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Paul J. Hefti, 100, of La Crosse passed away Saturday, May 11, 2013, at Benedictine Manor. He was born Dec. 15, 1912 in La Crosse to Fred and Antoinette (Martinek) Hefti. Paul graduated from St. Mary's Grade School, Central High School, the College of Commerce, and the Vocational Printing School. While going to college, he worked at G. Heilman Brewing Co. Paul later joined the La Crosse Paper and Box Co., where he was employed for 45 years, retiring as a Sales Manager and Purchasing Agent in 1980.

In his younger years, he loved to fish, work in the garden, playing kitten ball, and playing horseshoes. Paul was one of 36 members of the Horseshoe Club, and volunteered to take care of the Horseshoe Court at the Chip Yard (now Hood Park.)

Paul was very gifted musically, playing the piano, accordion, drums, the zither and the mouth organ. He played at many events in the La Crosse area. He was very devoted to his Catholic faith, first at St. Mary's Parish and later at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. He served as an usher, sang in the choir, and served on many committees.

Paul was very 'old school', riding his bike his entire life. He also loved decorating his yard as well as his bicycle. He was a leader of a one liter pop bottle land.

Paul was never married; he is survived by his grand-nephews Fred, Kenneth, Thomas, James and Jeff Hefti and his grand-nieces: Linda (Randy) Stout, Nancy (Doug) Siebenaler, Mary Jane (Pat) McElligott, Jennie (Ted) Johnson and Dianna (Pat) Callahan; many good neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Fred, Leo, and Matt Hefti and nephews Robert, Donald, and Bernard Hefti.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday May 14, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in the Marian Chapel of St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main St., Msgr. Charles Stoetzel will officiate with burial in the Catholic Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services on Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. Online condolences may be at www.blaschkeschneider.com.