

Howard C. Keehn

Oct. 16, 1927 - March 5, 2005

BELLEVILLE/ ALBANY/ BROOKLYN - Mr. Howard C. Keehn, age 77, a former Belleville area resident, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2005, at the home of his daughter in Waunakee.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1927, in Brooklyn Township, Green County, the son of Clarence and Bernice (Brigham) Keehn. Howard graduated from Monticello High School Class of 1944. On Oct. 26, 1946, he was united in marriage to the former LaVon Mary Dreifke in Janesville.

Howard farmed for many years on his Sandy Hook Farm, worked for Varco-Pruden, Krostue Implement, Laidlaw and retired from Federal Industries in 1988. He then resided in Ocala, Fla., and Lillian, Ala., before moving to Albany.

Howard was very active in 4-H as a dairy leader, Green County adult leader and was a member of the National, Wisconsin and Green County Holstein-Friesian Association. In his younger years he enjoyed softball and bowling; later in life he golfed, played euchre and enjoyed putzing in the yard. His friendly, outgoing personality, always found him striking up a conversation and making friends wherever he went. He spent 30 years caring for the love of his life, his wife, Vonnie.

He is survived by two daughters, Sandy (Allen) Myhre of Albany, and Ann (Don) Freidig of Waunakee; four sons, Stanley (Marcy) Keehn of Monroe, Randy (Gwen) Keehn of Belleville, Lee (Ellen) Keehn of Marshall, and William (Chris) Keehn of Carlisle, Pa.; 13 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; a brother, John R. (Arlene) Keehn of Wisconsin Rapids; and a companion and best friend, Betty Thom of Albany.

Howard was preceded in death by his wife, LaVon, on Aug. 13, 1989; a grandson, Jeff Myhre; and a step-granddaughter, Destiny.

Relatives and friends may call from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2005, at the ALBANY LIONS CLUB, 402 N. Cincinnati St., Albany, where a memorial service will be held at 8 p.m., with Pastor William Keehn officiating. Memorials are suggested in lieu of flowers. Becker-Beal Funeral Home, Belleville, is serving the family.