

Merlyn C. Rufer

MONTICELLO — Merlyn C. Rufer, age 73 of rural Monticello, Wisconsin, died on Friday, December 29, 2000 at Pleasant View Nursing Home.

He was born on September 29, 1927 in Washington Township, Green County, Wisconsin, the son of Carl and Edna (Hartwig) Rufer. He graduated from Purcell School, graduated from Monroe High School in 1944, graduated from UW Short Course and FISC Program, and lived his lifetime in the area.

Merlyn and Vivian Moll were married on January 10, 1963 at a Lutheran Church in Madison. He was the owner and operator of Washington Mill at rural Monticello since 1953. He served as Washington Town Chairman for 10 years, Green County Supervisor for 9 years, and on the board of directors of Independent Dealers Organization. He was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ and Cecil Jones V.F.W. Post #2312 of Monroe. He entered the US. Army Jan. 14, 1946 at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and was discharged June 26, 1947 at Camp Stoneman, Calif. He received the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal, Japan.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian Rufer of rural Monticello; son, Richard Rufer of rural Monticello; sister, Darlyne Graber of Monticello; 2 step-grandchildren, Chris and Crystal; brother-in-law, Oscar Moll of Waterloo, WI; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and stepson, Curtis Caldwell.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2001 at 11:00 AM. at ZWINGLI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST in Monticello with Rev. Lawrence Balleine officiating. Military Graveside Rites and Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery in Monticello, WI.

Friends and relatives may call on Wednesday from 4:00 to 9:00 PM. at SHRINER-HAGER-GOHLKE FUNERAL HOME, 1455 Mansion Dr. and 18th Avenue N. in Monroe, WI.

A memorial fund is being established in Merlyn's memory.

