

## Herbert Atkinson *R.D. 8-23-01*

Herbert S. Atkinson, 72, Platteville, formerly of Belmont, died Aug. 16, 2001, at the Southwest Health Center Hospital in Platteville.

Herb was born Nov. 22, 1928, in Boscobel, the son of Harry and Freda (Ward) Atkinson. On May 17, 1947, he was married to Olga Anderson at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Herb served his country in the U.S. Navy. He worked at Trausch Baking in Dubuque, Iowa, for 23 years and then owned and operated a grocery store and restaurant in Belmont before retiring. He was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church in Belmont; the Hinkins-Moody American Legion Post #453 of Belmont; and the Belmont Lions Club. Among Herb's volunteer efforts were the Boscobel, Platteville and Belmont Fire Departments; Belmont Rescue Squad; and he was a Red Cross instructor. He served three years on the Telegraph Herald Advisory Panel and was an active supporter of groups involved with breathing difficulty. Herb loved his family and enjoyed visiting and making many friends. His wishes were to have his body donated for medical science. Even in his death, he continues to give.

He is survived by his wife, Olga, Platteville; seven children:

Ted (Monica) Atkinson, West Allis; Randy Atkinson, Birnamwood; Gayle (John) Fortune, Wisconsin Dells; Melody (Al) Martin, Belmont; Royal (Nancy) Atkinson, Hortonville; Troy ((his fiancé Sally Carpenter), Middleton; Meadow (Paul) Lofy, Sayner; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; his mother: Freda Atkinson, Muscatine, Iowa; two sisters: Karen (Joe) Bartosh, Highland; Linda (Larry) Brown, Ontario; one brother: Jerry (Marilynne) Atkinson, Moscow, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Atkinson, on April 1, 1968, and by a sister, Dorothy Atkinson, in infancy.

Memorial services were held Aug. 20, 2001, at the Peace Lutheran Church, Belmont. Burial will be at a later date in the Wauzeka Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Herbert Atkinson Memorial Fund.

Bendorf Funeral Home, Platteville, served the family.

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# Obit

## Lorraine Ayers

Lorraine M. Ayers, 72, died of an apparent heart attack Sunday, Nov. 26, 1995, at Inglehaven Assisted Living Center in Mt. Horeb.

She was born in Darlington on March 29, 1923, the daughter of Luke and Annette (McKeon) Donahoe. She graduated from Darlington High School in 1941. On April 12, 1947, she married Roy Ayers in Darlington. They then moved to Ridgeway where they were active in community and church affairs. Mr. Ayers died in 1991.

Lorraine was a member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church, Ridgeway, and the church Altar Society. She was also a member of The Stockett's Investment Club and the Beckett-Kurth American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by seven children, Lynne (Dave) Rufenacht, Monroe; Kathy Ayers, Waunakee; Mari Pat (Tom) Wittwer, Madison; Gerry (Cindy) Ayers, Dodgeville; Rick (Sheri) Ayers, Blue Mounds; Tony (Kristie) Ayers, Mt. Horeb and Anita (Tim) Malec, Stoughton; 12 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1995, at the Ayers Funeral Home in Ridgeway. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, 1995, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Ridgeway. Fr. Donald Moran will officiate. Burial will be in St.