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Arnold Edward Gross

Arnold Edward Gross, 88, of Jefferson, formerly of Fort Atkinson, died on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at the St. Mary's Hospital in Madison.

Arnold was born in Hillsboro on June 8, 1918, the son of Edward and Mathilda (Steffen) Gross. On Oct. 29, 1938, Arnold married Elsie Fiege at the Palmyra United Methodist Church.

Arnold farmed in various locations between Eagle and Palmyra before settling on Lower Hebron Road in 1943. During this time he also owned a sand and gravel business, and hauled milk. In 1960, Arnold sold the farming business. He then worked at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater as a mechanic in the grounds department, retiring in 1983.



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Arnold was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Fort Atkinson where he served as a trustee, and of the Men's Club and dartball team. He also was a member of the Fort Atkinson Rural Life Association and the Jefferson County Farm Bureau. He served as a 4-H leader, and loved playing cards and square dancing.

Arnold and Elsie have spent their winters in Arizona since 1985.

Surviving are his wife, Elsie Gross of Jefferson; three sons, Francis (Karyn) Gross and Roger (Joanne) Gross, both of Jefferson, and Donald (Olive) Gross of Fort Atkinson; one daughter, Arlene (special friend Scott Trull) Braithwaite of Rothschild; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Vera Peters of Milwaukee; a sister-in-law, Betty Gross of Grayslake, Ill.; and other relatives and friends.

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents; a sister in infancy; a brother, Kenneth Gross; and two stepsisters, Ida Menstine and Irene O'Day.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 24, at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Atkinson, with the Rev. John W. Wells officiating.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, at the Nitardy Funeral Home in Fort Atkinson and after 10 a.m. on Thursday at the church until the time of services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the First United Methodist Church in Fort Atkinson.

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