

## **Margaret Edna Louise Peck**

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MERCER, Wis. -- Margaret Edna Louise Peck, 84, of Mercer, died Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, 2005, at Flambeau Hospital in Park Falls.

A descendent of one of the pioneering families to settle in Mercer, Margaret was born there on March 19, 1920, to August W. and Monica M. (Zinda) Peter. She attended school in Mercer and graduated from Lutheran High School in Milwaukee in 1938.

She owned and operated a restaurant in Milwaukee for three years before serving stateside in the U.S. Army in the Women's Army Corps for 15 months. Following her discharge from the Army in 1945, Margaret owned and operated Veteran's Café in Mercer for one year. She was employed as a cook at Horner's Corners Restaurant in Mercer and at the Mercer School, and cooked at the Wisconsin Youth Camp in Manitowish Waters for three years. She moved to Montana in 1976 and worked as a cook for the U.S. Forest Service before retiring and returning to Mercer in 1981.

Margaret was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Mercer, a life member of Northland Chapter 66, Disabled American Veterans, member and past 12-year commander of the Mercer-Manitowish Waters American Legion Post 424, and a member of the Mercer American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed crocheting and sewing.

On Sept. 23, 1944, she married Johnney R. Reynolds. He preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1962.

She then married Arthur W. Peck on Nov. 14, 1965, at the Community Church in Manitowish Waters. Art survives.

Also surviving are her three children, Phyllis (Mike) Goelz, Wayne (Gerri) Reynolds, and Sylvia (Tom) Wall; stepchildren, Steve (Faye) Peck and Shasta Peck; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and first husband, Margaret was preceded in death by all of her siblings, Anna, George, William, Arnhold, Earl, Leo, Darrell, Edward, and Lydia; and a stepson, Michael Peck.

Cremation has taken place.

Family and friends will gather together in the spring at Faith Lutheran Church in Mercer for a celebration of Margaret's life, at a time and date to be announced.

Committal services and inurnment will follow in the Mercer Cemetery, where full military rites will be accorded by the Mercer-Manitowish Waters American Legion Post 424.

Luncheon will be served in the church fellowship hall immediately upon return from the cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Engstrom Funeral Home of Hurley.