

Orville E. Gynnild

Orville E. Gynnild, 81, Eau Claire, passed away peacefully surrounded by his entire family on Saturday, April 6, 2002.

He was born July 8, 1920, to Ole and Ida (Froseth) Gynnild in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

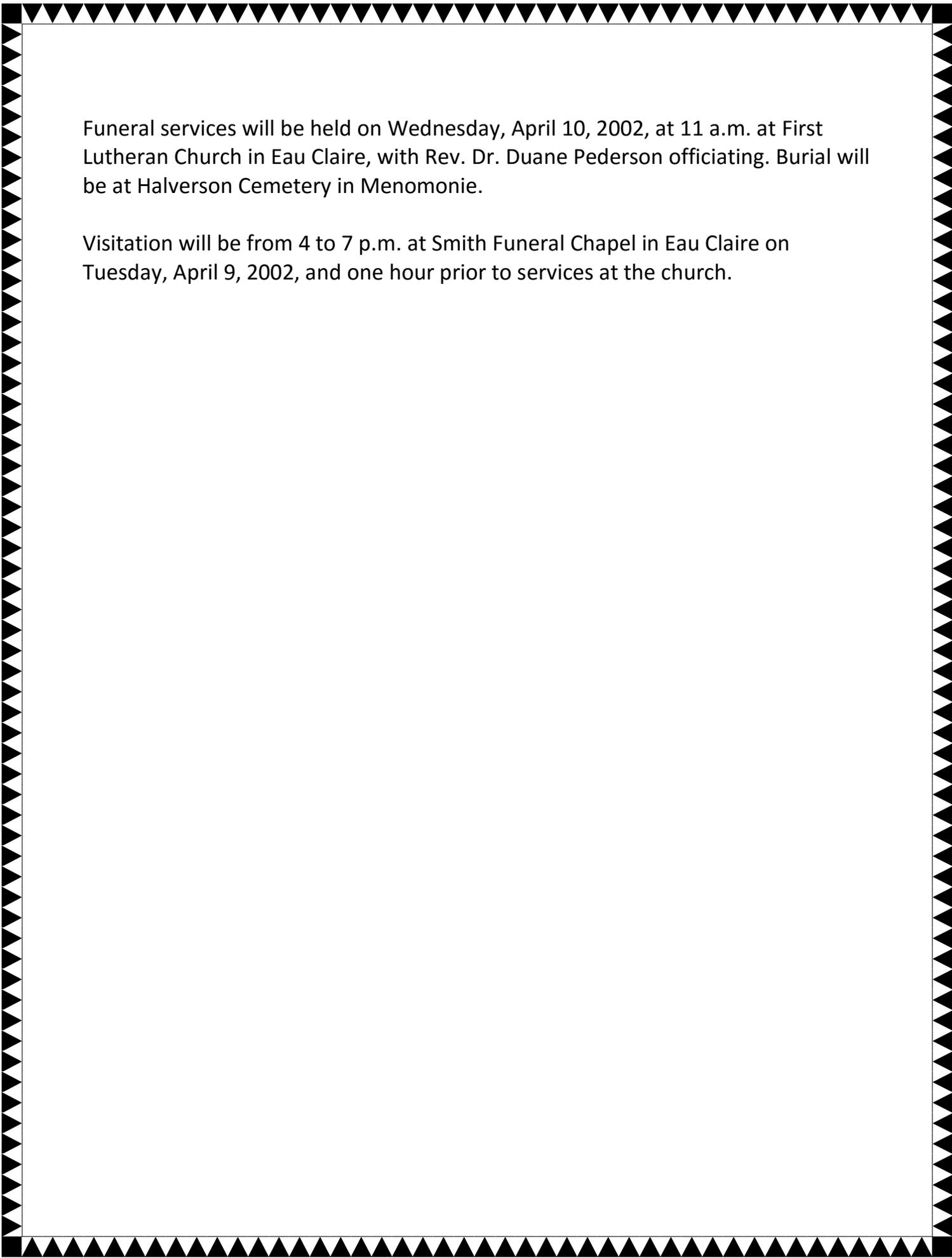
Orville was a graduate of E.C. High School in 1938. He was in the U.S. Army from 1942-1945, serving the Army Engineers in the South Pacific.

Orville married Marlys Dahl on November 3, 1945, in Menomonie, Wisconsin. He worked with his father in construction. Then he attended Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota for Architectural Drafting. He and his father were homebuilders for Charlson's Building and Design Center in Eau Claire for many years. He later was the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds at Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, retiring in 1988. After his retirement, he was a consultant for HVP Design in Eau Claire. He was an active member of the church and the church council at First Lutheran.

Orville was a charter member of the Eau Claire Ski Club and inducted into the Hall of Fame. He was a Ski Jumping Distance referee at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics. Walleye fishing in Canada was his passion particularly with his sons-in-law. He was very proud of his Norwegian heritage and his family in Norway. His entire family and friends will sadly miss Orville.

He is survived by his wife, Marlys "Dolly" of Eau Claire; three daughters, Jane (Gary) Gilchrist of Fairchild; Mary (Bob) Osborne and Nancy (Dirk) Snyder of Eau Claire; one sister, Gladys (Harold) Erickson on Eau Claire; three granddaughters, Michelle (Scott) MacGlashin of Fall Creek, Janet (Dwayne) Drake and Kristen Snyder of Eau Claire; four grandsons, Jonathan Osborne of Minnesota, Daniel Osborne, Matthew and Joseph Snyder, all of Eau Claire; three great-grandchildren, Samantha MacGlashin of Fall Creek; Alyssa and Cameron Drake of Eau Claire; one sister-in-law, Bets Gynnild of Eau Claire; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father; one brother, Lawrence.



Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at 11 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, with Rev. Dr. Duane Pederson officiating. Burial will be at Halverson Cemetery in Menomonie.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Chapel in Eau Claire on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, and one hour prior to services at the church.