

LELA F. RYAN

Lela F. Ryan, age 87 of Monroe, formerly of Brodhead, died Friday, August 19, 2011 at Pleasant View Nursing Home.

She was born on April 6, 1924 in Adams Township, rural Monticello, the daughter of Robert and Florence (Haessig) Duerst Sr. She graduated from Monroe High School, Green County Normal, and later received her B.S. from Whitewater in Elementary education. Lela started out teaching in a rural, one-room school house at the age of 17. She continued to teach and further her education, retiring after 51 years of service. Lela retired from teaching in 1993 from the Orfordville School district.

Lela married Robert J. Ryan on June 27, 1946 in Monroe. She belonged to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, retired Teachers Assoc, and she loved to travel with her husband.

She is survived by 2 sisters: Lila (Eugene) Saunders of New Glarus and Cindy (Steve) Fahr of Winslow, IL; a brother, Robert (Nancy) Duerst Jr. of Monticello; several nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; other relatives and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a brother in infancy and twin sisters in infancy.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Brodhead, with Fr. Michael Moon celebrating. Burial will be in Highland cemetery, Monticello.

A visitation will be Wednesday from 10:00 AM. until the time of service, at the church. A memorial fund will be established. Everson funeral home is assisting the family.

