

RS 11-8-07 **Joshua Brennan**

Sergeant Joshua Charles Brennan, 22, was killed Oct. 26, 2007 in a combat mission in Asadabad, Afghanistan.



Joshua was born May 30, 1985 in El Paso, Texas, to Janice Gates, Ontario, Ore., and Michael Brennan, McFarland. Joshua attended high school in Ontario, graduating in 2003. He spent his summers living with his father in McFarland. Soon after graduation, Joshua enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as a paratrooper with the renowned 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade. This was his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. Joshua was awarded the Bronze Star for valor on his first tour of duty. He also received a Purple Heart after being shot in the leg in August 2007.

aunts: Terry (Laurie) Brennan, Mequon; Tom (Robbin) Brennan, DeForest; Margaret (Larry) Lewallen, Goshen, Ind.; John Brennan, West Allis; Joe (Laurie) Brennan, Slinger; Mindy (Lloyd) Phillips, Belvidere, Ill.; Melissa Richel, Waukegan, Ill.; Laurie Summers, Parker, Colo., and her two children: Audrey and Charlie; Aaron (Lidia) Stoffers, Oregon City, Ore., and son, Jack; Jill (Salama) Salama, Monterey, Calif.; very special friends: Jared (Niki) Cutler, and daughter, Alex, Ontario, Ore.; and many cousins, special relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Madison, Nov. 6, 2007. Monsignor Michael Burke, Father Mike Richel and Father D. Stephen Smith concelebrated. Burial was at the McFarland Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established in the name of Sgt. Joshua Brennan at the Associated Bank, 5220 Farwell St., McFarland. The Gunderson East Funeral Home, Monona, served the family.

Joshua died a hero to his family and his country. He will be dearly missed by all.

Survivors include two sons: Alan (Nancy) Johnson of DeForest, WI, Mark (Marlea) Johnson of Browntown, WI; four daughters: Susan (Wayne) Williams of Argyle, Tammy (Wayne) Jeglum of Blanchardville, Ann Wahl of Brodhead, and Kristine (Daniel) Larson of Argyle; a sister: Evelyn (Karl) Lehman of South Wayne, WI; eleven grandchildren: Darcy and Kara Johnson, Nikki DeBruin, Zachary and Amy Johnson, Diane (fiancé Brian Schlafli) Jeglum, Stephanie (Travis) Holmes, Heidi and Matthew Wahl, Rachel and Samantha Larson; and a special friend: Joyce Land of Durand, IL. Norman was preceded in death by his wife: Patricia on August 5, 1999; and a daughter: Sandra in infancy.

Norman served in the U.S. Army as a switch board operator in the 31st Field Artillery Battalion during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Handyman Club of America and Moose Lodge of Janesville. Norman attended Argyle Lutheran Church. He enjoyed dancing, golfing, farming and being a handyman. Norman was a loving father and grandfather who enjoyed being with his family. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Cornerstone Lutheran Church with Rev. Cal Schaver officiating. Burial will be in Jordan Lutheran Church Cemetery, where military graveside rites will be accorded by Argyle American

RS **Florence Bennett**

Florence L. Bennett, 95, Darlington, died Feb. 8, 2001, at Lafayette Manor, Darlington.

She was born April 29, 1905, in Darlington, the daughter of Lincoln and Mary (Page) Gross. Florence was united in marriage to Clarence Bennett on Oct. 28, 1959, in Darlington. She lived in the Darlington area most of her life where she worked as a cleaning lady for the local dentist office and as a waitress at the Towne House for eight years. Florence was best known in the Lafayette County area as an artist who painted local landmarks and wildlife scenes. She also sketched the front page of the monthly Upper Horizon Senior Citizen newsletter for many years.

Florence is survived by eight grandchildren: Harley Edge, Fort Atkinson; Dennis (Cynthia) Edge, Mt. Hope; Tena Edge, Darlington; Teresa (Tad) Tucker, Whitewater; Cindy (Dennis) Millard, Spring Green; Michael (Kay) Edge; Robert (Amy) Edge; Kevin Edge, all of Winslow, Ill.; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and seven step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband on July 11, 1977; a daughter, Evelyn Edge on Oct. 8, 1993; eight brothers: Ralph, William, Fred, Louis, Frank, Clarence,

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Thomas and Albert Gross; and one sister, Ethel Gross, as a small child.

Funeral services were held Feb. 12, 2001, at Immanuel United Church of Christ, Darlington. Burial was in the Union Grove Cemetery, Darlington.

The Erickson Funeral Home, Darlington, served the family.

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Norman H. Johnson

Norman H. Johnson, age 75 of Argyle, WI passed away at his home on Sunday, July 22, 2007, surrounded by his family following a short illness. He was born on August 13, 1931 in Jordan Township, Green County, WI the son of Morgan and Freida (Lauper) Johnson. Norman attended Monroe High School. On

January 8, 1954 he was united in marriage to Patricia E. Thorp in Madison, WI. Norman lived and farmed north of Monroe until moving to rural Argyle in 1969 where they farmed before moving to Argyle in 1975. He then worked for Frito Lay in Monroe from 1975 until 1992. Norman then worked for Mt. Horeb Co-op until retiring in 2001.