

S/1 Frederick C. Gehrke

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Frederick C. Gehrke

Frederick C. Gehrke, age 78, of Winneconne died peacefully Sunday evening October 31, 2004 at Care Partners Assisted Living in Winneconne. He was born September 26, 1926 in the Town of Rushford to the late Frederick and Cleo (Morenus) Gehrke. On June 14, 1947 Fred married Florence R. Peterson and they made their life time home in Winneconne. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 and was a proud member of the Flight Squadron VPB-19. Fred was a delivery driver for Dad's Root Beer in Oshkosh for a few years, and from 1948 until his retirement in 1985 he worked for the Winnebago County Highway Department. He was a member of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Winneconne, was involved in the Winnebago County Union, the Giles-Luce American Legion Post 364 of Winneconne, and had served on the Winneconne Village Board. Fred was a volunteer for the Oshkosh Meals on Wheels program, and the Bethesda Thrift Shop in Neenah. He was also the proud grandpa of nine and great-grandpa of five. Fred's wife Florence preceded him in death on October 16, 2002.

Fred is survived by two daughters, Marsha Wiley, of Pine River; Mary Jo (Reed) Winkner, of Winneconne; one son, Thomas (Lori) Gehrke, of Winneconne; a son-in-law, Andy (Marge) Tuxen, of Neenah; nine grandchildren; and five great-

grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, June (Bud) Swisher, of Oshkosh; two brothers, Francis (Jean) Gehrke, of Oshkosh; Donald Gehrke, of Oshkosh; and one sister-in-law, Adeline Peterson, of Winneconne.

Along with his parents and wife, Fred was also preceded in death by one son, Dale L. Gehrke; one daughter, Linda M. Tuxen; and one sister, Jane Martin.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2004 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Winneconne, with Pastor John Covach and Pastor Mark Albrecht officiating. Burial with military rites will be in the Winneconne Cemetery. Family and friends may call on Wednesday, November 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home, Winneconne. Visitation will continue on Thursday at the church from 10 a.m. until the hour of services.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Fred's name.

Fred's family would like to thank the neighbors on Willow St., the pastors at St. Paul's, the staff at Care Partners in Winneconne, and all of the doctors and staff at Affinity Health Care for their care and compassion during the last months.

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S/1 Frederick C. Gehrke, 365½ Wisconsin avenue, won the victory medal, Asiatic-Pacific area service ribbon and the American area service ribbon. He entered service Oct. 20, 1943.