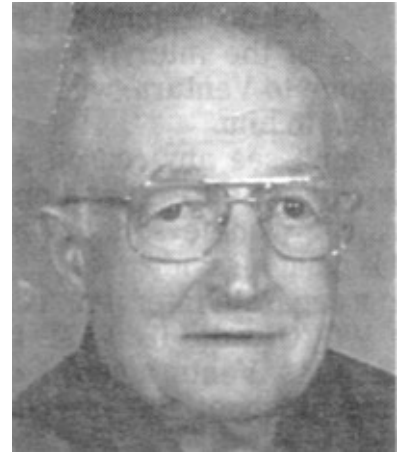


Duerst. LaVerne F.

DEFOREST – LaVerne F. Duerst, age 77, of DeForest died on Monday, October 25, 1999 at Waunakee Manor after a courageous battle with emphysema.

LaVerne was born on February 5, 1922 in Monticello, Wisconsin to Fred and Anne (Bohren) Duerst. On November 18 1942, he was united in marriage with Pauline B. Disch. LaVerne owned and operated Duerst Construction in DeForest and later worked for Monona Masonry in Madison until he retired due to emphysema in 1975. He was a member of the Bricklayers Union Local 13. He loved his family and was very supportive of his children. After his retirement, LaVerne became the neighborhood grandpa and handyman. He loved fishing, bowling and was an avid pool player, winning many Sr. Olympics medals for his skill in billiards.



He is survived by his wife, Pauline Duerst of DeForest; three children, LaVonne (Roger) Engel of Bloomington, Minnesota, Daniel (Beverly) Duerst of DeForest, and Timothy Duerst of Madison; three grandchildren, Heather Engel and her friend Duane of Baltimore, Maryland, Angela (Ben) Quam of Cambridge and Beth Duerst of Milwaukee; two sisters, Violet (Arnie) Bergum of Madison, and Haze (Melvin) Updike of Monroe; a brother, Harley Duerst of Bonnevile; and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Duerst was preceded in death by his mother, Anna Babler and her husband Lloyd; his sister, Lorraine Swanson; and a grandson, Jeffrey.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 28, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. at the EDWARDSON – AXTELL COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME in DeForest. Reverend Jerry Olson will officiate. Burial will follow at Norway Grove Cemetery in DeForest. Friends may call at the Edwardson-Axtell Funeral Home in DeForest on Thursday, October 28, 1999 from 11:00 am. until 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the DeForest Area Senior Center.

LaVerne will be missed but never forgotten by his family and friends for whom he did so much. Edwardson-Axtell Community Funeral Home DeForest 846-3823