

Arlan A. Ferch  
Nominated by Sue Ferch Deakman

Arlan A. Ferch was a true citizen of Marshfield Wisconsin.

Arlan was born on November 29, 1932 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to Arnold and Erna (Kemnitz) Ferch. He was a graduate of Ripon High School and Madison Business College. He married Priscilla M. Wicks on September 20, 1953 in Princeton, Wisconsin, and shortly thereafter moved to Marshfield, Wisconsin, where he resided until his death in 2022. He and his wife, Priscilla, raised eight children in Marshfield, the community they proudly called their home.

Arlan was employed as an accountant on Sept 15, 1953 for Robert W. Klinner & Associates. He became part of the Hawkins Ash family on December 1, 1978 when Klinner Tax and Accounting was acquired by the firm. He retired from Hawkins Ash CPAs LLP on Sept 15, 2018 after 65 years. His title was Senior Tax Manager. In the early days of his career he traveled to provide services for farms, businesses, and families in the Marshfield area and around the state. He was dedicated to his career and proud to provide services at a time when traveling to the client was what was required. He enjoyed listening to and serving people and was trusted and sought out for his excellent client communication and personable style.

Arlan was a man of deep faith and a member of Christ Lutheran Church of Marshfield. He was also a long time member of the Marshfield Kiwanis Club, serving well over 50 years. Service was a way of life for him, and he was committed to it throughout his personal and professional career. Arlan was also influential in creating and supporting the Wildwood Zoological Society, which he believed to be a much needed organization for promoting the preservation and enjoyment of animals in this Wood County area zoo. He felt strongly that admission to the zoo should remain free of charge, so that everyone could enjoy visits.

Arlan also served as Senior Member Counselor, Past Grand Counselor, and Treasurer of United Commercial Travelers, and was an active member of the Red Coat Ambassadors for the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He took pride in presiding on community boards and offering services to businesses and organizations in Marshfield. Arlan was honored for his civic service by the City of Marshfield on September 20, 2018 with the Mayor's proclamation of it to be named Arlan Ferch Day. Additionally, he was very active in, and one of the oldest members of the Marshfield Curling Club; curling since 1981. He enjoyed the sport with his fellow members and family, and continued to support youth curling in Marshfield.

Arlan lived his life to the fullest and had passions for traveling, fishing, sailing, music, theater and the arts, both live performance and recordings, and enjoyed many trips to New York Broadway shows. He supported the arts in Marshfield through participation and endowment, and knew its importance to enrich the community. Arlan was also an avid sports fan, following the Marshfield Tigers, the Wisconsin Badgers, Packers, Bucks, and Brewers. He is also remembered through his love of cars. His collection was displayed at Hub City Days in Marshfield, including his father's 1964 Chevrolet Impala that he treasured.

Arlan was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was grateful for time spent with colleagues, friends, and family, and proud to be of service to his church, his firm, the arts, businesses, organizations, families, and the ongoing development of Marshfield, the city that was his



home. Arlan Ferch was dedicated to his family and community. He set an example to all with his community service and devotion to Marshfield.