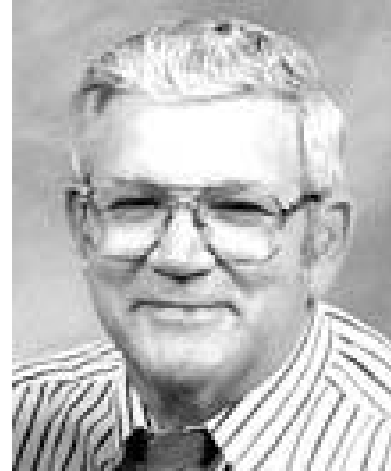


NICOLAS LEUTENEGGER

MONROE -- Nicolas W. Leutenegger, age 77, died on Wednesday, December 26, 2007 at the V.A. Hospital in Madison. He was born on July 9, 1930 in Magnolia Township, Rock County, Wisconsin, the son of Emil Sr. and Elizabeth Marie (Specker) Leutenegger. He attended country schools and Monticello High School. He enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 17, where he was stationed at Cherry Point, N.C. and El Toro, California, as a helicopter mechanic.



He also served in Company B National Guard unit in Monroe and U.S. Air Force at Truax Field, in Madison. He served as a military aide at the Military Academy of Wisconsin, and retired from the Air Force with 22 years of total service. He was employed at Studers, Marty Ripp Chevrolet, and the City of Monroe as city mechanic. He later worked at Trucks Inc. for 15 years and Monroe Ace Hardware as a serviceman.

Nicolas was a member of Monroe United Methodist Church, was a Boy Scout Leader for Troop #114, and he received the "Order of the Arrow" Honor from the Boy Scouts. He was a charter and past member of Badger Lapidary Society, Monroe Theatre Guild, Green County Rifle Club, the NRA, and the American Legion in Monroe.

Nicolas married Joan Lillian Drafahl, on December 10, 1955 at Zwingli Church, Monticello.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers, Emil Jr., Paul and Joseph; a sister, Mary Fiez; a nephew, Joseph, killed in Vietnam in 1967.

Survived by two sons, Dale (Brenda), Phoenix, Arizona, and David (Lisa), Oregon, Wisconsin; one sister, Toni Cory, Monroe; four grandchildren, Brett and Joel Leutenegger, Oregon, Nicolas T. and Bridget Leutenegger, Phoenix; and a step-granddaughter, Heather Schmitt, Phoenix; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Monday, December 31, 2007 at noon at SHRINER-HAGER-GOHLKE FUNERAL HOME, with David Busker of Monroe United Methodist Church officiating.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of service at noon at the funeral home.

A special thanks to neighbors, Curt and Rhonda Kolden, Caring Hearts and their staff, Monroe Clinic Hospital and VA Hospital.