

OBITUARY

Harold Raymond Bates

"Place over him his flag
He who went away
With smiling lips and quickening
breath,
Loving life yet scorning death
As he faced it day by day,
Deep in the heart of his land,
Quietly let him rest,
In a spot beneath the silent stars,
Far from those hills whose vicious
scars
Are like the scars on his breast.
Home again at last,
Softly may he lie.
He cast his youthful strength upon
the crimson tide,
And in the maelstrom where a million
warriors died,
He died as brave men die."

The body of Harold Bates arrived Thursday evening and was conveyed to the Bates home on Wells street where it was kept until the burial service Sunday afternoon.

Harold Bates was born in Darlington, July 16, 1895. He attended and graduated from our city schools and shortly thereafter went to work for



the S. F. Riemer dry goods firm where he remained for seven years as a faithful employee. On May 27, 1918, he left with a body of other young men for Camp Grant but on June 14, was transferred to Camp Custer in Michigan. The following month he was ordered east with his company and after spending only a few days at Camp Mills, New York, he sailed for France. A short stop in England was the only delay until he landed at Bordeaux. Harold was moved directly to the front, was killed October 8, and buried near the spot where he died.

Thus after a little more than five months in the service, this young man had reached the battle line and had paid the great sacrifice. It was many weeks before the news reached home, and so, while the world went mad with joy on Armistice day and Mr. and Mrs. Bates joined with the rest in giving thanks, comrades had carried Harold's dead body from the battle field and buried it in a cemetery adjoining the hamlet of Clerges.

He was given a military funeral by the Harold Bates Post of the American Legion. The Mineral Point Post and the Shullsburg Post were also present, taking part in the service, which was largely attended.

Music was furnished by a quartette of his comrades, namely: Clyde Curry, Dewey Nelson, Homer Norton, and George W. Martin. The first number was "Crossing the bar," sung by the quartette, the second, "There is no Death," sung by Homer Norton. Rev. F. A. Stever of the Congregational church, of which Harold was a member, delivered the address.

Among the relatives present from out of town were Mrs. Solomon Perry, LaMars, Iowa; Mrs. Elizabeth Perry, Harrisburg, South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dean and Mrs. Clarence Dean, Harlan, Iowa; and Mr. Frank Deery of LaMars, Iowa.

Kenneth Baker

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Kenneth L. Baker, 60, Monroe, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997 at Monroe Clinic-Hospital after a short illness.

He was born May 22, 1936, in Monroe, the son of Roland and Rosetta A. (Leopold) Baker. He was a graduate of Monroe High School. He entered the Army Dec. 6, 1954 at Monroe. He received the Good Conduct Medal after serving overseas for 18 months. He was discharged Nov. 8, 1956 at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Kenneth married Rita M. Snyder Aug. 17, 1957 at St. Philomena Catholic Church, Belmont. He was employed as a carpenter for Bob Prien, Fritz Wenger and Monroe Construction for 19 years. He was also employed with Moore Business Forms as a press helper for 17 years. He retired in 1994. He was a life-long resident of Monroe.

He was a member of St. Victor's Catholic Church, Monroe.

He is survived by his wife Rita, Monroe; his mother, Rosetta, Monroe; six children, Jon Baker, USS Carl Vinson, Washington USN; Karen Cramer, Brodhead; Brent (Kathy) Baker, Menomonee Falls; Paula (Terry) Feltmeyer, Stockton, Ill.; Elizabeth Kay (Stephen) Shepard, Woolwich, Maine; Tina (Jerry) Mau, Browntown; 14 grandchildren; two brothers, Gary Baker, Colonial Heights, Va.; Eugene Baker, Winthrop Harbor, Ill.; a sister, Betty (Jerry) Dearing, Cold Water, Mich.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Feb. 10, 1997 at St. Victor's Church, Monroe. Father Stephen Umhoefer officiated. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

The Stuessy Funeral Home, Monroe, assisted the family with arrangements.