

## Martin “Dago” Lamers

Hello, my name is Martin Lamers or “Dago” as I was often called.

I was born on June 21, 1898, the oldest child of John and Minnie Lamers, in their home on Grand Ave in Little Chute.

When I was a young man, I moved to Trout Creek, Michigan to help my Uncle John in his tavern and hotel. There I met and fell in love with my future wife, Jeannette Hotchkiss, who was working in the hotel. We were married in Trout Creek.

After our 1<sup>st</sup> child, Jack, we decided to move back to Little Chute. My sisters often talked about meeting us as we pulled into the train station. They were so excited to meet my wife and baby son.

We were blessed to eventually have 3 more son, Bob, Mark, and Tom, and a daughter, Doris. After returning to Little Chute, I worked as an election in the Combined Locks Mill until I bought the Lamers building. I ran the hotel and converted the grocery store into a hardware store. Sadly, in 1944 my wife died after a long battle with Leukemia.

Baseball was always an important part of my life. I am proud to say I was a very good pitcher and 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman with the White Sox farm team ion Quincy, IL. I was called up to the major leagues with the White Sox. But ....as I was fond of saying, I was only up there “long enough for a cup of coffee and a piece of pie!” I returned home to play and manage many local championship teams. I received the Red Smith Award in 1967.

After my sons, Tom and Mark, took over the hardware store, I retired. I lived with my daughter, Doris, but also build a cottage on Lake Poygan. I enjoyed many years fishing there until I died on May 11, 1979.

My name is Marty Lamers and I am Dago’s grandson.

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