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TUSCANIA

Meidam, Irvin Henry
1899 WI – 1980 WI



Irwin Henry Meidam – Left: “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” 10 Sep 1918 p 4 – Right: “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” 21 May 1919 p 1



Irvin Henry Meidam with parents, Mary Meta Korte Meidam & Henry Richard Meidam -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/67908363/person/36184045338/media/00b8a074-2957-4ce5-abff-d14bc9a82c27>



Irvin Henry Meidam & wife Hazel Anastasia VanHeuklon Meidam -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/67908363/person/36184029208/media/86893185-d108-4f6b-b493-45813b354f5f>



50th wedding anniversary – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Wednesday 19 Aug 1970 p 35 and <https://littlechutehistory.org/genealogy/showmedia.php?mediaID=16721&medialinkID=16754>

Irvin H. Meidam 1980

Irvin H. Meidam, 81, Rt. 4, Clintonville, died Wednesday morning, October 8, at his home.

Born July 28, 1899, in Appleton, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meidam. He spent his early life in Appleton and on August 3, 1920, he married Hazel Van Heuklon. He was employed for many years by the Wisconsin Power and Light Company and also as an electrician. The couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August 1980.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel; three daughters, Mary Harris, Clintonville, Mrs. Ron (Irene) Johnson, Sacramento, Calif., Mrs. Allan (Pauline) Beyer, Appleton; three sons, Irvin J. Meidam, Texas City, Texas, Ted Meidam, Shawano, Patrick Meidam, Appleton; 31 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one brother, Adrian Meidam, Little Chute; and two sisters, Mrs. Emory (Vera) Barrett, Appleton, and Mrs. Jerome (Ethel) Linskens, Appleton. He was preceded in death by one son and two sisters.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Eberhardt Funeral Home, Clintonville, with the Rev. Charles Shebuski officiating. Burial will be in St. Rose Catholic Cemetery, Clintonville.

Friends may call at the Eberhardt Funeral Home, Clintonville, from 5 to 9 p.m. tonight (Thursday) and after 8:30 a.m. Friday until the time of the service.

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Route 4, Clintonville

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Obituary of Irvin Henry Meidam – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 9 Oct 1980 p 37

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Mrs. Dennis Meidam has received the following interesting letter from her nephew, Irvin H. Meidam, who is with the 107th supply train of the American expeditionary force in France.

Somewhere in France,

August 13, 1918.

Dear Aunt Jen:—Received your two kind and welcome letters, which were dated July 1 and 16. I am going to answer both in one letter. This is the first time I had to write for a long time, so busy working on the truck. I wrote a letter to mother yesterday. Tell Phil I met Harry Herman and a bunch of the Appleton boys last night of the Rainbow Division, and that Harry sends Phil his best regards and also to Art Brock. I heard that they were to camp for the night in a town about ten kilometers from here so after supper I walked over to see them and they sure were glad to see me. I slept with Harry overnight and in the morning hiked about two kilos with them for they



IRVIN MEIDAM

went the same way I had to for a ways. They were all surprised to see me. They said: "I thought you were at the bottom of the sea." You know Bill Bogan, well he was killed in action and his brother was wounded in battle. War is hell. Say Jen, tell dad that I met that short fellow that worked in the Valley with him, the one that helped him shuck out cast-

The weather here at present is rather hot. I think we have old Fritz on the run now. All the dead Germans I have seen so far are shot in the back and our boys are killed running after them. You tell Grand-dad that he didn't have anything over me for jumping fences and running through the woods for the first night we were here and I had no time to sleep, old Fritz came and dropped a few bombs. That was the first sleep we had for two days and nights. I wish you could have seen us go through the brush. Shells and battles are not half as bad as night bombardments, to my idea. The towns up here are one heap of brick and stones. Here and there you can see houses, but they are full of holes and graveyards all shot to pieces by the Germans. If those demons go to heaven I am sure I will too. We hauled some wounded the other day and it was a fright.

You can call up mother and tell her I saw Harry Herman and tell Grandma that I am in the best of health and hope she is the same and Grand-dad too. I hope he is better now. I got the cards you sent me and thank you very much for them. I got them the 30 of July. We got our service stripe now which means six months in France, in other words h—. As I know of no more to write

I will close with love to all and good luck, As ever,

IRVIN H. MEIDAM,
107 Supply Train, A. E. F.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 10 Sep 1918 p 4

9 NEAR DEATH ON SHIP; SEVEN ESCAPE WOUNDS

ANNIVERSARY OF SINKING OF
TUSCANIA—LOCAL MEN ON
HER LUCKY IN BATTLE

Today marks the first anniversary of the sinking of the British transport Tuscania off the coast of Ireland by a torpedo from a German submarine. Of the nine local young men who were on board the ill-fated ship, only two were wounded during the nine months of war that followed that first great disaster to American troops when they came so near death. Irvin Meidam, 107th Supply Train 32nd Division, was wounded in action in August, but has recovered from his wounds and is now with his unit in Germany. Theodore Briggs, Sanitary Squad No. 7, was struck by a piece of high explosive shrapnel in the left shoulder, July 30, at the battle near Chateau-Thierry when he was engaged in caring for the wounded. He spent six weeks in the hospital after that, but upon his release caught cold and a relapse followed,

confining him to the convalescent hospital for two or three months. At present he is doing clerical work in the central department office.

The other four members of the Sanitary Squad, Sgt. Eric Galpin, Paul Van Wyk, Worth Bushey, and McKinley Robinson, came through the war without a scratch. Soon after their arrival in France they were transferred from Sanitary Squad No. 1 to Squad No. 7 of the 32nd Division. Their work consisted mainly of seeing the billets for the rest of the troops were in proper sanitary condition. During the battles they were engaged as ambulance drivers and stretcher bearers, doing general first aid work. September 1 they were transferred from the 32nd Division, doing detached duty at various hospitals. They were at the base hospital at Is-sur-Tille, France, until recently, when they were detailed to do outside work, and are now awaiting orders to return home.

The other members of the 107th Supply Train, Lieut. Henry J. Pettigrew, since promoted to Captain of Co. D, Sgt. Arthur J. Hantsche and Sgt. Jacob Schneider, also escaped injury of any kind. They are still members of the same unit in which they served when they left this country and are now in Germany with the 32nd Division.

LUXEMBURG LETTER IS RECEIVED IN CITY

TELLS OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS'
SOJOURN THERE ON WAY
INTO GERMANY

A letter in the German language from a citizen of the independent grand duchy of Luxemburg has brought joy to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meidam, 426 Eldorado street, for it told them that their son, Irvin, was safe and sound with the American army which passed through Luxemburg after the signing of the armistice and is now in Germany.

It was a great relief for Mr. and Mrs. Meidam to receive the letter, because their son had been wounded in battle and had been in a hospital for a long time. They had not heard from him since October 28 and feared that his wound had proved more seri-



Irvin Meidam

ous than at first expected, or that he had been wounded a second time after returning to his regiment.

Private Irvin Meidam volunteered for service and entered the company at New London, drilled and commanded by Captain Hoffman of Appleton. He was among the first to go to France and saw hard service.

A free translation of the letter from Luxemburg follows:

Worthy Friends in America:

I have good news for you. Our brothers from America came into Luxemburg and to the village of Reuland on November 26. We had the pleasure of having your son quartered in our home and as he could speak German we enjoyed his presence very much. The Americans are all of them happy and well. On the American Thanksgiving Day there was feasting, songs of the home across the sea were sung and there was instrumental music.

On December 2, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Americans waved their handkerchiefs in farewell as they left this village on their way to the German border and on December 3 they entered Germany.

Thanks to be God that the war is at last ended. The brothers from America hope to be back home soon. We wish all of you a happy Christmas, which will be a peace Christmas this year, and a happy new year. We hope that your son will soon arrive home safely and happy. He told us his mother spoke German very fluently and therefore he asked us to write this letter. As proof of our integrity we enclose a picture of your son which he gave us as a memento, and we ask you to return it to us.

With best wishes,
 Franz Polzer, Reuland,
 Canton Mersch, Post Fels,
 Luxemburg.

Letter from Franz Polzer in Luxembourg about hosting Irvin in his home in Reuland as of 26 Nov 1919, with the American troops departing on 2 Dec 1919 & arriving in Germany in Dec 1919. Irvin

spoke German and he told Franz his mother spoke it fluently. (She was born in Germany.) –
“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Monday 6 Jan 1919 p 3

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"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 5 Feb 1919 p 5

Tuscania Passengers Back in United States

107th Supply Train with Appleton and New London Men Is Back—Attract Attention on Account of Sturdy and Husky Appearance—Will Remain in Camp Hill for Few Days—19 New London and 6 Appleton Men with Command

ARE GIVEN A GREAT OVATION

(Special to the Crescent)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—The 107th Supply train arrived at this port late Tuesday afternoon aboard the battleship Virginia after two weeks sailing from Brest. Other units aboard were the 107th Sanitary Train, 107th Train Headquarters and 126 casualties, totalling 1,359 men.

They were quartered last night at Camp Hill to remain several days before being sent to western camps. In command of the troops was Colonel Peter Plasecki of Milwaukee. Most of the troops in the several organizations were from Wisconsin and Michigan and as they marched from the streets here on their way to camp they were greeted with cheers from thousands of people who lined the "way of triumph." The streets had been profusely decorated and scattered with flowers for Virginia troops who arrived earlier in the day and the Wisconsin men shared in the reception. They drew attention because of their sturdy and husky appearance.

Several of the men who landed were passengers on the ill-fated Tuscania when she was torpedoed. They demonstrated wonderful discipline at that time. Capt. Pettigrew formed his company on deck and held the men there for nearly two hours instead of risking the life boats. When a destroyer ran up to the side of the sinking transport the men of Pettigrew's company stepped from one boat to the other. Among the Appleton men on the Tuscania who returned yesterday were Capt. Pettigrew, Jacob Schneider, Arthur Hantchel and Irwin Meidam.

Following is a list of names of New London and Appleton men who arrived on the ship:

NEW LONDON

Francis Barlow, 19 Wolf River.
Ralph Mayo, South Pearl Street.
Leland T. Meany.
George E. Dotman.
Louis W. F. Hoffman, Avon Street.
Harvey J. Travers, Cook Street.
Laurel J. Conat, 1121 Shiocton St.
Geo. C. Grawdunder, 338 Smith St.
Herman W. Reshein.
Arthur H. Ziemer.
Leonard Meshke, E. Washington St.
Leo A. Krueger, 317 West Pine St.
Ohren R. Huntley, 1009 S. Pearl St.
David H. Van, N. Devere.
Paul D. Rohany.
Martin D. Bongers, Quincy Street.
George H. Bongers, Quincy Street.
Byron E. Christian.
Frank J. Herres.

APPLETON

Capt. Henry J. Pettigrew.
Sergt. Charles C. Baker, 670 Drew.
John J. Haug, Jr., 690 Lincoln St.
Jacob F. Schneider, 929 Richmond.
Arthur J. Hantchel, 920 S. Division.
Irwin Meidam, 426 Eldorado Street.

NEW YORK—The transport Sierra, bringing 1,511 men, mostly from the 82nd division, including Major General George B. Duncan, picked her way through a heavy fog that delayed several arriving transports and docked here today. Close behind her came the Valacia, with the 119th Machine Gun Battalion, company K and M and the Medical detachment of the 126th Infantry and Casuals.

Accompanied by his photo - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 21 May 1919 p 1

LEAVE FOR GRANT—Fred Bushey received a telegram last night stating that Worth Bushey, McKinley Robinson, Eric Galpin and Paul VanWyk all of the local sanitary squad, would leave Camp Devens for Camp Grant today. Henry Meidam has received a telegram from his son, Irwin, saying he had arrived safely in Newport News.

All Tuscania survivors – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Thursday 22 May 1919 p 2

NOTICE
I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my son, Irving Meidam.
(Signed) Henry R. Meidam.
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“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 9 Sep 1919 p 2

JOIN THE ARMY—Alvin Maertz and Irvin Meidam have enlisted in the motorized field artillery service and left Monday for Jefferson Barracks, Mo. They expect to be stationed at San Antonio, Texas. The former is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Maertz, Spencer road and the latter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meidam 426 Eldorado street.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Wednesday 21 Apr 1920 p 6

Wife:

Marriage Licenses

Applications for marriage licenses were made Thursday to Herman J. Kamps, county clerk, by Irvin Henry Meidam and Hazel VanHeuklon, Appleton; John VanEperen, Little Chute, and Mary De Bruin, Freedom; Harry A. Smith and Viola Zimmerman, Appleton.

Marriage license of Irvin Henry Meidam & Hazel Van Heuklon – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent”
Thursday 29 Jul 1920 p 5

VanHeuklon-Meidam Nuptials

Miss Hazel VanHeuklon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. VanHeuklon, and Irvin Meidam, son of Henry Meidam, were married at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at St. Mary church. Miss Mina VanHeuklon, sister of the bride, and Edward Roel attended the couple. The bride's gown was of white georgette and she wore a tulle veil trimmed with pearls. She carried a shower bouquet of roses. Her bridesmaid wore a dainty pink organdy dress, with hat to match, and also carried roses. A reception at the home of the bride's parents followed. A wedding dinner was served at noon to about 50 guests. Mr. and Mrs. Meidam will make their home in this city on Spencer street.

Marriage on 3 Aug 1920 – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” 3 Aug 1920 p 5



Wife Hazel VanHeuklon Meidam -

<https://littlechutehistory.org/genealogy/showmedia.php?mediaID=16723&medialinkID=16756>

Meidams Wed For 50 Years

CLINTONVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Irvin H. Meidam, route 2, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday with an afternoon reception for friends and relatives at Embarrass Park.

The couple was married Aug. 3, 1920.

Mr. Meidam, who has been in the electrical business, is semi-retired.

The Meidams have six living children: Irvin J., Texas City, Tex.; Ted, Shawano; Mrs. Frank Harris, Clintonville; Mrs. Phil Masson, Colton, Wash., and Mrs. Allan Beyer and Patrick, Appleton. They also have 31 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday 14 Aug 1970 p 10

Mrs. Irvin (Hazel) Meidam

Pine Manor Nursing Home,
Embarrass

Formerly of route 4, Clintonville, age 86, died Monday morning at the nursing home. Mrs. Meidam was born August 14, 1896 in Appleton, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Van Heuklom. She spent her early life in Appleton, and on August 3, 1920 was united in marriage to Irvin Meidam. The young couple lived near Clintonville all of their married life. Survivors include three daughters: Mary Harris, Clintonville; Mrs. Ron (Irene) Johnson, Sacramento, California; Mrs. Allan (Pauline) Beyer, Appleton; three sons: Irvin J., Texas City, Texas; Ted, Shawano; Patrick, Appleton; 31 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and two sisters: Mina Hendricks, Appleton; and Mrs. Edwin (Ruth) Helms, Menasha. She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, two sisters and three brothers. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Rose Catholic Church, Clintonville with the Rev. Charles Shebuski officiating. Interment will be in the parish cemetery. Friends may call at the Eberhardt

and Berger Funeral Home, Clintonville from 5 until 9 p.m. Tuesday (today) and from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. A parish prayer service will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday (tonight).

Obituary of wife Hazel Van Heuklon Meidam – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 7 Sep 1982 p 37

Children:

I.J. Meidam

Irvin "Ditty" Meidam 69, of Texas City Texas died suddenly of a heart attack Friday June 22, 1990. Services were held in the chapel of Emken-Linton Funeral Home in Texas City. Burial was at Forest Park East in League City, Texas. He was born May 4, 1921 in Grand Chute, Wisconsin, son of Irvin H. Meidam and Hazel (Van Heuklon) Meidam. He graduated from Clintonville High School. He served in the Navy in World War II and then moved to Texas. He was a retired supervisor at Union Carbide, and a member of Carbide Volunteers, Carbide Pioneer Club, VFW Post 5400. Survivors include his wife, Gloria; a son, Dennis Meidam, Houston; a daughter, Janice Joy, Sante Fe, New Mexico; two

granddaughters: Denise and Christine Meidam, Houston; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Ted and Ruth Meidam, Shawano, Wisconsin. Pat and June Meidam, Appleton; three sisters: Mary Harris, Clintonville; Irene and Ron Johnson, Deary, Idaho; Pauline and Allan Beyer, Appleton, Wisconsin. Pallbearers were: W.L. Davis, H.G. Ross, Marvin Freudensprung, Paul Harris, Clifford Reed and Allan Beyer. Donations may be sent to the American Heart Association.

Obituary of son Irvin J. (Ditty) Meidam (1921-1990) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 3 Jul 1990 p 22

Scout Is Hero in Rescue of Youth Who Fell Through Ice

Irvin Meidam, 17-year-old Clintonville boy scout, may get national recognition for his recent rescue of a companion who fell through the ice of Pigeon river.

Walter Dixon, valley scout executive, said today his office will file application with the national court of honor of boy scouts, citing Meidam's feat as worthy of a certificate of heroism or a life saving medal, the latter the highest award of this type made by Boy Scouts of America.

Meidam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Meidam, 71 Tenth street, Clintonville, and a member of Troop 24 of that city.

One afternoon recently the two boys went up the Pigeon river for a hike. Returning about 4:30, they started to cross the channel about two blocks above the dam where

swimming frantically around underneath the ice farther downstream. Meidam battered his way through the ice at that point and pulled Klitz out. The force of the current made it impossible for Klitz to return to the opening through which he fell and Meidam's feat in breaking through the surface a second time entailed considerable danger.

Meidam is a "life scout," having passed a number of tests beyond the rank of a first-class scout. He is active in the affairs of Troop 24, sponsored by the American Legion post. The Klitz youth does not belong to a scout organization. Meidam received his safety merit badge only a week before his successful rescue.

the water is deep and swift moving. Both boys broke through the ice.

Meidam was able to crawl out of opening onto firmer ice. When he regained his footing, he saw Klitz

Ironically, son Irvin saves a boy from drowning in the Pigeon River after falling through the ice by the dam – since his other son Elmer had died when he fell through the Pigeon River ice near the dam – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Thursday 22 Dec 1938 p 11

Theodore "Ted" Meidam

4502 Pine Ridge Road
Shawano

Age 75, passed away Wednesday, July 8, 1998, at his home.

He was born September 16, 1922, to the late Ervin and Hazel (Van Hooklyn) Meidam in Appleton. He was united in marriage on August 28, 1948, to Ruth "Butchie" Beversdorf in Shawano. He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church of Shawano. He was a self employed Electrical Contractor in the Shawano area for many years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, telling fish stories, remodeling, spending time with family, his grandchildren and his great-grandchild. He was in the United States Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Butchie; five daughters: Ann (Peter) Kahler, Shawano; Marjorie (Jerry) Anderson, Shawano; Barbara Burr, Tomahawk; Lorraine (Darold) Raasch, Shawano; Kathleen (Eric) Jensen, Shawano; four sons: Michael (Kelly) Meidam; James (Linda) Meidam, Joseph (Cyndi) Meidam, all of Shawano; Mathew Meidam, Green Bay; two sisters, Irene (Ron) Johnson, Idaho; Pauline (Maynard) Sohr, Shawano; 11 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Funeral services will be Friday, July 10, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, Shawano, with the Rev. William Otte officiating. Friends may call on Friday after 11 a.m. at the church until the time of services. There will be full Military Services at the church following the service. Swedberg Funeral Home of Shawano is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

Obituary of son Theodore James Meidam (1922-1998) - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 9 Jul 1998 p 14

FOUR YEAR OLD CHILD IS DROWNED AT CLINTONVILLE

(Special to The Northwestern.)

Clintonville, Wis.—Elmer Meidam, aged 4 years, son of Irvin Meidam, with the Wisconsin Light and Power company, was drowned in the Pigeon river Thursday afternoon, while crossing the ice on his way to school. The lad was accompanied by his brother Teddy, aged 5, and the two lads wandered away from the usual path over strong ice, to slide on fresher ice at a spot nearer the dam. The two broke through and both clung to the ice for a time, the elder lad being rescued by Arnold Weade, by means of a board which he slipped under the child's coat. The younger one was finally compelled to release his hold and was carried downstream, by the current against the flume of the dam. Other help arrived and the body was recovered promptly but in spite of medical aid, life could not be

restored. The death of the child has cast a gloom over what was intended as a family reunion to be held tomorrow at Appleton, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. VanKueklom, parents of Mrs. Meidam. Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Rose Catholic church.

BOY IS DROWNED AT CLINTONVILLE

CLINTONVILLE, Wis., Feb. 18—(AP)—Elmer Meidam drowned in Pigeon river, near here, while on his way to Kindergarten. The boy and his brother Theodore, were crossing the river when the ice broke. Their cries attracted the attention of Arnold Webbe who pushed a board out to them. Theodore was pulled out but Elmer, benumbed by the cold, lost his grip and disappeared in the swift current.

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Sunday 19 Feb 1928 p 1

Funeral on Monday

Elmer Joseph Meidam was born at Appleton, Sept. 19, 1923, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Meidam, who came to this city from Wittenberg about two years ago in connection with his work with the Wisconsin Light and Power company.

Arrangements had been completed for a family reunion to be held next Sunday at Appleton, that being the birthday of Mrs. Meidam's mother. In a letter received that day she had specified the part she wished to have little Elmer take in the entertainment.

Funeral services will be held at St. Rose Catholic church next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. O. Diedrich. Interment in Catholic cemetery.

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Saturday 18 Feb 1928 p 4

Patrick G. Meidam

"Top of the Morning"

1405 W. Brewster St.

Age 69, passed away suddenly on Friday, Sept. 1 at his home. He was born on March 17, 1926 in Wittenberg to the late Irvin and Hazel (Van Heuklon) Meidam. He married the former June May Rusch on Oct. 22, 1946 in Shawano. She survives. Mr. Meidam served in the United States Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. He retired from Riverside Paper Co. in 1987 after 40 years of employment. He was a past commander of the Appleton DAV Chapter 18. Survivors besides his wife include four sons, Larry (Sandy) Meidam of Porterfield, Leon (Christine) Meidam, Appleton, Mark (Linda) Mei-

dam, Kaukauna, Kim (Cindy) Appleton; three daughters, Sandra (Mark) Schindler, Toccoa, Ga., Rosemary (Michael) Dietz, Menasha, Connie (Darrell) Pomplun, Marinette; 12 grandchildren; one brother, Theodore (Ruth) Meidam, Shawano; two sisters, Irene (Ron) Johnson, Deary, Idaho, Pauline Beyer, Appleton; and also Gail, a special friend of the family. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia; a grandson, Eugene; two brothers, Elmer and Irvin; and a sister, Mary Harris. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the WICHMANN FUNERAL HOME, 537 N. Superior St. Rev. Stephan Foster and Rev. Terry Temanson will officiate. Interment will take place at Highland Memorial Park, Appleton. Friends may call at the WICHMANN FUNERAL HOME on Monday from 6 until 8 p.m. and again on Tuesday from 1 p.m. until the time of services.

Obituary of son Patrick George Meidam (1926-1995) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Sunday 3 Sep 1995 p 20



June Meidam, age 86, of Appleton, passed away on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at Appleton Health Care Center. She was born on June 10, 1926 in Shawano, the daughter of the late Otto and Viola (Seidlitz) Rusch. On October 22, 1946, June married Patrick Meidam in Shawano. They enjoyed traveling and seeing the United States. Family time was surrounded by activities like - baking and decorating Christmas cookies; Easter egg decorating and celebrations; Trick or Treat night; and playing board games, cards and knitting.

June is survived by her children: Larry (Sandra) Meidam, Leon (Christine) Meidam, Sandra (Mark) Schindler, Rosemary (Michael) Dietz, Mark (Linda) Meidam, Kim (Cynthia) Meidam and Connie (Darrell) Pomplun; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; and brother: Carl (Caroline) Rusch. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other

relatives and friends. June was preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia and her husband, Patrick Meidam.

The funeral service for June will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at the Wichmann Funeral Home Tri-County Chapel. Rev. Dr. Tom Fritz will be officiating. Inurnment will take place at Highland Memorial Park in Appleton. The family will receive relatives and friends from 10:00 am on Thursday until the time of service. Online condolences can be expressed at www.wichmannfargo.com.

Obituary of daughter-in-law June May Rusch Meidam, widow of son Patrick George Meidam - <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/postcrescent/name/june-meidam-obituary?pid=158375753>

Irene Rose Johnson

Feb 24, 2021 Updated Feb 24, 2021

The
LEWISTON TRIBUNE



Irene Rose Johnson, of Lewiston, and formerly of Helmer, Idaho, passed away Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021, at her home at age 91.

She was born April 25, 1929, in Clintonville, Wis., to Irvin and Hazel Meidam. She had four brothers, Elmer, Irvin, Theodore and Patrick; and two sisters, Mary and Pauline. She grew up in Wisconsin.

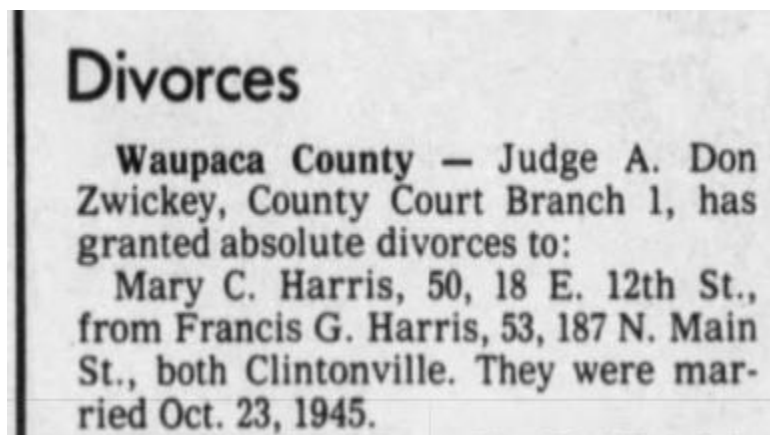
Irene married Harles Dollar on March 30, 1946, in Belton, Texas. Together they had five children, Priscilla, Darleen, Kenneth, Patrick and Ricky. They divorced in 1961. She met Phillip Masson and had a daughter, Michelle, in 1963. Over the years, she worked as a waitress, at a chicken ranch packing eggs, housecleaning, babysitting, ironing, sewing and volunteer work. Throughout this time she lived in Rio Linda, Calif.; Colton; Deary; Orofino; and Dayton.

Irene moved to Sacramento, Calif., where she met and later married Ronald Johnson on Aug. 26, 1977. She did volunteer work at the Senior Gleaners until 1987, when they moved to Helmer, Idaho. She lived in Helmer for 28 years. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, camping, sewing, volunteering and traveling with her husband. She started the Helmer Improvement Group and was active in sponsoring the annual Helmer Days. In 2013, she moved to Lewiston, where she spent her remaining years.

Irene is survived by her children, Penny O'Neal, Darleen (Kent) Sanderson, Ken (Sandy) Dollar, Pat (Terri) Dollar, Rick Dollar and Michelle (Joe) Green; 15 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and 19 great-great-grandchildren. She was an incredible woman and she will be missed.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date. Our thanks to Advanced Hospice of Lewiston for their compassion and exceptional care.

Obituary of daughter Irene Rose Meidam Dollar Masson Johnson (1929-2021) - https://lmtribune.com/obituaries/irene-rose-johnson/article_145cce88-3bbe-5d0f-a03b-32eaec19945c.html



Divorce of daughter Mary Catherine Meidam (1924-1995) from husband Francis G. Harris in 1975 – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 14 Jan 1975 p 9

Shawano

Glenda Pecore, 56, Keshena, died Jan. 27, 1995.

Roger Tourtillott, 62, Neopit, died Jan. 26, 1995.

Orville Teetzen, 77, town of Richmond, Shawano, died Jan. 29, 1995.

William Brede, 70, Bonduel, died Jan. 29, 1995.

Mary Harris, 70, Clintonville, died Jan. 29, 1995.

Herbert Malueg, 68, Seymour, formerly of Caroline, died Jan. 29, 1995.

Regina Raflik, 84, Shawano, died Jan. 31, 1995.



Death of sister Mary Katherine Meidam Harris – “Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Thursday 9 Feb 1995 p

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Miss Mary C. Meidam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Meidam, route 3, Clover Leaf lakes, recently enlisted in the Waves, and she has left here to enter Hunter college in New York City. She was scheduled to begin her indoctrination training on Thursday of this week. She will learn navy tradition and customs, and participate in the physical fitness program. Upon completion of her training at the college, she will be assigned to duty.

Mary was accompanied from Clintonville by her brother Pat Meidam, seaman second class, and Mrs. Irving Meidam, Jr. At Chicago Pat left them to report to his base on Mare Island, Calif. Mrs. Irving Meidam, Jr., accompanied her sister-in-law to New York to join her husband.

Daughter Mary – son Patrick – and son Irvin & wife Gloria – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday 27
Jul 1945 p 15

Pauline T. Sohr

APPLETON, WISCONSIN - Pauline T. Sohr (Foxy), passed away on March 19, 2020 at the age of 87. She was born May 1, 1932 in Clintonville, WI to Irvin H. and Hazel (VanHeuklon) Meidam. She attended Shawano High School, then moved to Appleton, WI and married Allan Beyer in 1952.

Pauline ... Foxy as her many friends and family knew her by; was a devout Christian woman, wife and mother. She worked as a teacher's assistant for the Appleton School District for nearly 20 years. Her proudest career accomplishment was swimming with the Special Education children at Highland's Elementary School as they would come and pick off the "Goodie tree", and sing songs.



After retiring in 1997, Pauline moved back to the Shawano area where she went fishing, met Maynard Sohr, and they married. A woman so full of life enjoyed sewing, crocheting, fishing, swimming, bike riding, dancing, traveling, modeling in the Shawano Woman's Club, and having fun with family and her many friends.

She is survived by a son, Peter (Cindy) Beyer – Appleton; a daughter, Diane Kovacs – WA, 3 grandchildren; Jessica (Brett) Ahrens, Kaye (Collin) Booth, WA, and Adam Kovacs, England. 3 Great grandchildren; Hannah Bichel, Skylar and Matthew Ahrens. One sister; Irene (Ron) Johnson, Idaho. Pauline is also survived by Maynard Sohr's children; Brian, Holly and Shelly; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first and second husbands, Allan Beyer and Maynard Sohr. Three brothers; Ditty, Ted and Pat Meidam; one sister; Mary Harris. Due to the current environment, a small service will be held at Wichmann's Funeral Home on March 27, 2020 at 10 AM. Limited visitation will be held prior to the service. Entombment will take place at Highland Memorial Park at 11:15 AM that day. A Celebration of Life event will be held at a later date.

In lieu of money or flowers, it is Pauline's wish: Remember me by making someone else happy; perform a small act of kindness to somebody. This does not take much – a smile, send a card, visit a friend, go out for lunch ... the only way to be happy is to make someone else so.

Thank you to Mrs. Sohr's medical teams, Wichmann Funeral Home and Highland Memorial Park. To Eagle Point Senior Living Facility; so professional, caring and supportive. The family wishes to say thank you all for making Foxy's place a home she could thrive and be truly happy

For me life was a piece of cake,
I tasted it all and enjoyed every bite.
I trusted the lord with all might,
and now I stand in his heavenly light.

"Thank you for enjoying my life with me!" P.S. Foxy

To leave a special message or condolences for Foxy's family, please visit wichmannfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary of daughter Pauline T. Meidam Beyer Sohr (1932-2020) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent"
Wednesday 25 Mar 2020 p A7



THE ENGAGEMENT OF Miss Pauline Meidam to Allan A. Beyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beyer, 534 W. Brewster street, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin H. Meidam, route 2, Clintonville. No date has been set for the wedding.

Engagement of Pauline Theresa Meidam to Allen Arthur Beyer – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent”
Friday 28 Mar 1952 p 18

Meidam-Beyer Nuptials Said

Special to Press-Gazette
CLINTONVILLE, Wis. — St. Rose Catholic church, Clintonville, was the scene of the wedding of Miss Pauline Meidam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Meidam, Clintonville, route 2, and Allen Beyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beyer, Appleton, Saturday, April 19. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Peter A. Salm at 10:30.

Mrs. Francis Harris, Appleton, was her sister's matron of honor, while Ronald Weber, was the best man. Terry Harris, served as ring bearer.

The bride was attired in an embossed white cotton dress, with gold and white accessories. She carried a colonial bouquet of yellow roses, white carnations and hyacinths. Her attendant wore a beige linen dress and a white hat, and a corsage of red roses and white carnations. Her crystal earrings were a gift from the bride.

A wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's parents, was followed by a reception there.

The bride is a graduate of the Shawano High school and the bridegroom graduated from the Appleton High school. He is now employed by the Appleton Coated Paper company. The couple will live at 524 Brewster street, Appleton.

Wedding of daughter Pauline Theresa Meidam to her 1st husband, Allen Beyer, on 19 Apr 1952 –
“Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette” Thursday 24 Apr 1952 p 32

Father:

Henry R. Meidam

Henry R. Meidam, 79, 1427 N. Harriman street, died at 10:30 Tuesday evening at his home after a short illness. He was born Dec. 11, 1874 in Appleton.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Valley Funeral home with burial in Riverside cemetery. The Rev. F. C. Reuter, pastor of First English Lutheran church, will officiate. Friends may call at the funeral home after 12 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. William Dailey, Mrs. Emory Barrett, and Mrs. Jerome Linskens, all of Appleton; two sons, Ervin, Clintonville, and Adrian, Little Chute; one sister, Mrs. F. Gearson, Appleton; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Obituary of father Henry Richard Meidam (1874-1954) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 26 May 1954 p 34

Mother:

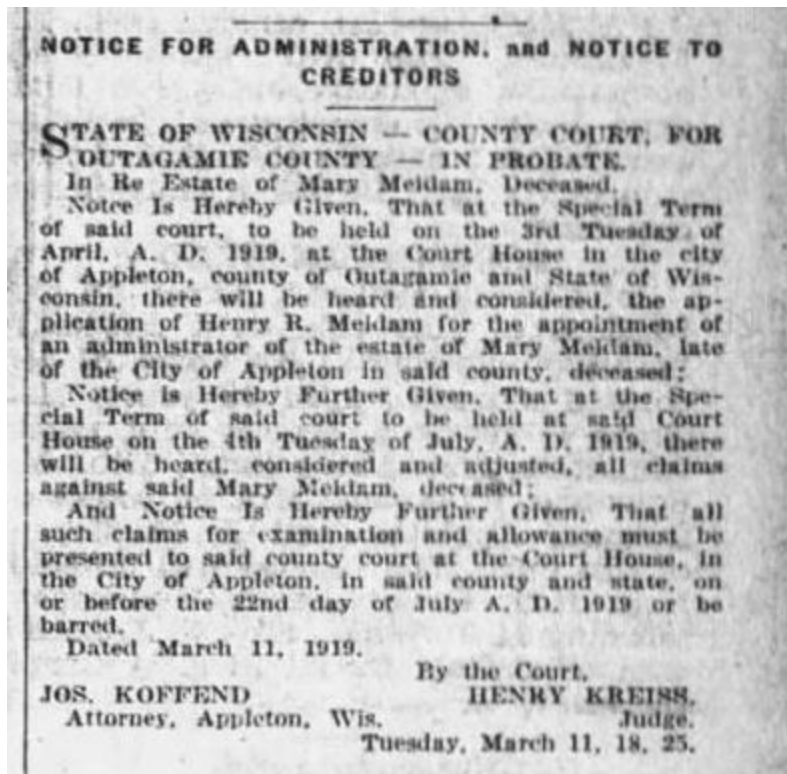
MRS. HENRY MEIDAM

Mrs. Henry Meidam dropped dead Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Fred Harriman, where she was visiting. She was 43 years old.

The deceased is survived by six children, Ervin with the American army of occupation in Germany, and Edwin, Jeanette, Vernie, Pearl and Essel, all of this city. Two brothers survive, William Korte with the army in France, August Korte of this city, and four sisters, Mrs. John Armstrong and Mrs. John Wheeler, Appleton; Mrs. John Schoettler, Greenville and Mrs. Anna Wheeler, Green Bay.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Riverside chapel, the Rev. Paul W. Nesper officiating.

The obituary of his mother Mary Korte Meidam in the "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 6 Mar 1919 p 2 could have used more accuracy – "Ervin" is Irvin – "Edwin" is Adrian – "Vernie" is Vera – "Essel" is Ethel – while Jeanette & Pearl are correct.



Probate of mother Mary Meta Korte Meidam – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday – 25 Mar 1919

p 11

Siblings:

Mrs. William M. Dailey

(Jeannette M. Meidam)

1109 W. Spencer St.

Age 73, died at 8 p.m. Monday. She was born October 13, 1906 in Appleton, where she had been a lifelong resident. Mrs. Dailey was a member of the First English Lutheran Church, its Rebekah Circle, and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Survivors include two brothers: Irvin Meidam, Clintonville; and Adrian Meidam, Little Chute; two sisters: Mrs. Emery (Vera) Barrett and Mrs. Jerome (Ethel) Linskens, both of Appleton; nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, August 24, 1964. The complete funeral will be at 12 noon Thursday at the First English Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Willis Bloedow officiating. Interment will be in Highland Memorial Park. Friends may call at the Wichmann Funeral Home from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday and after 10 a.m. at the church until the hour of the service. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary Visitation will be at 7 Wednesday evening. A memorial fund is being established.

Obituary of sister Jeannette M. Meidam Dailey (1906-1980) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent"
Tuesday 8 Apr 1980 p 40

Barrett, Mrs. Emery (Vera M. Miedam)

Appleton

Age 95, entered into eternal life on January 11, 2004 surrounded by her family. Vera was born December 28, 1908 in the Town of Grand Chute. She is the daughter of the late Henry and Mary Miedam. Vera was a lifelong resident of Appleton and belonged to First English Lutheran Church in Appleton. She was united in marriage to Emery Julius Barrett in 1930. Following their marriage, they were blessed with two sons, Jack Emery Julius Barrett and James

Henry Barrett. Throughout her life, Vera collected over 1,000 dolls and continued to take care of them as well as her home. Her greatest joys in later life were spent at her home with family, especially all of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons: Jack Emery Julius (Jackie) Barrett, Waupaca; and James Henry (Diane) Barrett, Appleton; a sister-in-law, Leora Miedam; six grandchildren: Blake (Brenda) Barrett, Neenah; Lori (A.J.) Tranter, Dale; Sheli Strunc, Appleton; Jacque Barrett, Menasha; Deanne (Tony) Volpe, Hortonville; and Michael (Tammy) Barrett, Milwaukee; 11 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emery Julius Barrett; two brothers: Adrian Miedam and Irvin (Hazel) Miedam; three sisters: Jeanette (William) Dailey, Pearl (Clinton) Meyers and Ethel (Jerome) Linskins; and great-granddaughter, Carolanne Volpe.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at First English Lutheran Church (326 East North St.) Appleton with Pastor Christian Quello officiating. Visitation will be on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home, and also one hour prior to the service at church. Interment will be in Highland Memorial Park, Appleton. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Vera will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

I John 2:25, and this is the promise that He has promised us- eternal life.

WICHMANN FUNERAL HOME
537 North Superior Street
Appleton 739-1231
www.wichmannfuneralhomes.com

Obituary of sister Vera Martha Meidam Barrett (1908-2004) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent”
Tuesday 13 Jan 2004 p 15

Mrs. Clinton Myers

Mrs. Clinton Myers, 32, Manawa, died early yesterday at New London Community hospital following an operation March 10.

She was born at Appleton March 10, 1911. Mrs. Myers was a member of the Sacred Heart church, Manawa.

Survivors are the widower; father, Henry Meidam, Appleton; three sisters, Mrs. Jerome Linskens, Mrs. Emory Barrett and Miss Jeanette Meidam, Appleton, two brothers, Ervin Meidam, Clintonville; Adrian Meidam, Appleton.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 Wednesday morning at Sacred Heart church, Manawa, with burial in the parish cemetery. The body is at the Voss Funeral home, Menasha.

Obituary of sister Pearl Mildred Meidam Myers (1911-1943) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent"
Monday 22 Mar 1943 p 7

Adrian W. Meidam

613 Park Ave., Little Chute

Age 72, passed into eternal rest March 30, 1984 following a long and courageous battle with heart and lung disease. He was born March 16, 1912 in Antigo. He had lived in Appleton until 1952 and had been a Little Chute resident for the past 32 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theater. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge and other major campaigns and was highly decorated, receiving the combat infantrymen's badge, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, two Bronze Battle stars and the Bronze Star. He had been employed at the Fox River Boiler Works, Appleton, until his retirement. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather and will be deeply missed by his family. Survivors include his wife, Leora; two sons and daughters-in-law: Ron and Helen; Rodney and Linda, all of Little Chute; four daughters and sons-in-law: Jean and Paul Lamers; Nancy and Dan Lappen, all of Little Chute;

Joyce and Ray Gerow; Marlene and Leo Driessen, all of Kaukauna; 17 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Vera Barrett; a very, very special sister-in-law, Leona Stuckey, Appleton; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Mary Meidam; three sisters; and a brother. The funeral will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Verkuilen Funeral Home, with the Rev. Mike Dory officiating. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton. Friends may call at the Verkuilen Funeral Home from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from noon Monday until the time of the service. There will be a VFW visitation at 7 p.m. Sunday. Military committal rites will follow the 2 p.m. service.

Obituary of brother Adrian William Meidam (1912-1984) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Sunday 1 Apr 1984 p 6

Mrs. Jerome H. Linskens

(Ethel)

1427 N. Harriman Street

Age 66, died early Monday morning. The former Ethel Meidam was born April 16, 1915, in Appleton. She was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. James (Carol) Williams, Appleton; a son, Robert Linskens, Appleton; a brother, Adrian Meidam, Little Chute; a sister, Mrs. Emery (Vera) Barrett, Appleton; five grandsons. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerome, in 1979; two sisters; and a brother. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 28, at St. Therese Catholic Church, with Father Karl Buresh officiating. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Park. Visitation will be at the VALLEY FUNERAL HOME Wednesday from 4 until 9 p.m. only. A scripture service will be at 7:30 p.m. A memorial fund is being established.

Obituary of sister Ethel Katherine Meidam Linskens (1915-1982) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent”
Tuesday 26 Jan 1982 p 37

Name: Irvin Henry Meidam

Name variations: Maidam

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. D - private

Serial number: 251,192

Entered service from: Appleton, Outagamie WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Irvin H. Meidam

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Mrs. Mary Meidam, 426 Eldorado St., Appleton WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Irvin H. Meidam

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Henry Meidam, Appleton WI (PFC, Co. D, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Erwin Henry Meidam (on top line) but signatures looks like Irwin – b. 28 Jul 1899 Appleton WI; res: Embarrass, Waupaca WI. NOK wife Mrs. Hazel Meidam, same address. Self-employed, electrician & contractor, Embarrass WI. Height: 5’8” – 185 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted:

Discharged:

Address:

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 28 Jul 1899 Appleton, Outagamie WI

Died: 8 Oct 1980 Clintonville, Waupaca WI

Find A Grave record: 147538318 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Clintonville, Waupaca WI

Cemetery: St. Rose

Tombstone:

Father: Henry Richard Meidam, 11 Dec 1874 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 25 May 1954 Appleton, Outagamie WI. Son of Dennis VanOoyen Meidam & Martha VanOoyen. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI.

Find A Grave: 146802027

Mother: Mary Meta Korte Meidam, 18 Jul 1878 Germany – 5 Mar 1919 Appleton, Outagamie WI. Daughter of Wilhelm Korte & Catherine M. Tiedesmann. Dropped dead while visiting at the home of Mrs. Fred Harriman. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI.

Find A Grave: 217950152

Parents’ marriage:

Spouse: Hazel Anastasia VanHeuklon Meidam, 14 Aug 1896 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 6 Sep 1982 Embarrass, Waupaca Co. WI. SSN 388-16-3654. Daughter of Cornelius VanHeuklon (1865-1930, buried in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Appleton WI) & Catherine Theresa Donnelly (1865-1965). Buried in St. Rose Cemetery, Clintonville, Waupaca WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 147829078

Marriage: 3 Aug 1920 in Appleton, Outagamie WI

Children:

- Irvin James (“Ditty”) Meidam, 4 May 1921 Grand Chute, Outagamie WI – 22 Jun 1990 Texas City, Galveston TX. Referred to sometimes as Junior but he & his father use different middle names. Husband of Gloria Jean Reed (1925-1999, F: 154493701). Retired supervisor of day production at Union Carbide. Buried in Forest Park East Cemetery, Webster, Harris TX. F: 203260619
- Theodore Martin (“Ted”) Meidam, 16 Sep 1922 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 8 Jul 1998 Shawano, Shawano WI. Married on 28 Aug 1948 in Shawano Co. WI to Ruth (“Butchie”) Beversdorf/Beaversdorf. Buried in Friendship Cemetery, Belle Plaine, Shawano WI. F: 154625860
- Elmer Joseph Meidam, 19 Sep 1923 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 16 Feb 1928 Clintonville, Waupaca WI. Died at age 4 of drowning in the Pigeon River when he fell through the ice as

he & brother Ted were on their way to school. They had left the usual path across the ice to slide at a spot near the dam. The two brothers clung to the ice and Ted was rescued by Arnold Weade, who slipped a board under his coat. Elmer lost his grip on the ice and was carried downstream by the current against the flume of the dam. Find A Grave site gives incorrect death year of 1926. Buried in St. Rose Cemetery, Clintonville, Waupaca WI. F: 147829061

- Mary Katherine Meidam Harris, 13 Sep 1924 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 29 Jan 1995 Shawano Co. WI (or Clintonville, Waupaca WI) Was her husband Francis (Frank) Guiles (1921-2004, F: 155515068), the son of Samuel Raphael Harris & Ida G. Slater? Married 23 Oct 1945 & divorced Jan 1975.
- Patrick George Meidam, 17 Mar 1926 Wittenberg, Shawano WI – 1 Sep 1995 Appleton, Outagamie WI. Married on 22 Oct 1946 in Shawano, Shawano WI to June May Rusch (1926-2012). Buried in Highland Memorial Park, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 158042641

Siblings: Irvin was the oldest child.

- Jeanette Marian Henriette Meidam Dailey, 13 Oct 1906 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 7 Apr 1980. Wife of William M. Dailey (1900-1964, F: 176065282). Buried in Highland Memorial Park, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 176065277
- Vera Martha Meidam Barrett, 28 Dec 1908 Appleton (or Grand Chute), Outagamie WI – 11 Jan 2004 Appleton, Outagamie WI. The 2nd wife of Emery Julius Barrett (1900-1982, F: 166668884) who was previously married to Gertrude Marie Casperson on 15 May 1920 in MI. Emery & Gertrude had 1 daughter & divorced 1 Nov 1930. – Emery & Vera married in 1930 & had 2 sons. – Buried in Highland Memorial Park, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 166986998
- Pearl Mildred Meidam Myers, 10 Mar 1911 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 21 Mar 1943 Manawa, Waupaca WI. Wife of Clinton Myers (1899-1983, F: 131877546). Her surname is misspelled Meyers in many family obituaries. Buried in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Manawa, Waupaca WI. F: 131877548
- Adrian William Meidam, 16 Mar 1912 Antigo, Langlade (according to obituary) WI – 30 Mar 1984 Little Chute, Waupaca WI. Married 23 Jan 1936 in Appleton, Outagamie WI to Leora Esther Nass (1918-2011, F: 145436255). Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 217950199
- Ethel Katherine Meidam Linskens, 16 Apr 1915 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 25 Jan 1982 Oneida Co. WI. Wife of Jerome Henry Linskens (1907-1979, F: 109866403) whom she married 30 Nov 1933. Buried in Highland Memorial Park, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 109866529
- Irene Rose Meidam Dollar Masson Johnson, 25 Apr 1929 Clintonville, Waupaca WI – 21 Feb 2021 Lewiston, Fergus MT. Married Harles Dollar on 30 Mar 1946 in Belton TX. They had 5 children & divorced in 1961. – Married (?) to Phillip Masson; their daughter Michelle Masson was born in 1963. – She lived in Rio Linda CA, Deary ID, Orofino ID & Dayton. – She moved to Sacramento CA where she met & married Ronald Johnson on 26 Aug 1977. In 1987, Ronald & Irene moved to Helmer ID, where she lived for 28 years.
- Pauline Theresa (“Foxy”) Meidam Beyer Sohr, 1 May 1932 Clintonville, Waupaca WI – 20 Mar 2020 Appleton, Outagamie WI. Graduate of Shawano High School. - Wife of Allan Arthur Beyer (1932-1990, F: 232217671) whom she married on 19 Apr 1952 in St. Rose Catholic Church, Appleton, Outagamie WI. – Retired in 1997 after working as a teacher’s assistant in the Appleton School District for almost 20 years. – On 15 Aug 1997 in Shawano

Co. WI, Pauline married Maynard Roger Sohr Jr. (1935-2015, F: 150767266), who was earlier married to Nancy Gilbertson on 30 Jan 1960. They married near Shawano Lake in Washington township. Buried in Highland Memorial Park, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 208432189

Notes:

Family tree from Little Chute (WI) Historical Society:

<https://littlechutehistory.org/genealogy/getperson.php?personID=I58702&tree=lchs>

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Irvin's mother died on 5 Mar 1919 while he was at war.

"Appleton [WI] Post-Crescent" 11 Feb 1918 p 1 - photo - same paper 10 Sep 1918 p 4 - letter to aunt Mrs. Dennis Meidam dated 13 Aug 1918 France, walked 10 km to see Harry Herman from Appleton WI. "Thought you were at the bottom of the sea." Got his 6-month service stripe = 6 months in hell

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" 5 Feb 1919 p 5 - was wounded Aug 1918, now in Germany with Army

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" 21 May 1919 p 1 - photo, returned on battleship "Virginia" - 2-week sail from Brest, France

Post-war:

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 115 Aug 1932 p 7 – one of the candidates for the executive committee of the Oscar J. Tilleson Post No. 63 American Legion is Irvin Meidam.

Obituary:

"Appleton (WI) Post Crescent" 9 Oct 1980 p 37 - of Rte 4, Clintonville WI, age 81, d. 8 Oct 1980 in Appleton WI. Son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Meidam. Spent his early life in Appleton WI. On 3 Aug 1920 married Hazel Van Heuklon in Appleton. Employed many years at WI Power & Light Co., also as an electrician until retirement. Survived by wife, 3 daughters, 3 sons, 2 sisters, 31 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his son & 2 sisters. Funeral 10 Oct Clintonville WI, with burial in St. Rose.

Social Security number: 389-22-6215

Censuses:

1900 Appleton, Outagamie WI – Commercial St.

Henry M. Meidam, 25 WI, Dec 1874, parents b. Holland, married 2 years, florist

Mary M., 22 Germany, Jul 1877, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1882, in US for 18 years, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living

Irvin H., 10 months WI, Jul 1899

1905 WI state census – Appleton, Outagamie WI

Henry Meidam, 30 WI, parents b. Holland, paper maker

Mary, 28 Germany, parents b. Germany, home

Ervin, 6 WI, father b. WI, mother b. Germany, student

1910 Grand Chute, Outagamie WI – conducted 30 Apr 1910

Henry R. Meidam, 43 WI, parents b. Holland, in 1st marriage, married 11 years, gardener, own garden

Mary, 33 Germany, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Irvin H.J., 10 WI

Janette H.M., 3 WI

Vera M., 1 year 6 months WI

1930 Clintonville, Waupaca WI – 165 – 10th

Irvin Meidam, 30 WI, parents b. WI, age 21 at 1st marriage, electrician, electric utilities, WWI veteran

Hazel, 33 WI, father b. WI, mother b. Canada, age 24 at 1st marriage

Irvin Jr., 8 WI

Theodore, 7 WI

Mary, 5 WI

Patrick, 4 WI

Irene, 11 months WI

1940 Embarrass, Waupaca WI – in 1935 residents of Clintonville, Waupaca WI

Irvin Meidam, 40 WI, electric contractor, electrician

Hazel, 44 WI

Irvin Jr., 18 WI

Theodore, 17 WI, helper with father, electrician

Mary, 15 WI

Patrick, 14 WI

Irene, 10 WI

Pauline, 7 WI

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