

Eagle Suffers Loss of Devoted Official

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Town of Eagle — The man who people said neglected his own chores to get the town's work done has died.

Waldo Shearer, 66, town chairman and longtime local politician, died Sunday at Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

Shearer had been hospitalized since May 23. He died of heart failure related to asthma and emphysema.

Shearer was elected town chairman by the Town Board

in July after after serving as a town supervisor for about 20 years.

He was also fire commissioner, a post he had held since 1958. Shearer was a volunteer fireman for 44 years and treasurer of the fire district for 38 years, retiring from those positions in 1974.

Michael Sasso, assistant fire chief, commented: "Everything he (Shearer) did was excellent. He was a real square shooter. He let his own chores go to get the

town's work done. He was dedicated to the Town and Village of Eagle."

Shearer was a school board member for 24 years. From 1947 until 1956 he was clerk of the Ward School Board, which became part of the Eagle School District in 1962. He then served on the Eagle School Board until 1971.

Town Supervisor John Auberger will continue his duties as acting town chairman, a position he has held since June 8.

Auberger said the Town Board would elect a chairman

from among the four supervisors and appoint a replacement to that supervisor's seat at its next meeting July 13.

Auberger remarked on Shearer's death:

"He knew more about the Town of Eagle than anybody. You could ask him a question and you'd be amazed at what he knew about the town.

"He will be missed. He was one of a kind. There aren't many like him."

Born in Eagle and a lifelong resident, Shearer operated a dairy farm until 1973.

The farm had belonged to his father, Clare Shearer, who served as a town clerk for 35 years.

The body will be at the Mealy Funeral Home, Eagle, after 4 p.m. Wednesday. A prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Theresa Catholic Church, Eagle. Burial will be in St. Theresa Cemetery.

Shearer is survived by his wife, Irene, and a brother, Robert.