

REYNOLD W. "REN" ZELLER

May 18, 1931 - January 20, 2005

Reynold W. "Ren" Zeller, age 73, of Monticello, died Thursday, January 20, 2005 at Meriter Hospital in Madison.

Reynold was born on the Zeller home farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, Green County, Wisconsin, on May 18, 1931, the son of Walter and Gertrude (Pulver) Zeller.

He was a lifelong resident of Monticello where he graduated from high school in 1948.

He worked 33 years for the Department of Natural Resources and was the Green County State Park Manager for New Glarus Woods State Park, Sugar River State Trail, and Cadiz Springs State Park until retiring in 1998. While working for the D.N.R., Reynold wrote a weekly column for the Monticello Messenger titled "Up at the Hill", and following his retirement he continued his column in the Post Messenger, the column was renamed "Prairie Bluff News".

Mr. Zeller was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello, and was involved in many organizations including Prairie Enthusiasts-Prairie Bluff Chapter, International Crane Foundation, Rails to Trails Conservancy, Nature Conservancy, the Monticello Foundation, and was a founder and lifelong member of Marshall Bluff Bowhunters. He also was instrumental in developing the Sugar River Bike Trail.

Survivors include his mother, Gertrude Zeller; a sister, Ruth Zeller, both of Monticello; an Aunt, Anna Marie Schmid of Verona; and two special friends, Bart (Jaime) Austin of New Glarus and Scott Dilley of Monticello.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1970.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, January 25, 2005, at the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello. Rev. Lawrence Balleine officiated. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.