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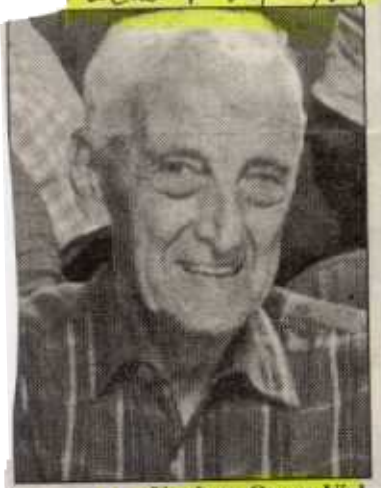

Verdean Orson Vick

Verdean Orson Vick, age 79 of Blanchardville, WI, passed away September 22, 2007, at his home after a long and courageous battle with cancer. At his passing, he was surrounded by his adoring family, just shy of his 80th birthday. Verdean was born October 11, 1927, in Blanchardville, Wisconsin, where he lived all his life, the son of Clarence Oscar Johnson & Bonnie Janette (Olson) Vick. He graduated from Blanchardville High School in 1945. On January 2, 1946, he entered the U.S. Army at age 18. He spent 18 months in service where he met Georgene (Jean) Roff. On October 28, 1948, they were married in Durant, OK, and moved back to Blanchardville where they raised five children. Verdean worked for Engstad Chevrolet for many years and in June 1963, was appointed as a rural mail carrier where he worked for 27 years before retiring in June, 1990. In 1960, Verdean and Jean owned and operated Vick's Texaco Service and repair shop and ran it for four years. In 1974, they purchased Vick's Market and operated it for over three years. Verdean was a member of the village board for 25 years and the Blanchardville Fire Department and Rescue Squad for 37 years. He was a member of the

it with a joyful heart. He maintained his adult life. Verdean professed his faith in Christ and he knew what it

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the clock in the Methodist church tower for many years and enjoyed taking care of the church grounds. He also worked for the Blanchardville High School as a janitor and bus driver. He enjoyed keeping the clock for the Blanchardville and then Pecatonica High School basketball games. Verdean was Post Commander of the American Legion Post 142 and faithfully supported the Legion since returning from WWII. He regularly volunteered at the VA Hospital in Madison until shortly before his death. He was affectionately known to many people throughout Blanchardville and surrounding counties. He graciously and unselfishly served his family and blended families without fail for many years. He loved to joke and 'tell stories' because he wanted to see folks laugh and have a good time. He always made family a priority, attending many events of his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed playing cards, traveling and dancing. After 34 years of marriage, Jean passed away Dec 11, 1982.

On February 28, 1985, Verdean married Bertha (Bert) Mulcahy and they were married 15 years. She passed away Oct 3, 2000. On July 6, 2002, Verdean married Maxine Christopherson. They chose to reside in Blanchardville, but spent their winters in Apache Junction, AZ.

Verdean will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Maxine; loving brother Donis (Ruth) Vick; two daughters, Donna Whyte, and Deanna (John) Rottluff; three sons, Charles (Robin) Vick, Tracey (Maureen) Vick; and Roger (Dana) Vick; step-children Richard (Diane) Mulcahy, Diane Mulcahy, Patricia Mulcahy, John (Tammy) Mulcahy; Ken (Mary) Christopherson; Keith "Rusty" (Sharmen) Christopherson and Judy (Christopherson) Rainbolt; 13 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 16 step grandchildren; and 22 step great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his [illegible] sister Violet Miller and

September 25, 2007 at 11:00 AM at the United Methodist Church in

Visitation was on Monday, September 24, 2007 from 4:00 until

was served at the Methodist Church.

Verdean will be sadly missed by his family and friends in Wisconsin and his winter home in Apache Junction, Arizona.

RJ 8-5-07

Marcia Hanson

Marcia K. Hanson, 69, Monroe, died June 29, 2007 at Monroe Clinic Hospital.

She was born Dec. 2, 1937 in Darlington, the daughter of William and Hazel (Skattum) McDonald and graduated from Darlington High School in 1956. Marcia and Dean L. Hanson were married on July 18, 1959 at Blanchardville Lutheran Church.

Marcia enjoyed On the Road Camping with her husband and friends, reading, spending time with her grandchildren and visiting with friends at the Red Apple. She had a special place in her heart for Monika, Bill and Kris and their families.

She is survived by her daughters: Kim (Fred) Sulzer, Monroe; Kittie Hanson, Darlington; Kelly (Robert) Higbee, Brodhead; a son, Bradley (Lorie) Hanson, Brodhead; a brother, Jerry (Mary) McDonald, the Villages, Fla./Darlington; her grandchildren: Chester D. (Brandy) Hanson, Brodhead; Cody Sulzer, Monroe; Coy (Linda) Eldred, Monroe; Ryan (Jill) Eldred and Adam Eldred, both of Brodhead; and great-grandchildren: Riley and Summer Eldred. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her sisters: Sheila Gmur and Donna Wilson.

A Celebration of Marcia's Life will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2007 at the Shriner-Hager-Gohlke Funeral Home, Monroe. A memorial fund has been established in Marcia's memory.

RALPH BENSON

RJ 12-12-90

Ralph Benson, 71, Darlington, died Dec. 7, 1990, at Southwest Health Center Hospital, Platteville.

He was born May 9, 1919, in Waldwick Township, Iowa County, to Roland and Minnie (Raab) Benson. He married Lila M. Buehler in Platteville Feb. 26, 1944.

He lived and farmed in the Lamont area most of his life. He moved to Darlington in 1984, and was a member of Lamont United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Leslie R., Mineral Point, and Laverne A., West Salem; a daughter, Mrs. Beasley, Darlington; and Mrs. Robert (Fern) Gliechauf, Mineral Point; and [illegible] ers, Roland, Linden; and Robert, Dar-

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tary burial in the Graceland Cemetery in Blanchardville, lunch was served at the Methodist Church. Funeral ser[illegible] mont United M[illegible]

Verdean will be sadly missed by [illegible] Rev. Carolyn [illegible]

his family and friends in Wisconsin and his winter home in Apache [illegible] United Metho[illegible]

Junction, Arizona. Burial was [illegible] Mineral Point.

Funeral services were Dec. 12 at Lamont United Methodist Church with the Rev. Carolyn Saunders of Centenary United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, Mineral Point.

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