

*Leader* **Linus Ganser**  
*Aug 3, 07* PRAIRIE DU SAC - Linus Ganser, age 95, died Monday, July 23, 2007. He was born March 7, 1912, in Roxbury, the son of the late Joseph and Katherine (Ballweg) Ganser. He married Dolores Endres on Sept. 26, 1939. Together Linus and Dolly farmed and raised 10 children in the Roxbury area before moving to Prairie du Sac in 1970. He then worked for River Valley Implement for many years before easing into retirement. Linus was proud of his children and grandchildren. He lived a quiet, humble life always working hard and carefully, keeping his farm, home and lawn in tiptop shape which was very important to him. Linus spent the last five years living at Maplewood Village and then Pine Villa. He was cared for with kindness and dignity. His constant companion and loving wife, Dolly, died in December 2004. Survivors include their children, Mary (Joe) Kroda of McFarland, Kathy (Martin) Ballweg of Middleton, Marvin (Laura) Ganser of Middleton, Jerry (Bonnie) Ganser of Prairie du Sac, Ginny (Bob) Joyes of Stoughton, Dorothy (Donald) Leonard of DeForest, Dolores (David) Winden of Blanchardville, John, Joe and Dan (Kris) Ganser, all of Sauk Prairie. He was blessed with 40 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Frances (Mike) Gmeinder; sisters-in-law, Lillian Acker, Sister Marie Endres, CSA, Sister Rebecca Endres, CSA, Sally Endres, Barb Endres and Dorothy Voegeli; other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his first born infant son, Joseph; a grandson; a brother, Adolph; and two sisters, Marie Endres and Aurelia Ganser. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, Sauk City on Saturday, July 28, 2007. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Linus died peacefully and filled with gratitude for all the ways in which his children and their spouses helped him, especially during the last five years.

*MT 10-14-06* **Blanche W. Burmeister**

Blanche W. Burmeister, age 90 of South Wayne, died on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at Meriter Hospital in Madison. She was born on April 3, 1916 the daughter of Herman and Josephine (Kruse) Mau on the Mau family farm in Gratiot and attended the Mud Hollow Rural School near Gratiot.

Blanche and Victor L. Burmeister were married on October 12, 1940 at independence, Iowa. She lived all of her life in an around the Gratiot and South Wayne area. She enjoyed farming along side her husband, Victor for 40 years and then retired with him to South Wayne in 1970. Soon after he died she moved into the Senior Center at South Wayne, living there until moving to Lafayette Manor in 2002.



Surviving are her sons, Darryle (Sharon) Burmeister of Apple Canyon Lake, IL and David (Jacquelyn) Burmeister of Cedar Rapids, IA; grandchildren, Victor (Jennifer) Burmeister, Sara (Joseph) Hansberry, Matthew Burmeister, Christina (Kurt) Kroemer, and Jennifer Burmeister; and great-grandchildren, Zachary and Ethan Burmeister, Karson Burmeister, and Brylee Bruner. She was predeceased by brothers and sisters, Leo (Alma) Mau, Leona (Harry) Burmeister, Laverne (Leona) Mau, Cecil (Loretta) Mau, and Florence (Peter) Brennan.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. at South Wayne United Methodist Church. Officiating will be Rev. Craig Conklin, with burial in the Gratiot United Methodist Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Church.

A memorial fund is being established in Blanche's memory. The Hanson Funeral Home, South Wayne is serving the family.