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Sergeant Gerald "Jerry" Amundson, 80, 3001 Rudolph Rd., Eau Claire, passed away Tuesday evening, March 28, 1995, at the Center of Care, Eau Claire.

Jerry was born Sept. 24, 1914, to John and Josephine (Scholl) in rural Northfield. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School, Iron Mountain, Mich., in June of 1933. The family then returned to Northfield, where Jerry farmed for several years before moving to Eau Claire where he worked for the U.S. Rubber Co.

He married Helen Vesta June 20, 1945, in Pigeon Falls. On Nov. 16, 1946, he became a police patrolman for the Eau Claire Police Department. In 1964, he was promoted to School Safety Officer and was known throughout Eau Claire as "Sgt. Jerry". He retired from the police department Feb. 8, 1970.

Following his retirement he worked for American National Bank, was a candidate for the Wisconsin State Assembly, worked for the Eau Claire Transportation Company, and worked at District One Vocational Technical School. He retired from the vocational school in May of 1977.

Jerry was a charter member and past president of Trinity Lutheran Church and was most recently a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. He was president of the Eau Claire Optimist Club, Lt. Governor of Wisconsin Optimist Clubs, vice-president of Eau Claire Toastmasters Club, president of Sons of Norway, vice-chairman of Eau Claire County Youth Camp Commission, was instrumental in getting a Norwegian language camp started, a member of Eau Claire Lodge #112 F&AM of which he was master in 1966, a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire.

— He also facilitated construction of the underpass near Memorial High School. He was active in Boy Scouts, Dale Carnegie, Salvation Army and volunteered at Chippewa Valley Museum.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons, Dave (Norma) of Rochester, Minn., and Keith of West Bend; two daughters, Karen (Gary) Foster of Eau Claire and Jeanne (Bob) Andre of Rochester, Minn.; a sister, Edna Cantlon of Eau Claire; five grandchildren, John, Mike, Dan, Lisa and Ben.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Laura Lintz and Ethel Amundson.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Dave Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Fuller Funeral Home and an hour before services Saturday at the church.

A Masonic service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Eau Claire Police Benevolent Scholarship Fund.

