

## James Hofacker

James E. Hofacker, 82, of Ladysmith passed away on Friday, May 21, 2010, at the Dove Healthcare Hospice in Eau Claire after a courageous 18-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

James was born Feb. 15, 1928, to Edward and Ann (Wedam) Hofacker in Menomonie. He served in the Korean War army and on Aug. 25, 1956, he married the former Shirley Haas in rural Manitowoc. They moved to Ladysmith in 1958, where he began a career working with the people of this area. He was field man for the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. He later worked as a car salesman for Riteway Oil Company and then became owner of that business.

He was owner/operator of Hofacker Bus, Inc. He drove school bus for 56 years and found great pleasure in transporting extracurricular sport trips.

He was extremely proud to be honored twice — 1994 and 2009 — as Grand Marshall — for the Ladysmith Homecoming Parade.

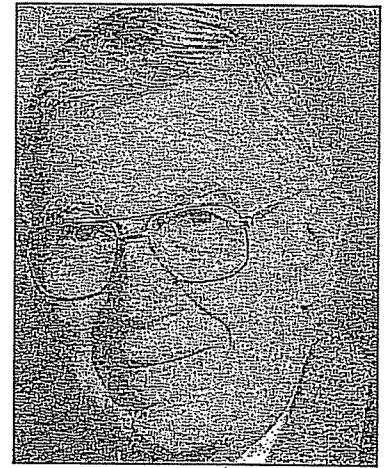
He was elected to the Rusk County Board of Supervisors with a write-in vote in 1992 and has never had any election opposition in that post, which he has held for the past 18 years.

He now faithfully served on the highway, animal shelter, Indianhead Community Action Agency and Ag. extension committees.

He was also a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, WRA, Sand Lake Association, Wisconsin School Bus Association and American Legion.

He enjoyed having one of the largest gardens in the city, attending car shows and showing his collection of cars. He also spent many great times with family and friends at their Sand Lake summer home and winters in Ft. Meyers, Fla.

He is survived by his wife Shirley, his sons Edward (Cindy) and their



children Marc (Samantha) Kristen and Steven of Eau Claire, and John (Becky) and their sons Andrew and Michael of Farmington, Minn.; his daughter Mary (Dave) Quady and their children Hannah and Garrett of Champlain, Minn. He also had one great-granddaughter Emily Marie Hofacker of Eau Claire; two sisters Eileen (Maurice) Howe of Menomonie and Marlys (Robert) Robole of Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; and many cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass for James will be held on Friday, May 28, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Ladysmith with Fr. Jim Bartelme officiating. Friends may call after 4 p.m. on Thursday at the Nash-Jackan Funeral Home in Ladysmith, where there will be a Scripture Service at 7 p.m.

James' family will also receive friends at the church on Friday for an hour prior to services. Military Burial Rites will be provided by the Ladysmith Veterans Association outside the church following the services.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that memorials be directed to the Rusk County Animal Shelter building project, Kinship of Rusk County or Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.