

Gustave Eugene Spitzmiller

Gustave (Bud) Spitzmiller was born December 16, 1923 at Grand Lake in the new home which Gus built for his Anna. His father said “Anna kept telling me to hurry, for she wanted her new baby to be born in her own home.” Then one night she suddenly said, “Get the doctor (Doctor Meyer from Granby).” “I knew he wouldn’t be back till the next day so I said, “Can’t you wait until tomorrow?” Anna said very simply, “I can wait, but the baby won’t.”

He was born while Gus was gone for Nurse Swanson, a superstitious spiritualist, who served as midwife for the community. “I took a team and sled over to bring her back across the lake,” Gus said, “but she preferred to fly across on her broom!”

Bud went to school in Grand Lake.

Gustave Eugene Spitzmiller served in the Army from July 1943 to February 1946. He was a clerk, typist and combat infantryman and a Corporal in the 71st Infantry. He served overseas in the European Theater at Rhineland, Central Europe. Bud received the American Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal; World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal; and Distinguished Unit Citation in August of 1945.



Bud was the town engineer at the sewage disposal plant and the TV tower. He also ran an electronics repair business from home so he helped Barbara with the Spitzmiller cabins. Bud and Barbara often traveled together during the winter.

Gustave (Bud) Spitzmiller died on January 22, 1981.