

Adam Joseph Nechodom

My name is Adam Joseph Nechodom. I was born December 24, 1897 to Joseph John and Ann (Peshek) Nechodom in Oconto, WI. I have 2 brothers, Frank and Lawrence Nechodom.

When I was twelve years old I left home and went to the logging camp diving truck until I was 19 years old. During my time at the camp, Loggers only took 2 showers a year. People tell me that I was a tuff young man in a grown man's world.

My father had passed away at a very young age, so my mom raised her 3 sons alone.

In 1921 I was hired by the Little Chute Police Department as the first "motorcycle cop" along with William Zornow. I was dating Harriett Jansen from Little Chute at the time and only day we took a ride on the Indian motorcycle. We had traveled about 20 miles when Harriett had bounced off the cycle. I didn't notice this until a couple miles later. I went back and picked her up and she was fine. I was also the local bouncer for weddings and partied at the village hall in Little Chute.

In April of 1923 we, along with Harriett's sister, Delia Jansen and Jack Hermsen, were married on the same day.

Harriett and I then moved into the family home which still stands at 722 E. Main Street in Little Chute. We began our family together and raised 5 children; Joseph, Robert, Gerald, Alice and Charlotte. While living in Little Chute I was a mill foreman at Thilmany's Paper Mill.

I loved to hunt and fish. When I would go fishing, I would have my sons row the boat so this would make them stronger and I could enjoy the scenery. I also would take my grandsons fishing with me.

In 1952, Harriett and I built a little house next door to the Nechodom family home and my son, Robert, and his wife, Lorraine (Vaubel) moved in and raised their family of 12 children.

My legacy in law enforcement continued. My son, Robert, became a patrolman for Little Chute Police department. He was promoted to Chief of Police in 1961. The legacy continued to a third generation when my grandson, James Nechodom, and my granddaughter, Mary (Nechodom) Peterson were both hired by the Little Chute Police Department. My grandson Michael Nechodom and my grand daughter Carol Nechodom Kelly's husband, Michael Kelly, were also employed by the Little Chute police department. My great grandson, Chris Nechodom is a police officer for the Freedom Police Department. Public safety continues in the Nechodom family. My grandson, Duane Nechodom is a firefighter with the Little Chute Fire Department. My great grandsons, Robert Peterson and Tyler Nechodom, are also fire fighters for the Little Chute Fire department.

On July 5, 1969 Harriett passed away.

In November of 1979 I passed away at my home in Little Chute.

My name is James Nechodom and Adam Nechodom was my grandfather.

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