

Obit. - Balk, Charles Paul
Feb. 14, 1933 - Oct. 29, 2001

Charles Paul Balk

PALMYRA - Charles Paul Balk, 68, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2001, at his residence in Palmyra. He was born in Pennsburg, Pa., on Feb. 14, 1933, to Paul and Elizabeth (Weslow) Balk. He moved to the Dousman area and lived with his aunt and uncle, Suzanne and John Schmidt. He joined the Marine Corps and served in the Korean conflict.

He married Kathleen Marsh on March 19, 1955, in Sullivan. He was employed at Wern Farms, was a self-employed bulk milk hauler for Dean's Foods, worked for the Palmyra Police Department and the Palmyra Public Works Department. Upon retirement, he was employed part time by the Blue Springs Lake Management District.

He was the town of Palmyra constable for 30 years, a retired member of the Palmyra Fire Department, a life member of the Tri-County Marine Corps League, a member of the Palmyra Lions Club and a life member of the Whitewater Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; three children, William (Joan) of Palmyra, Robert (Debra) of Eagle and Lisa (Peter) Griep of Whitewater; four granddaughters, Stephanie Balk, Brooke and Carlee Balk and Molly Griep; his mother-in-law, Martha Marsh; brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, aunts, uncles and his father-in-law, Kenneth Marsh Sr.

Funeral services for Charles will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at St. Mathew Lutheran Church in Palmyra; the Rev. Steven Blyth will officiate. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at the church. Burial with full military honors will be held at St. Mathew's Lutheran Church in Palmyra.

Mealy's Funeral Home of Eagle, 594-2442, is serving the family.

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