

# A 12-2-04 Vera Ast

Vera Ast, 82, rural Blanchardville died Nov. 23, 2004 at the Lafayette Manor in Darlington.

She was born May 25, 1922 in Poland. Vera grew up in Czechoslovakia. During World War II she cooked in various war camps, moving frequently due to the approaching warfare. She came to the United States in 1947 to settle in Madison. Vera worked as a seamstress in the Madison area, mostly for Edwin Olsen & Son men's clothing store. In 1968 she met Bernard Ast at a dance in Madison. They were married Nov. 15, 1969 in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Blanchardville. Vera loved being a farm wife and settled into working with Bernard on the farm. She loved gardening, sewing, knitting, crocheting, needlework and was a wonderful cook. She and her husband enjoyed dancing together for many years. She was a member of the Blanchardville Lutheran Church and Women of the ELCA and was a former

member of the Madison and New Glarus Eagles Clubs. In 1985 she traveled back to Czechoslovakia to visit her homeland and family there. She and Bernard also traveled to Switzerland together.

Vera is survived by her husband, Bernard Ast, rural Blanchardville; one daughter, Irene Kraut and friend Tim Mangan, Madison; two grandchildren: Gordon (Teri) Kraut, Springfield, Ill.; and Robert (Cindy) Kraut, Madison; five great-grandchildren: Joshua, Mikala, Tyler, Alyssa and Nichole.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother: Jerry Vondruska; and siblings in Europe.

Funeral services were held Nov. 27, 2004 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Blanchardville. Rev. Mark Gruner of the Pecatonica Lutheran Parish officiated. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery, Blanchardville. The Saether Funeral Home, Blanchardville, served the family.

## Gerald Akins

Gerald L. Akins, 67, rural South Wayne, was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Clare Hospital, Saturday, March 25, 1989.

He was born March 13, 1922, in Wayne Township, Lafayette County, the son of Clarence H. and Lena (Grossmann) Akins.

He attended Watson and Wayne Center rural schools, graduating from South Wayne High School in 1939. He married Margaret Tornow June 8, 1947, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Wayne Township.

He farmed on the home farm until 1987. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ and the Farm Bureau.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, at home; his mother, Lena Akins, Monroe, now residing at Lafayette Manor Nursing Home,

Wednesday at Newcomer funeral Eugene, both of South Wayne, and Stephen, Sussex; a daughter, Mrs. Neal (Linda) Klassy, Blanchardville; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Newcomer Funeral Home, Monroe. The Rev. David Hunt, of Peace United Church of Christ, Browntown, officiated. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Warren, Ill.

## ORVINDA G. AESCHLIMANN

Orvinda G. Aeschlimann, 77, Monroe, died on Tuesday, November 8, 1988 at home. The former Orvinda Jacobson was born March 14, 1911 in Argyle, the daughter of Michael and Rosa [Everson] Jacobson. She attended the Argyle schools. She was married to Robert Aeschlimann on August 15, 1933 in St. John's United Church of Christ. They lived in Monroe until 1962. She and her husband then owned and operated the Arrowhead Resort at Hayward until 1969 when they returned to Monroe. Mrs. Aeschlimann was a member of St. John's Church and the G.U.G.G. Lodge of Monroe.

Survivors are her husband, Robert; two sons, Gene [Diane] Aeschlimann of Cameron, and Karl [Jan] Aeschlimann of Madison; two daughters, Linda [Rand] Albrecht of Hayward, and Rose [Robert] King of Cottage Grove; a sister, Melvina Bollerud of Mineral Point; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Helga Paulson, Edna Bollerud and

Funeral services were held on Friday, November 11 in St. John's United Church of Christ at 1:30 p.m. with the Reverend Dr. Arthur Ellersieck officiating. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Monroe. The Shriner-Neushwander Funeral Home, Monroe, was in charge of arrangements.

# A 12-28-78 Ayen

Harold Ayen, 62, Argyle, died unexpectedly Wednesday, December 20, 1978 at his home.

He was born in York Township on January 25, 1916, the son of Oscar and Ella Hoffmaster Ayen. On October 15, 1940, in Argyle, he married the former Geneva V. Torkelson. He farmed

nearly all his life in the Argyle and Blanchardville area.

Surviving are his wife at home; his mother, Ella, Blanchardville; a daughter, Mrs. Daniel (Betty) Burnet, Blanchardville; two sons, David and Dean, both of Monroe, two brothers, Ottis, Janesville, and Willard, Blanchardville; two sisters, Mrs. Harvey White, Blanchardville; and Mrs. Leona Adler, Argyle; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father and son, Dale.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 23rd in the Argyle Lutheran Church where he was a member, at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. Lyman Oman officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## OBITUARY LAVERN H. AGNEW

Lavern H. Agnew, 56, 715 South Horace Ave., Rockford, Illinois died Friday, May 8, 1964, at 5:30 p.m. in the Swedish - American hospital after a short illness.

He was born December 13, 1907, in Geneva, Wis., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Agnew.

He had lived in Rockford for 35 years, going there from Wisconsin. He married the former Josephine E. Keenan in Geneva on March 28, 1936. He was employed as a punch press operator by Barber Colman company for 17 years and for the past 12 years had operated a service station.

Mr. Agnew was a member of the Moose Club.

Survivors include his widow three brothers, Ivan, White-water; Orville, Azusa, California; and Wilford, San Dimas, California; four nieces, three

## Pearce B. Allen

Pearce Bradford Allen, infant son of Bradford J. Allen and Ann Irene Allen, Bettendorf, Iowa, died Jan. 6, 1999, at Kosair Children's Hospital, Louisville, Ky. He was born Jan. 4, 1999, in Louisville.

He is survived by his parents; his grandparents, T.E. and Patricia Y. Allen, Fitchburg, formerly of Shullsburg; and Dr. Edward and Maxine Jimenez, Two Harbors, Minn.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 8, 1999, at 11:00 a.m. in the First Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa, with burial in Pine Hill Cemetery, Davenport, Iowa. 1-21-1999