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# Nilva Leahy

Nilva Leahy, 89, Darlington, died Oct. 3, 2007 at HospiceCare, Fitchburg.

She was born April 26, 1918 in Bloomer, the daughter of Phillip E. and Lizzie (Van Gelder) Henneman. On July 18, 1942, she married James F. Leahy at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Truman. She graduated from Belmont High School and earned both a bachelor's degree in home economics and a master's degree in social work from UW-Madison.

Nilva was a home economics teacher at Belmont High School prior to becoming a homemaker and staying home with her 10 children. Jim and Nilva raised their children and farmed for many years in Grant and Lafayette counties. She then worked as a social worker for the Department of Social Services for Lafayette and Green counties and retired as a supervisor from the Green County Department of Social Services in 1982.

Nilva was very involved and was a member of the board of directors for the Hazel Green Hospital and the Lafayette County Manor. She was a member of the Homemaker's Club in Hazel Green and of the Lafayette County Historical Society. She was a 4-H club leader, an escort driver for the Commission on Aging and a member and former treasurer for the Democratic Party. Nilva also helped with



Lafayette County Placement Review Board.

She enjoyed knitting, crossword puzzles, counted cross stitch, nature walks, bird watching, flower gardening, reading and traveling, especially taking vacations with her family. She was also an avid sports fan.

She is survived by her husband, James, Sr.; her children: Sharon (Richard) Leahy, Lafayette, Colo.; Karen (David) Yaeger, Madison; Darleen (Roger) Bielefeldt, Machesney Park, Ill.; Marleen (Jim Odom) Burns, Aurora, Colo.; Phyllis Erickson, Dodgeville; Diane (Corby) Colbeck, Darlington;

Beverly Severson, Madison; James (Kathy) Leahy, Jr., Rockton, Ill.; Nancy Leahy, Aurora, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Barbara; and a grandson, Wesley Jones.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 8, 2007 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington. Father Randy Budnar officiated. Burial was at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established in Nilva's name. The Steil Camacho Funeral Home, Darlington, served the family.

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# OBITUARIES Alfred

Clarence Alfred, 89, Blanchardville, died Wednesday, September 20, in his home.

The son of Knudt and Ingeborg Hanson Alfred, he was born Dec. 16, 1889 in the Town of Blanchard, Lafayette County. He attended the Farmer's School in rural Blanchardville.

On Sept. 24, 1912, he married Jennie Johnson at Eagle Bend, Minn. They farmed in Minnesota for five years then moved to the Blanchardville area where he farmed until 1944. They moved to Blanchardville where he worked on construction for 10 years. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Blanchardville Senior Citizens.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Blanchardville with Pastor Martin Dreyer officiating. Burial was at Graceland Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Norman (Ethel) Jackson, Argyle; Mrs. Wallace (Martha) Branley, Madison, and Mrs. Maurice (Marjorie) Cleary, Blanchardville; two sons, Boyd, Ridgeway, and Virgil, Madison; 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a sister, a brother, a son, a grandson, and a great-granddaughter.

# Albertson

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Clifford Albertson, 71, Route 1, Blanchardville, died Saturday, March 18 in St. Clare Hospital.

He was born in York Township December 22, 1906, the son of Carl and Ida Severson Albertson. He was married November 12, 1930 to Evelyn Wilde. He is survived by his wife; four sons, Darold, New Glarus, Darius, Seymoure, Tenn., Kendall, of Monroe, and Gerry of Monona. Also surviving are two daughters, Carol Cooke, Springfield, Va., and Mrs. Rochelle Klubertzna, Madison.

Also surviving are a brother, Herbert, Mt. Horeb, and two sisters, Helen Yetri, Reedstown, Wisconsin and Erma Albertson, Seaside, Oregon and 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

He was a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, New Glarus.

Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 in the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Burial was in Old York Cemetery.

the daughter Mrs. Maurice (Hazel) Cummings, Janesville, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren and one brother, Clarence, Blanchardville.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 5 at 2 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church Chapel in Janesville with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery. Rev. Wylvan R. Moe officiating.

# Alfred

A former Blanchardville man, Henry Alfred, 82, now of Janesville, died Thursday evening, April 1, in Mercy Hospital there after an illness.

Henry Alfred was born in Blanchardville on February 12, 1884, a son of Knute and Ingeborg Hanson Alfred. He married the former Hilda Martin on May 28, 1918, in the Yellowstone Lutheran Church, Blanchardville, where he was a long time member.

Before moving to Janesville in 1944, Mr. Alfred farmed in the Blanchardville area for many years. In Janesville he was employed as a caretaker at the Oak Hill Cemetery where he retired in 1964.

He was a member of the First Lutheran Church, Janesville and for the past five years, he and his wife had resided with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Cummings in Janesville.

He is survived by his wife Hilda who is 98; a son, Raymond, Columbus, Ohio;