

OBITUARY

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Elsie Ballard

Elsie L. Ballard, 98, Darlington, died Dec. 1, 2004 at Lafayette Manor, Darlington.

She was born Nov. 25, 1906 in Marseilles, Ill., the daughter of Charles and Anna (Nelson) Laatz. She married Seth H. Ballard in 1930. He preceded her in death in 1973.

She was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, Darlington.

She is survived by her son, Richard Ballard, Monroe; five grandchildren: Richard A. (Marilyn) Ballard, Monroe; Mary Ann Richards, Monticello; Susan Ballard, Janesville; Ronald Ballard, Oak Creek; Dee Ann Ballard, Dubuque,



Iowa; 14 great-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Irene Lamontagne, Marseilles, Ill. Besides her

husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Ernest, Clarence, Bill and Louie; a sister, Marie Brundage and two in infancy; and her daughter-in-law, Mary Joan Ballard.

Funeral services were held Dec. 4, 2004 at the Seals-Campbell Funeral Home, Marseilles, Ill. Pastor Cheryl Roberts officiated. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery, Marseilles, Ill. The Steil Camacho Funeral Home, Darlington, served the family.

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10-21-04

James Belanger

Attorney James L. Belanger, 65, Darlington, died Oct. 15, 2004 at his home following a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Jan. 25, 1939 in Marinette, the son of Louis and Irene (Bromund) Belanger. Jim graduated from Marinette High School before joining the U.S. Navy, where he served in the Pacific Theater from 1957-1961. He then graduated from UW-Madison, where he earned a bachelor of science in accounting and a Juris Doctorate in 1967. On Sept. 1, 1962, he was united in marriage to Jean Madary at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Marinette. Following law school, Jim and Jean moved to Darlington, where he practiced general law for McDaniel-Reinoehl Law Office which was established in 1859. In 1968, he became a partner. Jim practiced law until his health failed.

Jim was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Darlington, and was a past member of its church council. He was a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Woodlands Owners Association. He enjoyed numerous forestry projects at "the land." Jim also enjoyed four wheeling and hunting deer



and turkey.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; four sons: Jim (Andrea) Belanger, Windsor; David (Catherine) Belanger, Roscoe, Ill.; Dan (Jessie) Belanger, DeForest; Christopher Belanger, Platteville; a brother, Mike Belanger and his family, Green Bay; four grandchildren: Brittany Belanger, Cameron Ludlum, Cassandra and Kayleigh Belanger; and a special niece, Noy Belanger and her children Shannon and Ryan. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Russell Louis Belanger, in infancy; and two brothers, Robert and Richard Belanger.

Funeral services were held Oct. 19, 2004 at Grace Lutheran Church, Darlington. The Rev. Todd Hunter officiated. Burial was in Union Grove Cemetery, Darlington, with military graveside rites accorded by the Bates-O'Brien-Howe-Wiegel American Legion Post #214, Darlington. Memorials may be given to Lafayette Manor, Grace Lutheran Church or Lafayette County Hospice.

The Erickson Funeral Home, Darlington, served the family.