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O'Hern, James
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JAMES M. O'HERN

James M. O'Hern, 83, died June 14, 2011, at Fort Memorial Hospital. He was born March 31, 1928, in Sturgeon Bay, to the late Martin and Agnes (Haen) O'Hern. He attended Catholic grade school, three years of high school in Sturgeon Bay and graduated from Sevastopol High School in 1946. After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Japan.

He graduated from White-water State Teachers College in 1952 with a bachelor of education degree (science major). He taught high school science in Random Lake for three years, Hortonville for 19 years, and Palmyra for 16 years. In Random Lake he coached Eight Man Football and taught some high school physical education classes in the village fire station. In

Hortonville he coached the football team to two Little Nine Conference championships and in Palmyra he coached football, golf, and was athletic director.

He was actively involved in his local community. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Palmyra where he served as an usher, a member of the parish council, and a trustee for several years. He also was president of the Blue Spring Lake Association for several years. He was a founding member and the charter president of the Palmyra Lion's Club and served as treasurer of the club for many years. He enjoyed reading, playing cards and golf (had two holes-in-one). He loved the Packers and was a season ticket holder for many years.

Survivors include his wife Carol (Ward) who he married

in October of 1953; children, Martin (Diane), Des Peres, Mo., Shaun (Mary), Monroe, Mich., and Helen (foster mother Susan Willing), Watertown; grandchildren, Alicia (Matt) Dibble and Kaitlin of Mo., and Shaun Michael, Maygen, and Kelsey of Mich.; three great-grandchildren; his sister, Mary Ruetten, Waukesha; other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 18, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Rev. Jay Poster officiated. Burial was in the parish cemetery in Palmyra.

Memorials to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 919 W. Main St., Palmyra WI 53156, or Opportunities Inc., 200 E. Cramer St., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538, are suggested.

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