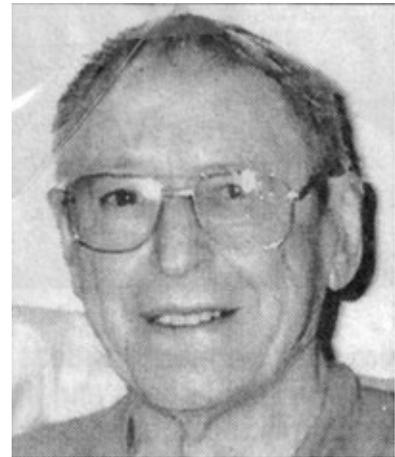


Hammerly, Ralph F.

MONTICELLO – Ralph F. Hammerly, age 85, of Monticello, died on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at the New Glarus Home.

He was born on Feb. 2, 1921, to Fred and Maude (Legler) Hammerly and lived at his family home in Monticello for over 80 years before moving into the New Glarus Home. During his lifetime he enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and everything about the outdoors, including mushroom hunting and creating recipes from the “wild”. As a naturalist he gave many talks to schools and other organizations. Ralph enjoyed traveling and reading, he was always learning and sharing his knowledge and experience. He was a founding member of the Monticello and Albany Historical Societies and was in several issues of “Who's Who of Indian Relics”. He farmed on the land he grew up on and later worked 30 years for General Motors until retirement in 1983. He enjoyed his monthly breakfast meetings with fellow GM retirees. He was proud of his Swiss heritage, and was well known for his love of cheese, especially Limburger. Ralph started the tradition of Limburger cheese parties at the New Glarus home. He was a kind, gentle man with a great sense of humor. He is best remembered for his knowledge of Native American artifacts and was a successful arrowhead “hunter” and collector for most of his life. He was the proud founder of the Monticello Artifact Show and displayed portions of his collections and won many awards over the years. ‘



Ralph is survived by his son, Tim [Peggy] Hammerly of New Glarus; a daughter, Faye (Larry) Howe of Middleton; a sister, Lois (Carroll) Iverson. of Mount Horeb; daughter Heidi; 10 grandchildren, Whitney and Kelsey Schwager, Robert, Mackenzie, Peter, Susan and Casper Hammerly and Colleen, Sadie and Kate.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Ralph “Rick” Hammerly Jr.

A Celebration of Ralph’s life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at 2 p.m. with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. at the New Glarus Home Chapel with the Rev. Mary Gafner, from the Washington Reformation United Church Of Christ, officiating.

The family wishes to thank the very caring and compassionate staff at the New Glarus Home and his many friends who made a difference in his life. A memorial fund is being established in Ralph’s memory.

Shriner-Hager-Gohlke Funeral Home of Monroe is assisting the family.