

WAUKESHA

Merlin A. Smart

Oct. 18, 1919 - Jan. 27, 2005

Merlin A. Smart of Waukesha passed away Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at age 85.



Merlin served three years in World War II, entering on Normandy Beach with the 791st Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, between farming and working at the Waukesha Lime and Stone Co. as an operator for 34 years until he retired.

Merlin is the last of the original descendants of the Isaac Smart family, which were the first settlers after Morris Cutler to settle in Waukesha in 1834. Merlin was a member of the Operating Engineers Local 139 and Sussex Antique Power Association Club, of which he had served on the board of directors for a number of years, and was well-known for his "Red River Special Threshing Machine." He lived in the town of Pewaukee most of his life, attending grade school in Duplainville and high school in Pewaukee from 1934 to 1938.

He is survived by five sisters, Margaret (John) Conklin, Ruth Cizik, Mary (Earl) Bruch, Helen (Oliver) Butterfield and Marlene (Wayne) Books. He is also survived by the Frank Bonus family, Joe and Linda Bonus, and the George Cavaleri family. He also leaves behind a surrogate daughter, Gen Ebert, and her children, Carl (Kathy) Voegtline, Jeff (Jane) Fait and Dan Hasselstrom and family; a sister-in-law, Mildred Smart; and his beloved Irish setter, Dully O'Doul.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances (nee Cavaliri); his parents, Ira and Mary Smart; a brother, Franklin; a sister, Janet Philips; a half brother, Lloyd Smart; grandchildren and many, many friends.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until the 7 p.m. funeral service Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Church and Chapel Funeral Home, 380 Bluemound Road, Waukesha (at highways J and JJ, four blocks south of Interstate 94).

Church and Chapel Funeral Home is serving the family. For more information, call 549-0659 or visit www.churchandchapel.com to view the online obituary, leave condolences or receive directions.