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**OBITUARY FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2003**

**Jerome "Schnappsie" Puerling**, 65, of Newburg, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003 at St. Joseph's Community Hospital, West Bend.

He was born on Jan. 1, 1938 in the town of Trenton to the late Simon and Helen (nee Erschens) Puerling. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed as a machinist at the Gehl Co. for 44 years, retiring in 2000. He was a member of the Gehl Company Hexelbank Club and was an honorary member of the Newburg Fire Dept. He was the manager of Al & Nita's Tap softball team and he loved to play cards, especially Sheepshead.

He is survived by 2 daughters, Amy (Steven) Szerbowski and Tricia Puerling, both of Newburg, 5 step-children, John (Patty) Beimborn, Loren (Lisa) Beimborn, Brenda (Steve) McKay, Dave (fiancée Jana) Beimborn, and Danny Beimborn, all of Newburg, 2 grandchildren, Nickolas and Nathan, 10 step-grandchildren, 3 sisters, Carol (James) Esselmann of the town of Trenton, Janice (Joseph) Elbi of Cedarburg, and Joyce (Lawrence) Smith of the town of Trenton, a brother, Thomas (Carol) Puerling of West Bend, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Puerling.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Mon. Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Newburg. Rev. Guy Gurath will officiate and cremation will follow with burial of the cremated remains in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Newburg. Visitation will be at the church on Mon. from 3:00 p.m. until the time of service. Memorials are appreciated.

Myrhum - Patten Funeral & Cremation Service, West Bend, is assisting the family.