

Devereaux, Arthur Eugene "Gene"

Oct. 15, 1917 - May 1, 2005

NEW GLARUS - Arthur Eugene Devereaux died on Sunday, May 1, 2005, in New Glarus, with his family by his side.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1917, in Carthage, Mo., the only son of Arthur E. and Lulu (Sharpe) Devereaux. Gene graduated from Carthage Public Schools and attended business college in Texas.

During World War II, he was stationed on a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier in the South Pacific.

He married Evelyn Burkart of Sheboygan, in Milwaukee, on Dec. 20, 1947.

He worked as an industrial engineer. In 1969, they moved to Rockford, Ill., where Gene worked at Rockford Clutch, a division of Borg-Warner Corp. Upon his retirement in 1980, Gene and Lynn build a new home in Monticello.

They are members of St. Mary of Lourde Catholic Church in Belleville, where they renewed their vows in 1987, for their 40th wedding anniversary.

Gene loved all sports. He enjoyed bowling his entire adult life and was an avid golfer and member of Edelweiss Country Club in New Glarus. He was a great fan of the Packers and college basketball. Gene's mellow singing voice added to family gatherings. He and Lynn attend many live musical performances, ranging from bluegrass to jazz to classical. Gene and Lynn also shared a love of nature and history which took them on many wonderful road trips, especially exploring the beauty of the western United States.

Gene is survived by his wife, Lynn Devereaux; his daughters, Danielle (David) Devereaux-Weber of Madison, and Christine (Paul) Van Etten of Arnold, Mo.; his sons, Robert Devereaux of Rockford, Ill., and Steven Devereaux of Madison; eight grandchildren, Eric (Astarte) and Jeanette Devereaux-Weber, Michael (Tammy), David, Jonathan and Steven Van Etten, and Christopher and Micah Devereaux; three great-grandson; his sister, Oneta of Carthage, Mo.; and many nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Thelma Wallace, Lorraine Donovan and Christine Murphy.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at ST. MARY OF LOURDES CHURCH, Belleville, with Father Ken Klink officiating. A luncheon will follow the service at the church, and burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Monticello. A visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at NEW GLARUS HOME CHAPEL, 600 Second Ave.

The family requests that memorials be made to St. Mary of Lourdes Building Fund, 221 Frederick St., Belleville, WI 53508.

Zentner-Beal Funeral Home is serving the family