

## **VERNON E. ELMER**

Vernon E Elmer, age 78, of Monroe, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at University Hospital in Madison. He was born June 6, 1928 in Postville, the son of Conrad Jr. and Rosina (Duerst) Elmer. He graduated from Monticello High School and enlisted in the US Army shortly thereafter. Vernon and Edith A. Schwitz were married on June 8, 1952 in Martintown. After Edith's death in 2000, Vernon found his second love, Rosemarye Showers.



He worked at, owned, and operated Evergreen Equipment Company for the better part of his adult life. Vernon was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, a 60-year member of the Monticello American Legion Post #256, member of the Green County Conservation League, volunteer at the Historic Cheesemaking Center Inc., former Green County Board member and Committee member for Green County Farm Technology Days. He enjoyed exhibiting his antique tractors, and was an avid woodworker and woodworking artist. His greatest love was spending time with his family, especially his and Rosemarye's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving and devoted fiancée, Rosemarye; one son, Thomas (Beth Herrick) Elmer of Minnetonka, MN; three daughters, Connie (Steve) Henze, West Bend, LuAnn, (John) Lantta, Janesville, and Judith (Katherine Vetterli) Cleasby of Brodhead; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Sylvan (Dorothy) Elmer; and six sisters, Velma Schuett, Charlotte Tresner, Mabel (Duane) Shippy, Carolyn (Dave) Pederson, Doris Aebly, Irene (Hans) Neuenschwander.

He was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Edith; three brothers, Melvin, Harvey P. and John Elmer; a sister, Elfa Wenger; and his dog, Molly.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 11 am. at St. John's United Church of Christ in Monroe, officiated by Rev. William T. Mike Heath. Visitation will be held Friday, June 1, 2007 from 4 to 8 pm. at Shriner-Hager-Gohlke Funeral Home in Monroe. Lunch and interment will follow the service on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established in Vernon's name.