



Germaine "Jim" D. Vande Berg

April 20, 1911 - September 3, 2012

Germaine "Jim" D. Vande Berg, 101, of Fond du Lac, went to be with his Lord on Monday, September 3, 2012, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on April 20, 1911, in Waupun, a son of Gerritt and Bessie Hendricks Vande Berg. Jim served with the National Guard. He was a mechanic at Infant Socks and also worked in maintenance at the Fond du Lac Clinic for ten years. He spent 40 wonderful years married to Ethelyn M. Gysbers, mother of his children, who preceded him in death on October 5, 1974. He also spent another 36 happy years married to Dorothy E. Pluntz Tennier, who also preceded him in death on July 23, 2012. Jim was the last living charter member of Grace Reformed Church, Fond du Lac, where he served as church treasurer, elder, and Sunday school teacher. He was an avid sportsman, especially fishing, hunting, and bowling. He is survived by four children: Ernest (Jill) Vande Berg of Fond du Lac, Marjorie (Richard) Lauanders of Fond du Lac, Andrea Vande Berg of Melbourne, Florida, and Judith (John) Marsden of Fond du Lac; a daughter-in-law, Lauri Vanden Berg of Cedarburg; two stepchildren: Dennis (Arlene) Tennier of West Bend and Judi Tennier of Fond du Lac; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Vande Berg; a son, Gary Vanden Berg; a step-grandson, Deno Scheid; and a half sister, Jenny (Walter) Olsen. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2012, at Grace Reformed Church, 163 E. 18th Street,

Fond du Lac. Military rites and burial will be in Forest Mound Cemetery, Waupun. The visitation will be on Saturday at church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Jim deeply loved his family and was an example of a man living his faith. His Christian faith is the legacy passed on to his family and others.