

Robert J. Baumeister

Robert J. Baumeister, 66, Darlington, died May 13, 2004, at his home.

Robert was born March 19, 1938, in Burlington, the son of Mary Osborne. Bob lived in Burlington before moving in with Jim and Billie Ferger, Sharon, at their adult family home. In 1999 they moved to Darlington where he had resided since.

Bob was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Darlington. He was a quiet and giving man who enjoyed going down to Cullen Park in Darlington on Monday mornings to collect aluminum can tops for "his kids" at the Ronald McDonald houses. Bob also enjoyed bowling and fishing.

Survivors include his mom and dad: Billie and Jim Ferger, Darlington; four brothers: Bill (Linda) Osborne, Delavan; John (Cheri) Osborne, Beloit; Mike Osborne, Elkhorn; and Rick (Shelly) Osborne, Elkhorn; four sisters: Florence Van Matre, Beloit; Shirley Reed, Lake Geneva; Susan Cowan, Spooner; and Chris (Al) Villegas, Darien. His mother, and Grandpa and Grandma Baumeister preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Reverend Todd Hunter, Grace Lutheran

Church, Darlington, will officiate. Burial will be in St. Thomas Cemetery, Waterford.

Earl Bausman

Earl C. Bausman, 96, Darlington, died Aug. 10, 2007 at Lafayette Manor, Darlington.

He was born Oct. 5, 1910 in Scales Mound, Ill., the oldest son of George and Caroline (Lelle) Bausman. He was united in marriage to Gladys Johnson on April 4, 1954 in Dubuque, Iowa. Earl lived in the Warren, Ill., area, where he worked at the post office. In 1959, he and his wife, Gladys, moved to Darlington. She preceded him in death on Aug. 2, 1964. He was a longtime resident of Darlington, where he owned and operated Nordquist Music Store. Later he worked for the Lafayette County Highway Department before retiring in 1976. After retiring Earl tended bar for McKittricks, Keys and Les and Sue's taverns.

Earl was a lifelong musician and performed on the Freeport, Ill., radio station WROK. He served in the 130th Infantry Division in World War II and was a member

of the American Legion Post #464, Warren, Ill. He was also a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Darlington. Earl loved spending time with family and fishing in his younger years. Earl was a familiar face around the auction circuit and was known by name by a number of auctioneers.

Earl is survived by a son, John (Beata) Nordquist, Darlington; two brothers: Clyde (Velma) Bausman, Foreston, Ill.; Richard (Betty) Bausman, Parsons, Tenn.; a granddaughter, Margaret Anne Nordquist, Darlington; and five nieces and nephews. Along with his wife, Earl was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Bausman.

Funeral services were held Aug. 15, 2007 at Grace Lutheran Church, Darlington. The Rev. Steven Hanson officiated. Burial was at Union Grove Cemetery, Darlington. The Erickson Funeral Home, Darlington, served the family.

www.ericksonfuneralhome.com

Norma Bausman

Norma F. Bausman, 88, Shullsburg, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995 at Shullsburg Care Home, Shullsburg.

She was born June 30, 1907, in Lancaster, the daughter of George and Grace (Garthwaite) Adams. Norma graduated from Lancaster High School in 1924. She married Wilbur C. Bausman, June 1926 at the Little Brown Church, Nashua, Iowa. She lived in Grant County and taught country school in Kemper Township, near Stitzer for a short time. In 1934 she moved to Shullsburg with her husband, where she had resided since. Wilbur died in 1974.

Norma was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church, Shullsburg, and the Ada Circle of its U.M.W. She taught Sunday school for a number of years. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America Lodge, Shullsburg. Norma enjoyed arranging flowers, sewing and canning.

12-28-95 RJ
She is survived by four sons; Marlyn (Joyce) Bausman, Dubuque, Iowa; Daryl (Jan) Bausman, Freeport, Ill.; Jerry (Helene) Bausman, Belvidere, Ill.; Hollis (Joanne) Bausman, Monroe; a daughter, Sharon Zink, Knoxville, Tenn.; a half-brother, Robert Adams, Eugene, Ore.; a half-sister, Arloween Bailey, Seattle, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995 at the Centenary United Methodist Church, Shullsburg. Pastor Richard A. O'Neil officiated. Burial was held at Evergreen Cemetery, Shullsburg. Honorary pallbearers were: Tim Bausman, Todd Bausman, Bruce Bausman, Douglas Zink, and Mark Brimer. Pallbearers were: Earl Hodgson, Jim King, Tom Black, Jake Teutschmann, Merl Thomasson, and Charles Symons.