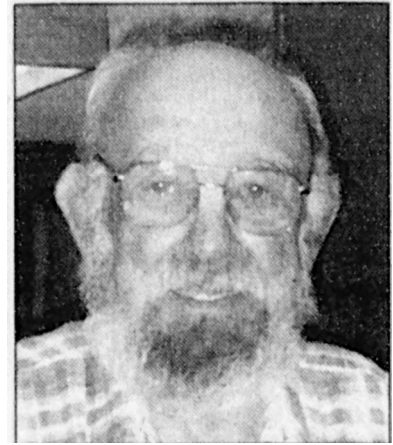


**Bennie D. Stamm Sr.**  
**March 20, 1918 - May 2, 2005**

NEW GLARUS - Mr. Bennie D. Stamm Sr., age 87, passed away on Monday, May 2, 2005, at St. Clare Friedensheim, Monroe.

He was born on March 20, 1918, in Reedsburg, the son of Harvey A. and Lydia (Mitchel) Stamm. Bennie grew up in the Fairbault, Minn., area and joined the C. C. Camps as a cook from 1935 to 1937. On July 2, 1943, he was united in marriage to Jeannette G. Johnson at Camp Rucker, Ala. They lived in Illinois, Iowa, North Dakota, Minnesota and California, before settling in Argyle. He then married Martha Kummer on Nov. 29, 1974, she preceded him in death in 1995.



Bennie served over 20 years in the United States Army. He entered on Dec. 3, 1941, at Fort Snelling, Minn., and was discharged on April 1, 1964. During his service he was awarded the following; Victory Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with 1 Silver Star, 3-Overseas Bars, 1-Service Stripe and 5 Good Conduct Medals. Following his discharge Bennie worked as an orderly at Pleasant View and at Swiss Colony in the sanitation department.

Bennie enjoyed bowling and had belonged to five leagues. He was a member of Stuessy-Kuenzi American Legion Post No. 148, V.F.W. Post No. 10549 and Vietnam Vets Chapter III.

Bennie's unique sense of humor was enjoyed by everyone, he always made the doctors and nurses laugh.

Survivors include his children, Barbara (Jerry) Flannery of Weatherford, Texas, Grace (Dick) Notter of Monticello, Bennie (Alice) Stamm Jr. of Argyle, Gary (Cathy) Stamm of South Wayne, and Greg (Ruth) Stamm of Argyle; two brothers, Glendon L. of Milwaukee, Oregon, and Maurice E. (Rose) of Hawkins, Wis.; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Martha in 1995; and a brother, David.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 6, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 506 12th Ave., New Glarus. The Rev. Gene Talley will officiate with burial with full military honors in the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Union Grove.

Relatives and friends may call from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the ZENTNER-BEAL FUNERAL HOME, 19 Sixth Ave., New Glarus, on Thursday, May 5, 2005.