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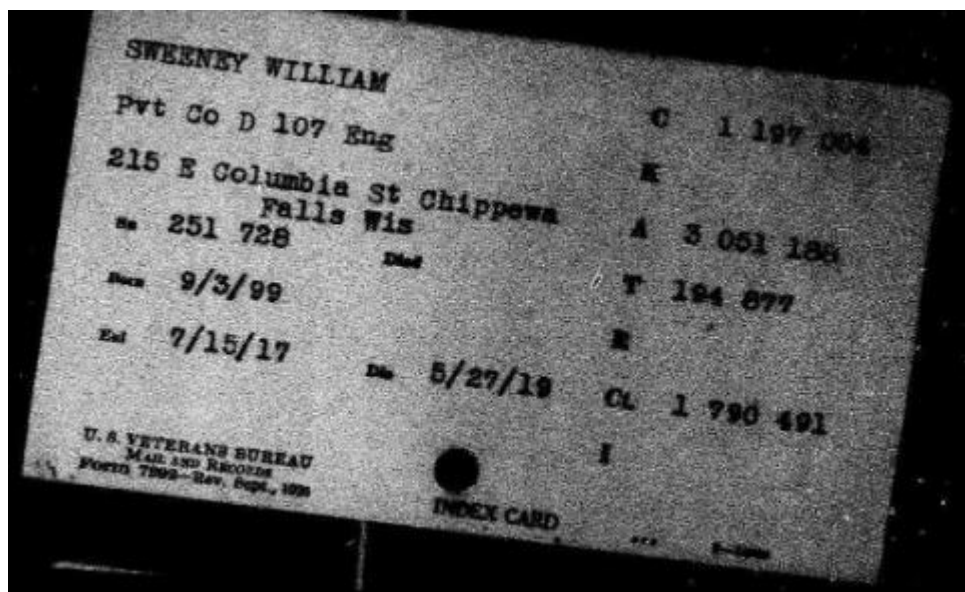
F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**TUSCANIA****Sweeney, William George  
1900 WI – 1981 WI****WILLIAM SWEENEY**

Born in 1900. Entered the service in 1916, as a private in Co. C. Trained at Camp Douglas and Camp McArthur, Tex., where he was assigned to Co. D, 107th Engineers. Sailed in August, 1917. Was on fighting front six months.

William G. Sweeney - "Honor Roll, Chippewa County, Wisconsin" 1919 p. 85



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## William Sweeney

**CHIPPEWA FALLS —** William G. Sweeney, 80, 122 W. Vine St., died Sunday at St. Joseph's Hospital.

He was born in Chippewa County and married Vema Brownell in Minneapolis. He worked at National Presto Industries in Eau Claire and at the Hotel Northern from 1960 to 1971. He married Daisy Wolcott Krayesky Sept. 11, 1971 in Chippewa Falls. He served in the Army in World War I.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Clyde Sweeney, Birchwood; a daughter, Donna DeVoe, Alma Center; three stepdaughters, Betty Pettis, Augusta, Lorraine Pospychala, Rhinelander, Mavis Knock, Nekoosa; a stepson, Neal Deyo, Bloomington, Ill.; a sister, Florence Madsen, Chippewa Falls; a brother, Robert Sweeney, Bloomer; eight grandchildren, 17 step-grandchildren and 20 step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel, Chippewa Falls, with military graveside rites at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and Wednesday until services at the funeral home.

Obituary of William G. Sweeney – "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Tuesday 26 May 1981 p 15

Life:

## CO. M CALLED TO ARMS

Governor Phillip has issued a proclamation calling out the state troops and asking the people to stand by the president. The companies from Chippewa Falls, Viroqua and Janesville will be mustered into the Third regiment but will be held in reserve.

There was stir in local militia ranks this morning when the order from President was received to "take up the trail," and all day members of Co. M remained at the Armory waiting for more definite information.

Co. M will be prepared to leave Chippewa on Thursday, joining the Rice Lake, Superior or Ashland companies, as in the past when going to camp. It is probable the company will meet at the Armory Wednesday night to pack up.

There are not enough men in the company at present and Capt. Firth following orders is making an effort to bring the number up to war strength, which is 150 men, and it is not believed he will have any trouble in doing it. There has been a lack of feeling in the company because things have been quiet and young America does not like that. He wants excitement—a chance to travel under the flag and help hold it up, and now even if it were known that the militia will go only as far as Camp Douglas, the feeling of patriotism will be stirred.

Following are the names of the officers and privates of the company:

Excerpt:

**William Sweeney**

Pvt. William Sweeney is 15 years old – “Chippewa (WI) Herald-Telegram” Monday 19 Jun 1916 p 1

## DEDICATE M. E. SERVICE FLAG

**THIRTY STARS PLACED ON SERVICE FLAG OF THAT CHURCH.  
APPROPRIATE CEREMONY**

A large audience was present at the patriotic "Fireside" service in the Methodist church last night. A beautiful service flag was presented to the church by Mrs. Frank Jenkins, Sr., in behalf of the Plus Ultra class, and dedicated with appropriate ceremonies by the pastor, Rev. L. A. Brenner. The music was especially fine, consisting of a medley of the old war songs in which the congregation joined heartily, a male quartette, several fine selections by the chorus and a beautiful solo by Miss Gladys Steed.

The pastor invited the parents or near relatives of the enlisted men to affix the stars after which he gave a short address to "Sterling Patriotism." There are thirty stars already placed with several more to be added next Sunday. Following are men in the service:

R. D. Jenkins, Shirrel Dick, Byrel Dodge, Owen Dake, Harry Cheney, John Hoffer, Earl Cheney, Geo. Borgenheimer, Chester Butler, Percy Vosler, Nathan DeLong, Merle Wilson, Elverton Olds, John Meehan, John Foster, Will Wagner, Ray Parger, Arthur English, Arthur Rogers, Clayton Summerville, Forest Tapper, Stewart Sweeney, Benjamin Tapper, William Sweeney, Dale Wilson, Geo. Barrett, Lieut. Peter Pangborn, Neal Miller, Lieut. Earl Mahle, and Lieut. Roy Kile.

Stewart Sweeney & brother William Sweeney both in service – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram"  
(Chippewa Falls WI) Monday 4 Feb 1918 p 3

The Chippewa men in Company  
D, 107th Engineers on the Tus-  
cania were:

Wilson, Harlie C.  
Pelloquin, Frank  
Wilson, Harry  
Anderson, Olaf  
Brown Samuel  
Dodge, Harvey  
Durch, John  
Frederich, Charles  
Harris, Lee  
Horne, Henrik,  
Irwin, James  
Kelly, John  
Lekvin, Owen  
Lendl, Frank  
Lokken, Ingwald  
Marchart, Joseph  
Rasmussen, Eleri  
Richardson, Arthur  
Rodgers, August  
Schultz, Paul E  
Sweeney, William  
Wilkins, Willie  
Woodford, Samuel

"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

The 107th Engineers of the 32d Division were not on the Tuscania, according to official reports from Washington, which is good news to the Chippewa Falls people who had relatives in this corps. The 107th Supply Train was on the boat. According to the official list there were thirty-five Chippewa men on board the boat, who are members of the supply train. They are as follows:

Pangborn, Peter, Lieut.  
 Simonson, S. H.  
 Wilmarth, Raymond K.  
 Sweeney, William  
 Doege, Hilton  
 Hale, Everett H.  
 Borgenheimer, George  
 Christenson, Hans  
 Duxbury, Fred  
 Metzenbauer, Claire  
 Morency, Ernest  
 Schmidtmeyer, Henry  
 English, Walter  
 Paul, Edward  
 Loughrea, Francis  
 Stengel, George  
 Benz, Erick  
 Bjork, Oscar  
 Bushland, Edwin  
 Corneiller, Leo  
 Cosgrove, Mike  
 Gereau, William  
 Hartman, Louis  
 Hanson, Ingwald H.  
 McMahon, Barney  
 Mitchell, Clarence  
 Pregent, Charles

McIntyre, Nathan  
 Stone, Rudolph  
 Shaw, George  
 Tapper, Forest  
 Thornton, Richard  
 Weisenberger, Earl  
 Wiseman, Guy  
 Yell, Edmund.

"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1



# 61 CHIPPEWA MEN ABOARD TUSCANIA

**MEMBERS OF COMPANY D, 107TH  
ENGINEERS AND 107TH SUP-  
PLY TRAIN**

It is reported that 61 of the Chippewa boys were on the ill-fated transport Tuscania. Some of them were with Company D, 107th engineers, and others with 107th Supply train. Following are the names:

Company D, 107th engineers —  
Harlie C. Wilson, Frank Pelloquin,  
Harry Wilson, Olaf Anderson, Samuel Brown, Harvey Dodge, John Durch, Charles Frederick, Lee Harris, Henrik Horne, James Irwin, John Kelly, Owen Lekvin, Frank Dandi, Ingwald Lokken, Joseph Marchart Elert Rasmusen, Arthur Richardson, August Rodgers, Paul R. Schultz, William Sweeney, Willie Wikins, Samuel Woodford.

107th supply train—First Lieut. Peter Pangborn, Elmer F. Charland, Charles Rousseau, Fred A. Booth, Hilton Doege, Everett H. Hale, George Borgenheimer, Hans Christen, Fred Duxbury, Claire Metzzenbauer, Ernest Morency, Henry Schmidtmeyer, Lyle Digman, Walter English, Francis Loughrea, George Stengel, Erick Benz, Oscar Bjork, Edwin Bushland, Leo Corneiller, Mike Cosgrove, James A. Falch,

Charles Felton, William Gergau, Ingwald H. Hanson, Alvin Krause, Robert McCarty, George McDonell, Barney McMahon, Clarence Mitchell, Charles Pregent, Nathan McIntyre, Rudolph Stone, George Schemensky, George Shaw, Forest Tapper, Richard Thorton, Earl Weisenberger, Guy Wiseman, Edmund Yell.

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 3

## Badger Survivors of the Tuscania

A. E. Stenning, Neenan,  
W. Sweeney, Chippewa Falls.

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 4

## SWEENEY ENLISTED THEN DISAPPEARED

Local Young Man Plays a Prank On  
Eau Claire Recruiting  
Officer

A United States army recruiting officer from Eau Claire enjoyed a motorcycle ride to Chippewa last evening and also a ride about the city which occupied the greater part of the evening. He was looking for a lost recruit.

William Sweeney visited Eau Claire yesterday and enlisted his services to his big uncle, and in completing preparations to go to camp announced that he must have his belongings which he had carelessly left in Chippewa. The officer kindly brought Sweeney here in the sidecar of his motorcycle and "dropped" him at a stated place, agreeing to wait until the raw recruit had made his collection and then take him back to Eau Claire. After a long wait Sweeney failed to appear and it was decided that he had changed his mind and gave the officer the slip. The police last night failed to locate the young man. He was mixed up in some check deals recently but those were all straightened out by his father and they are not believed to have anything to do with the disappearance.

Is this him? – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Thursday 23 Sep 1920 p 1

William Sweeney, who enlisted in the U. S. army in Eau Claire, Tuesday, is not badly wanted. He had not been sworn into the service and told a Press reporter today, that he had changed his mind.

Is this him? "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Friday 24 Sep 1920 p 1

# 42 QUARTS GOOD STUFF IS TAKEN

**POLICE LAND STRANGER WHO  
WAS ENDEAVORING TO GET  
TO MARINETTE**

A wholesale supply of booze was captured in the police dragnet about six o'clock last evening. Forty-two quarts were taken in sealed bottles, and eye judges of good whiskey said it was the real old Scotch stuff. The whiskey remained at the police station only a short time and was carefully guarded under lock and key and an armed minion of the law and about 8:30 was taken to the county jail.

The "proprietor," arrested when the goods were taken, spent the night in the city lockup.

William Sweeney, driver for John M. Meuli's auto livery, is responsible for the haul, having informed the police that he was conveying the load. Sweeney was sent out on a drive to Menomonie and the man who engaged the auto for the trip directed him to a secluded spot in the north end of Irvine park where four gunny-sacks full of the booze were planted.

The man appeared to be intoxicated, Sweeney told the police, and after giving him a "nip or two" covered him with a gun and warned him to load four gunny sacks of booze into the car, keep this under his hat and to drive him to Menomonie. The whiskey was placed in the car as ordered.

After leaving the park Sweeney drove to his home with the whiskey and bootlegger in the car. He explained to his passenger that he wanted to tell his folks that he was going on a drive so they wouldn't be looking for him in case he did not return until late, but his real purpose in making the stop was to inform the authorities. He left word with the "folks" to call the sheriff's office. Sheriff Melville is indisposed and Undersheriff Kilpatrick was out at the time.

Sweeney and his passenger drove to Menomonie. The passenger was still under the influence and at the point of a gun the driver was commanded to drive to Marinette, Wis. They started and as they neared the state home Sweeney remarked that he knew a couple of Marinette girls who liked an occasional drink and he thought they might prove good company on the long drive. The passenger consented and Sweeney drove up to the administration building at the home and called the police station, telling the desk sergeant of the booze in the car and the plans.

Instead of starting in the direction of Marinette, Sweeney headed for this city. His passenger was not wise and any excuse about the girls not being at home or ready for the trip went with him. Meanwhile Chief Flaherty and officers secured a car and drove toward the Home, meeting Sweeney near the gate, when the whiskey was confiscated and with the proprietor was taken to the police station. Sweeney said the fellow offered him \$50 to drive him to Marinette. He also said the fellow dropped the gun in the woods in Irvine park where the whiskey was planted. When searched at the station the only evidence of firearms found on his person was a .23-calibre cartridge of the rim-fire type and nearly harmless.

The purpose in making the drive to Menomonie and then to Marinette, it is believed, was to meet another car known to have been in this vicinity on Friday. It is believed a couple of ladies were in this car. It is a Nash. When it was not located during the early part of the drive, Sweeney's passenger became uneasy and ugly but he quieted down and was quite tame when the officers jumped into the rig near the State Home and covered him with a gun. The officers saw nothing of the Nash and believe it was somewhere in waiting to receive the load. The driver undoubtedly believed it would be too risky a job hauling the whiskey away in the big car and relied on a taxi.

The man gave his name as Arthur Booth and his residence as Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. In court at noon he plead guilty to transporting liquor and was fined \$325. He wired home for the money.

In the 1920 census, William George Sweeney was employed as a driver for an auto livery –  
“Chippewa Herald-Telegram” Monday 17 Oct 1921 p 3

William Sweeney, employed at Eau Claire, and formerly of this city, has moved his family to that place.

Chippewa Falls WI news: “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Friday 30 Jul 1926 p 3

William Sweeney moved his family from Chippewa Falls Thursday and is occupying a part of the Mrs. Annie Winter house.

Mondovi WI news: “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Saturday 19 Jan 1929 p 10

William Sweeney was at Minneapolis the first of the week to consult army specialists.

Mondovi WI news: "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Thursday 28 Mar 1929 p 7

William Sweeney has moved his family from the city into the tenant house on Vilas Peeso's farm on highway 37.

Mondovi WI news: "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Tuesday 30 Apr 1929 p 6

RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Eau Claire, That the following named persons be and are hereby granted Operator's Licenses to draw and serve fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquors:

| LIC. NO. | NAMES                    | ADDRESSES             |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 220      | Thomas Alfred Fletty     | 633 1-2 Spring Street |
| 221      | Kathryn Dora Severson    | 417 Hobart Street     |
| 222      | Fae Loretta Severson     | 417 Hobart Street     |
| 223      | Clarence Oliver Severson | 417 Hobart Street     |
| 224      | Nicholas Edward Murphy   | 317 W. Grand Avenue   |
| 227      | Violet Marie Kwallek     |                       |

|                       |                        |                      |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 228                   | Gordon Eugene Cole     | 1330 Barron Street   |
| 234                   | Thomas Francis Zak     | 845 Starr Avenue     |
| 233                   | William George Sweeney | 726 Cameron Street   |
| 232                   | Robert McCurdy Sweeney | 420 1-2 Water Street |
| Expire June 30, 1951. |                        |                      |

William George Sweeney & brother Robert McCurdy Sweeney – "Eau Claire (WI) Daily Telegram" Wednesday 20 Jun 1951 p 11

**PROBATION** — William A. Sweeney, 53, of 801½ Graham Ave., pleaded guilty to a charge of issuing a worthless check when arraigned before Judge Merrill R. Farr Tuesday afternoon. He was put on probation to the state welfare department for one year and required to make restitution and pay costs of the action. The check, for \$10 was cashed by Jerry Odegard here June 19.

“Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Wednesday 7 Jul 1954 p 2

**JAILED FOR FRAUD** — William G. Sweeney, 55, of 420 Galloway St., was sentenced to serve 60 days in the county jail after pleading guilty in county court Thursday to defrauding an innkeeper. Sweeney admitted taking two rooms at the Hotel Edwards for two days and ordering whiskey sent to them for a party. He left Wednesday without paying a \$19.80 bill.

“Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Friday 18 Feb 1955 p 2

## Eau Claire Man Sent to Waupun

William G. Sweeney, 53, 801½ Graham Ave., Eau Claire, was sentenced to a year in Waupun yesterday by Judge Orrin H. Larrabee after pleading guilty to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

He was charged with writing a bad check for \$30 to Nellie Austin, in June.

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Thursday 8 Jul 1954 p 1

## Two Requests Denied—

# Tavern License Applicants Screened at Chippewa

CHIPPEWA FALLS (Special) — The Chippewa Falls City Council probed deep into the background of tavern license applicants here Tuesday night and rejected requests of two of them.

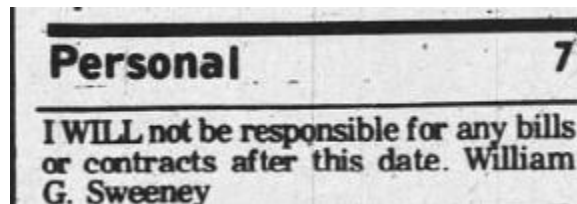
They also decided to put the third ward alderman post up for election in April to fill the unexpired term of Gus Katz who died Dec. 24. Katz' term would have ended in 1967.

Also before discussing the tavern license applications, the councilmen heard the first reading of a resolution which would make the city treasurer post an appointive office rather than elective. Mrs. Evelyn Anderson currently is the treasurer.

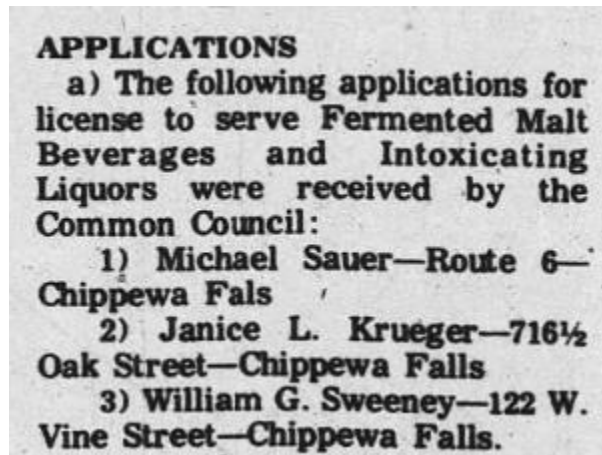
The debate over whether to issue the licenses developed when police records of some of the applicants were compared to forms they submitted which required the listing of a "full and truthful statement about past history" and any previous arrests.

Palmer Peterson, Mondovi, and Arnold Nelson, Eau Claire, each were granted licenses without opposition of any of the councilmen; however the applications of Stanley Oasen, Hotel Chippewa, and William Sweeney, 16 Bay St., were denied.

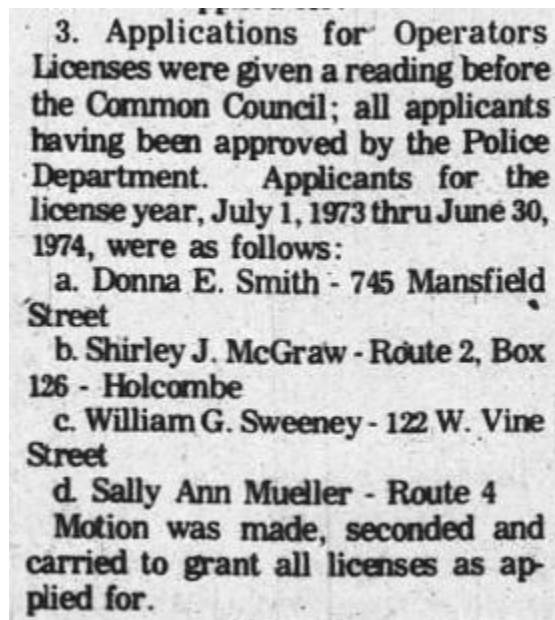
Police records read revealed that Oasen was involved in a burglary and attempted auto theft at a gas station in 1957, and that Sweeney served a prison term in 1954 for obtaining money under false pretenses and also violated his parole the following year.



"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Monday 29 Mar 1971 p 14



"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Thursday 2 Dec 1971 p 18



"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Tuesday 29 Jan 1974 p 10

## *Last Man's Club holds 62nd reunion*

CHIPPEWA FALLS — The tenacity that pulled them through the rigors of World War I brought seven members of the Last Man's Club together Sunday evening for their 62nd reunion. The veterans and their guests who gathered at Pavelski's Supper Club for dinner and a time of reminiscing represented Company A and Headquarters Company of Chippewa Falls, Company B of Stanley and the Fourth Wisconsin Infantry Band.

The club's ranks were depleted this year by the death of William Sweeney, but with the "recruitment" of John (Bill) Lokrantz the number of able survivors remained at seven.

Present at the reunion were: Truman Felton, Bruce; Henry Jasper, Yuma, Arizona; Arthur Long, Stanley; Arthur Lunde, William Gereaux, Hans Horne and John Lokrantz, all of Chippewa Falls.

Though 62 years have passed since the WWI soldiers shed their khaki uniforms the stringencies of combat at Chateau-Thierry and Meuse-Argonne are still very real, and the martial music of the Fourth Wisconsin Infantry Band is readily recalled.

Bill Gereaux reminded members that the Last Man's Club has met annually since 1919, and is considered the oldest organization of its kind in the United States.

Hans Horne was re-elected president of the club and announced the 1982 meeting date as August 8th, the Sunday nearest August 11, the date in 1917 when the companies left Chippewa Falls for training at Camp Douglas.

"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Friday 14 Aug 1981 p 3

### Wife Vema Estella Brownell

## Vema Estella Brownell

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name:            | Vema Estella Brownell          |
| Gender:          | Female                         |
| Race:            | White                          |
| Birth Date:      | 8 Sep 1905                     |
| Birth Place:     | Drammen, Eau Claire, Wisconsin |
| Father:          | Campbell Charles Brownell      |
| Mother:          | Ida Belle Peeso                |
| FHL Film Number: | 1302869                        |

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**DIVORCE — Mrs. Vema E. Sweeney, 43, was granted a divorce from William Sweeney, 53, both of Eau Claire, by Judge Merrill R. Farr Friday afternoon following evidence alleging cruel and inhuman treatment. The suit was uncontested and alimony and property settlement was granted. They were married Sept. 12, 1946, and separated Nov. 18, last.**

Vema Estella Brownell divorced from William George Sweeney 8 Jan 1954 – they were married 12 Sep 1923 not 1946 – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Saturday 9 Jan 1954 p 2

## Vema Gomsrud

Vema E. Sweeney Gomsrud, 80, 733 Chippewa St., died Tuesday at home.

Vema Brownell was born in the town of Drammen, Eau Claire County, married William Sweeney in 1923, and later married Lloyd Gomsrud in 1960 in Stillwater, Minn. She worked at National Presto Industries, Johnson Grocery and later at Luther Hospital until retiring in 1969.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Donna DeVoe, Alma Center; three sons, Clyde Sweeney, Birchwood, Larry Gomsrud, Osseo, Jerry Gomsrud, Eau Claire; 12 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

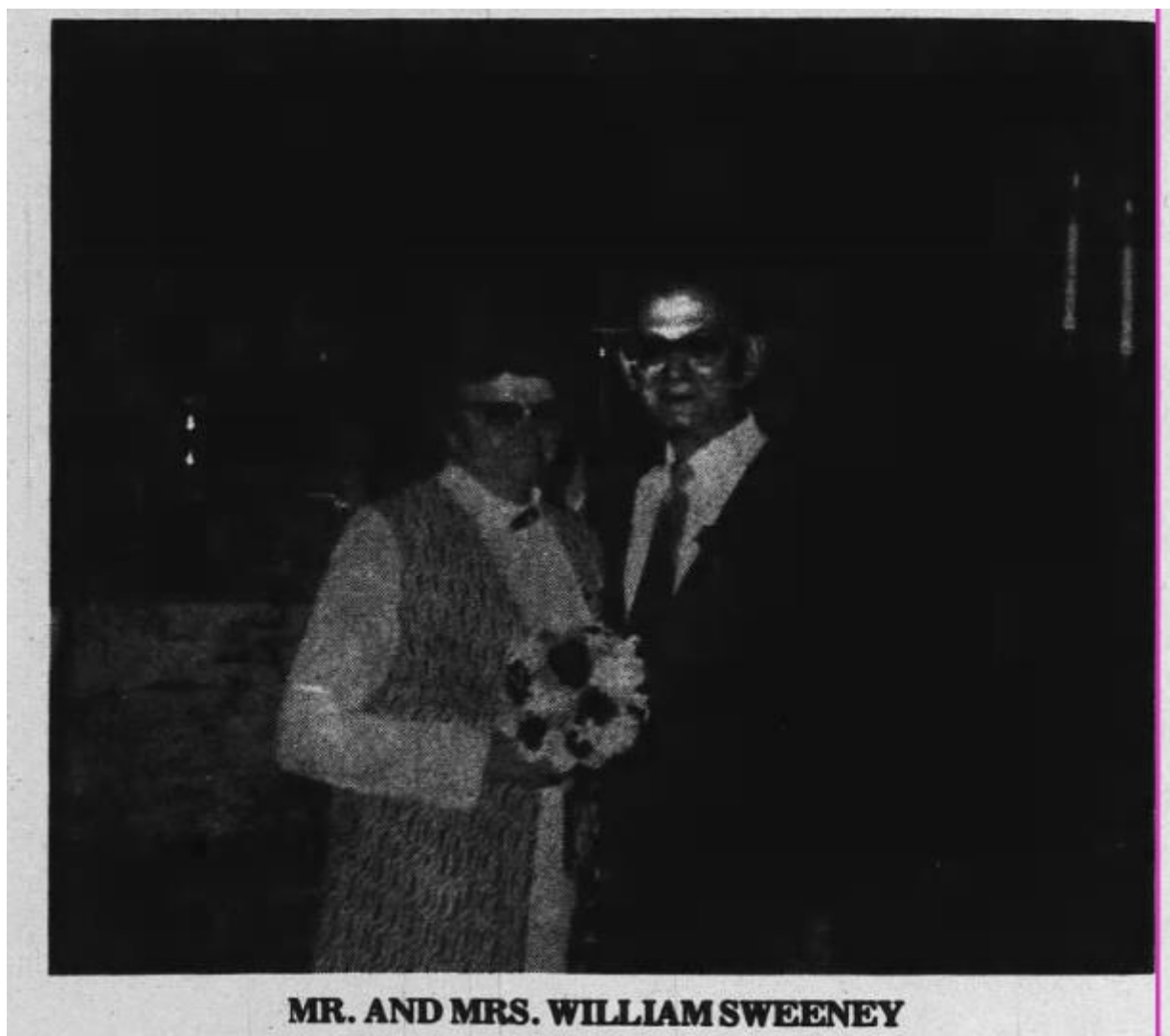
Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at First Lutheran Church, with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Lenmark-Gomsrud Funeral Home and an hour before services at the church.

The family requests memorials to First Lutheran Church or Luther Hospital.

Obituary of Vema Estella Brownell Sweeney Gomsrud – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram”  
Wednesday 16 Apr 1986 p 8

Wife Daisy Mae Wolcott Deyo Krajewski:



**MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM SWEENEY**

# Krajewski-Sweeney say wedding vows

Daisy Mae Krajewski became the bride of William George Sweeney in a double ring ceremony at Trinity United Methodist Church in Chippewa Falls on Saturday, September 11.

Rev. Paul H. Smith officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony. The nuptial music was by Kathy Gilbertson at the organ and the solist, Mrs. Mackie, sang "The Wedding Prayer", and the "Lord's Prayer".

The bride was given in marriage by her son, Neal Deyo.

She chose for her matron of honor, her daughter Betty Pettis and Richard Pettis, of August, attended the groom as the best man. Showing the guests to their seats were, Jim Steadman, grandson of the bride, of Wausau, Wis. and Jerry Knock, son-in-law of the bride, of Nekoosa, Wis.

Children of the bride attending the wedding were: Neal Deyo, wife and family of Wheaton, Ill., Lorraine Pospychala, Paul and Connie Krause, of Rhinelander and Mavis and Jerry Knock and family of Nekoosa. Children of the groom attending the wedding were: Donna, daughter of the groom, her husband Rob De Voe and children.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church basement. At 6:30 p.m. a dinner was held in the Hotel Northern, and a wedding dance held in the Hotel's Galaxy Room.

Bill and Ruth Walcott, of Sharon, Pa., also attended the wedding. Mr. Walcott is the brother of the bride. Guests also attended from Wausau, Augusta and Eau Claire.

The bride and groom plan a wedding trip through Wisconsin and Illinois. They will be at home at 122 W. Vine St., Chippewa Falls.

"Chippewa Falls (WI) Herald-Telegram" Saturday 25 Sep 1971 p 8

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

William G. Sweeney, Chippewa Falls and Daisy M. Krajewski, Chippewa Falls.

"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Thursday 26 Aug 1971 p 5

## Charles Deyo

**RHINELANDER** — Charles W. Deyo, 64, of 729 Barnes St., Rhinelander, died at his home Monday of a heart attack.

Mr. Deyo was born July 29, 1902 at Spring Valley, Minn. At the age of 17 he went to work for the Cornell Paper Mill, from there to the paper mill at Rhinelander, retiring two years ago. He married Daisy Mae Wolcott on April 11, 1924. In 1945 he married Lola Beers of Rhinelander.

He is survived by his wife, Lola, three daughters, Mrs. Richard Pettis, Augusta, Mrs. John Pospychala, Rhinelander; and Mrs. Jerry Knock, Nekoo-sa; and one son, Neil, Antigo; 15 grandchildren; one brother, Arthur Deyo, Chippewa Falls; one half-brother, Delvord Eddy, Ann Harbor, Mich.; two half-sisters, Mrs. Mina Hurst, Chippewa Falls, and Mrs. Merna Hill, Memphis, Tennessee.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Carlson's Funeral Chapel, Rhinelander, with the Rev. Jack LaMar, officiating. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Rhinelander.

**ANTON S. KRAYESKY**

Anton S. Frayesky age 65 of Route 5, City, died suddenly Tuesday while employed at the construction of the Science Building at the Eau Claire State University. He was born April 27, 1903 in Germany, and came to the United States with his parents at the age of five years. They settled in Pennsylvania, and later moved to the town of Arthur near Little Drywood. On April 24, 1950 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Daisy Deyo of Rhinelander. They lived in the town of Sigel on a farm, and at that time Mr. Krayesky owned and operated the Frog Hop Tavern. During World War II, he worked as a carpenter, and was also employed in construction work. Mr. Krayesky has resided at his present address for the past six years.

Survivors include his wife, Daisy, three step-daughters, Mrs. Richard (Betty) Pettis, Augusta; Mrs. John (Lorraine) Pospyschola, Rhinelander; and Mrs. Gerald (Marvis) Knock, Nekoosa, Wisconsin. One stepson, Neal Deyo of Antigo. Also fifteen grandchildren and one great grandson. A sister, Mrs. Morris (Mary) LeMay, Route 5, city. He was preceded in death by one sister and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. from Notre Dame Church with Father Terrence Schelbe officiating. Interment will be in the family lot at St. Rose of Lima Church, Cadott.

Friends may call at the Hogseth-Pederson Funeral Home from 2 p.m. Thursday until time of the service. The Rosary will be recited at the Funeral Home at 8 p.m. Thursday.

## **Daisy Sweeney**

AUGUSTA — Daisy M. Sweeney, 90, of the Augusta Area Nursing Home, Augusta, formerly of 122 W. Vine St., Chippewa Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998, at the nursing home.

She was born June 30, 1907, in Drywood, town of Arthur, Chippewa County, to Clara (Shaw) and Dwight Wolcott. She grew up in the Drywood/Crescent area. She married Charles Deyo April 11, 1925. They resided in Cornell, moving to Rhineland in 1929. She moved to Chippewa Falls in 1945, and was employed as a waitress at the Hotel Northern for many years. Daisy married Anton Kraveski in 1950. They owned and operated the Sip & Nip Cafe between Chippewa Falls and Cadott for several years. He preceded her in death on July 9, 1968. Daisy married William Sweeney Sept. 11, 1971, in Chippewa

Falls. He preceded her in death May 24, 1981. She had been a resident of the Augusta Area Nursing Home since February, 1992. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Chippewa Falls.

Survivors include three daughters, Betty (Richard) Pettis of Augusta, Lorraine (John) Pospychala of Rhinelander, Mavis (Jerald) Knock of Nekoosa, a son, Neal (Leatryce) Deyo

of Eustis, Fla.; a step-daughter, Donna (Rod) DeVoe of Sarona; a sister, Helen Bellows of Cupertino, Calif.; a brother, Arthur (Billie) Johnson of Cottonwood, Ariz.; 16 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Besides her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Barbara Deyo in infancy; a sister, Olive Cardinal; two brothers, William Wolcott, Harry Wolcott; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel, Chippewa Falls, with Rev. Richard Estrem-Fuller of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls.

Friends may call an hour before service Saturday afternoon at the funeral chapel.

## Daisy Sweeney

CHIPPEWA FALLS — Daisy M. Sweeney, 90, formerly of 122 W. Vine St., died Wednesday morning, Feb. 4, 1998, at Augusta Area Nursing Home, Augusta, where she was a resident since February 1992.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel, Chippewa Falls. The Rev. Richard Estrem-Fuller of Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls. Pallbearers will be Darby Knock and Steve Knock, Paul Pospychala, Dennis Deyo, James Steadman and Scott Deyo.

Mrs. Sweeney was born June 30, 1907, in Drywood, Chippewa County town of Arthur, to Clara (Shaw) and Dwight Wolcott. She grew up in the Drywood/Crescent area.

She married Charles Deyo April 11, 1925. They resided in Cornell, moving to Rhinelander in 1929. She moved to Chippewa Falls in 1945 and was employed as a waitress at the Hotel Northern for many years.

Daisy married Anton Kraveski in 1950. They owned and operated the Sip & Nip Cafe between Chippewa Falls and Cadott for several years. He preceded her in death July 9, 1968.

Daisy married William Sweeney Sept. 11, 1971, in Chippewa Falls. He preceded her in death May 24, 1981.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Chippewa Falls.

Survivors include three daughters, Betty (Richard) Pettis, Augusta; Lorraine (John) Pospychala, Rhinelander, and Mavis (Jerald) Knock, Nekoosa; one son, Neal (Leatryce) Deyo,

Eustis, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Donna (Rod) DeVoe, Sarona; one brother, Arthur (Billie) Johnson, Cottonwood, Ariz.; 16 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Besides her husbands, she was predeceased by her parents, a daughter (Barbara Deyo in infancy), two sisters (Helen Bellows and Olive Cardinal), two brothers (William and Harry Wolcott), and four grandchildren.

Friends may call at the funeral chapel from 2-3 p.m. Saturday.

“Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune” Thursday 5 Feb 1998 p 2

**DIED**—Anton Krajewski of this city passed away yesterday afternoon at Mount View sanatorium, where he was a patient. He was forty-six years of age and all his relatives live in Poland. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

“Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Saturday 29 Sep 1923 p 4

### Children:

**A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney Monday, July 7.**

Birth of son Duane R. Sweeney (1924-1928) – “Chippewa Herald-Telegram” (Chippewa Falls WI) Wednesday 9 Jul 1924 p 37

# EAU CLAIRE MAN HELD BLAMELESS FOR FATAL CRASH

**Dies While Being Taken to  
Hospital in Ambulance  
Yesterday.**

Darting in front of a large Hudson touring car owned by William Ward of Eau Claire, Duane Sweeney, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney, 122 W. Grand avenue, was run over at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon on Bay street in front of the Thomas Waller confectionery store. He died from injuries while being taken to the hospital in the police ambulance.

Mr. Ward was accompanied by his son Raymond, who was driving the car. Their statement to the effect that the car was being driven at a slow rate of speed was corroborated by witnesses who said they believed the speed did not exceed 12 miles an hour.

## Heard Thump.

"I saw the boy as he appeared from the east side of the street and it seemed as though he ran alongside the left fender," William Ward told a Herald-Telegram representative shortly after the accident. "It seemed to me he believed he could pass in front of the car and reach the west side of the street. Then I thought I heard a thump on the tin under the radiator, and directed my son to stop the car and he applied the brakes immediately."

## Car Skidded.

Marks on the asphalt pavement show where the car skidded. One of the rear wheels passed over the boy's head, causing blood to rush from both ears. The marks showed that the rear wheel started to skid at a pool of blood and that the car stopped skidding about 10 feet distant. Coroner Henry Larson conducted an investigation and decided the boy's death was due to an unavoidable accident and requested Mr. Ward to appear in the event he might be needed for further questioning.

Mr. Ward, who is a brother of the late James G. Ward of this city, is engaged with his son in trimming trees in the city and was moving from one job to another. Two ladders were suspended on the left side of the car. The ladders in no way contributed to the cause of the accident, it was determined during the investigation.

## Still Breathing.

Miss Mildred Wilcox, nurse, and George O'Grady, former employees of

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## Four-Year-Old Boy Crushed Under Car

(Continued From Page 1)

the Northern States Power Co., during the construction of the new dam, were standing on the west side of Bay street when the accident occurred and were attracted by the noise of the skidding wheels. They hurried to the scene. The boy was still breathing and the police ambulance was called. Miss Wilcox assisted in placing him in the police patrol. Dr. J. D. McRae was summoned to the hospital where the boy was taken and a brief examination revealed that life was extinct. Dr. McRae stated that the boy's skull was fractured.

Witnesses said the boy had been playing on the east side of the street at the Standard Oil Co.'s filling station with two other boys and that he started to cross the street on a run to the west side, presumably to return to his home through a vacant space between the Waller store and Ritzinger Tire shop. One witness declared the rear end of the car was lifted as it passed over the boy's head.

Besides his parents, Duane is survived by a baby brother. Funeral services will be conducted at the Methodist church Saturday afternoon.

William Sweeney, father of the boy, is employed at the Model Dairy Co.'s plant.

Death of Duane R. Sweeney, run over by a car owned by William Ward (passenger) & driven by his son, Robert Ward – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Thursday 6 Sep 1928 p 1 & p 10 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/416822130/>

**CHIPPEWA FALLS, Sept. 5.**  
 Duane Sweeney, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney, 112 Grand Ave., was almost instantly killed at 5 o'clock this afternoon when he was struck and run down by a Hudson touring car owned by William Ward, 416 Second ave., Eau Claire. The accident happened on Bay St., in front of the Waller confectionery, when the lad attempted to cross the street from the west to the east side. Ward had been trimming trees and doing lawn work at the residence of Dr. I. D. Wilttrout, and was on his way home to Eau Claire. Mr. Ward's son was driving the car.

**Child Dies Instantly.**  
 It was stated that the boy was struck by the front end of the car, and knocked down, and that the front right wheel passed over his head. He was picked up by Henry Willi, C. D. Hunter, George Marshall, and William J. Sugars who rushed him to St. Joseph's hospital where upon examination, Dr. J. D. McRae declared the boy was killed almost instantly.

The remains were taken to a morgue and although arrangements for the funeral had not been completed tonight, it will probably be held Friday afternoon from the M. E. church here. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney, another brother, Clyde Sweeney, 15 months old survive.

**No Inquest Planned.**  
 The parents were grier stricken this evening over the accident. Coroner Henry Larson was called shortly after the accident, and decided that it was unavoidable and that it would not be necessary to hold an inquest. Ward was not held responsible.

**EAU CLAIRE MAN  
 KILLS CHIPPEWA  
 CHILD WITH CAR**  
 Duane Sweeney, Four  
 Hit by Son of Wil-  
 liam Ward.  
**DRIVER NOT  
 HELD FOR DEATH**  
 No Inquest Planned  
 By Coroner of  
 Chippewa County

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Thursday 6 Sep 1928 p 1

**FUNERAL SERVICES HELD.**  
 Funeral services for Duane Sweeney, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney, 122 W. Grand Ave., who was killed by being run over by an automobile on Wednesday, were held Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church. The floral tributes were numerous and the services largely attended.

"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Monday 10 Sep 1928 p 3





photo by Davis Studio

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Sweeney

# ***Esther Sarinske Exchanges Vows with Clyde W. Sweeney***

## Esther Sarinske Exchanges Vows with Clyde W. Sweeney

Baskets of pastel gladioli, palms and candles decorated First Lutheran Church here Saturday, Aug. 30, when Clyde W. Sweeney claimed Esther E. Sarinske as his bride. The Rev. A. S. Tanner read the double ring nuptials at 2 p. m.

Ellwood Brownell, Mondovi, acted as his cousin's best man. Groomsmen were Sam Retallick, Eau Claire, and Harrie Sarinske, Glenwood City, the bride's brother, Richard Anderson, Eau Claire, cousin of the bride, and Carlton Pederson, Eau Claire, ushered. Oscar Waller was the organist for the ceremony and Edgar Hagen the soloist.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlors. Mrs. Sarinske received guests wearing a sheer yellow nylon dress with black accessories and a lavender glamelia corsage. A navy blue

The daughter of Mrs. Edna Sarinske, Glenwood City, was given in marriage by her brother, Henry Sarinske, Oklahoma City, Okla. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney, 420 1-2 Water St.

A gown of white slipper satin entrain was worn by the bride. Long lace sleeves, pointed at the wrist, and a marquise yoke, styled the fitted Chantilly lace bodice. Four lace panels over satin extended into the satin skirt. Her fingertip veil of French illusion with tiers of rosepoint lace was held in place by a tiara edged in satin. Stephanotis and red roses formed her romance bouquet.

Mrs. Ted Buenger, Elkhorn, Wis., served as her sister's matron of honor. Her yellow gold dress was made with a strapless bodice and worn with a fitted bolero. Net over taffeta formed the bouffant skirt. She carried a crescent bouquet of lavender gladioli.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Rod De Voe, Eau Claire, sister of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Henry Sarinske. Their gowns, fashioned like the honor attendant's dress, were mint green. Yellow gladioli formed their crescent bouquets.

Susan Buenger, Elkhorn, niece of the bride, wore a white organza over eyelet dress for her role as flower girl. She carried a daisy basket filled with assorted flowers. The ringbearer was Billy Sweeney, Eleva, cousin of the bridegroom.

dress with white accessories and a pink glamelia corsage was worn by the bridegroom's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney are traveling through the western and southern states for their wedding trip. They will make their home at 124 1-2 Broadway St., this city, after Sept. 15. The bride is an employee of the Northern States Power Company here and the bridegroom is employed by the Wisconsin State Highway Commission.

Wedding of son Clyde William Sweeney (1927-2009) to Esther E. Sarinske – "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Thursday 4 Sep 1952 p 5



Photo by Davis Studio  
**Esther Sarinske**

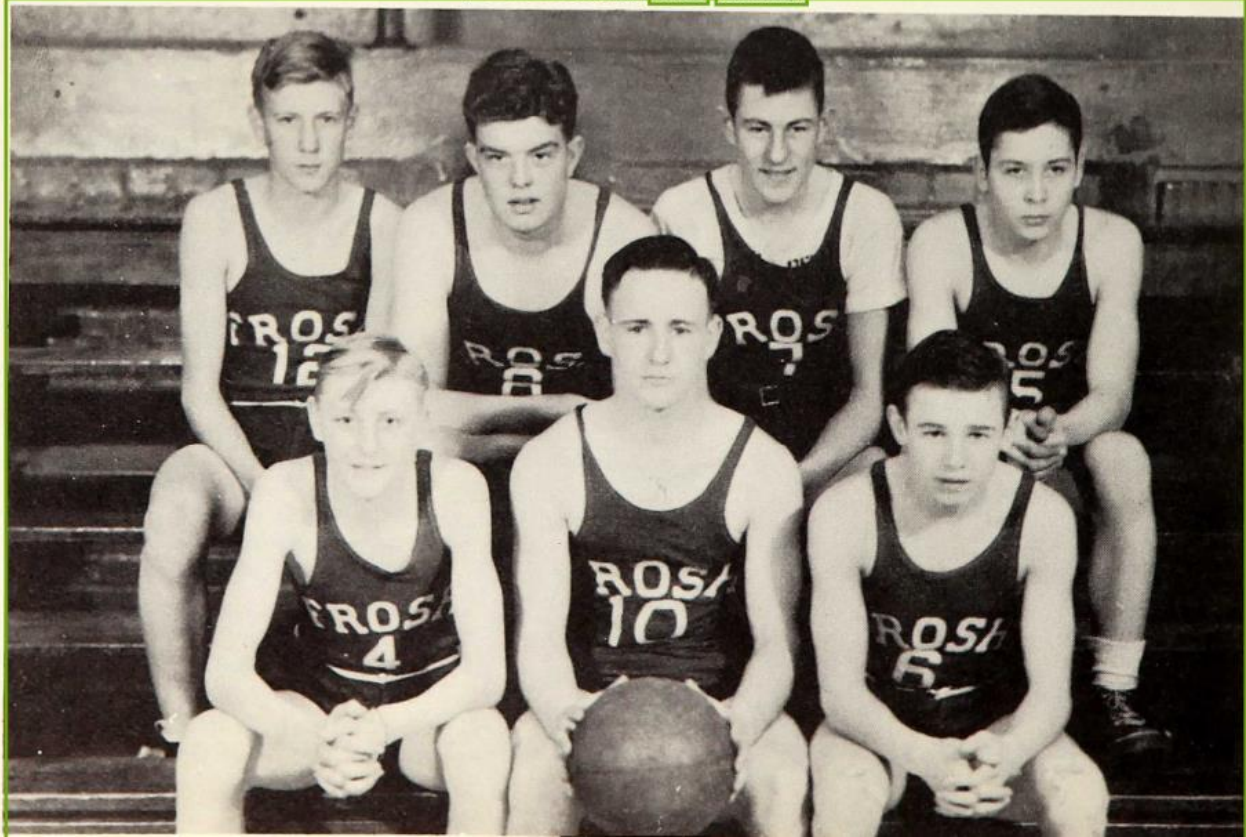
**GLENWOOD CITY (Special)**—  
 Announcement is made by Mrs.  
 Edna Sarinske, Glenwood City,  
 of the engagement and approach-  
 ing marriage of her daughter,  
 Esther Edith, to Clyde W.  
 Sweeney.  
 The future bridegroom is the

son of Mr. and Mrs. William  
 Sweeney, 420 1-2 Water St., Eau  
 Claire.

The wedding will take place at  
 First Lutheran Church, Eau  
 Claire, Aug. 30 at 2 p.m.

Engagement of Esther Edith Sarinske to Clyde William Sweeney – “Eau Claire (WI) Daily Times”  
 Thursday 24 Jul 1952 p 5

BACK ROW—Left to right: Casey Severson, Warren Chamberlain, Ed Johnson, Warren Buckley.  
FRONT ROW: Ade Washburn, Charles Burgess, Clyde Sweeney.



Clyde William Sweeney – Eau Claire (WI) High School yearbook 1942 – on freshman basketball team – seated, front row, far right -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/312895342:1265>



photo by Aanes

**Donna Sweeney**

Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney, 420 $\frac{1}{2}$  Water St., of the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Donna Jane, to Roderic L. DeVac.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burr DeVac, Haugen, Wis.

The wedding will take place at the First Lutheran Church here June 28.

Engagement of daughter Donna Jane Sweeney to Roderic Levi DeVoe [not DeVac] – "Eau Claire (WI) Daily Telegram" Monday 26 May 1952 p 5

Wednesday, June 25, 1952



Mr. and Mrs. Roderic DeVoe

photo by Anne

## ***Donna Sweeney Exchanges Vows with Roderic DeVoe***

## Donna Sweeney Exchanges Vows with Roderic DeVoe

Baskets of peonies and palms formed the setting in the First Lutheran Church here Saturday, June 21, when Miss Donna Sweeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney, 420½ Water St., became the bride of Roderic DeVoe. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burr DeVoe, Haugen, Wis.

Reading the double ring rites at 7 p.m. was the Rev. Neil T. Eckstein.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ice pink lace over taffeta. A Peter Pan collar and cap sleeves finished the bodice. Her ice pink veil was fastened to a beaded head piece, and she carried a bouquet of white stephanotis.

Miss Esther Sarinske, Eau Claire, served as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Delores Larson, Chippewa Falls, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Wallace Haas, Milwaukee.

The light blue dresses worn by the aides were made with lace bodices and net over taffeta skirts. Lace gauntlets were their accessories.

Miss Judy Voss, Eau Claire, the bride's cousin, wore a pink

nylon gown for her role as flower girl. She carried a basket of daisies, carnations and snapdragons.

Miles Jacobs served as his cousin's best man. Groomsmen were Dick Chapple and Clyde Sweeney, brother of the bride, both of Eau Claire. James Stauffer, Haugen, and Harvey Heuer, Eau Claire, ushered.

An 8 p.m. reception was held in the church basement. Corsages of pink and white roses were pinned to the costumes worn by the mothers of the couple.

The bride is an employee of the Northern States Power Co., and the bridegroom is a graduate of Wisconsin State College here.

Mr. and Mrs. DeVoe are traveling to the west coast for a wedding trip.

Marriage of Donna Jane Sweeney to Roderic Levi DeVoe – “Eau Claire (WI) Daily Telegram”  
Wednesday 25 Jun 1952 p 5

### Donna J Sweeney

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

| Detail           | Source                     |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Name:            | Donna J Sweeney            |
| Marriage Date:   | 21 Jun 1952                |
| Marriage County: | Eau Claire, Wisconsin, USA |
| Spouse:          | Roderic L DeVoe            |

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/93004373:61484>

# Roderic DeVoe

By Leader-Telegram Staff Aug 6, 2015 Updated Oct 10, 2018

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Roderic Levi DeVoe, age 88, formerly of Eau Claire and Alma Center, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Monday, August 3, 2015, at his residence in Sarona, Wisconsin. He was born August 5, 1926, in Long Lake Township, the son of Burr and Gladys (nee Jacobs) DeVoe. He was united in marriage to Donna Jane Sweeney on June 21, 1952, in Eau Claire.

Rod proudly served his country with the United States Navy in the South Pacific during WWII. He received his bachelor degree in education from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and later his master's degree from University of Wisconsin-Superior. Rod taught school in Stanley, Blair and finished his career in Black River Falls teaching Library Sciences.

Rod and his wife owned and operated DeVoe-Kaufman Cottages on Long Lake, a family tradition that his parents started and his wife and children carry on to this day. He was a collector of everything, and people often relied on him when looking for something. He especially liked collecting stamps and coins. Rod also enjoyed woodworking, reading and the outdoors.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Donna of Sarona; his children, Gregg (Robina) DeVoe of Casselberry, FL, Mary (Keith) Kaufman of Eau Claire, WI, and Scott (Maggie) DeVoe of Sarona, WI; six grandchildren, Nicole, Zachary, Eliza, Aaron, Devon and Dylan; two great-grandchildren, Myla and Ella; a brother, Charles (Jeanne) DeVoe of Wausau, WI; a stepsister, Mary Carol (Marv) Hanson of Eau Claire; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

A committal service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, August 7, 2015, at Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner, WI.

The DeVoe family would like to express their gratitude to the staff and volunteers with Lakeview Medical Hospice for their excellent care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Lakeview Medical Center Hospice, 1700 W. Stout Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868.

For additional information please contact the Dahl Funeral Home in Spooner, WI, at 715-635-2918 or [www.dahlfh.com](http://www.dahlfh.com).

Obituary of Roderic Levi DeVoe - [https://www.leadertelegram.com/obituaries/roderic-devoe/article\\_82a79318-bfe7-51b8-8ef6-e8fc8964be28.html](https://www.leadertelegram.com/obituaries/roderic-devoe/article_82a79318-bfe7-51b8-8ef6-e8fc8964be28.html)

**Stepchildren:**



**Stepdaughter Betty Mae Deyo Steadman Pettis (1926-2010)** – Find A Grave 21046610



**Stepdaughter Lorraine J. Deyo Pospychala (1929-2022)** – left: Find A Grave 248187320 and right: <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/4887604/person/122454917482/media/21567e3f-b1eb-4a50-924c-23fa06e08480>

### Deyo-Asselin

The Methodist Church at Thorp was the setting on Saturday for the marriage of Miss Leatryce Asselin and Neal Deyo, son of Mrs. Tony Krayski, Cadott. The Rev. Lelan Shaw officiated at the 2 o'clock ceremony.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Layton Asselin, Thorp, chose a gown of slipper satin which was detailed with tiers of ruffled satin trimmed with Spanish lace. The lace was repeated in her finger-tip veil which was secured to a beaded crown. Her bridal bouquet consisted of an orchid surrounded by clusters of baby mums.

Gold-colored satin fashioned the gown selected by Miss Geraldine Zarada, Thorp, for her role as maid of honor. A matching head-

band and a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums completed her ensemble.

Dorval Karlen, Boyd, served as best man and Orville Asselin, Eau Claire, and Gilbert Asselin, Milwaukee, brothers of the bride, were ushers.

After the ceremony, the young couple greeted friends and relatives at a reception in the American Legion Hall.

After their return from a honeymoon in Whitewater and Chicago, the young couple will reside at Cadott where they are employed in the Sip and Nip Cafe. They are graduates of Thorp High School.

Guests from out of town for the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Asselin and son Buddy, Eau Claire; Mrs. Gilbert Asselin and son, Skippy, Mrs. Stanley Ustruck, Mrs. Dick Mattes and son, David, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thorson, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Krayski, Cadott; Mrs. John Pospychala, Rhinelander; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson and son, Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Don Peterson, St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. George Telford and son, Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Telford, Miss Nancy Nason, Owen, and Mr. and Mrs. William Weinberger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wittek and son, David, Withee.

Marriage of **stepson Neal Charles Deyo (1931 - )** – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Tuesday 31 Oct 1950, p 8

A copyrighted story of the Deyo-Asselin marriage from the “Thorp (WI) Courier” of 2 Nov 1950 can be found at <https://www.wiclarckountyhistory.org/2data/55/55094.htm>.

Summarized: Miss Leatryce Asselin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Layton Asselin of Thorp WI married Neal Deyo, son of Mrs. Tony Krayski of Cadott WI, at 2 p.m. Saturday, 28 Oct 1950 in the Methodist Church at Thorp, Clark WI. The officiant was Rev. Shaw. She wore a gown of slipper satin with tiers of ruffled satin trimmed with Spanish lace. Her fingertip veil was edged with Spanish lace & fell from a beaded crown. She carried an orchid bouquet

surrounded by baby mums & wore a rhinestone necklace, the gift of the groom. Their attendants were Dorval Karlen & Geraldine Zarada. Geraldine wore a gold-colored satin dress with matching headband & a rhinestone necklace, a gift from the bride. She carried a bouquet of gold chrysanthemums. Ushers were Orville Asselin (Eau Claire WI) & Gilbert Asselin (Milwaukee WI), brothers of the bride. A reception was held at the American Legion Hall with a dance in the evening. The couple will honeymoon in Whitewater WI & Chicago IL & will be at home in Cadott WI where Neal is employed in a café. Out-of-town guests were listed.

## Leatryce Asselin Weds Neal Deyo In Church Rite

Miss Leatryce Asselin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Layton Asselin of Thorp, became the bride of Neal Deyo, son of Mrs. Tony Krayski of Cadott, at the Methodist church in Thorp on Saturday, October 28. The two o'clock service was performed by Rev. Shaw.

Tiers of ruffled satin with Spanish lace detailed the bride's gown of slipper satin. Her fingertip veil was edged with Spanish lace and was fastened with a beaded crown. Baby mums surrounding an orchid composed her bouquet and she wore a rhinestone necklace, a gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Geraldine Zarada, attired in gold satin with matching headband, carried a bouquet of gold chrysanthemums in her role as maid of honor. Her rhinestone necklace was a gift of the bride.

Dorna Karlin attended as bestman, and Orville Asselin of Eau Claire, and Gilbert Asselin, Milwaukee, brothers of the bride, ushered.

The Legion hall in Thorp, was the setting for the reception.

After a wedding trip to Whitewater and Chicago the young couple will make their home in Cadott where the bridegroom is employed as chef at the Sip and Nip Cafe.

Out of town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Orville Asselin and son Bud of Eau Claire, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Asselin and son Skippy, Milwaukee, Mrs. Stanley Ustruck, Mrs. Dick Mattis and son David, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. William Weinherger, Withee; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thorson and daughter Kathleen, Owen; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kayski, Cadott; Mrs. John Pospychala, Rhineland; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson and son, Greg, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Peterson, St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. George Telford and son Billy, of Owen; Miss Nancy Mason, Owen; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wittek and son, David of Withee.

Marriage of Neal Charles Deyo & Leatryce Asselin on 28 Oct 1950 in Thorp WI - "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Friday 3 Nov 1950 p 10

## Estero neighborhood goes after what it wants

### Builds own sidewalk

By KATHY BECKER  
News-Press staff writer

When residents of the Broadway Mobile Home Village in Estero want something done, they pitch in and do it themselves.

They do it without an organized association, without dues and without any formal rules.

But the residents of the more than 100 mobile homes in the community show they are able to live with one informal rule — be kind to the neighbors.

On Friday, some residents in the resident-owned community finished a project to build a sidewalk along the busy Broadway.

On Saturday, they celebrated their success with a block party.



TOM KANE/News-Press

**FINISHING TOUCHES:** Don Badour, left, Neal Deyo and Frank Clark place sod near a sidewalk they constructed last week between Luttich and Sherril lanes on Broadway Avenue in Estero.

"We don't have an association, so we do what we can," said Sandra Ott, whose family hosted the block party. "Most of us are plain working-class people."

The community is made up of two streets, Sherill and Luetlich lanes that form a loop to Broadway west of U.S. 41.

When residents became concerned that middle school and high school students had to walk about two blocks, including walking along the shoulder of busy Broadway Avenue, they decided to see what they could do to make conditions safer.

Within about two weeks, they collected money, got permission from property owners for the sidewalk to cross their property, got materials and built the sidewalk.

Frank Clark solicited money for the project, collecting \$700 to build the 260 feet of sidewalk, a retaining wall and sewer pipe.

Residents of the community

were asked to donate whatever they could.

"I was only refused three times," Clark said. "We get along pretty good. Sometimes something will crop up around here, but usually we work together."

Without a developer or association, residents have to do for themselves and work together. The sidewalk project isn't the first for the community that includes retired residents as well as families with children.

A bike rack was put in at the bus stop, as well as a bench. When there was a problem with one of the roads, a collection was taken to fix it.

"We pitch in and do what we can and get it done," Ott said. "People in this neighborhood really watch out for each other."

Pictured is Neal Charles Deyo (center man) - "Fort Myers (FL) News-Press" Monday 25 Apr 1994 p 41

## Neal Charles Deyo

in the U.S., Chicago and North Western Railroad Employment Records, 1935-1970

|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Name:         | Neal Charles Deyo        |
| Gender:       | Male                     |
| Race:         | White                    |
| Birth Date:   | 12 Apr 1931              |
| Birth Place:  | Rhineland, Wisconsin     |
| Father:       | Chas Willard Deyo        |
| Mother:       | Daisy Mae Walcott        |
| Record Date:  | 14 Jun 1954              |
| Record Place: | Spring Valley, Wisconsin |

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/67792:6944>

Neal Deyo and Miss Mavis Deyo left yesterday for Chippewa Falls where they will make their home with relatives.

Neal & Mavis Deyo move to Chippewa Falls WI - "Rhineland (WI) Daily News" Friday 8 Aug 1947 p

## Knock

Jerald and Mavis Knock, Nekoosa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 9 with a dinner at the All-American Bistro.

Knock was born July 6, 1925, in Davis, S.D., to Harm and Irene Knock. The former Mavis Deyo was born July 14, 1933, in Rhinelander, to Charles and Daisy Deyo. They were married Oct. 4, 1949, in Davis.

They lived in Illinois for three years, Owen for 10 years and Nekoosa for 37 years. Knock worked for the Soo Line Railroad for 38 years, retiring in 1986. Mrs. Knock was employed by the Nekoosa State Bank. She retired in 1984.

Children of the couple are Linda Brost, New London; Darby Knock, Port Edwards; Jeri Collins,



**Mavis and  
Jerald Knock**

Yorkville, Ill.; and Steve, Nekoosa. They have eight grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of [stepdaughter Mavis Deyo \(1933- \)](#) & Jerald Knock – “Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune” Thursday 2 Dec 199 p 28

## Sounding board

Do you think Clarence Thomas should have been confirmed as a Supreme Court judge?



**BETTY HALPIN**  
Wisconsin Rapids  
"I think it's very political. I'm for him being confirmed, but I'm not sure he's the best man. I don't think they found the best man for the job. I thought the whole proceeding was a big farce."



**LEROY TRICKLE**  
Wisconsin Rapids  
"I agree that he should have been confirmed. I was all for Thomas. After being confirmed in the past that many times, to me I couldn't find anything against him at all."



**MAVIS KNOCK**  
Nekoosa  
"I think it's fine. Most of our politicians have something in their background. I think he deserves to be a judge."



**JAY GALLAGHER**  
Wisconsin Rapids  
"I think it confused a lot of people. It really was a mockery. You couldn't tell what was honest. With everything that went on, I really couldn't make an honest decision."

Compiled by Barbara Shay and Mark Scarborough

"Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" Thursday 17 Oct 1991 p 4

## Miss Mavis Deyo To Wed in October

Mrs. Daisy Mae Pierce, of Thorp, is announcing the engagement of her daughter, Miss Mavis Deyo, to Jerry Knock, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Knock, of South Dakota.

Miss Deyo is a former resident of Rhinelander.

The wedding will take place in October.

Engagement of Mavis Deyo to Jerald Knock – "Rhinelander (WI) Daily News" Thursday 8 Sep 1949 p

**Mavis Deyo  
Becomes Bride  
of Jerald Knock**

Miss Mavis Deyo, daughter of Mrs. Daisy Pierce of Chippewa Falls, and Jerald Knock, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Knock of Davis, So. Dak., were married Tuesday, October 4, at eight o'clock in the evening at the home of the bridegroom's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Marquette. Rev. Ralph Cards performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother. She chose a grey suit with navy accessories. Her corsage was composed of pink carnations and white gladioli.

Miss Glennis Knock, cousin of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. She wore a matching suit with wine accessories and a similar corsage.

The bridegroom was attired in a light blue suit, and his bestman, a brother, Glenn Knock, in a brown suit. Each had a pink carnation boutonniere.

The bride's mother wore a light blue wool dress with brown accessories and a corsage of pink carnations and gladioli. The mother of the bridegroom selected a brown dress with accessories to match and she wore a pink carnation and glad corsage.

A wedding supper was served to twenty - five relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Knock have returned from a wedding trip in South Dakota and northern Wisconsin and will make their home in Forest Park, Ill., where the bridegroom is employed.

A bridal shower was given Thursday evening at the legion hall so the bride could meet the relatives and friends of the bridegroom.

Many gifts were received and a purse of silver. Lunch was served to 75 guests.

Marriage of stepdaughter Mavis Deyo to Jerald Knock – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Monday 17 Oct 1949 p 4

## Couple to Live in Illinois—

Davis, S. D., Oct. 10—Miss Mavis Deyo, daughter of Mrs. Daisy Pierce, Chippewa Falls, Wis., and Jerald Knock, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Knock, Davis, were united in marriage October 4 at the home of the bridegroom's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Marquette, Davis. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ralph Cordes.

The bride, given away by her mother, wore a gray-blue suit with

navy blue accessories. Her corsage was of carnations and gladioli. Miss Glennis Knock, cousin of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. Glenn Knock, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A wedding supper was served for 25 guests.

The couple will make their home at Forest Park, Ill., where Mrs. Knock is employed.

Marriage of stepdaughter Mavis Deyo to Jerald Knock on 4 Oct 1949 in Davis SD – "Sioux Falls (SD)

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Postoffice Davis

County Turner

Date of Marriage Oct. 4th 1949  
(Month) (Day)

| HUSBAND                                                              |                |               | WIFE                                                          |                |               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Name<br><u>Jerald Knock</u>                                          |                |               | Name<br><u>Mavis Deyo</u>                                     |                |               |
| Residence<br>Postoffice <u>Davis, S. D.</u> County <u>Turner</u>     |                |               | Residence<br>Postoffice <u>Chicago</u> County <u>Illinois</u> |                |               |
| Age<br><u>24</u>                                                     | Place of Birth | Date of Birth | Age<br><u>16</u>                                              | Place of Birth | Date of Birth |
| Nationality<br><u>Native</u>                                         |                |               | Nationality<br><u>Native</u>                                  |                |               |
| Bachelor<br>Widower<br>Divorced                                      |                |               | Maiden<br>Widow<br>Divorced                                   |                |               |
| Name of Clergyman or Officer Officiating<br><u>Rev. Ralph Cordes</u> |                |               | Official Title<br><u>Minister.</u>                            |                |               |

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SD record of marriage of Mavis Deyo & Jerald Knock - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/399456:8561>

### Schuman-Arendt Auxiliary 5960

NEKOOSA — The Schuman-Arendt Auxiliary to Post 5960 met June 4 at the Downtowner. President Mary Hamel presided.

Money was sent to King for storeroom supplies and to a benefit for three local families who have experienced health hardships.

Mavis Knock made a beautiful wreath that was used during the memorial services at cemeteries on Memorial Day and it will be used at future services.

The auxiliary and post will host a picnic in Riverside Park for the veterans at the Tomah Medical Center again this summer.

“Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune” Friday 12 Jun 1992 p 5

## Shoppers say supercenter has it all

By MELISSA A. LAKE  
Tribune Staff Writer

It's unanimous — Wal-Mart's Supercenter is big.

That was the main comment from shoppers pushing carts around the 209,000 square feet of merchandise during the new store's first hours on Wednesday.

"It's pretty nice. Big," said Tony Miller, Adams. Despite the store's size — it's the biggest Wal-Mart in Wisconsin — Miller had no trouble finding either electronics or the Sony

PlayStation 2 he was buying. "I've been waiting for this and I hoped they'd have it," he said.

"I like it, it's really big," said Louise Menne, Wisconsin Rapids. It was not yet 9 a.m., but she'd already hit the toy aisle, making it out alive with Dale Earnhardt Hot Wheels for her son-in-law.

"I'm looking forward to having everything in one store," Menne said. "We went to the (supercenter) in Marshfield and we really liked it. But this one is much bigger. It's a big store."

The Wal-Mart Supercenter

has a 60,000-square-foot grocery store in it. Mavis Knock, Nekoosa, checked out the food section before moving into the general-merchandise area.

"I like it very much," she said of the grocery area. "The food is displayed nice, you can see the items well and the prices are good. The variety is good. What else do you need?"

Shoppers took advantage of "freebies" being handed out throughout the store. Doritos, Chee-tos, V8 Splash, Northland Cranberries juice, Welch's juice, soda, greeting cards, magnets,

carnations, balloons and yogurt — giveaways and demos abounded. A human Twinkie handing out, obviously, Hostess Twinkies, wandered the store in the company of a human loaf of Wonder Bread, who was handing out mini loaves.

Cheryl Nelson, Wisconsin Rapids, had her mini loaf in her cart, along with a stock pile of "goodies."

"Everything you need is in one store," she said. "I've been looking all over for mini-corn dogs and they have them here! I don't have to go out of town."

“Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune” Thursday 1 Mar 2001 p 6

## **Buckley-Baldwin VFW Auxiliary 2534**

A potluck supper was held prior to the regular meeting on July 8. Delores Munro presided in place of President Agnes Hoffman. Official mailings were read and committee reports were given by chairmen.

New members accepted were Renee Berger and Virginia Seefluth. Transfers from Nekoosa accepted were Jean Bailey, Norma Brandt, Eunice Brost, Shirley Brost, Carol Buehler, Patricia Hasenohrl, Mary Hamel, Donna Jackson, Mavis Knock, Victoria Larsen, Barbara Michels, Carol Mullenix, Dorothy Peaslee, Delores Rusch, Roberta Schroeder, Vivian Varga, Donna Winters, Irene Saylor and Ruth Moody.

The post will have a joint meeting with the auxiliary at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 1. Mayor Jerry Bach will attend.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 12.

“Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune” Friday 12 Jul 2002 p 12

### Knock, Jerald C.

Jerald C. Knock, age 88 of Nekoosa, WI died Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, WI, surrounded by his loving family.

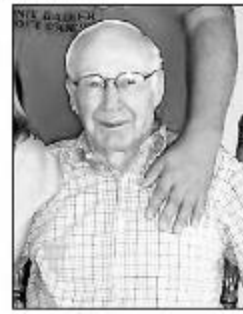
Memorial Services will be held at 6:00 PM Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at Feldner/



Ritchay Funeral Home in Nekoosa, WI. The Rev. Dean Anderson will officiate. The family will greet relatives and friends at the Funeral Home on Wednesday from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Military rites will be provided by the Nekoosa VFW Post #5960. Online condolences may be expressed at [ritchayfuneralhome.com](http://ritchayfuneralhome.com).

Jerald was born July 6, 1925 in Davis, South Dakota to the late Harin and Irene (De Vries) Knock. He married Mavis Deyo on October 4, 1949 at a Baptist Church in South Dakota. Jerald was employed by the Soo Line Railroad for over 40 years, retiring in 1987. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was stationed in Guam.

He was a member of the Nekoosa VFW Post #5960 and was a former commander of the post. While living in Owen, WI, he was a member of the Volunteer fire department and ambulance service. He loved the outdoors including



golfing, fishing and pheasant hunting trips to South Dakota.

Jerald is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Mavis Knock of Nekoosa, daughter Linda (Dick) Brost of Manawa, WI, son Darby (Jana) Knock of Nekoosa, WI, daughter Jeri Collins of Clearwater, FL, son Steve (Linda Lobner) Knock of Nekoosa, WI, grandchildren Ryan (Johanna) Brost, Jeremy Brost, Shawn (Amy) Knock, Justin Knock, Aaron (Erin) Scott, Ericka Storment, Jason (Kristi) Knock, Josh Knock, great grandchildren Rebecca, Hunter, Bryanna, Skylar, David, Jacob, Elliot, Caleb, Sophia, Thomas, Kierra, Andrew and Eva.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Wayne and Glen, sister Zeta Overgard, mother in law Daisy Sweeney, father in law William Sweeney, father in law Anton Krajewski, father in law Charles Deyo and son in law Ray Collins.

Obituary of Jerald Knock – "Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" Tuesday 24 Jun 2014 p A2

Father:

### **ROBERT SWEENEY**

Robert Sweeney, who would have been 99 years of age next August, of 420½ Water street, Eau Claire, died early this morning at the Incani Convalescent Home in Eau Claire after a short illness.

Mr. Sweeney was born in Chippewa Falls on August 2, 1852, and worked in this area as a logging teamster for many years. For the past 27 years he made his home with his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney in Eau Claire.

Besides William he is survived by two other sons, Robert of this city, Stewart of Milwaukee, one adopted daughter, Mrs. Albert Madson of Woodruff, Wis., and one sister, Mrs. Frank Chase of this city. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

The remains will lie in state at the Hogle Funeral Home from Friday noon until the hour of the funeral services, which will be held at the funeral home Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment will be made in Forest Hill cemetery.

Obituary of father Robert J. Sweeney – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Thursday 5 Apr 1951 p 4

Siblings:

### STEWART SWEENEY

Stewart Sweeney, 116½ West River Street, died early this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. Sweeney was born September 18, 1888 in Chippewa County, the son of the late Robert and Nettie Plummer Sweeney. He attended Chippewa Falls schools and had been employed most of his life on farms in this area.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Milwaukee.

Surviving are several sons and daughters by previous marriages not living in this area. Also two brothers Robert of Milwaukee and William of this city and one sister, Mrs. Florence Mattson of Woodruff, Wisconsin.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at two o'clock at the Burkart Funeral Home. Interment will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home one hour before services.

## Robert Sweeney

BLOOMER — Robert M. Sweeney, 86, of Bloomer, died Thursday at Bloomer Memorial Extended Care Facility.

He was born in the town of Eagle Point, Chippewa County, and worked as a milk hauler. He also lived in Chippewa Falls while employed as a construction worker. In 1948, he moved to Milwaukee where he worked for the Caterpillar Tractor Co., retiring in 1960 and moving to the Bloomer area.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth, Cornell; three daughters, Dolores Larson, Fountain Hills, Ariz., Marjorie St. Aubin, Chippewa Falls, Judy Granger, Milwaukee; nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery, both in Chippewa Falls.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday and until services Monday at the funeral chapel.

Obituary of [brother Robert McCurdy Sweeney \(1897-1984\)](#) – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram”  
Friday 29 Jun 1984 p 6

**SWEENEY**

Robert M. Sweeney, 86, Bloomer, died Thursday, June 28 at Bloomer Extended Care Unit, Bloomer.

He was born Nov. 12, 1897 in the town of Eagle Point, the son of Nettie (Plummer) and Robert J. Sweeney. He was raised in Eagle Point, then moved to Chippewa Falls where he was a milk hauler and employed in construction.

Robert moved to Milwaukee in 1948 where he was employed at Caterpillar Tractor Co. until his retirement in 1960. He then moved to the Bloomer area, entering the Bloomer Nursing Facility in March 1983.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth "Bud" Sweeney of Cornell; three daughters, Dolores Carson of Fountain Hills, Ariz., Marjorie St. Aubin of Chippewa Falls and Judy Grainger of Milwaukee; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, Stewart and William, and one sister, Florence Madsen.

**Florence Madsen**

A funeral service will be held 1:30 p.m. Monday at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery, both in Chippewa Falls.

Friends may call 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday and until the time of service Monday at the funeral chapel.

## Hilda LeDuc

Hilda A. LeDuc, 95, of Wissota Lakeside Home, died Friday, Oct. 14, 1988 at the home.

She was born on Feb. 17, 1893 in Chippewa Falls, the daughter of Henrietta (Johnson) and Kris Christopherson. She was raised in Chippewa Falls, where she attended Chippewa Falls schools.

She married Robert Sweeney in Chippewa Falls. She was employed at the Glove Factory and at Sally Ann Bakery for several years. She married Prosper LeDuc in 1943 in Hudson. They owned and operated the Chippewa City Resort in the Town of Eagle Point until she moved to the Eagle Point Nursing Home in 1984. She has been a resident of the Wissota Lakeside

Nursing Home since July.

Survivors include two daughters, Delores (Lyle) Larson and Marjorie St. Aubin, both of Chippewa Falls; one son, Kenneth (Monica) Sweeney of Cornell; seven grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, Sigurd and Arthur; three sisters, Clara Christopherson, Helen Christenson and Lillian Brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel. Rev. Donald C. Thorson will be officiating. Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday and Monday morning before the services.

Obituary of Robert's ex-wife Hilda A. Christopherson Sweeney LeDuc – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Saturday 15 Oct 1988 p 5

Adopted sibling:

**MADSON**

Florence L. Madson, 76, 209 W. Columbia St., Chippewa Falls, died Wednesday morning, March 28 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Chippewa Falls.

She was born Oct. 13, 1907 in Bloomer, the daughter of Clara (Riley) and Abraham Plummer.

Florence was united in marriage to Albert Madson on Oct. 18, 1942 in Eagle River where she was employed as a nurse.

She lived in the Eagle River-Minoqua area until the death of her husband when she moved to Chippewa Falls and has since resided here. Florence was employed as a foster grandparent since 1971 at the Northern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled.

Florence was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and was active in Girl Scouting and the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Surviving are one sister, Clara Bell Walters of Boyd and one brother, Robert Sweeney of Bloomer.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, William Sweeney.

A funeral service will be held 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Dr. David V. Harsh of Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. today (Friday) and until the time of service Saturday at the funeral chapel.

Obituary of adopted sister Florence Plummer Madsen – "Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Friday 30 Mar 1984 p 4 & on her Find A Grave 117597178

**Application for a marriage license was made at the office of the county clerk today by John Eyerly and Florence Irene Plummer, both of Blooth-er.**

Marriage license of Florence Irene Plummer & John Henry Eyerly – "Chippewa Daily Herald" (Chippewa Falls WI) Wednesday 31 Mar 1926 p 2

**EYERLY-PLUMMER.**

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Florence Plummer and John Eyerly of the town of Bloomer, which occurred Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the U. B. parsonage. Mr. Eyerly is a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Eyerly, 26 W. Central street, this city. Both of the young people are well known in this city and will reside here after their honeymoon.

Marriage of Florence Plummer to John Henry Eyerly in Chippewa Co. WI on 5 Apr 1926 – "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Saturday 10 Apr 1926 p 3

John Eyerly asks for a divorce from Florence Eyerly on desertion grounds. They were married at Blumer, Wis., April 5, 1924, and lived together until Sept. 1, 1928, according to the petition.

John Henry Eyerly petitions for a divorce, claiming Florence deserted him – "Cedar Rapids (IA) Gazette" Tuesday 15 Nov 1938 p 14

**More Divorces Are  
Granted In Dist. Court**

Divorces granted by Judge H. C. Ring on desertion grounds include those of John Eyerly, 34, from Florence Eyerly, married at Blumer, Wis., in 1924, and Zelda Smith from Paul Smith, 25, married Dec. 5, 1936. Mrs. Smith's name of Zelda Sweet was restored.

Divorced in Iowa on the grounds of her desertion – "Cedar Rapids (IA) Gazette" Saturday 7 Jan 1939 p 12

**Name: William George Sweeney**

Name variations: Willie – claimed on WWII draft registration that he had no middle initial (and presumably no middle name)

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng. - private

Serial number: 251,728

Entered service from: Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: William Sweeney

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Robert Sweeney, 10 E. Columbia St., Chippewa Falls WI

Returned from war on: "Haverford" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: William G. Sweeney (Fold3 indexed as Willaim G. Sweeney but correct spelling of first name William G. on original form)-

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Robert Sweeney, no street name or house number, Chippewa Falls WI (pvt, Co D, 107th Engr)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as William (no initial) Sweeney – b. 3 Sep 1900

Chippewa City, Chippewa Co. WI; res: 420 ½ Water St., Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. NOK

Mrs. Vema Estella [Sweeney], same address. Employed by National Pressure Cooker Co., 1515 Bell St., Eau Claire WI. "slight scar on left hand" – Height: 5'10" – 160 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Jul 1917

Discharged: 27 May 1919

Address: 215 E. Columbia St., Chippewa Falls WI

Rank/unit: private, Co. D, 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 3 Sep 1900 Chippewa Co. WI (Veterans Administration Military Index: 3 Sep 1899)

Died: 24 May 1981 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI (St. Joseph's Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 115862083 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI

Cemetery: Forest Hill

Tombstone: veteran flat: Pvt US Army WWI

Father: Robert J. Sweeney, 2 Aug 1852 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – 5 Apr 1951 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Son of Matilda Stewart Sweeney (1820-1904). At the time of his death, he had lived 27 years with son William & his wife in Eau Claire WI. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI.

Find A Grave: 171768055

Mother: Jeanette (Nettie) Plummer Sweeney, Apr 1867 Jackson Co. WI – 1 Jun 1917 Chippewa Co. WI. Daughter of Abraham (Abram) Plummer (1832- 27 Apr 1907 WI, F: 7771679) & Lydia Ann Sears. Nettie & husband Robert Sweeney adopt her half-sister Florence Plummer [Sweeney], the daughter of her father Abraham Plummer by wife Clara Augusta Riley, later Quelch (1874-1934). Florence was born 13 Oct 1907, 5 ½ months after her father Abraham's death. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Find A Grave: 171768020  
 Parents' marriage: 14 Apr 1885 Chippewa Co. WI

Spouse: Vema Estella Brownell Sweeney Gomsrud, 8 Sep 1905 Drammen, Eau Claire WI – 15 Apr 1986 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Daughter of Campbell Charles Brownell (1861-1950) & Ida Bella Peeso (1863-1949). – She and William Sweeney had 3 children, Duane (died at age 4), Clyde & Donna. - After her marriage to William, VEMA married Lloyd Peter Gomsrud (1910-2001, F: 101185563) on 28 Jul 1960 in Stillwater, Washington Co. MN. – Vema Gomsrud is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 101185517

Marriage: 12 Sep 1923 in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Separated 18 Nov 1953 & divorced 8 Jan 1954 in Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Vema petitioned for the divorce on grounds of cruel & inhuman treatment.

Spouse: Daisy Mae Wolcott Deyo Pierce Krajewski Sweeney, 30 Jun 1907 Arthur, Chippewa Co. WI – 4 Feb 1998 Augusta, Eau Claire WI. Daughter of Dwight Wolcott & Clara Shaw. Married 11 Apr 1925 to Charles Willard Deyo. He was born 28 Jul 1902 Spring Valley, Fillmore MN & died 20 Feb 1967 Rhinelander, Oneida WI. Buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Rhinelander, Oneida WI. F: 169844294

In Sep 1949 when her daughter Mavis became engaged, and in Oct 1949 when Mavis married Jerald Knock, she is listed as Mrs. Daisy Mae Pierce in newspaper accounts. Married in 1950 to Anton ("Tony" Krajewski, b. 1903, died 9 Jul 1968. Buried in St. Rose Cemetery, Cadott, Chippewa WI. F: 102901731. His surname is spelled a variety of ways, including Krayski. When he dies in 1968, his obituary claims all his relatives are in Poland. Married William George Sweeney on 11 Sep 1971.

Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 115862082

Marriage: 11 Sep 1971 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI

#### Children:

- Duane R. Sweeney, 7 Jul 1924 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – 5 Sep 1928 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. He was run over by a Hudson touring car driven by Raymond Ward but owned by his father, William Ward of Eau Claire WI, who was a passenger. Two ladders were strapped on the car as the men moved from a tree-trimming job. Duane ran across the street & the car's wheel passed over his head. He died in the ambulance on his way to the hospital. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. F: 171768095
- Clyde William Sweeney, 18 Jun 1927 WI – 17 Dec 2009 Birchwood, Washburn WI. Married Esther Edith Sarinske (1928-2012, F: 82942031) on 30 Aug 1952. Serviced in the US Navy in

WWII. Resident of Richmond WI in May 1981 when William died. Buried in Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Spooner, Washburn WI. F: 74363103

- Donna Jane Sweeney De Voe, Jan 1930 WI - . Married 21 Jan 1952 in Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI to Roderic Levi DeVoe (5 Aug 1926 Long Lake township, Washburn Co. WI – 3 Aug 2015 Sarona, Washburn WI. Roderic is buried in Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Spooner, Washburn WI, F: 153852641. Donna DeVoe was a resident of Alma Center WI in May 1981 when William died & of Sarona WI in Feb 1998.

Stepchildren: children of his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Daisy Mae Wolcott & her 1<sup>st</sup> husband, Charles Willard Deyo

- Betty Mae Deyo Steadman Pettis, 13 Jul 1926 Augusta, Eau Claire WI – 5 Jul 2010 Madison, Dane WI (in St. Mary's Hospital). Resident of Augusta WI in May 1981 when William died. Graduate of Rhinelander (WI) High School in 1944. Married Kenneth Delore Steadman (1920-1960, F: 128194389) on 21 Jun 1945. Kenneth was a commercial teacher at Augusta WI High School when he died following two surgical operations for acute appendicitis. He had been a POW of the Nazi forces for 106 days during WWII. – Widowed, Betty married Richard Clarence Pettis (1914-1999, F: 21046593) on 12 Aug 1964 in Eau Claire WI. Buried in Thompson Valley Cemetery, Augusta, Eau Claire WI. F: 21046610
- Lorraine J. Deyo Pospychala, 6 Jan 1929 Cornell, Chippewa WI – 3 Oct 2022 Rhinelander, Oneida WI. Resident of Rhinelander WI in May 1981 when William died. Graduate of Rhinelander (WI) High School in 1946. Married John Pospychala (1927-2015, F: 187621676) on 9 Feb 1948. Buried in Nativity of Our Lord Parish Catholic Cemetery, Rhinelander, Oneida WI. F: 248187320
- Neal Charles Deyo, 12 Apr 1931 Rhinelander, Oneida WI - . Husband of Leatryce Asselin, daughter of Layton Asselin & Eva Alger. Neal & Leatryce married 28 Oct 1950 in Thorp, Clark WI. Resident of Bloomington IL in May 1981 when William died. Resident with Leatryce in Belvidere IL in Jul 2010 when his sister Betty died. In 2023, a resident of FL.
- Mavis Jean Deyo Knock, Jul 1933 WI - . Resident of Nekoosa WI in May 1981 when William died. Married 4 Oct 1949 in Turner Co. SD to Jerald C. Knock (6 Jul 1925 Davis SD – 21 Jun 2014 Marshfield WI, obituary in "Wisconsin Rapids [WI] Daily Tribune" Tuesday 24 Jun 2014 p A1]. On Facebook as of 27 Feb 2023.
- Barbara Deyo, who died in infancy.

Siblings: William was the youngest of 3 sons. There was a gap in births between Stewart & Robert.

- Stewart Sweeney, 18 Sep 1888 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – 29 Apr 1969 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Veteran of WWI. Married 13 May 1920 in Clay Co. MN to Alice Ida McKay (1900-1987, F: 79863543), daughter of John McKay & Elizabeth Kleinsmith & later the wife of James Howard Goodsell (1891-1963). Stewart is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. F: 169154631.
- Robert McCurdy ("Bob") Sweeney, 12 Nov 1897 Eagle Point, Chippewa WI – 28 Jun 1984 Bloomer, Chippewa WI. - Married in 1918 to Hilda Annette Christopherson (1893-1988, F: 115985278), the daughter of Christian Christopherson & Hilda Johansen. They divorced & Hilda married Prosper Charles LeDuc (1885-1954) in 1943. – Robert married Thelma Marion Perry, later married to Baldwin & Lewis Ernest Dechenne (1922-2004) whom she married 15 Sep 1959 in Bonner Co. ID & divorced 19 May 1971 in Spokane Co. WA. Thelma was the daughter of Arthur C. Perry & Elsie M. Plemm, on 18 Nov 1939 in Osage Co. IA. – Ancestry.com family tree also notes another spouse. His obituary in the "Chippewa Herald-

Telegram" (Chippewa Falls WI) Saturday 30 Apr 1960 p 4 notes "Surviving are several sons and daughter by previous marriages not living in this area." - Resident of Bloomer WI in May 1981 when William died. - Robert is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. F: 171768163

Adopted sibling:

- Florence Irene or L. Plummer Eyerly Madsen, 13 Oct 1907 Bloomer, Chippewa WI – 28 Mar 1984 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI. Florence was the half-sister of William's mother, Nettie Plummer Sweeney. Florence Plummer [Madsen] & Nettie Plummer [Sweeney] were both daughters of Abraham (Abram) Plummer, but by different mothers. Abraham Plummer, who served in the Civil War for the Union, was around 75 years old when Florence was born; he died 1 month after her birth. So, in addition to being called William Sweeney's sister, Florence is also an aunt. – Florence Madson was a resident of Chippewa Falls WI in May 1981 when William died. – Married John Henry Eyerly (1904 WI – 1971 IL, F: 208158322) in Bloomer, Chippewa WI on 5 Apr 1928. John petitioned for a divorce in Cedar Rapids, Linn IA in Nov 1938, stating the couple had separated 1 Sep 1928 & charging Florence with desertion. The divorce was granted in Jan 1939. – Married to Albert Martin Madsen (1892-1964, F: 114984127) on 18 Oct 1942 in Eagle River, Vilas WI.

Notes:

Pre-war:

Enlisted 3 May 1916

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Eau Claire [WI] Leader-Telegram" 26 May 1981 p 15 - age 80, resident of 122 W. Vine St., Chippewa Falls WI. Born in Chippewa Co. Married Verna Brownell in Minneapolis MN. Employed at National Presto Industries (Eau Claire) & Hotel Northern 1960-71. Married Daisy Wolcott Krayesky 11 Sep 1971 in Chippewa Falls WI. A WWI Army veteran. Survived by wife, son, daughter, 3 stepdaughters, stepson Neal Deyo, sister, brother.

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Eagle Point, Chippewa WI – conducted 14/15 Jun 1900

Robert J. Sweeney, 47 WI, Jun 1832, parents b. Ireland, married 15 years, day laborer  
 Nettie, 32 WI, Apr 1868, father b. ME, mother b. VT, age birth to 3 children, 3 are living  
 Stewart, 11 WI, Sep 1888

Robert, 2 WI, Nov 1894

Wm. G., 8 months WI, Sep 1899

1905 WI state census - Eagle Point, Chippewa WI

Robert Sweeney, 50 WI, day laborer

Nettie, 38 ME, housekeeper [she was born in Wisconsin, not Maine]

Stewart, 17 WI, day laborer

Robert, 7 WI

Willie, 6 WI

1910 Eagle Point, Chippewa WI

Bob Sweeney, 52 WI, father b. US, mother b. NJ, married 22 years, laborer, farm

Nettie, 51 WI, parents b. VT, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Stewart, 21 WI, laborer, farm

Robert, 13 WI

Willie, 11 WI

Florence, 3 WI [adopted sibling Florence Plummer, Nettie's half-sister]

1920 Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI – S. State St.

Robert Sweeney Jr., 21 WI, parents b. US, truck driver, creamery company [head of household]

Hilda, 25 WI, parents b. Norway [wife]

Robert Sr., 67 US, parents b. US, widowed [father]

William, 19 WI, parents b. US, chauffeur, auto livery [brother]

Florence, 12 WI, parents b. US [sister – i.e. adopted sister Florence Plummer]

1930 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – 701 Water St.

William G. Sweeney, 29 WI, parents b. WI, age 23 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, laborer, steel factory, WWI veteran

Eva E., 24 WI, parents b. WI, age 18 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage [i.e. Vema]

Clyde W., 2 WI

Dona J., 2 months WI

1940 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – same place in 1935

William Sweeney, 39 WI, inspector, NP pressure cooker company

Vema, 34 WI, house keeper, at home

Clyde, 12 WI

Donna Jane, 10 WI

1950 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – 420 ½ Water St.

William G. Sweeney, 49 WI, service station, city service station

Vema E., 44 WI, sales clerk, retail grocery

Clyde W., 22 WI, surveyor, state highway department

Donna J., 20 WI, posting, gas & electric utility

Robert, 97 WI, widowed [father]

