A 107 Supply Train WWI

Father: Frank Joseph Boehmke, 20 Dec 1872 Prussia/Germany – 23 Apr 1956 Waukesha,  
Waukesha WI. Son of Matias Boehmke & Anna Stanke. Naturalized in County Court,  
Waukesha WI 6 Jun 1905, through IL Northern District Court. Form does not include birth  
date, year of emigration or port entered.

Buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Waukesha, Waukesha WI but not on Find A Grave as of 24  
Jun 2024.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Mary (Maryanna) Woznak/Wozniak/Woznack Boehmke, Jun 1874 Milwaukee Co. WI – 11 Sep 1933 Waukesha, Waukesha WI. Daughter of Jakob Wozniak & Franciszka Bialecka.

Buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Waukesha, Waukesha WI.

Find A Grave: 54549684

Parents' marriage: 11 Jul 1893 Milwaukee Co. WI.

Spouse: Alma Margaret Pinkowski Boehmke, 31 Jul 1905 Waukesha, Waukesha WI – 27 Mar 1995 Waukesha Co. WI. Daughter of August Pinkowski & Marie Kraska.

Buried in Prairie Home Cemetery, Waukesha, Waukesha WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 52599621

Marriage: 17 Mar 1922 Waukesha, Waukesha WI, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

#### Children:

- Mary Jane Boehmke Schley, 17 Oct 1922 Waukesha, Waukesha WI – 9 Jun 2013 Bremerton, Kitsap WA. Wife of Gordon William Schley (1922-2017, F: 192546601), whom she married 19 May 1945 in Waukesha, Waukesha WI in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. His career in the US Navy took them around the US & to London, England. Retired from the Bremerton navy shipyard, and then they lived in Port Orchard WA. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington VA. F: 112929479
- Ruth Ann ("Bun") Boehmke Alamshah. 7 Mar 1924 Waukesha WI – 10 Dec 2009 CA. From online obituary: Graduate of Michael Reese Hospital School of Nursing (Chicago) in 1946. Worked on courier route as nurse on Santa Fe Railroad between Chicago & Los Angeles, where she fell in love with dining car steward Ted Alamshah, whom she married 5 Aug 1947 in Chicago. Was nursing supervisor & head nurse of medical/surgical unit at Encino Hospital for 32 years. Survived by brother Ed (wife Kathy) Boehmke & sister Francis Kawatski (of Waukesha WI), brother Daniel (wife Cheryl) Boehmke of Wisconsin Dells WI, sister Mary Jane Schley (husband Gordon) of Port Orchard WA. Predeceased by sister Georgiann (Mrs. Robert) Dahms. – Her husband was Marvin Raymond (Ted) Alamshah (13 Nov 1925 IL – 11 Oct 1982, F: 3684463), son of Constantine Eishoo Alamshah (born in Persia) & Mildred Anna O'Connor.
- Frances Amelia Boehmke Kawatski, 18 Apr 1925 Waukesha, Waukesha WI – 16 Jul 2022 Oconomowoc, Waukesha WI. Age 4 in 1930 census & 15 in 1940 census. Wife of John H. Kawatski (1919-1982, F: 55202298, buried in St. Joseph) whom she married 4 May 1946. They had 5 children. Their son Steven J. Kawatski (1956-2017) is also buried in St. Joseph Cemetery. – She is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Waukesha, Waukesha WI. F: 268808515
- Edward Paul (ED) Boehmke, 8 Oct 1928 Waukesha, Waukesha WI – 31 Aug 2018 WI. Age 1 in 1930 census and age 12 in 1940 census. Served in the US Army in Korean. Married Kathleen Lichucki Parfitt Stearns on 29 Apr 1995 in Waukesha County WI. She was the daughter of Vincent Lichucki (1900-1969, F: 173459271) & Sophie (1905-1971, F: 173459269). She had married 12 Oct 1957 in Milwaukee Co. WI to Clifford Harold Parfitt (1928-2003, F: 195523459) & Clifford Charles Stearns (1923-

1992, F: 118405653) on 3 Oct 1987 in Waukesha Co. WI. Clifford had divorced his wife Pearl Ruenzel Leberman, whom he married 17 Nov 1945, in Jun 1987. – Buried in Prairie Home Cemetery, Waukesha, Waukesha WI. F: 248864428

- Georgiann Patricia Boehmke Dahms, 22 Feb 1931 WI – 3 Jan 1990 Waukesha Co. WI. Wife of Robert Bruce Dahms (1930-2014, F: 134193165). Buried in Prairie Home Cemetery, Waukesha, Waukesha WI. F: 52914286
- Daniel John Boehmke, 26 Sep 1945 WI – resident of Hot Springs Village AR in 2024. Married Sandra Kaye Nemitz in Jun 1968 in Waukesha, Waukesha WI; they divorced 8 Nov 1983. Sandra was the daughter of Edward George Nemitz (F: 77727727) & Viola Lorana Bonnett (F: 77727733). Sandra Boehmke married Charles Zinos in Jun 1984; she was a high school teacher. Sandra Zinos's tombstone (birthdate 27 Jun 1946) & Charles A. Zinos's tombstone (birthdate F: 216163255) are on Find A Grave with no death dates as of Jun 2024. – Daniel married Cheryl Anne Currie in 1988.

#### Siblings:

- Adam Boehmke, 21 Jul 1893 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 21 Jul 1893 WI. According to the list of Edward's siblings in "The Unsinkable Edward C. Boehmke" by Edward's son Daniel J. Boehmke & John M. Schoenknecht, "A son named Adam was born in 1893, but only lived a few weeks." However, according to Adam's WI death certificate, Adam was born prematurely and lived 1/2 hour. Buried in Union Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI according to his WI death certificate, but not on Find A Grave as of 24 Jun 2024.
- Amelia/Emilie Agnes (Millie) Boehmke Mueller, 4 Jan 1896 Milwaukee, Milwaukee Co. WI – 25 Aug 1953 St. Joseph, St. Croix WI. Buried as Millie Mueller. Wife of Leonard John Mueller (1892-1978, F: 74597398), whom she married 2 May 1923 in Waukesha WI. Buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Waukesha. Waukesha WI. F: 74597399
- Frank Mathew Boehmke Jr., 29 Oct 1897 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 2 Jul 1974 Waukesha, Waukesha WI. Husband of Frances Ann Dick (14 Sep 1905 – 1 Apr 1992, F: 37906673) whom he married 21 Jun 1928. Buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Waukesha, Waukesha WI. F: 37906590

#### Notes:

On page 33 of "The Unsinkable Edward C. Boehmke" by Daniel J. Boehmke & John M. Schoenknecht, p 22 – published by Bill Schley, PO Box 91, Hartland WI 53029, the book discusses a serious injury in war which occurred on 29 Oct 1918 to Edward Boehmke. A telegram dated 12 Dec 1918 notified his family. Edward wrote "I lost my eye and consequently had to stay quite a while in the hospital."

On page 45 of the same book, John M. Schoenknecht wrote about the Waukesha Aviation Club, of which Edward was a member: "There are several photos of the club members posing with their plane. It was always curious to me that Ed Boehmke posed in profile or

facing away from the camera. In discussing this with his son Dan, who still has his father's aviation goggles, we came to the conclusion that Boehmke may have been trying to hide the fact that he only had sight in one eye."

#### Wartime:

"Waukesha (WI) Freeman" 11 Apr 1918 p 4: From Marilyn Gahm, "The Sinking of the Tuscania" (p. 236) on [www.tuscaniamemorial.org](http://www.tuscaniamemorial.org): *Edward Boehmke wrote home on March 10 to his brother that he was definitely resting at his rest camp. He got up at 7 a.m., ate breakfast at 7:30 a.m., sat around until noon when he ate dinner, then sat around until supper at 5:30 p.m. – after which he would attend a YMCA show and then go to bed. "You can see by this, that we are a hard working bunch."* Letter says he has not received any mail because it goes straight to France. "Bink" has been in France for some time & Edward would have beat him there except for being torpedoed. But Bink has only been in England & Edward has seen Ireland, Scotland, Wales & England. The "tin lizzies" make him feel at home, and there was an Overland garage at Larne, Ireland. He saw "swell" Ayrshire cattle in Scotland & some in England. Velvet tobacco is available & costs less than in the US. He describes British money, saying a 1-pound note looks like "a soap wrapper" and a 5-pound note has enough paper "to fill a good sized room" and is the size of a discharge paper. It's been over 2 months since payday. It's the longest he's ever been broke & won't know what to do with money when he gets some. He's getting service pay now (\$40.20 a month) instead of \$36. Of that, \$15 is paid toward his bond, but when that is paid off on 9 Apr, he will have more money, which he plans to spend only on eats, tobacco & insurance. Asks his brother to write a "long and snappy" letter – "Make it a young newspaper."

"Waukesha (WI) Freeman" 26 Dec 1918 p 8 – Severely wounded in action 29 Oct 1918. A former Post Office employee, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Boehmke of East Avenue. His parents received a letter at Christmas that he was recovering nicely, although he had lost sight in one eye.

"Waukesha Freeman" 10 Apr 1919 p 1 – Pvt. Edward Boehmke, now at Camp Grant IL after several months overseas, expects to be discharged next week. After a visit with a comrade in Chicago, he will return to Waukesha. Former Post Office employee with "experience piled full of thrills," beginning with the voyage over on the Tuscania. He escaped injury then but comes back "wearing the honor stripe indicative of wounds received under fire."

#### Post-war:

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" 6 Feb 1928 p 4 – E.C. Boehmke of Waukesha attended the annual dinner of Tuscania survivors at Milwaukee. There were 30 Wisconsin boys there. They "indulged in reminiscences" and also "expressed disgust with stories of the catastrophe. They took Irvin S. Cobb & other writers to task. The men said there were only 3 torpedoes fired, "the first probably taking effect."



Attended NTSA reunion in Chicago, 1933.

“Waukesha Daily Tribune” 8 Feb 1947 p 6 – from the news of 10 years ago: 4 Waukesha men attended the annual conference of Tuscania survivors, among them Edward Boehmke.

Obituary:

Social Security Number:

Censuses:

1900 Waukesha, Waukesha WI

Frank BOEHMKA, 28 Germany, Dec 1872, parents b. Germany, married 7 years, emigrated 1878, 27 years in US, citizen status: papers filed, painter

Mary, 25 WI, Jun 1874, parents b. “Polish,” gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living

Edwerd [sic], 5 WI, Jun 1894

Amelia, 4 WI, Jan 1896

Frank, 2 WI, Oct 1897

1905 WI state census – Waukesha, Waukesha WI

Frank J. POEHMKE, 32 Germany, parents b. Germany, painter

Mary, 31 WI, parents b. Germany, laborer

Edward, 11 WI

Amelia, 9 WI

Frank, 7 WI

1910 Waukesha, Waukesha WI

Frank Boehmke [not easy to read; it is indexed as BOEHNSKE), 37 Germany, parents b. Germany, married 16 years, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, emigrated 1879, naturalized painter, house

Mary, 35 WI, parents b. Germany, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living

Edward, 15 WI

Emelia, 14 WI

Frank, Jr., 12 WI

1920 could not locate

1930 Waukesha, Waukesha WI – 155 Newhall Ave.

Edward C. Boehmke, 35 WI, father b. Germany, mother b. WI, age 27 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, carrier, post office, WWI veteran

Alma, 25 WI, parents b. Germany, age 17 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage

Mary Jane, 7 WI

Ruth, 6 WI

Frances, 4 WI

Edward, Jr. 1 WI

1940 Waukesha, Waukesha WI – 735 Beechwood, same place in 1935

Edward Boehmke, 46 WI, letter carrier, post office

Alma, 33 WI

Mary Jane, 17 WI

Ruth, 16 WI

Frances, 15 WI

Edward, 12 WI

Georgann, 9 WI

1950 Waukesha, Waukesha WI – 465 W. Main St.

Edward C. Boehmke [indexed as Boehmku], 55 WI, shipping clerk, window sash & steel sash company

Alma M., 44 WI

Edward P., 21 WI, welder's helper, steel sash & window frame company

Georgiann P., 19 WI, filing clerk & typing, outdoor advertising company

Daniel J., 4 WI