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## Berlick's life reflected his love of community

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No matter where he was and no matter what he was doing, Harry Berlick gloried in nature — God's nature and human nature.

Harry Berlick's death Tuesday at the age of 89 ended his work as a dairy farmer, truck driver, grocery store owner and grounds-keeper. It was work that had bound him to his land and to his community.

Wayne Berlick of Eagle said his father was "sort of a free spirit and a workaholic, all at the same time."

Just as colorful as his personality were the bright red Chevy pickups that were his trademark.

"He just bought a new truck in 1990," Berlick said. "Whenever he'd buy a new truck, it always had to be a Chevy."

The truck and its driver were a familiar sight on the streets of Eagle, at the barber shop and at the coffee shop.

"After breakfast — he would always cook his own breakfast — he would go down to Chapman's and drink two cups of coffee and talk," Berlick said.

Harry Berlick always had plenty to say.

Active in his church and local politics, Berlick kept himself up to date on community issues. Every day he read between one and three newspapers.



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Eagleville school board, where he was treasurer.

He and his wife Phyllis were married 51 years before she died in 1981. The couple raised three children, one daughter and two sons.

No matter how involved he was in his small world, Berlick was keenly aware of a world much bigger, a world filled with persons and natures as vibrant as his own.

"He liked to travel on Amtrak to Arizona or California or Oregon," Wayne Berlick said. "He liked to get on the train and talk to people, get people to talk about themselves."

"He'd come back home and for months afterwards, talk about all the people he met. Then he'd turn around and go on another trip."

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### Harry H. Berlick

EAGLE — Harry H. Berlick, age 89, of Parkview Drive, died Tuesday, May 25, 1993, at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. He was born April 8, 1904, in Milwaukee to Walter and Francis (nee Kendziorski) Berlick.

He farmed in the town of Eagle and Waukesha and was an independent truck driver for 25 years. He also operated a grocery store at Presque Isle, Wis. He then worked for the Waukesha County Park System. He was a town supervisor in 1945-1953 and Eagle town chairman and a county supervisor in 1953-1957. He also was a member of the Eagleville School Board where he was treasurer, a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Panama.

He is survived by sons, Wayne (Jeri) Berlick of Eagle and LeRoy A. (Arlene) Berlick of Tucson, Ariz.; daughter, Delrose Krueger of Greenfield; four sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis.

Funeral services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, at Mealy's Funeral Home in Eagle. Father Russell Witon will officiate with burial at St. Theresa's Cemetery, Eagle. Friends may call from 4 p.m. until time of services on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials to the Eagle rescue squad would be appreciated.

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