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## John Bergum

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John Lavern Bergum, 80, South Wayne, died April 17, 2007 at Monroe Manor and Rehab.

He was born Feb. 2, 1927 in South Wayne, the son of John C. and Ellen J. (Hanson) Bergum. John graduated from South Wayne High School in 1945. He was united in marriage to Eunice M. Martin on May 3, 1952 at West Wiota Lutheran Church. On May 3 they would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

John lived in South Wayne all his life. He managed the Farm Bureau in South Wayne for 20 years. John then went to work for Fish Building Supply in Monroe for five years, and lastly Pick 'N' Save in Monroe as a grocery packer for 20 years before retiring in 1996.

John was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, South Wayne. He served in the Army-Air Force during World War II in the Middle Eastern Theater.

John loved his family and enjoyed all the activities of his children and grandchildren. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish and hunt. John also was a sports fan and



loved to watch baseball.

John always was very giving and never needed to receive. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Eunice; their children: Peggie (Ron) Sersch, Milton; Larry (Lori) Bergum, Conover; Gary Bergum, Middleton; Perry (Becky) Bergum, Madison; Barry (Becky Farmer) Bergum, Evansville; Penny (Scott) Lovelace, Argyle; 17 grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Eulalia Bergum, South Wayne; his sisters: Lillian Phillips, Monroe;

Evelyn Hansen, Xenia, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers; Jay Franklin, Ervin, Clifford, Raymond and Chester Bergum; and three sisters: twins Julia and Ellen in infancy and Eleanor Furrer.

Funeral services were held April 20, 2007 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, South Wayne. The Rev. Dennis Perger officiated. Burial was at the South Wayne Union Cemetery, South Wayne. The Erickson Funeral Home, Argyle, served the family.

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10-27-05

## Dorothy Berendes

Dorothy Catherine Berendes, 85, Dubuque, Iowa, formerly of Shullsburg, died Oct. 20, 2005 at Dubuque Nursing and Rehab Center.

She was born Nov. 25, 1919 in Fairplay, the daughter of Lucian and Catherine (Welter) Smith. She married Budd Otto Berendes on Sept. 11, 1943 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Sinsinawa. He preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1992.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Shullsburg, and the McCann-Richards American Legion Auxiliary Post #105, Shullsburg. She was an avid fisherman and loved to play cards and work crossword puzzles. You could find her often either attending to her garden or her flowers.

She is survived by three children: Cathy Umscheid, Hudson, Iowa; Robert Berendes, Couderay; Blaine Berendes, Shullsburg; a special member of the family, a cousin, Terry (Ida) Vosberg, Stoughton; five grandchildren: Donna Hirsch, Dubuque, Iowa; Robert Umscheid, Waterloo, Iowa; Leah (Andy) Newman, Albert Lea, Minn.; Emily

Berendes, Madison; Jay Berendes (Jennifer Popp), Shullsburg; two great-grandchildren: Cody Gesie, Dubuque, Iowa; Jacob Berendes, Shullsburg; two brothers: William (Shirley) Smith, East Dubuque, Ill.; Alfred (Mae) Smith, Freeport, Ill.; and a sister-in-law, Ruth (Eugene) Smith, Fairplay. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; an older brother who died in infancy; her brother, Eugene Smith; and a sister, Lorayne (Vosberg) Snider.

Funeral services were held Oct. 24, 2005 at the Miller Funeral Home, East Dubuque, Ill. Burial was at Dubuque Memorial Gardens, Dubuque, Iowa. A memorial mass will be celebrated at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Shullsburg, at a later date. Memorials may be given to Dubuque Nursing and Rehab Center or Hospice of Dubuque.

*On behalf of Dorothy, our family would like to thank the staff of Dubuque Nursing and Rehab Center for the love and care each of you gave Dorothy during the past five years. Your kindness and love will never be forgotten.*

W-5-J Elzen, Bonnie L. 10-11-07

DARLINGTON - Bonnie L. Elzen, age 86, of Darlington, passed away on Monday, Oct. 8, 2007, at Lafayette Manor in Darlington. She was born on Sept. 11, 1921, in Wiota Township to Albert M. and Bernice B. (Ommodt) Johnson. Bonnie attended Hawley Grade School and Argyle High School. She was united in marriage to Henry F. Elzen on Aug. 5, 1950, at Wiota Lutheran Church Parsonage. Bonnie lived in the Wiota and Lamont area all of her life. She co-owned and operated Henry Elzen Trucking with her husband for more than 30 years. Bonnie was a wonderful homemaker and loved taking care of her family. Bonnie is survived by her children, Russell (Susan) Elzen and Christine (Scott) Parkinson, both of Darlington; six grandchildren, Eric, Jason and Carl Elzen, Casey, Ashley and Jamie Parkinson; three step-grandchildren, Jeff (Cheryl) Tuescher, Michael (Tanya Ward) Tuescher and Amanda Tuescher; two step-great-grandchildren, Ben and Sommer Tuescher; a sister-in-law, Clara Johnson of Ripon; many nieces and nephews; and special friend, Hazel Miller of South Wayne. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Henry on Dec. 25, 1986; and two brothers, George and Bernard Johnson. Bonnie was a member of Wiota Lutheran Church and its Women of the ELCA. She loved spending time and sharing her wonderful cooking with her family. Bonnie also enjoyed sewing quilts, table cloths, cross stitch and many other items for her family. She was also an avid Brewers and Packers fan. Bonnie spent a lot of time reading Danielle Steele books, magazines, Circle Word books, and watching Lawrence Welk and Wheel of Fortune. When she was able, Bonnie's favorite pastime was taking care of her flower garden. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at 11 a.m. at WIOTA LUTHERAN CHURCH with the Rev. Sara Gillespie officiating. Burial will be at West Wiota Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at ERICKSON FUNERAL HOME in Darlington. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.ericksonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ericksonfuneralhome.com). For those who prefer, a memorial fund has been established in Bonnie's name.