

**Laona Anna Byrge**  
**September 28, 1916 - September 14, 1997**

VERONA - Laona Anna Byrge, age 80, died on Sunday, September 14, 1997, at her home.

She was born September 28, 1916 in Mt. Vernon, Wisconsin, the daughter of David and Rosina (Marty) Brink. Laona was employed at the Dane County Home for 16 years as a nurse's aide and later was employed as an attendant at the Joyce-Verona Funeral Home from 1989 until her retirement in 1997. Laona was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, the Sarah Circle, Verona Senior Citizen's Center, volunteered for the Red Cross, and was a driver for R.S.V.P.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Elaine (Elder) White of Ahoskie, North Carolina, Mrs. Carol (Gene) Lanham of Reedsburg, Sandra Von Eschen of Madison; grandchildren, Jodi (Charles) Smith of Morehead City, North Carolina, Joel (Jill) White of Willmington, North Carolina, Mark (Jill) Lanham of Madison, Jeffrey Lanham of DeForest, Carrie (Jack) Arneson of Reedsburg, Shelly (Scott) Jensen of Sun Prairie, and Shari Von Eschen of Minneapolis, Minnesota; five great-grandchildren, Jena and Chip Smith of Morehead City, North Carolina, Christopher Lanham of Madison, Nicholas Lanham of DeForest, and Tyler Arneson of Reedsburg; and a brother, Walter (Ruth) Brink of New Glarus.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clifford; and a sister, Esther Arnold.

Funeral services will be held at ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH, 427 S. Main Street in Verona at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 1997. The Reverend Frank Maxwell will officiate with burial in Highland Cemetery in Monticello.

Friends may call after 10:00 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday, September 17, 1997 at the church.

The JOYCE-VERONA FUNERAL HOME is in charge of arrangements.