LEROY "BUD" McNEILL
August 24, 1917 - April 23, 2003

LeRoy "Bud" Thomas McNeill, age 85 of Hollandale and Monticello died on Wednesday evening, April 23, 2003 at the Pleasant View Nursing Home in Monroe where he was recently living.   He was born on August 24, 1917 in Waldwick Township, Iowa County, Wisconsin, the son of John and Gertrude (Schindler) McNeill. He attended the Prairie Rural School and graduated from Hollandale High School in 1935.

LeRoy was married on July 17, 1939 to Joan Griffiths in Dubuque, Iowa. After graduation from high school he farmed on the family farms until around 1959 when he took over the Hollandale Cafe, which he ran for over 20 years until 1981. After Joan died in 1980 he married Luella (Lynch) Fahrney on April 11, 1981 in Monticello. He then retired and moved to Monticello. He was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ and a past member of the Bethel Methodist Church in rural Mineral Point-Hollandale. He loved telling stories and jokes and had a quick wit. He and Luella loved to play cards, travel and gamble together. They especially enjoyed time with their traveling companions, John & Helen Wettach.

LeRoy is survived by his wife, Luella McNeill of Monroe; two sons, LeRoy J. (Linda) McNeill of Hollandale and Earl (Ginny) McNeill of Hollandale; a daughter, Janayne (Leo) Spellman of Darlington; three stepchildren, Richard (Carol Bassett) Fahrney of DeForest, Donald (Kay) Fahrney of Monticello, and LeRoy (Marilyn) Fahrney of Hollandale; eight grandchildren; eleven step grandchildren; and many wonderful great and great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Joan, who died in 1980; a son-in-law, Jim Blaser; a granddaughter, Jami Blaser; a step-grandson Robert Fahrney; and two sisters, Lenice Doescher and Mae Piquette.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 26, 2003 at the Saether Funeral Home in Blanchardville. Rev. Lawrence Balleine of the Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello officiated. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery in Mineral Point.