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Richard Baird

Richard A. Baird, 42, Baraboo, died April 17, 2003, at his home.

He was born Jan. 18, 1961, in Santa Cruz, Calif., the son of Richard H. and Gloria (Skintuay) Baird. Rich was united in marriage to Paige Peterson on July 6, 1985, in Fairfield Calif. They moved to Baraboo seven years ago from Santa Maria, Calif. Rich has been employed as a Plant Manager for Merkle-Korff Industries in Darlington. He was a very active member of the Emanuel United Methodist Church, Baraboo. Rich will be lovingly remembered as a dedicated family man and a wonderful husband and father. He was known as a "people person" and cared for everyone he met.

Survivors include his wife Paige, Baraboo; four children Kristin, Katie, Julia and Ian, all at home; his parents: Richard and Gloria Baird; two brothers Bruce (Marsha) Baird and Dal Baird; a sister: Diane (Bryan Sanny); his mother and father-in-

law: Dwight and Winn Peterson, all of Calif.; many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his sister, Beverly.

A celebration of life service was held April 22, 2003, at the Emanuel United Methodist Church, Baraboo.

The Redlin Funeral Home, Baraboo, served the family.

To honor Rich's love of children, any memorial made in lieu of flowers will be used to establish a scholarship fund through the church to enable youth to attend church camps.

Mildred Andrews

Mildred A. Andrews, 90, Monroe, formerly of Darlington, died Sunday, July 16, 1995 at Pleasant View Nursing Home, Monroe.

She was born March 19, 1905, the daughter of Arthur and S. Rebecca (Hughes) Newsom, in Buchanan, Mich. She lived in Buchanan until after her marriage to Mervin L. Andrews on May 14, 1924. They farmed for 35 years at Wiota Township. They retired, then moved to Monroe in 1955. He died July 10, 1983.

Mildred loved crafts, especially crocheting and sewing.

She is survived by three sons, Francis (Lucite) Andrews, Apple River, Ill.; Arthur (Anna Mae) Andrews, Monroe; Ivan (Arlene) Andrews, Darlington; three daughters, Vivian (Robert) Ethridge; Dorothea (Kenneth) Rufer, Monroe; Evelyn (Gene) Dettwiler, Madison; 27 grandchildren, 66 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 19, 1995 at the First Baptist Church, Darlington. Reverend Stewart Dix officiated. Burial was held at Union Grove Cemetery, Darlington. Pallbearers were: Carl Andrews, Larry Schwarz, Keith Dettwiler, Mark Rufer, Diane Schafer, and Allen Andrews.

Erickson Funeral Home, Darlington, served the family.

Vera Baker ^{RS}

Vera G. Baker, 85, Lena, Ill., formerly of Rockford, Ill., and Sarasota, Fla., died May 7, 2003, at her home in Lena.

She was born May 11, 1917, in South Dakota, the daughter of John and Edna (Parsons) McCoy. On Oct. 16, 1937, she married C. Kenneth Baker. She worked for several years at Nihan and Matin in Rockford, Ill.

She enjoyed playing piano and served on the board of Oak Wood Manor Mobile Park in Sarasota, Fla. She was a very fun loving person and enjoyed her friends and family.

Vera is survived by two daughters: Susan (Robert) Orchard, Caladonia, Mich.; Kathleen Hansing, Charlotte, N.C.; four grandchildren: Robert Orchard, Dorr, Mich.; Peter Orchard, Denver, Colo.; Ryan Hansing, Greensboro, N.C.; Meghan Hansing, Raleigh-Durham, N.C.; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Howard (Kathryn) McCoy, Egan, Ill.; two sisters: Joy Robinson, Rockford, Ill.; Glorva (Karl) Kayser, Lena, Ill. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a son, Charles N. Baker; a sister, Irene McCoy; and a brother, Roger McCoy.

Funeral services were held May 13, 2003, at St. Thomas Aquanis Catholic Church, Freeport, Ill. Msgr. P. William McDonnell officiated. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Rockford. A memorial fund has been established in her name.

The Leamon Funeral Home, Lena, Ill., served the family.