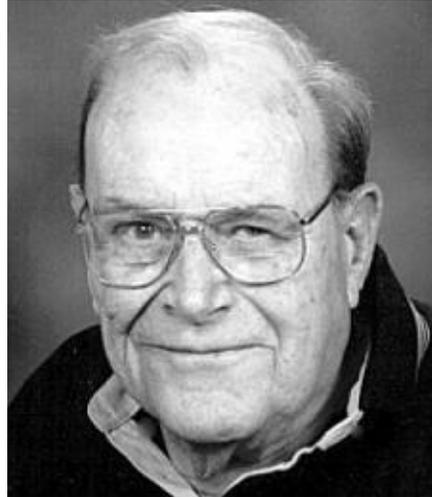


## **Royal W. “Barney” Karlen Jr.**

MONTICELLO - Royal W. “Barney” Karlen Jr., age 78, a lifelong resident of Monticello, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at the New Glarus Home.

Barney was born Jan. 13, 1934, in Monroe, the son of Royal W. Karlen Sr. and Emma Elizabeth Rowan. He graduated from Monticello High School in 1952. He married Joan C. Stevenson on Aug. 25, 1972. She preceded him in death on Oct. 24, 1983. Royal and Joann (Petersen) Reese were married Oct. 17, 1984. She died on May 21, 1991. Royal was first employed by Karlen & Sons Ford in 1950. He started washing cars and was educated and worked in auto mechanics. He then learned automobile sales, and began as a Ford salesman in 1962. He purchased the business in 1972 and changed the name to Karlen Ford. After 45 years in the business, Barney retired in 1995. He was the third generation Karlen to operate the dealership. Royal enjoyed all sports, and was a supporter of many community projects. He was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ, a 50 year member of the Monticello Lions Club, a 50 year member of the New Glarus Masonic Lodge No. 310, a member of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry and became a 33rd degree Mason-Arthur Winfred Quan Class of 1967, and was a 40 year member of Zor Shriners, Madison.



He is survived by two sisters, Barbara Kelley of Grafton, and Madelyn (Norman) Glaeden of Janesville; nine nieces and nephews, Cynthia Glaeden-Knott (Michael) of Madison, Carrie Glaeden (Greg Mather) of Columbus, Ohio, Michael (Lesleigh) Kelley of Los Angeles, Calif., Mary (Dan) Story of Fitchburg, Christopher (Robyn) Kelley of Wauwatosa, Anne (Paul) Berndt of Germantown, Patrick Kelley of Grafton, David Walker, and Wendy Elavsky Walker, both of Minneapolis, Minn.; grand-nieces and nephews, Shauna Schultz of Cedarburg, Sasha Elavsky of Minneapolis, and Andrew Berndt of Germantown; first cousins, Donna Karlen of Monticello, Richard (Anne) Dugdale, and Thomas (Pepper) Dugdale, all of Colorado. He is further survived by Joann Karlen’s children and grandchildren, Wade (Toni) Reese of Hermosa Beach, Calif., Becky (Dave) Soper and Patrick and Laura, all of El Dorado Hills, Calif. Royal was predeceased by his parents; both wives; sisters, Betty Jane Karlen and Judith Walker; brothers-in-law, David Kelley and Charles Walker; and a grand-niece, Natalie Lynn Beard.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 11:30 a.m., at ZWINGLI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 416 E. Lake Ave., Monticello, with the Rev. Lawrence Balleine officiating. Inurnment will be in Highland Cemetery, Monticello. Visitation will be at the church on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of service. A Masonic Lodge Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to the Zwingli UCC, P.O. Box 97, Monticello, WI 53570, The Monticello Foundation, P.O. Box 636, Monticello, or the charity of the donor’s choice.

Royal’s family would like to thank the wonderful New Glarus Home staff, the Monroe Clinic staff, and Kay, Ashley, and Micky Petersen for all their loving care

and support.