Thomas L. Hirsch.

83, late of Romeoville, Ill., formerly of Viroqua, Wis., and Winona passed away Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015, at Rosewood Care Center in Joliet, Ill.,

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, (Norma) JoAn Hirsch; children, Catharine (Duane) Wilson and Nancy (Terry) Jansen; grandchildren, Catie (Jon) Ziemer, Melanie Wilson, Bethany Kampendahl, Timothy and Christopher Jansen; great-grandchildren, Tristine and Theo Ziemer; other survivors include, Lynne Hodge, Bob (Diane) Hirsch, Orvis (Janice), Loren (Jenese), Donald (Lillian) and Adrian (Linda) Primmer; also special friends, Jim and Dixie Sokolik.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Ray and Ruth Ann Hirsch; in-laws, Guy (Merle), Bud (Cleo) Primmer, Betty (Paul) Zube and Frank Hodge; also a grandson, Artemus Wilson.

Tom was a Korean War Veteran serving U.S. Navy, 1951 to 1955. He was a Professor of Photography at University of Minnesota at Winona. In addition to teaching, his photography background included four years as a U.S. Navy photographer, a University newspaper and yearbook photographer while a college student. After retiring from teaching he started writing a weekly photography column, “Photo Scrapbook,” for a local newspaper; he also had a weekly word puzzle published by the same newspaper. Tom also enjoyed traveling within the U.S. and abroad. Aside from the newspaper columns, Tom also had several photography articles published in various photographic magazines. His publications also included two books “Puzzles for Pleasure and Leisure,” and “More Puzzles for Pleasure and Leisure.”

Per Tom’s request cremation rites are to be accorded and a memorial service will take place at a later date, where cremains will be interned, in Viroqua, Wis. Services entrusted to Anderson Memorial Home, 21131 W. Renwick Rd. in Crest Hill. www.AndersonMemorialHomes.com. (815) 577-5250.