

Leo J. Gempler
Feb. 28, 1919 - March 9, 1991

Leo J. Gempler, 72, 1016 12th Ave., Monroe, died Saturday, March 9, 1991 at St. Clare Hospital.

He was born Feb. 28, 1919, in Iowa County, the son of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Kainz) Gempler.

He married Anna B. Luethy July 23, 1945 in Blanchardville.

He attended rural Iowa County schools. He was an auto mechanic at Karlen Ford until retiring in 1980. He then moved to Monroe where he worked in building maintenance at St. Clare Hospital and later at First National Bank and Trust.

He was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ and Amstutz-Marty American Legion Post 256, Monticello.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving as a technical sergeant in the U.S. Army, Company F, 11th Infantry. He served overseas from April 7, 1942 to June 27, 1945 in the battles of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was wounded in Germany Feb. 10, 1945 and received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, the European-African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with one silver battle Star, Six overseas service bars and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Zwingli Church Memorial Lounge and in the church sanctuary from 9 a.m. Wednesday until the time of service. Interment will be in Highland cemetery.

Voegeli Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.