

Obituaries

Joseph Baxter

Joseph Merlin Baxter, 78, Darlington, died at home Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997 after a battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 25, 1918, in Cuba City, the son of P. Charles and Josephine (Peebles) Baxter. He attended schools in Cuba City and graduated from Madison Business College with a degree in accounting. In 1943 he enlisted in the USA Navy and served four years as a lieutenant (J.G.) as a gunner instructor during WW II. He later served in the South Pacific and in the reserves for 13 years. He married the former Dorothy A. Ross in Purcell, Okla., on April 22, 1944. After returning from the service they farmed in the rural Darlington area.

He was interested in local politics and served on the Darlington Town Board, later becoming its Town Chairman. He was elected to the Lafayette County board and in 1980 was Lafayette County Highway Commissioner until his retirement in 1984.

He was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington. He also was a member of the Msgr. Doyle Knights of Columbus Council #1080 for 56 years and was past Worthy Grand Knight; a 50 year member of the Bates - O'Brien - Howe - Wiegel American Legion Post #214 and VFW Post #5268.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Mary Ann Baxter, Aurora, Ill.; a son, Charles (Terri) Baxter, Darlington; three grandchildren; a brother, Austin (Margaret) Baxter, Platteville; a sister-in-law, Vi Barth Brechler, Darlington; and a brother-in-law, Jerry "Bud" Ross, Calif.

Mass of Resurrection was held Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington. Father Tom Coyle and Father Michael Burke officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery with full military honors accorded by the Darlington American Legion Post #214.

Pallbearers were: Charles Westerman, Phil Carroll, John Baxter, Gary Loken, Larry Burns, Corky Ward. Soloist was Todd Richmond. Organists were: Sara

Lange and Arlene Kluesner, Steil Camacho Funeral Home, Darlington served the family.

A memorial fund in his name has been established.

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AA JOSEPH A. BIRK 6-28-89

Joseph A. Birk, 73, Monroe, died Friday, June 23, at the University Hospital in Madison.

He was born Dec. 5, 1915, in Argyle, the son of John and Victoria (Lang) Birk. He married Clara Lauper on April 12, 1944.

He was a cheesemaker at the Apple Branch Cheese Factory in Argyle and at Geise Cheese Factory in Brodhead.

Survivors include his wife, Clara; three children, Mrs. Sharon Aurit, Jerry and James, all of Madison; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Victor Birk of South Wayne and Peter Birk of Dixon, Ill.; and two sisters, Lena Lingg and Delia Erickson, both of Monroe.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 27, at Stuessy Funeral Home, Monroe, with services at St. Victor's Catholic Church. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Monroe.

Bergener

AA- 12-14-78

Charles A. Bergener, 84, Shullsburg, died Saturday, December 9, 1978 in Memorial Hospital, Darlington.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen; two daughters, Mrs. Adel Stoychoff, Shullsburg, and Mrs. Dave (Mary) Pearl, Clinton, Iowa; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was a World War I veteran. Funeral services were held Monday, December 11 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Shullsburg. Burial was in the Church Cemetery.

RS 10-26-95

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Carlyle T. Beecher, 83, formerly of Hollandale, died Sunday evening, October 22, 1995 at the Medical Care Facility in Dodgeville. He was born June 3, 1912 in Hollandale, the son of Albert and Geneva [Hoskins] Beecher. He attended rural school near Hollandale. On May 14, 1946 he married Olive Mae Carroll in Cleveland, Ohio. In June of 1990 he married Lucille Lybek in Mineral Point. Carlyle owned and operated Beecher Sewer Service in Hollandale from the late 1950's until retirement. In 1968 he added to his sewer service Beecher's Cement Products in Hollandale which is now Crest Concrete in Hollandale and Barneveld. He was a member of the Hollandale Lutheran Church, was very active in his family and loved to fish.

Survivors include eleven children, William "Bill" Beecher and Donald [Gloria] Beecher, both of Mineral Point, Pat Retrum, Ramona Beecher and Linda Beecher, all of Madison, Mary L. [Jim] Blotz, Gratiot, Albert [Carol] Beecher, Fitchburg, Mary Hellen [Alan] Cacciotti, Racine, David [Karen] Beecher and Ginny [Earl] McNeill, both of Hollandale and Martha [Larry] Kelly, Dodgeville; one brother, Bert Douglas [Isabel] Beecher, Madison; three sisters, Etta Mae Schwersinski, Madison, Idolla Schwersinski of Texas and Sue [George] Emerson, Stoughton; and thirty-five grandchildren and thirty-five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Carol Lockard who died June 20, 1979; his wife, Olive who died May 10, 1989; his wife Lucille Lybek who died in April of 1991; one brother, Henry Beecher; and three sisters, one in infancy, Enice Beecher and Martha Tinker; and three grandchildren, Daniel and Sharon Retrum and Kenneth Tallman.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, October 25 at 11 a.m. in the Hollandale Lutheran Church, Hollandale. Rev. Kurt Handrich of the Pecatonica Lutheran Parish officiated with burial in the Hollandale Cemetery. Friends called Tuesday evening, October 24 from 4-9 p.m. at the Saether Funeral Home, Blanchardville.

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