



**Vernus LaVerne Walden**

Vernus LaVerne Walden, age 84, of Blanchardville, died on Friday morning, May 11, 2007 at the New Glarus Home. He was born on January 12, 1923 in Green County to George & Clara (Smith) Walden. He grew up in rural Argyle, and later rural Monticello. He attended rural school near Argyle, two years of high school in Argyle and graduated from the Monticello High School in 1942. Vernus worked for the Chicago & Northwestern Rail Road as a station agent in Edgerton until 1945. He married Bernadine Zwergel in Edgerton on April 15, 1943. They moved to the Blanchardville area in 1945 and began farming with his father. They continued farming together in York Township until they retired and moved to town in 1980. Vernus loved playing cards, hunting, fishing and enjoyed dancing in later years. He was a member of York Memorial Lutheran Church in rural Blanchardville.

Vernus is survived by four children, Gary (Nancy) Walden of Waunakee, Steve (Mary Ellen) Walden of Monroe, Dean Walden (Ruth) of Effingham, Illinois, and Debra (Jim) Severson of Blanchardville; one sister, Jean (Don) Rufenacht of New Glarus; one brother, Harlan (Ann) Walden of Cross Plains; ten grandchildren, Laura Walden, Eric (Susan) Walden, Claudine (Tom) Ruzga, Michelle (Bobby) Harrison, Tanya (Richard) Harvey, Tony Severson, Matt (Lynn) Severson, Rebecca Severson, Peter (Jennifer) Severson, and Zachary Severson; 16 great grandchildren; and a special friend, Lillian Hawthorne of Monroe. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Bernadine who died on November 27, 1995; two siblings who died in infancy, Charlotte and Herbert; and special friends Marion Streiff and Bernar Johnson.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 11:00 AM at the York Memorial Lutheran Church in rural Blanchardville at the intersection of highways 39 and 78. Rev. Mark Gruner, assisted by intern Laurie Veenendaal, officiated. Burial was in the York Memorial Cemetery.

**"Jim" Arnold**

James A. "Jim" Arnold age 76, of rural Blanchardville, WI passed away on Sunday, May 6, 2007 at his home following a lengthy battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born on July 9, 1930 in Peru, IL, the son of Thomas L. and Mabel H. (Gillet) Arnold. Jim graduated from Hall Township High School in Spring Valley, IL in 1948 and attended L.P.O. College in Oglesby, IL. He was united in marriage to Doris A. Hoyle on June 26, 1954 in Spring Valley, IL. Jim grew up in Spring Valley until his marriage when they moved to Dixon, IL. He retired from Northwestern Steel and Wire in Sterling, IL in 1985 after 30 years. In 1994 Jim and Doris moved to rural Blanchardville where they have resided since. He also farmed his entire life, retiring in 2005.

Jim is survived by his wife: Doris at home; their children: Laura (Charles Riley) Arnold and Marti (Erich) Burger both of rural Blanchardville, WI, and Denise (James) Wang and Mia (Henry) Hastig both of Plevna, MT; eight grandchildren: Dane Wang of Laurel, MT, Ali Wang of Dickinson, ND, Anthony and Emily Burger of rural Blanchardville, Megan Hastig of Missoula, MT, Henry, Jacob, and Hunter Hastig all of Plevna, MT. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his beloved step-dad: Michael Patarozzi.

Jim served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1950-1953, and is a member of VFW Post #540 of Dixon, IL. He enjoyed trail riding and was a member of various saddle clubs through the years. Jim raised Arabian horses for thirty years, and was a history buff and "trivia wizard". He loved to travel with his family in the U.S. and Europe. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by family and friends.

There will be no services held for Jim at this time. Memorials may be given to the Parkinson's Foundation. Memorials may be given on online or mailed to 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018. The Erickson Funeral Home in Argyle, WI is serving the family. [www.ericksonfuneral-home.com](http://www.ericksonfuneral-home.com)

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**Margaret Mary Bahler age 63**

of Argyle, Wisconsin died Saturday, May 19, 2007 at her home. She was born on November 14, 1943 in Monroe, the daughter of Conrad and Margaret (Patterson) Hefty and attended St. Victor's School.

Margaret and Jesse Bahler were married on September 7, 1964 at St. Victor Catholic Church in Monroe. Margaret was a member of St. Victor Catholic Church in Monroe and was a Nurses Aid staying with elder people in their homes.

Surviving are her husband, Jesse Bahler of Argyle; brothers, Kenneth (Mary Kay) Hefty of Janesville, Tom (Donna) Hefty of Beloit, and William Hefty of Monroe; sisters, Dorothy (Clifford) Brown of Arkansas, Shirley Hefty of Monroe, and Patricia Mader of Gratiot; and several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Michael and brother, Roger Hefty.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at St. Victor Catholic Church in Monroe with Fr. David Wanish celebrating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery in Monroe. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at church.

A Memorial fund is being established in Margaret's memory. Shriner-Hager-Gohlke Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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