

Russell O. Baker

December 16, 1920 - February 5, 1996

Russell O. Baker, age 75, of W4845 Monticello died at the Ingelside Nursing Home in Mt. Horeb on February 5, 1996. He was born at LaValle on December 16, 1920, the son of Rollie M. Baker and Grace Fields. Russell was married on June 4, 1942, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lodi to Byrdene A. Treinen. Russell served in the U. S. Army as a gunner for three years. After discharge from service they farmed in the Middleton area for two years, Lodi area five years and in the Monticello area 20 years. After retiring from farming he worked at the Bruce Co. in Madison for 16 years.

Survivors include his wife, Byrdene, five children, David (Mary) Baker, New Glarus; Mrs. David (Eleanor) Smith, Monroe; Mrs. Richard (Joanne) Smith, Milton; Daniel (Merida) Baker, Monticello; Mrs. William (Bonnie) Wagner, Monroe; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one brother, Paul Baker, and one sister, Dorothy Steidle, both of Cottonwood, AZ.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Lola Hubbard; and two brothers, Donald and Duane.

He was a member of St. Mary of Lourde's Catholic Church in Belleville, Past Commander of the Amstutz-Marty Post #256 American Legion, Monticello and the New Glarus VFW.

Services are tentatively set for Thursday, February 8, at the church in Belleville. Friends may call at the Stuessy Funeral Home of Monticello Wednesday evening, 5 - 8 p.m., where a Scripture Service will be held at 8 p.m. Burial is in the Highland Cemetery in Monticello.