



**Gilbert Barnard**

Attorney Gilbert F. Barnard, 77, Darlington, died July 26, 2002, at Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County.

He was born Sept. 29, 1924, in Marengo, Ill., the son of Fred and Mabel (Ringdahl) Barnard. Gil graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1940. In 1951, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Wisconsin School of Law, and was selected for the Order of the Coif. On May 20, 2001, Gil was honored for fifty years of practicing law in Darlington, including an award of the Degree of Doctor of Law (Juris Doctor). During his law career, Gil served as Lafayette County District Attorney, City Attorney of Darlington, attorney for various area school districts, Corporate Counsel of Lafayette County, and Family Court Commissioner.

Gil owned the Wheel In, Shullsburg, and was a partner in Ruef's Sanitary Service. He and Nancy Luce, Elkhorn, were married July 27, 1946, and enjoyed 29 years together. In 1978 he married Leah Flannery Sauer, who preceded him in death on Dec. 17, 1995.

at the campground, and riding the ATV ("Mule"). Gil was an avid traveler and enjoyed his overseas trips whether with Leah or with Swede McQuaid. He also enjoyed the simpler excursions on his boat and back road trips throughout southwestern Wisconsin.

Survivors include his five children: Jubie (John) Simonson, Mineral Point; Chuck (Carol) Barnard, Darlington; Barb (Bill) Schilling, Darlington; Karen (Jamshid) Rajabpoor, Cherry Valley, Calif.; Don (Laura) Barnard, Blue Mounds; 15 grandchildren: Tom (Leah) Whitford, Waukegan, Ill.; Lindsay (Patrick) Becker, Hastings, Minn.; Steve (Stephanie) Whitford, Charlottesville, Va.; Dana (fiance Scott Wedig) Barnard, Brandon, Wis.; Aric Barnard, Platteville; Nathan Barnard, Andy (Sara) Schilling, Jody, Kate and Brian Schilling, all of Darlington; Aisha, Bijan and Kamron Rajabpoor, Cherry Valley, Calif.; Christopher and Matthew Barnard, Blue Mounds; and six great-grandchildren: Riley, Abigail, Jack, Caleb, Isabel and Bailey; his beloved sister: Betty Achen, Bakersfield, Calif; and a brother: Don (Miriam), Englewood, Fla. He is also survived by his friend and the mother of his children: Nancy Barnard, Beaumont, Calif; 10 stepchildren: Susie (John) Schilling, Greg (Sheri) Sauer, Frank Sauer, Kathy (Al) Brecklin, Polly Sauer, Peggy (Dan) Clark, Ted (Lisa) Sauer, Jack (Lisa) Sauer, Leanne (Mick) Homb, and

Messenger of Memorial Hospital or to Hospice of Lafayette County.

Erickson Funeral Home, Darlington, served the family.

He was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church, Darlington. During World War II he served with the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany and Japan. Gil was an honorary member of the Darlington Fire Department, and a member of both the Lafayette County Bar and the Wisconsin State Bar Association. He was also a very active member of the Memorial Messenger of Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County, where he served for many years as Vice Chairperson. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and camping. Gil truly loved his family, holidays, spending time

Penny (Drew) Sauer-Leeuwenburg; 24 step-grandchildren and 7 step-great-grandchildren; and a good friend, Swede McQuaid. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters: Dolores Davidson, Lois Neberman, and Mary Strebel.

Funeral services were held July 30, 2002, at Grace Lutheran Church, Darlington, with burial in Union Grove Cemetery, Darlington, where military rites were accorded by Bates-O'Brien-Howe-Wiegel American Legion Post #214-Darlington. Memorials may be given to the Memorial