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Robert W. Mielke

May 28, 1935 – June 25, 2011

Robert W. Mielke, 76, of North Prairie, passed away Saturday, June 25, 2011. Bob was born May 28, 1935, the son of the late William and Eleanor Mielke.

Bob was retired from the Chicago Board of Education, where he was a chief operating engineer. He was a member of the Guildford Waters Engineering Fraternity.

Bob was a pioneering member of UMECRA, Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Ride Association. He competed from 1969 until 1984. In 1981, his horse, Smoke, was the first Horse of the Year. Bob was inducted into the sports' Hall of Fame in 2005. He actively mentored other riders until his death.

Bob was loved and will be sadly missed by his wife, Bonnie, and his many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, John.

Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, at Mealy's Funeral Home 103 W. Eagle St., Eagle, with a time for sharing memories from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Refreshments and conversation will follow at the Lion's Club on Highway 83 in Genesee Depot.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Eagle Volunteer EMT, 126 W. Main St., Eagle, WI 53119. No flowers, please.

Mealy's Funeral Home in Eagle, 594-2442, is assisting the family. For the online obituary and guest registry, go to www.hdlfuneralhomes.com.