# OBITUARIES AND IN MEMORIAMS <br> American Death Poetry 

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## Preface

One thing all living beings have in common is that eventually all will die. Death is the great leveler which brings down the famous and the rich, even as it does their opposites. Further, death does not wait for old age; it comes to babies and young children, to teenagers and young adults, to those supposedly in their prime. For some survivors, death is a subject to be avoided at all costs; others seem to have an obsession with the idea. It is a topic of much conjecture and interest. Although a few people claim to have met death face to face and recount their impressions and memories of the event vividly, it truly is an event which can be experienced only once, and for which there can be no eyewitness accounts.

Many books have been written on the subject of death, detailing the grieving process experienced by the survivors. This paper is not intended as a rehash of the death and grieving process which leads one through denial and anger and finally to acceptance. Nor is it a denunciation of the funeral industry which some have attacked as a greedy business which takes advantage of vulnerable survivors and their guilt. Those subjects have been well covered. Rather, it proposes to be an historical glimpse at how American families externalized their grief near the end of the twentieth century. They have expressed their emotions on stone, in poetry, obituaries and In Memoriam
columns. Since the subjects of gravemarkers and epitaphs have been widely researched already, this paper will restrict itself to published expressions of grief, i.e., obituaries, In Memoriams, or poetry.

Most facets of American culture related to death have, in fact, been previously explored. For instance, in the book, Cemeteries and Gravemarkers, Voices of American Culture, edited by Richard E. Meyer, several cultural expressions are examined in a collection of essays. Most notable among them are a look at cemetery architecture, common burying grounds, ethnic cemeteries, monument bronze examples, and tourist and leisure uses of nineteenth-century rural cemeteries. The essay written by Professor Meyer explored gravemarkers from the Pacific Northwest. He found many which have logging images carved on them. These interesting and elaborately carved stones reflected the deceased's job in the lumber/logging industry. The essay which studied carvings on stone examined the works of one particular family of artists skilled in that craft. Still another essay researched epitaphs. J. Joseph Edgette, author of that chapter, stated that, "Epitaphs, by their nature, evoke images of the departed soul." So too, l believe, do obituaries and In Memoriams. Therefore, 1 propose to focus on those expressions from the late 1980 's and early 1990 's which represent the mores of the times.

This particular time period is of historical interest because it documents a significant event - the onset of a disease called
acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) which could mirror the dreaded plagues of the past. This time period is also notable for the changes in the structure of the American family. With widespread divorce and single parenting, many children do not experience the two-parent family unit. Pets, however, may be an important part of their lives, and this era saw the beginning of pet obituaries.

Obituaries and In Memoriams have usually followed a fairly standard format. Any marked differences were usually regional or cultural. In attempting to trace their history, l was surprised to find that very little notice has been taken of the origin and evolution of newspaper death notices. I searched many books on the history of newspapers and funeral costs and customs. The popular exposes of the funeral business, written by Miltich and others, went into great detail about the cost of embalming, caskets, vaults, flowers, etc. But, no one mentioned the cost of the printed obituary. This "classified ad" is often paid for by the family or estate of the deceased. The average cost is $\$ 1.00$ a line, with the average obituary running between 40-50 lines, at the cost of $\$ 40-\$ 50$ per day. Some obituaries run several days, further increasing the cost. The purpose of this writing, however, is not the cost of this funeral ritual, but its social significance. How do these columns reflect life in America? If epitaphs, by their nature, evoke images of the departed soul, as quoted earlier, do not obituaries and In Memoriams do the same?

I further contend that paid obituaries are frequently attempts by the survivors to personalize the deceased in a way that today's impersonal society does not. Families want the world to know that the deceased was a special person with individual talents and personal worth. They do not want their family member known as just a person who worked a certain number of years for a particular company, had a number of children and a number of grandchildren. What they do want is something personal and meaningful such as this obituary which appeared in The Flint Weekly Globe on Thursday, June 17, 1897:
...warmhearted, generous, approachable, loveable-the friend of the people, poor and rich alike. He didn't like shams and was quick to perceive manliness and womanliness whether in broadcloth and velvet or homespun and calico. In this respect he was the ideal American.

Now, that's the kind of obituary 1 want!
I feel that all tributes are worthy of study and recognition as poetic expressions of sorrow at the passing of a loved one, whether it be a human being or a pet, and that a look at death poetry as expressed in obituaries and $\ln$ Memoriam columns will give scholars immense insight into Americans and their emotional expressions as the century draws to a close, just as does the sample from the nineteenth-century above. My interest has been encouraged by two of my professors at the University of MichiganFlint, Dr. Frederic Svoboda and Dr. Nora Faires. Both have made valuable suggestions in my pursuit of material. Their knowledge has led me to some very interesting books which 1 undoubtedly
would not have discovered on my own and 1 greatly appreciate their assistance and support. Their helpful criticism in the writing and organization of the paper has also been greatly appreciated.

Beverly Bleicher
1990

## Chapter 1

## From the Heart

## A Celebration of Life

Death comes to all eventually. It is the great leveler, bringing down the famous and the rich, even as it does their opposites. How these former lives are celebrated and memorialized tells something about the times in which they lived. Were lives cheap? Did the passing of some segments of society go unnoticed, or unmourned? If the l990's should happen to contain something new to fear, something similar to AlDS, for example, will that fact be recorded for all time in history in obituaries and In Memoriams? Study of this death poetry is important, as is the study of related topics such as gravemarkers and epitaphs. Much can be learned from the publication of human emotions.

## Death in the line of Duty

Attached is a tribute to a policeman killed in the line of duty in 1980. Written in l990, the In Memoriam is unusual because of the lack of euphemisms. The story of his death, i.e., "shot down...killed... placed in a coffin," is very stark. It may be that family members of peace officers are taught to accept death as a part of the job. He, himself, might have expressed the desire for no euphemisms should he be killed in the line of
duty. That his life was of value, however, can clearly be seen throughout the tribute.


Recognition of death in the
line of duty. A sample of
"from the heart" death poetry.

Society's Outcasts
In Flint, Michigan, a blue-collar town, bikers are looked down upon by most of the citizenry. They are seen as unemployed "toughs" who are frequently substance abusers having no particular worth. Ashtray is an example of a human being who was loved by his peers and whose life definitely had value in their eyes. Even on the third anniversary of his death, the tributes are as poignant as they were in the first and second years.



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[^0]An Ordinary Wife
Prince $H$. Combs' 1990 In Memoriam to his wife is a continuation and re-affirmation of his 1989 death poetry. To others she may have been just his wife, but she evidently was his whole world. Perhaps she never had a career outside the home, never contributed financially, but as a wife, mother, and grandmother, her value to him must have been unlimited.

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## Just Another Weatherman

Finally, the lack of a tribute can also say something about the times. A local station employed a weatherman who just disappeared from the evening broadcasts where people were accustomed to seeing him. Probably everyone assumed, like 1 had, that he had taken a job with a rival station or had left on bad terms. Unknown to all, he had contracted AlDS. Following his death, the local paper carried, as a tribute, an article about him, and he was the subject of a standard obituary. No special tribute was paid to him by the station or by his fellow employees. Finally, one person took the time to write a letter to The Flint Journal regarding Tom Stephens which said:

> After reading and viewing the tribute paid to Tom, I cried. l cried for the dreadful disease that robbed him of his life and the lack of compassion many of us share. Tom gave pleasure to many of us and may that "Doppler radar" speed him to the heavens where he will find peace and friends that will not forsake him in need. My prayers go with him.

This is a perfect example of death poetry written by a person (evidently having no connection other than being a fan) who formerly watched and enjoyed Tom and his weather reports. Too bad, it had to come from a complete stranger!

These tributes and remembrances are testament to the fact that people do grieve and do care, sometimes long after death has occurred.

## AIDS

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man," Sinclair satd. "He was a very compassionate man.
"The volunteers from Com. passionate Care became like family to him."

Stephens' only immediate family member was his mother, who was in a nursing home, Sincatr said. So Compassionate Garevolunteers became his daily support system.

- Stephens, who originally was from Detroit, worked at Channel 12 from October 1984 to October
: 1988, when his contract was not renewed. In March 1989, he became executive director of the Humane Society of Genesee County. He held the title until his death, although he was not able to work in the final months of his life. He learned he had AIDS about a year ago.
--Bleicher said it was tough to tape-the interviews with Stephems.
"We tried to eatch him on his good days," Blelcher said. "He talked (about AIDS) and had ad. vice for people: ..:
"We knew this was coming because he had been in and out of FOH (Flint Osteopathic Hospital) lately," he said. "He had a very strong will to live."

Visitation will be at Hill Funeral Home, 11723 Saginaw, in Grand Blanc from $6-9$ tonight, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 8.9 p.m. Wednesday.

The funeral will begin at 1 p . m . Thursday at St . Pfus $\mathbf{X}$ Church, 3139 Hogarth, Flint Township. Burial is at Mt. Olivet in Detroit.

A Tom Stephens Memorial Fund has been established, and contributions may be made to it at the funeral home, said Jerald J. Rocco, funeral home director.

In Genesee County, 50 AIDS cases were reported to health officials as of December 1989; three cases in Lapeer County and three in Shiawassee County.

The obituary/funeral notice still makes no mention of AIDS.

## 9905 <br> Obituaries, Funerad Motices

Flint
JARZYNSKL, Thomas S. "Tom Stephens" - Age 42, died Monday May 7, 1990, at Fint Osteopathic. Funeral services will be held IPM Thursday, May 10, 1990, at St. Pius X Catholic Church G-3139 Hogarth, Flint. Fr. James Eisele officiating. Burial IOAM Friday at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, ML Suggested visiting bours Tuescay 6-9PM, Wednesday 9AM-7PM and 8-9PM at the Hill Funeral Home, Grand Blanc There will be a private family service Wednesday 7-8PM. Friends desiring may make contributions to Tom Stephens Memorial Fund. Tom was bom in Detroit, February 11, 1948, the son of Walter J. and Jeanette (Czech) Jarzynski and lived in the Flint area since 1984. He was a Ham Radio Operator known as WA8SIG AND was a life member of ARRL He was a member of National Weather Association ARES and Genesee County Humane Society. He was a Weather Specialist for over 20 years, most recently with WJRT-TV, Channel 12. Surviving are: mother, Jeanette Jarkynski of Frankenmuth; many aunts, uncles, and cousins; goddaughter, Alexis Jordan of Peoria, III.; special friends. Gerald Thomton of Springville, IIL, Val and Louise Rose, Sue Ze lenko and Bill Harris, all of Flint.

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> 11723 S. Saginaw $694-141$

Many people wondered why he was no longer reporting the weather, but no explanation was made to the public.

This letter mirrors the feelings of many of his fans/viewers.

## Prayers go with ex-TV weatherman

There was concem and controversy at the time of Tom Stephens' release from Channel 12 (WJRT). Letters to The Journal on his behalf were to no avail. Now one cannot help but wonder what really prompted it. ["Ex.TV man's last story - AJDS," May 8, Page All.

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CELESTE BARNES Flint

## Obituaries

## "Obituary (1706): a notice of a person's death usu. with a short biographical account." (Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary 1984)

Most readers look for "Obituaries" when searching in a newspaper's index for notifications of death. But upon examining that page, a person might find obituaries, death notices, funeral notices, or deaths. As a general rule, it is safe to state that the death notices are the items published by the newspaper without cost, funeral notices are submitted by the funeral homes, deaths are the daily or weekly roster, and obituaries can mean either a news story tendered by the paper itself or the classified advertisement paid for by the deceased's estate or family, and including biographical information. However, that division is not true for every paper and there are many exceptions to the rule. For the purposes of this paper, the term "obituary" will be used to denote any written notice of death, whether paid or unpaid.

Documentation in support of findings highlighted in this thesis come from newspapers collected at random during the years 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990. The papers from retirement locations were solicited by bulletin board notes; the others come from my family's business or pleasure trips around the country.

Examples following show how newspapers head these items, and how they place them on the page. In some cases they are defined as "vital statistics" and placed with the marriages as if a license were needed. Many papers seem to like the juxtaposition of births/deaths. A few run the gamut from births, engagements and marriages, to death and memoriams. One current Canadian paper, for example, is similar to the 1934 New York Times which covered life from the cradle to the grave (see lllustrations 2A. 1 - 2-A.7). This combining of life cycle events seems to signify that, to newspapers at least, death is just another passage in that cycle.



In Memory Of
MR. CLARENCE C. HAGER
Mr. Clarence C. Hager, age 82, of 1139 Marietta Street, died Monday, December 26, 1988, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 1:30 PM Wednesday, at Bethel Baptist Church, with the Reverend Rick Duncan officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Hager was born May 9, 1906, in Lincolnton, NC, son of the late Connor Samuel and Rachel Prim Hager, wasa member of Bethel Baptist Church, Mens Bible Class, and a retired Textile Machinist. Surviving are his wife, Blanche Hager; three sons, C.S. Hager, Benny Hager and Perry Hager, all of Charlotte; one daughter, Mrs. Hazel Rippy of Midland, NC; five sisters, Mrs. Carey Goodson and Mrs. Eunice Goodson, both of Lincolnton, NC, Mrs. Mannie Pryor of Mount Holly, NC, Mrs. Hattie Jane McGee of Newton, NC, and Mrs. Ethel Drum of Maiden, NC; eleven grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church, 4801 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, NC 28214. Mr: Hager will lie in state 30 minutes prior to the service. Arrangements by McEwen Charlotte Chapel. A GUARDIAN CHAPEL.

## $\therefore$ : s. In Memory Of

MR. I. WORTH RUMMAGE
Mr. I. Worth Rummage, 58, of 16708 Spinnaker Lane, Huntersville, NC, died Sunday; December 25, 1988, at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Funeral
 services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday, at Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, Hilliard Drive, where he was a member and an Elder, with President Donald Cohen officiating. Interment will be in Sharon Memorial Park. Mr. Rummage was born March 5, 1930, in Iredell County, the son of the late John Henry Rummage and Violet Roxanna Smith Rummage. He was Board Chairman of Ind-Com Electric Company, was on the Board of Directors of the Carolina Electrical Contractors Association, and served two terms on the Mecklenburg County Electrical Advisory Board. He graduated from Davidson High School and was a Navy Veteran. Survivors are his wife, Barbara Louise Tice Rummage; three sons, Steve Rummage of Lake City, SC, Randy Rummage and Darrell Rummage, both of Charlotte; three daughters, Mrs. Teresa MCDaniel of Mooresville, NC, Mrs. Tracy Berg of Cornelius, NC, and Miss Beth Anne Rummage of Concord, NC; a brother, Ralph Rummage of Mount Holly, NC; two sisters, Mrs. Louise Whaley of Mount Holly, NC, and Mrs.

## THESE ARE ACTUALLY OBITUARIES

## $\therefore$. A : Memory Of <br> MRS. JUANITA HOUGH HOUSTON

Lenoir, NC ... Mrs. Juanita Hough Houston, 86, of Lenoir, NC, died on December 26, 1988, after an extended illness. Visitation is at Pendry Funeral Home, Lenoir, NC, 12:00 to 1:30 PM Wednesday, December 28. Funeral is at 2:00 PM Wednesday, at First Presbyterian Church of Lenoir, where she was a member. Burial will be at Blue Ridge Memorial Park, Lenoir, NC.
Mrs. Houston, a Homemaker and retired Sectretary, was a graduate of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, SC. She was the widow of John Barr Houston, Jr. of Lenoir and the daughter of the late lesse and Irene Hough of Chester, SC.
-Survivors are her daughter, Mrs. Jean Houston Walden of Baltimore, MD; son, John B. Houston, III; grandchildren, John B. Houston, IV and Laura Elizabeth Houston; sisters, Mrs. Aileen Wearn and Mrs. frene finley, all of Charlotte.
The family will receive friends at 8:00 PM Wednesday, December 28, at the home of her son and grandchildren, 5000 Addison Drive, Charlotte, NC. Memorials can be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 1002 Kirkwood N.W., Lenoir, NC 28645.

## . $2 \cdot$ In Memory Of <br> MRS. NETTIE MAE MENDENHALL DOOLEY

Mrs. Nettie Mae Mendenhall Dooley, age 79, of 4009 Craig Avenue, died Sunday, December 25, 1988, at Presbyterian Hospital. Funeral services
 will be 12:00 Noon Wednesday, at McEwen West Chapel, with the Reverend John Johnson officiating. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Mrs. Dooley was born July 16, 1909, in Gastonia, NC, daughter of the late Ray Corbett Mendenhall and Nettie Eudora Blackwelder Mendenhall. She was a Homemaker and was-a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. Mrs. Dooley was preceded in death by a daughter, Litlian Marie Maddox, and a son, Charles H. Doolex, Jr. Surviving are her husband, Charles Horace Dooley, Sr.; three daughters, Mrs. Shirley Ann Boardman of Reedsburg, WI, Mrs. Eloise Reeder of Carthage, TX, and Mrs. Elizabeth Malpass of Charlotte; a brother, Raymond Chalmers Mendenhall of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. Isabell Winkler of Milwaukee, WI, and Mrs. Dorothy (Dolly) Hendren of Charlotte; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association, 1401 East Séventh Street, Charlotte, NC 28204.

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Chervi Plekens. 24, of 2150 North McCord. ADt. 77, arrested Feb. 18, on McCord at Blossman. Three days in the DWI program. $\$ 150$ fine, license suspended 60 dars.
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Smilh, Donald, 56, 22 East Hudson, heart disease.

## Traffic injuries

## Friday

12:18 a.m. - Lagrange and Detxfer. Auto of Joseph Petak. 29. of Lagrange, and pedetiflan. Brian McChuskev, 25, of Sherman, who was treoted at $S$ Vincent Medical Center.

## Deaths

Doris Anderson, 84, of FlintMidland, at Midland Hospital, Nov. 28.
Henry (Hank) Arndt, 75, of Flushing-Montrose, at Hurley. Nov. 26.
Esther Bailey, 67, of St. Johns, at residence, Nov. 24.
George Bell, 79, of Chesaning. at Durand Convalescent, Nov. 24.
Alma Butrum, 77, of Flint-Grayling, in Idaho, Nov. 26.
Marvin Chalker, 68, of Grand Blanc, at St. Joseph, Nov. 25.
Betty Clark, 64, of Flushing, at Hurley, Nov. 26.
Filomena DeLuca, 86, of Fint, Nov. 25.
Margaret Despain, 61, of Morrice, at residence, Nov. 25.
Harry Foreman, 70, of Fint, at St. Joseph, Nov. 25.
Dorothy Gilbreath, 77, of Flint, at Flint Osteopathic, Nov. 25.
George Helt, 77, of Mt. MorrisFlorida, Nov. 21.
Dave Ivory, 16, of Detroit-Flint, at Hurley, Nov. 25.
Caleb (C.L) Lahring, 89, of Durand-Argentine Township, at Durand Convalescent, Nov. 26.
Anna Northrup, of Fint, Nov. 25.

Annelise Okoll, 65, of Fenton, at Hurley, Nov. 25.
Robert Putnam, 64, of Flink, at St. Joseph, Nov. 25.
Charlie Sims, 60, of Flint-Callfornia, Nov. 15.
Genovaite Smiroow, 77, of Swartz Creek, at Mclaren, Nov. 26.
Irvin Smothers, 63, of Flint, at Flint Osteopathic, Nov. 25.
Mary Spring, 67, of Argentine, at Kith Haven, Nov. 22. ... -
Ernestine Sprinkle-Whitaker, Flint-Illinois, Nov. 24.
Margaret Stephens, 69, of Flint, at St. Joseph, Nov. 25.
Patricia Strickland, 49, of Fint, at residence, Nov. 25.
Ivan Voorhees, 90 , of Flint Township, at McLaren, Nov. - 26.

Roy Young, 70, of Flint, Nov. 23.Funeral home and obituary information, C8.

One new trend is the combining of funeral notices with a prominent visual display for the funeral home or chapel. In nearly all instances, the name of the business is in larger type than the name of the deceased (see lllustrations 2-B.I and 2B.2).



## CENTURIES HILL CREST <br> Furneral Horres \& Cemeteries

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MRS. GLORIA SMITH Centuries-Plans incomplete
MR. KENNETH "KENNY"
GREENING
Service: 3:00 P.M. Wednesdoy - - Hill Crest Chadet

Interment: Hill Crest Memorial Park


NO CHARGE for grave opening when Cemetery and Funeral Horne used together. No Cherge for Podice Escont SERYING ALL CEMETERIES


[^1]The style used by any single paper is as individual as the pricing method. Obituaries can be expensive or free, depending upon how the paper views its relationship to the public. A few newspapers still print obituaries at no cost to the family, considering it part of their civic duty. The Virginian-Pilot, The Ledger Star, The Birmingham News, and The Belleville, (lll.) News-Democrat are among those that do. More than likely they are small-town or small-circulation papers. They do, however, pat themselves on the back with announcements which tell the reading public their view of their duty (see lllustrations 2-C.l - 2C.3). Thirty years ago, before newspapers became chain-owned money-makers, this viewpoint was quite cormon:

There is, no doubt, a growing sense on the part of the press of its responsibility to the public, just as there is in an increasing insistence of the public that the newspaper, though privately owned, is none the less a public servant. Under these circumstances the newspaper has ceased to be a mere extension of the person of its editor or an appanage (i.e., adjunct) of a political party. It has become, in a very real sense, a public institution. (Hughes 1955)

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# CLASSIFIET 

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-. - hours. Dial Toll-Free when calling whin a 60 mile radlus of Nashvilie.
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## PAID OBITUARY

Anyone wishing to pub - - lish more information than contained in the standard. death notice may run a paid obituary of any length at a charge of $\$ 1.48$ per printed line.

The Knoxville Journal Thursday, November 17, 1988

GRAND RAPIDS PRESS CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING OPEN DALLY 8:30 to 5:00; CLOSED SATURDAY PHONE 459-1511
Press classified ads are billed by the line. One line will usually : hold 4 or 5 "average" words (about 5 letters per word).

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HAPPY ADS are $\$ 2.80$ a day for four Unes; 80 cents per additional line. Plcture ads $\$ 33.20$ total.

OBITUARIES are priced by space occupled, not by the counted line.

## Obituaries

## Knox County

Charles M. Allen, 704 Chestnut Street.
Robert Leo "Scoby" Daniels, 67, Knoxville.
Howard Dawson, 76, Knoxville.
William R. "Bully" Frazier, 77, Hardy Lane.
Charles Lyle Gritzner, 72, Concord.
Wilma Dickenson Holly, Knoxville.
Evelyn Hill Kaplan, 69, Powell.
Viola "Broxie" Kegley, 88, Knoxville.
Elder Corrie M. Litties, 2131 Seminole Avenue.
Clyde Louis Pack, 75, Knoxville. Grace North Reed, 100, Knoxville. William Tharp, South Knoxville.

## Area

CLINTON: Drew Colwell Jr., 32.
NEW MARKET: Dolores Fowler Mullins, 44.
WASHBURN: Wilma Jean (Satterfield) Nicley, 59.

## Outside Area

CLEVELAND, TENN.: Pearl Crabtree, 87.

CLEVELAND, TENN.: Carla Denise Bradford DuBose.
hernando, fla.: Peari McCarty Bartley, 84, formerly of Speedwell.
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## For the record

## Deaths

Death notices that include name, age, community, date of death, arrangements and funeral home are published free. Telephone 234-1000, ext. 625, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Telephone 234-5578, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Siturday and Sunday. Further information may be published for a standard $\$ 20$ fee under "Obituaries." Photos and funeral notices are $\$ 6$ each. Paid obituaries are accepted by telephone at 234-5578 from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
DILLIE, Thelma L., nee Knight, 87, of Sullivan, formerly of East St. Louis, died Monday, Feb. 6, 1989. Visitation after 4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Funeral 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial in Sunset Hills Cemetery, Edwardsville. Kurrus Funeral Home, Belleville.

EBERLE, Mary, nee Kerwin, 94, of Collinsville, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1989. Visitation after 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home; 10:30 a.m. Mass, Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Collinsville. Burial in Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, Collinsville. Herbert A. Kassly Funeral Home, Collinsville.

HOGAN, James J., 59, of Beileville, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1989. Visitation from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral procession 10:30 a.m. Friday from the funeral home, 11 a.m. Mass, St. Henry's Ca-
tholic Church, Belleville. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Belleville. John Barnes Funeral Home, Belleville.

HUNTLEY, Annabelle, nee Hector, 64, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, formerly of East St. Louis, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 1989. Burial in Memorial Veteran's Cemetery, Vaiamon, Puerto Rico. Ehret Funeral Home, Rio Piedres, Puerto Rico.
KAATZ, David M., 50, of Belleville, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1989. Visitation after 4 p.m. Friday at Kassly Colonial Mortuary, after 4 p.m. Sunday at Shuda Funeral Home, Steven's Point, Wis. Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Monday at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Steven's Point, Wis. Burial in Guardian Angel Cemetery, Steven's Point, Wis. Kassly Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights.

KOZSDIY, Leona I., nee Fernandez, 56, of Carlinville, formerly of Collinsville, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1989. Visitation after 4 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial in Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, Collinsville. Herbert A. Kassly Funeral Home, Collinsville.
MEYER, Myrtle D., nee Genkel, 73, of Marissa, died Monday, Feb. 6, 1989. Visitation from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home; from 12:30 p.m. until time of service Thursday at the church. Funeral 2 p.m. Thursday at Hoits Prairie Bapt-
ist Church, Pinckneyville. Burial in Holts Prairie Baptist Cemetery, Pinckneyville. Pyatt Funeral Home, Pinckneyville.

REINHOLD, Josephine L., nee Scharfenberger, 92, of Jefferson City, Mo., formerly of Waterloo, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1989. Visitation from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, St. Charles, Mo. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis. PrinsterPaul Chapel, St. Charles, Mo.

SCHAAB, Hilda M., nee Ehret, 93, of Edwardsville, formerly of Belleville, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1989. Visitation after 4 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Belleville. George Renner and Sons Funeral Home, Belleville.
STEWART, William M., 84, of Dupo, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1989. Visitation after 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial in Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville. Dashner Funeral Home, Dupo.
WRIGHT, Pamela C., 37, of Collinsville, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1989. Visitation after 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville. Kassly Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights.


THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS METRO/StATEObituaries are published without ctarge each day as a public service Many funeral homes supply these notices to The News Readers also can supply the information by calling 3252445. Before publication, all obituaries will be verified with a funeral home, coroner or medical official Deadline for publication in weekday editions is 9 the night before. Deadline for publication in each weekday's final edition is 10 a.m For Saturday and Sunday ediitions, thedeadline is 6 the night before

For those newspapers which consider obituaries a "classified advertisement" and charge as much as possible, the two columns purchased by the Craig family must have been a welcome "money maker" (see lllustration 2-D).

In many small towns, the deceased's obituary is written by a reporter (see lllustration 2-E). Or, the reporter may call the family to ask about the deceased (see lllustration 2-F) so that the family can personalize the item. In writing about a small newspaper, the editors of the Harvard Post state:

We treat obituaries as straight news stories and give them regular news headlines, such as, "Fred Gladstone, Merchant, Is Dead at 81." Another approach is to head a page or a section of a page Deaths or Obituaries (notice the ambiguity), and then to head each individual obituary with a more cryptic title such as "Fred Gladstone, 81" or "Fred Gladstone Was Local Merchant." And, "The saddest news in any small town is death," Henry Hough wrote in Once More the Thunderer. "A birth requires only three or four lines in the weekly paper, but an obituary is a chapter in the passing of a generation and challenges the reporter to find words and vision to get everything in." If the person who has died was especially notable-a town official or someone well known or loved by many townspeople-we try either to humanize the notice with our own comments or to invite someone who knew the person well to write a short signed tribute, which we include with its own heading directly after the obituary. (Editors of the Harvard Post 1983)


Mrs. Brenda Faye Craig
CRAIG, Mrs. Brenda Faye - 5400 Stiffler, age 44, died Friday, April 21, 1989, at Hurfey Medical Center. Funeral services will be beld 2 . PM Wednesday; April 26, 1989, at Christ Fellowship Baptist Church, Rev. Henderson Lee and Rev. Leroy Shelton officiating. Burial in Lovedale Memorial Cemetery. Mrs. Craig will repose at the New Gold Chapel, Greene Home for Funerals, atter 10 AM Tuesday where the family will receive friends from $7-8$ PM Tuesday evening. Mrs. Craig was bom in Little Rock, Arkansas, May 10, 1944, and had been a resident of Flint the last 23 years. She was a former member of Christ Fellowship Baptist Church and presently a member of the First Corinthian Baptist Church where she served in various committees of the church including Pastor's Aide, Kitchen, Finance and Floral Committee and was a member of UAW local 599. She was employed by Buick Motor Division as a welder.

Surviving are haband, Harold James Craig; 3 sons, Mr. Richard Rembminitt (Diane) Parker, Mr. Joshua Parker and Mr. Gerald Russell Thomas (Denise) Parker, all of Flimt, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl and Helen A1ford, Sr;; 6 brothers, Rey, Donald (Mekvia) Russell of North Carolina, Gerald: (Ollie) Russell of Little Rock, Arkansas, Ear! (Delores) Alford, Larry (Glen-! da) Alford, Willie: (Dorothy) Jones, all of Flint and Greg (Dell) Atford of Washington, D.C. 3 sisters, Sandra (Her: bert) Wilson, Annette (Randy) Alford and Earlene (Frank) Conerty, all of Fint in-laws, Freddie Craig of Los Angeles, Catifornia, Jerry (Beula) Craig, Curtis (Shirley) Thomas, Mose (Dimples) Robinson, all of Little Rock, Arkansas, J.C. (Ruth) Thomas of Los Angeles, Califomia; 8 grandchildren, Jamantra, Shiletha, Takia, Dontae, Tasha, Ebony, Gemise and Richard Jr.; mother-in-law, Marie Craig of Litte Rock, Arkansas; 21 nieces and nephews; host of many, many, many great-nieces and nephews; many friends and relatives including deyoted cousin, Charlotte Scott; many surviving cousins and loved ones; 3 aunts, Rev. and Mrs. Edward (Mildred) Coleman of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin (Mary) Shackleford of Little Rock, Arkansas and Mrs. Irene Russell of Romulus, Michigan; uncle, William Russeil of Flint. Mrs. Craig was preceded in death by grandparents; 2 brothers, Mr. Benjamin Alford in March, 1960 and Mr. Robert Alford in December 1985; father-in-law, Freddie Craig Sr. in 1989 and dear aunt, Mrs. Annie Mae Houston in 1988. GREENE
HOME FOR FUNERAIS 2210 Dr . Martin L. King Ave.

OBITUARIES

the Indfanapolis Candy co. and lat-. er worked'for Omar:Bakery and : then Roselyn Bakeries:

In the 1940s. Ehe stood on- als platform inside a window ;at Ga. S lyan's Supermarket to decorate the $\therefore$ world's largest cake." which weighed 2.305 pounds and was en: graved with 2.000 of her handmade pink rosebuds.

Another time, Hook's Drug Stores hired her to design a 750 pound replica of the City-County: Building. which had the same num ber of windows as the Downtown structure.

For 28 years she owned her own shop called Anin Lynch Bak-; ery.

On her 84th birthday. family members gave her her first birthday cake.

That's the first time 1 ever had my own cake," she said later, "I've always done them for somebody else. but never made one of my



Stansberry was a member of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church． Before her illness，her daughter－in－ law said she enjoyed raising flowers and vegetables and crocheting and other handwork．

She was a member of Pleasant View Baptist Church．A sister said she enjoyed craftwork as a hobby．

## A family member said she was very interested in growing flowers as

 a hobby before she became ill．


Obituaries, when not written by a reporter, are often handled in the same manner by the family, i.e., they sometimes show their awareness of the passing of a generation. Homemakers whose passing would not receive a second thought by a newspaper editor, have been venerated by their own families for the valuable persons they were and with a sense of their contributions to history (see lllustration 2-G). On the other hand, some obituaries have the appearance of having been written by that person's secretary, in that they give great attention to accomplishments in the emplayment or education sector. They bear a marked resemblance to a job resume or curriculum vitae (CV) (see lllustration $2-H)$. There have also been instances of autobiographies serving as obituaries/memoriams combined. The "public person," such as Benjamin Franklin, would expect portions of his/her autobiography to be used as a record of their accomplishments. Expecting to be remembered in history, they would write their autobiography accordingly.

## DEATHS

## J. Lorena Rector,

seamstress,
dead at age 85
Ay SEVIL OMER
Inat Herwd
J. Lorema Rector of Port Huron had two loves - sewing and ber frmily.
Mra. Rectar died of cuscer in Port Huron Hospital Thursday nigtre She was 85.
The retired sewing instructor Whe employed at Singer Sewiag Machine in Port Huron.
Sbe loved sewing and she sewed for everyone. She dever anced for money in reourn that's how much she loved ber wort," said her man, E. D. "Pete" Vlocent of Port Euron.
She retired in 1964 arter warting with the company for 18 years.
Mry. Rector was born in Bules, Mont, on Dec. 15, 1904.
Her tamily moved to Michigan in 1917, and she had lived in Part Huron ever since.
In 1930, she opened ber own grocery gtore ao 13 th Street near

H. Lorena Rector PORT HURON - J. Lorena Rector, 84. died Thuraday. fan 19. 1989.
She was born Dec. 15. 1904 In Onaway and had been a Port Hurom resident for 72 'years. She married Fred G. Yincent He died in 1935. She znarried Loranzo Rector. He died is 1971.
$\therefore$ Mr
-Mrs. Rector retired from the Shager Sering Machine Com pany in Port Huron where she ecwing instructor for and sewing instructor for several the Goulden Guild of the Grace Episcopal Church and a life meraber of the American

Wall Street
Although the stare wis a suc cesc, abe ciosed if il years later when sbe discovered tewing.
"She whe a very good tamily woman, very devoled to ber fam Iy and to ber business," said ber brother, Frank Vanluven of Spariingville.
She is survived by ber aons, Darald and Pete Vincent; ber brother, Frank: arandaon Trace: and several nieces and nepberws.
She was preceded in death by her first husband. Fred G. Vincent in 1935, and her second bushand Lorerto Rector, in 1971
A memorial service will be beld in the Goulden Chapel of Grace Church at 11:30 a.m. on Seturdry.
Thomes L. Mulr, 88
ALMONT - Tbamas L. Muir, ts, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 1909. He is survived by six sons, Thamas Lec, Maxwell, Richard, George, Jamees and Robert Muir, and lour daughters, Margaret Muir, Mary Jane Geiser, Rachel Broecker and Winnie Perrin. Services at 11 am. Tuenday at
Muir Brothers Funeral Hocre,

Almont. Viating to 40 pm toduy and 109 p.in. on Mooday in the tuperal borne. A Masonic service will be beld at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the fuperal home

## Adrlenne J.

Podeskl, 44
ATTICA TOWNSHIP - ASrenne J. Podeati, 44, died Friday, Jan 21, 190s. She is survived by ber hasband, Willinm Services at 1 p-m. Tuesday at Roch-Mulr Fisseral Hocne, Romeo. Visiting is $7-$ p.m. loday and if p.m. on Mondisy in the funeral bame.

## Eldon Edward

Schunck, 74
STELE, Ala. - Eldon Edward Schunct, 74, tied Saturday, Jan. 3, 180. Be lo survived by his mife, Dessie. Services at 11 am. Moodiay in Mount Lebencon Cons regational Church in Stele, Als. Arrangements are by the Morgan Funeral Chapel of Attalle, Als

## WItiam J.

Schwelhofer, 84
ST. CLAIR - Wilum J.
brocher. Fsank Vanluven of Sparlingville: grandson, Trace M. Vincent of San Diego, Calif.. and eeveral nephews and nieces. She was preceded if deach by azster. Veima Schuch.

A memorial service will bo beld at 11:30 am. Saturday, Jan. 28. 1989 in the Goulden Chapel of Grace Episcopal Chureh Cremation has talian placa.

Arrangements are by the
Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in St. Clair.
Memoriale may be made to he Grace Episcopal Church of Port Huran.


John A. Robson
SMITHS CREEK - John A. Robson. 76, died Friday, Jan 20, 1989 in Port Huron Hospital following a long illDess.
He was born Aug. 28. 1912 in Sanilac County and was a lifelong area resident. He mar ried Blanche A. Johnson on Dec. 21. 1934 in Port Hurm

Mr. Robeon wha a retired upholsterer for the Grand Trunk Weatern Railroad. He was aiso a farmer and a former sailor on the Great Lakes. He whe an outdoorman who enjoyed hunting.

Kay (Gary) Milutin of Port Huron; a son and daughternipw. Jack T. (Sandy) Robson of Smiths Creek; a son, Jamea D. Robsos of Clearwater, Fla; 10 grandchildren: seven great randchildren: two brochers. Ford of Jeddo and Earl of Deckerville; three sisters, Myrtle Burgesa of Carsonville Frances Zarzycki of Mt Clemass and Olive Allen of Decikerville: soveral niecen and nephewa.
Services rill be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Jowet Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer avenue at 17th Street. two Brans Comp of the Muelle Robert L Merghall of Rev robert LI Marsiall of the Firs ree Mochodint Church will officiate. Burial will be in Carwell Cemetery.

Visiting in 24 and 7.9 p.m today in the funaral hame Pallbearars will be Marvin and Ed Bowen. Ron and Gary Milutin. Ed Zarzycki and Jamee Hunger.

Memorialo may be made to the Viriting Nurses Association.

Eldon Edward Schunck STELE, Ala - Eldion Ed ward Schubck 74. formerly of Port Huron died Saturday Jan 21. 1989 following a briel illness.

Mr Schunck was a Michigan native. He had been an are resident for most of his life and had lived in Stele, Ala, for a number of years.
He is survived by his wife, Dessie: two daughters, Judy Natzel of Ludington and

Schweiboder, E4, dled Fidiay, Jan 20. 1909. Mr. Schweiboter was empioyed 28 a general laborer. Services at 9:15 a.m. Monday in the Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in St Clair and at 10 am in St Mary's Catholic Church in St clair. Yisiting is $1-9$ p.m. todsy in the funeral bome. A rosary will be aid at 7:30 p.m. today in the funeral home.

## Hazel Whmot, 92

KINGSTON - Haxel Filmot, 28, died Saturday, Jan. 2n, lees. She is survived by two sacs, Wallace and Robert, and five daughters. Donna Everet, Winifred Boype, Peart Allea, Joyce Barruos and Shirley Powell. Services at $1: 00$ pm. Theaday in the Kingotion United Methothat Church. Voiding Is 3:30-9 p.m. today and Monday in the Marah Funeral Conpel in Marietre and from 15 am. untl the time of services on Tuesdiay at the church

The Thane Hentid litu dien noticen
 raporied on tian pege.
grandchildren.
Sarvicas will be held at 11 tm. Monday in Mount Lab anon Congregational Chureh in Stale. Ala Arrangements are by the Margan Funeral Chapal in Attalla, Ala.

William J. Schweihofer
ST: CLAir - Williper Schweihofer, 84, died Fridny, Jan. 20, 1988 in Marwood Jan. 20, 1989 in Marwood
Manor.

Ha was born Fab. 20. 1904 in St Cleir.

Mr. Schweihofer was amployed as a general thborer. He was ard dagree member of the Knighis of Columbus, Sc. Clair Council 225. for 63 yours. He was also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Chureh in S . Clair.

Ho is survived by two brothers - his twin. Rev. Walter J. Schweihoier of New Baltimors, and Fraderick A. of St. Clair, a sister. Sister Mar garot Joseph (Josephine) of Adrian and several niectes and gephews. He wha preceded in death by a brother. Aloysiaus. and five sisters, Marnie Steir. Cynthia Simons, Katherine Umlauf. Margaret Distairath and Lena Pauly.
Services will be held at $9: 15$ 2m. Monday in the Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in St Clair and at 10 am in SL Mary's Catholic Church in St Clair. The Rev. Frederick J Schweihofor (nephew) of St. Syivester's Catholic Church Walter J Schsised by Rev, brother). Burial will be in St.
$\therefore$ ed from Fint SL Matthew's High School, , attended Flint Junior Col-- lege and General Motors Institute. He also attended Harvard University before loyally senving his country during World War II as a Flag Lieurenant in the U.S. Navy. During his mil-
-itary service from 1943. 1945 he received Pacific Area Awards and Commendation Ribbons with Eight Engagement Stars for bis valor and distinguished service. On Seplember 1, 1946, Mr. Crocker began a successful business career as owner, manager, President, and until his recent - illness, as Chairman of the Board of Advance Electric Company. Advance Electric has grown from a backroom firm in the 1940's to a large business occupying an entire city block in the heart of the business district of the

- City of Flint under Mr. -Crocker's leadership and tenacity. Mr: Crocker has also shown his leadership in civic affairs as a contributor to the Flint College and Cultural Development Fund, Luke M. Powers Catholic High School, St. Mary's Cathedral of Gaylord, St. Michael's and St. Matthew's Catholic Churches of Flint. In addition he served on the Catholic Community Campaign Committee and the Board of Directors of the Genesee County Catholic Educational Fund. He was a member of the Kiwanis, the Flint Chamber of Commerce, the National - Association of Eléctrical Wholesalers and the Na tional Association of Electrical Distributors. Other Community involvement includes the Downtown Business Association, the Hundreds Club, the Flint Golf Club, and the University Club of Flint. Mr. Crocker was honored on September 27, 1976 by the Mayor of the City of Flint and the State Senate for his distinguished years in business by proclaiming the date Abbert J. Crocker

Born in Flint, Michigan June 6, 1929, Elizabeth was a graduate of St. Michael's High School in Flint (47). She earned her -B.S. in Home Economics from Marygrove College ('51) and her M.S. from Eastern Michigan Univeryity (75). Elizabeth taught, and was instrumental in the development of, the Skills For Living (home economics) Program at West Middle School in Plymouth for 18 years. Elizabeth was a frequent lecturer of the Siva Method of Relaxation and Stress Management Semi-- nars, as well as conducting private classes. She was very active in church, civic, and charitable affairs in the community, particularty the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club.

Just what is the purpose of an obituary? In this age of rapid communication, it hardly seems necessary to have to pay for a notice of death in order to let people know that someone has died. Why not just pick up the telephone or send a wire by Western Union? Obviously, there is more involved then just the process of notifying people that a death has occurred. The Encyclopedia Americana 1988 notes that people of all cultures have and observe customs and rites related to death:

It is often maintained that a fear of death is a universal and natural sentiment and that burial and mourning customs are means of helping the individual to overcome it. But it is obvious that the customs surrounding death have wider and socially more significant functions, in which the individual's fears play a minor part. The fact that these customs are everywhere important and often extremely elaborate is an indication of the significance of the social recognition of the fact of death. . . . to be a dead member of one's society is the individual's ultimate social status. The status is usually clearly defined with relation to the living.
Status must be maintained. A person who is "larger than life" must continue to be "larger than death." Unless a person has had the foresight to write his own obituary, the task falls to a close friend or family member. At that time, the deceased becomes elevated. No one is going to degrade a family member or tell about his/her faults or failures in an obituary. Thus, minor virtues become major attributes. A man may have been a drunken womanizer in life, but he will leave behind a "devoted wife." By the same token, a woman who was less than an adequate wife will be cited as the "beloved wife of so-and-so". An exception to this elevation might be the public figure with known
character flaws. The newspaper, which has a duty to be objective, would have to list any major faults. When Nixon dies, Watergate will undoubtedly be brought up again.

Perhaps this magnification of devotion is preferable to the short, unembellished "obit." Or, consider the case of people who have no family or who admit to no family members. Florida papers frequently carry obituary notices which state that there will be no services (see lllustration 2-1). In many cases, these people are the last members of a family unit; they retired to a warm place to spend their old age, and have lost contact with, or outlived, friends, ex-fellow employees, and relatives. Those retirees or transplanted "snow birds" (people from the North who move South or Southwest following the sun) have generated a tradition among newspapers there. The newspapers of those areas acknowledge "outsiders" by noting where these citizens came from and how long they had been residents of their adopted home. This is true also for resort areas such as Las Vegas, where it has been said nobody is a "native" (see lllustrations 2-J.l - 2J.3).

## Lois E. Scott

Lois E. Scott, 74, of Holmes Beach, died March 20 at home.

There will be no services. Lewers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. $\qquad$ -
Born in Sanford, Mrs. Scott came to Holmes Beach from Crystal River, in 1979. She was a homemaker and an Episcopalian.
She is survived by three sisters, Anna Funderburg of Sun City Center, Dorothy Cooledge of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Geraldine Eubank of Seminole.

Hazel E. Lee
Hazel E. Lee, 74, of Bradenton, died March 21 in Manatee Memorial Hospital.
$\star$ There will be no services. Na tional Cremation Society, Sarasota Chapter, is in charge of arrangements.

Born in Colorado . Springs, Colo., Mrs. Lee came to Bradenton from New York in 1962. She was a homemaker and a member of Palma Sola Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas P.; a son, Douglas L. of Conn.; two sisters, Nadine Hazel of Texas, and Pearl Dial of Nevada; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchila.

## Yanatee

Rinhard 'Dick' Holcomb
Bichard "Dick" Holcomb, 60
Bradeaton died May 9, 1989.
, Hh wat borr June 20,1938 , in Pqntiac, Mich., and moved to thia ame il yeara ago from Portland, Ind: He wan a laborer and a membar of Manacee Baptint Church.
Survivora include hie wife,
Frances; throe daughtera. Lavonna Springor, Tracie Reichardi and Jennie Meritle, all of Montezuma, Ohio; two step-daughtors, Laurio Litchrield and Susan Finegan, both of Ded City, a step-son, Glenn Bechtol of Portland; throe sisters, Phyllis Fler of Pontiac, Gloria Roborts of Houghton Lako, Mich., and Shindey Nichoin of Lahigh. Pa. four brochora, Jamen, Eugene and Gor don, all of Portland, and Paul of: North Port; and Ive grandehit dren.
Momorinl ervice will be at 11 ma. Monday at Trinity United Baptiot Chureh in Bradenton Grif: tuth-Cline Funaral Hame la in charip

Lmn N. Nicholan
 Freedom Village, Bredanton, died My 10. 1989.
Ha we born April 18, 1968, in shimnet. Ohio, and came hert Hi Napla ihz yoare ago
He was auperintendent of Echooia in Nawport, Bryan and Elyrat all in Ohio; a profeseor at ing Green Ohio Weyne State Uni vernity in Decroit and Miami Univeraity in Detroit and Miami Uni verity in Oxford, Ohio; and a riaf member of Ohio State Univeraty of of C Lely. Preabytarinn Church in Naplay. Freabytarin Churen in Sapiac:
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deuphtar, Eirsti Borasat of Hayt
Drayton Plains, Mich.; a sister Drayton Plains, Mich.; a sister;
Blodwyn Leaher of Tipo City, Ohio; Blodwyn Leaher of Tipp City. Ohio;

- brother, Dwight of Columbue; and three grandehildron.
Burin will be private. Toall Bepthers Weat Funeral Home in in charia
Maroorial donations may be Mrde to tha Alzhoimer's Research ther Ine, P.O. Bor 874 , Bradenton 8420s, and United Mothodiot triech, Shu wase, Ohio 43782.


## cithd gigeholl

Hilda C. Seholl, 65, 4304 Lakev 10. Drive N., Ellenton, died May 10. 1989.

Sha was born in Columbur, Ohio, and moved to this area $31 / 2$ yeart ago from there. She was a home makar and a member of Holy Croes Church in Paimetto, Columbers

Chaptar Moow Lodge and Buctrye Club in Colony Cove of Ellenton. Wha was a Marine Corpa votoran of Wortd War $[4$.
Survivon include hor humband, Raymond; three daughtora, Christine Fortier of Moan, Arix., and Janot Scholl and Jeanine Brienzi, both of Columbus; two wont, Jol fary of Irving, Tera, and Dougin gett of Hillined: brother Fred gett of Hilliard; a brothar. Fred Lahrmer of Columbua; and four Scrandchildren.
Services will be acheduled at the convaniance of the family. Bayahore Puneral Home is in charge.
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Memorial donations mey be made to the Amarican Carcer Socioty, 480828 th St. W., Bradonton S4207.

## Frank J. Tomaszewski

Frank J. Tomatzewaki, 81, Bradenton, died May 11, 1989.
He was born Dec 11. 1807, in Poland, and moved to this area five years ago from Milford, Conn. He was rairoad employee and as member of SL Mary' Catholic Church in Milford.
Survivors include his wife, Sophia; a daughter, Helen Buchle of Gilford; a son, Edward of Bradencon: five grandchildran; and four great-rrandchildren.
Viritation will be from 2 to $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at Toale Grothers South Funeral Homa. Fus rearal Masa will be at 9 am . Saturlay it Our Lady Quean of Martyrs satholic Church Burial will bo Kanaion Memorial Park in Elleman.

## Sarasota

## Alice B. Asch

Alice B. Aseh, 73, Yenici, died May 9, 1989.
 Newonsile Upon Tymo, England. and came to this arte 11 years ago from Nowburyport, Maes. She wis raneger of Putnam. Pantry in Danvers, Mans, and active in Bay indiger Crab ectivitiea.
Survivors include her kubband. Robart, Blosiatara, Olga Dalton and Upon Tyoest, both or Newcas Le Upon Tyoes and two broethers, Wif Dalton of Newcantio Upon Tyade and Herbert Daltan of Adehide, Australie
Sarasota chetpter, is in charge
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Momorial donation may he ida, 901 E. Taminmi Trall, Veaica 34285. :

## Mattie Best

Mattie Beat, 94, 3527 Broolyno
Drive, Saracota, diad May 8, 1989.
She wres born in Broollya, N.Y.t
and came to thir area 23 years ago trom Long lalend, N.Y. She wea homamaker and a Christin Beiwor Cigt.
Survivora inchido a deughter, gheanor Gangioff; a grandchild, Virginia Wilbank; and three groatgrandchildret, Btephen de Plecthal, Scote de Riemthal and Wealey Wilbanks, all of Seramota. The National Cromation Society. Sartcota chapter, is in cherge.

## Betty Boterf

Batty Botarl, 63, 3722 Mundy Ridge Drive, Sarasoth, dyed May 11 . 1889.

She was born Yob. 7, 1924, 'In Fort Wagne, Ind, and came to thit arod 32 yeart ago from thers. She wea a homematior.
Survivors include two daughtern, Cindy Drawdy of Barasota and KryAnoe Decring of Laurel; two Fons, Jamee of Stuart and Rict of Barasote; a alater. Darothy Pafford of Stampa Toras; eight grandchil drem; ind thre; great-gradchif
two great-arandchildron. Servicet will be at a letar diate Gap Naponal Crown in Sociaty Memeriapter, is in charge.
Momorial donations may be mace to Church of the Palmi, 322
Bow Ridge Boad, Sargoti 34239.

Berneice R. Chatfield
Bernaice R. Chatifild, 78, 3702 Bolmont Roed, Sarnepta, died May 9. 1989.

She was bora March 20, 1911, in Atheng, Ga. and came to this area 17 years ago from Jactconvilla Beach. She was a school caachar and a member of Beo Ridse Preabytarian Church and Saranota Gar dan Club. She tauqht English and Latin at Dublin High School in Dublln. Ge, and soniar high echool in Jecteonville Beach. She was a Graduate of the Univeraity of Surgin.
Survivors inchude a daughter, Jud C. Leiro of Aususta, Ga; and a pon. I.L. Chatfied III of Orang Part.

Servicit will be at 11 em. Satur day th the Little White Church at Boo Ridge Praehytarian ChuFrh Jacteon and Lew Funaral Hoate is in charis.
Momorial donations may be made to Meals on Whoole of Sararoth, 801 North Orange Ave, Sarrcote 34238.

## Betty Cobb

Betty Cobb, 85, 233 Parkland Ave., Saramoth, diad April 27, 1989. Mamorial Services will be at 2 0.m. Saturday at Pirat Baptist Church. Toale Brochers Puneral Home is in charts.

Jay E. Haynea Sr.
Jay E. Haynea Sri'72, Seracoth, died May 11, 1989.
He was born Nov. 29, 1916, in Somervilo, N.s., and came to thia NYe 17 years ago from Lang faland, N.Y. He was anaikant hia proser and worted for Culf Coant Nakional Bank for five years in Serasote. Ho wes a member of Church of the Redeemer Epincopal and was an Army voemran of World War II, torving an e eaptain.
Survivare inchude bir wifo. Mar Survivors inchude hir wirs. Mar Baiter of Tampa; two eona, Jay E. Jr. of Saramota and Wulliam R of Tampar a cintar, Mary Wrizon of Greenibaro, N.C. and two grandchildrea.
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Momorial donationis may be ande to Chrurch of the Redeemere Epitcopal 220 S. Paim Ave Sere cota 34204.
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William \&. Hors, Venice, diad May $8,1989$.
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Servicen vill be at 11 sm Mon day at Ewint Puoaral Home, Voo ice Chapol. Burial till be In Norwich, N.Y.
Memorial donations may be made to Epiphany Memorial Fund clo Cachedras of the Epiphany, F.O. Box 1887, Venice, s4284-1887.

Joseph B. McLelland
Josaph B. McLelland, 62, Saram-
4. died May 11: 1989.

He wes born in Little Rock, Art. and came to this area 85 years ago from Alabame He wes a truat off cur with Palmer Bank, now known as Southaert Bank. He was a member of Church of the Redeemar Episcopad and a Marine Corps vet aran of World War II.
Survivors include a daughter, Karow Cohen of Aclantag a 100 Micheol O. of Sematle, Wath;ia brocher, Robert A of Sarnoota; and Vre prandchildren.
Vinitaston will be from 6 to 8 p.in. today to Toala Brothen Funeral Home, Colonial Chapai. Servicae will be at 11:30 em. Saturday at hrurch of tha Redine Epiecopal. with buris in Lawnwood Memgrini Park in Covington, Ge.
Memorial donations may be made to Church of the Radoamer Epiecopal, 228 S Palm Ave, Sermcota 34298.

## Grace Magre Smith

Grace Magee Smith, 84, Vemice tied May 8, 1989.
She was born Oct 31, 1004, In Philadelphia and came to this area 20 years ago from there. She was a bomematior, a Presbytarian and a vohurteor at the Venice Horpital
Survivors include har husband Arthur, a daughter, Mri. Chardes Fain of Now Orieang; two monc, Norman H. Maree Jr. of Lo Alamar N M.; a girfor. Katharine Taylar of Casy K tron; and four pategrandehil dron; ond fout protegr
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She is survived by har fiusband, CX:: (Sonny)two sone Maicom Lowls, of Moapa and Cornel Lewis, of Witton, Calff: ons daughter, Naomil Lowis, of Las Vegas; two ststers: sta prandchuldren; and six great-grandchilidren.

Visitation will be $6-8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Wednesday In Frehner Furteral Home, Logandale, Nev., and $9-102 \mathrm{~m}$. Thuraday in the Mospa 10 St Chapel. Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Mospa LDS Chapel. Burial will be in Pioneer Hix Mernorial Cemetery, Overton.

## LUCIAN DEL LU DELL' GIUDICE

Lucien Del "Lu Dell" Gudice, 61, of Las Vegas, died Tuesday in a locad - hospita. He was born Sept. 9, 1927, in Melrose Park. m. A 36 -year resident, he iwas a musician, and a member of Mustclans Local \#309 of Las Vegas, \#10 of Chicago, $\overline{\#} 47$ ol Los Angeles, and \#802 of New York.

He ts errvived by one daughter, Lien Marie Youngdars, of St. Louls; one son. James R. Del Gudice, of Las Vegas; his father, James Del Giudice, of Seattie; two brothers. O'Neill Del Gindice, of Juneau, Alaska, and tames E. Det Gurdice, of Las Vegas; and one grandcrild.

Memorial services with be Thursday at :3 p.m. In Patm Valloy View Chapel. Burtad will be private.

## LAURAL.HARPSTER

Laura L. Harpster, 70, of Las Vegas, died Tuesclay in a local hospital. She wes born May 8, 1919, in Liberty, Miss. A ntre yoar resident, she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, John; three sons, Ray Harpster, of Miami, and Jotn Harpster and Ben Harpater, both of Las Vegas; one stster, Eve Maria Vince, of Tennessee; one brother, James Smith, of Now Orieens; and six grandchuldren.

Vistration will be noon-7 p.m. Friday and 9 am. -2 p.m. Saturday in Palm Valley view Mortuary. Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Patm Valley Viow Chapel. Burta will be in Palen Valley View Memorial Park.

## HARRIET LORRANNE HUNTER

## Herriot Lorraine Hunter. 73. of Leas

 Vegas, dited Sundxy in a bocal convalescont hosptral. She was born June 10. 1916, in Twin Falla, idaho. A ore-yeer resident, ste was a graphotype operator.She in survived by two deughters. Leeh Schwarte, of Ketchum, dalaho and Sally Clapp, of Lea Vegas; two sons, John Hunter, of Leke Elesnore, Catin., and Joo Hunter, of Long Beach, Calt.; one brother, Bob Nolson, of Les Vegas; and sta grandchildrem.

Services will be private.
JAMES MUNTEAN
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year reddenti the wes a quality conitromer and a World War M Ar Force veteran.

Ite in arvived by his wito, Virginia; foir dhaughters, Yvonne Gordon; 'of Frenklin, Wis., Denise Scherrer, of MMwinkes, Janice Taloft, of Now Bertin, His. Wiad Michole Munteen, of Las Vegas; one brother, Victor Muntean, of Brentwood, Torm.; one sister, Natalle Slectiv, of Canton, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Burial wifl be in Wisconstn Memorial Perk, Mhwaukec. Arrangements were handied by Davis Funerat Home.

## AR: MARYLCLOSSON <br> $\qquad$

Mary L. Closson, 77, of Las Vegas, died Monday in Las Vegas. She was born Nov. 25, 1911, in Rocky Ford, Colo. An 11-year resddent, she was a horremaker. T She ts survived by her husband, Roy, two sons, Tom Santi, of Las Veges, and Robert Closson, of Castaic, Calf;; four daughters, Marietta Smith, of Fujunga, Calf., Dorothy Burnette, of Canoga Park. Calt., Rose Mihos, of Ft. Bragg, Calft., and Betty to Kzulman, of Rohnert Park. Catfic: one brother, Dick Gerard, of Burbank. Caffic; two sisters, Bhlle Crider, of Burbank, Calfi., and Bettie Hummel, of Encinitas, Callf; 13 grandctilldren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Private services were held. Arrangements were handled by Davis Paradise Valley Funeral Home.

## WHLIAM R. ANDREWS

Whitam R. Andrews, 68, of Las Vegas, died Monday in a local hospital. He was born Lan. 21, 1921, in Now York City. A seven-year resident, he was retired from the Chied Liatson Office of the federal government, and served as a Neval pilot during World War II. and was a mermber of VFW \#4061, Canon Cly, Colo., BPOE Lodge \#610, Cenon City, American Legion Post \#130, Falts Church, Ya., and was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Emptoyeos.

He is survived by his wifte, Mary; one daughter, Parnola Westcot, of Virginia; one stster, Jean Lee, of North Carollia; several stepchildren; and three grandchildren.

A private farrily memortal service will be held. The famdy suggests donations to charity of your cholce. Alevada Cremation and Burial Society handied arrangementa.

## KEVIN 8COTT NEARING

Kevin Scoll Nearing, 27, of Henderson, died Sunday in Las Vegas. He was born May 2, 1962, in Los Angeles. A 1/k year resident, he was an actor.

He ls survived by one daughter, Heather Nicole Noaring; his mother, Carol D. Strohi, of North Hollywood. Cesf.; his father, Konneth B. Nearting, of Seattic: one brother, Jerry Simmons, of Colormio; four steters, Sheryl Caeser, of Sscramento, Celt., Cymthis Pectreoo, of Burtank, Cells. Kari Noartig, of Long Beach. Caff., and Klmberty Noering, of Seattie; and his grandparents, wisiam and Florence Sctubert, of Henderson.

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P．is survived by her daughter，Patay蚛 fitan alster．Beatrice Giotelly，both of Ceeut Kid＇Alene；brother，Eennett Netson of Medford；
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## Harry Conradsen

Harry Conradsen，72，died Friday：He was

## a 30 －year resident of Las Vegas ming wide

A retired steelworker，the was bom tharch
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## Donald Emigh

## Donald Emigh， 50 ，ded Feb． 2 ＇He was a

 four－year resident of Las Vegas． There are no known survivors． There will be no visitation．Gravealde sorm vices will be at 10：30 a：m．Monday in Parcti， dise Memorial Gardens．Davis Funeral Homie． handled arrangements．

## Rita Danko

I Fitta Danko，74，dled Friday．She wes $\boldsymbol{E}$ three－yaar resident of Las Vegas． A Homemaker，she was bom Apry $28 \mu^{2}$ 1914，in Cleveland． ．t She is survived by her daughter，Alener． Comella of Henderson；son，John of Algonacif
 Visitation was scheduled from 2－8．pmatis
 where services will be at 11 ati．Nionday ${ }^{2}$ ment Eurfal will be in Paradiso Memortal Gardensanan．

Other obituaries highlight the deceased person's belief in God, by the use of phrases or words that skirt the issue of death by implying that the departed "went home with God" or some such idea. In some areas of the country, people do not die, they "pass away." There are even obituaries which totally ignore the word, "death." These obituaries may mention "services" or "burial", but not death (see Illustrations 2-K.1 - 2-K.4). Somehow it seems that if a person can avoid using the words related to death, it's as if it hasn't happened. Design for Death (Jones 1967) states:
"Words for death are getting softer; funerals are cushioned with euphemisms so well established that one hardly hears them sleeking by. Some of them are used only by undertaker to client and are almost meaningless; the change of vocabulary is automatic; 1 have heard within ten minutes 'fry' to the staff, 'cremate' to me, and 'cormit' to the customer. No list could be complete because there are regional differences and elegant variations, but these are some of the words the mourners hear."

## VANDENBERG - Mrs. Ruth F. (Ondersma) VardenBerg, aged 65, of Cascade, went to be with the Lord April 3, 1989. Survived by her husband. Pete; children, Casey and

Irvine. . Texas-Grand Blanc-Saginaw
KANE William - 1906. 1989. He was mercifully released from this life on 29th of September at the Bayior. Hospice Unur. Dal.

VANDE KERKHOFF (van Noort) - Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth VandeKerkhoff, aged 100, gave up her soul to her Heavenly Creator Wednesday, March_1,

VANDAM - Mr. Bert Van. Dam, aged 79, of Kentwood, passed away Saturday, April 1, 1989, and went to be with his Lord.

Grand Rapids, a freshman at Catholic Central High School, went to be with his Lord Jesus Christ April 2,

> Kansas City, Missouri
> WOLF, Naomi Fem (Arter) - Slipped into her Heavenly Father's House from the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Kansas Ciry.

Wednesday, December 7, 1988
The Beacon Journal

## Glenn Allen Glass Sr.

Glenn Allen Glass Sr., 55, of 310 E . Archwood Ave., passed away Dec. 4 after a long illness - at Akron City
Hospital.
Funeral services
will be held Thurs-
day, 7 p.m., at the
Stewart \& Cal
houn Funeral Cha-
pel with Charles
Connelly officiat-
ing. Interment
Giendale Ceme-
tery. Friends may call Thursday from 6 p.m. until time of services. Procession will form, and condolences may be sent to 1083 Courtland Ave.
(Stewart \& Calhoun, 535-1543.)

## Vera E. Grose

Vera E. Grose, 71, passed away Dec. 4 at Akron City Hospital.

She was born in Upshire County, W. Vo.

Funeral services Thursday, 11 a.m., of the Eckard-Baldwin Funeral Home, Rev. E. Eugene Meador officiating. Interment Greenlown Memorial Park. Friends may call at the funeral home, TODAY, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. (Eckord-Baldwin, 760 E.
Market, 535-7141.)

## Murray Nell Jackson

Murray Neli Jackson, of 9914 Coblentz Ave., Uniontown, passed away Dec. 2, 1988 at Akron City Hospi-
 ment at Glendale
Cometery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Procession will form, and condolences may be sent to 2405 Hannetta Ave., Copley Township 44320.
(SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO
TURNER \& RHODEN, 724-1201.)

## Lizzie Moore

Lizzie Moore, passed away Dec. 4 at Akron City Hospital.

Funeral announcements later.
! (Stewart \& Calhoun, 535-1543.)

## Kenneth R. Pipes

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. - Kenneth R. Pipes, 74, formerly of Akron, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6 at his residence in Brooksville, Fla.
He was a native of Gambier, Ohio, and has been a resident of the Brooksville for 11 years coming from Akron. He was a retired truck driver for Goodyear, and a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by wife, Mary; sons, Kenny and Terry, both of Stow, Mickey of Akron, Steve of Aurora, Timmy of Brooksville, Fla.; daughters, Joon Shoenfelt of Rootstown, Gerry Scheib of Cuyahoga Falls, Judy Rhinehart of Rovenna; brothers, Clarence Pipes of Peninsula, Lee Pipes of Northampton, Eugene Pipes of Fresno; sister, Mary Lou Watson of Cuyahoga Falls; 24 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandehildren.
The family requests donations be made to Hernando/Pasco Hospice, 13825 U. S. 19, Suite 404, Hudson, Fla. 34667. Arrangements by Pinecrest Funeral Chapel, Brooksville.
(904-796-1656.)

## Hazel M. Waters

NAPERVILLE, in. - Hazel M. Wa. ters, 92, of 820 Santa Marie Dri., Naperville, Ill., passed away Monday. a.m. in Edwards Hospital.

She was a member of the first? United Methodist Church in Cuyahoger Falls. Until moving to Ft . Woyne, Ind ${ }_{4}$ 17 years ago, she had resided in then Cuyahoga Falls area for over 50 years.

She was preceded in death by herhusband, Eari M., and parents, Lewis ${ }^{\text {I }}$ and Sarah Thomas Willioms. Survivingare son, William C. Williams of $\mathrm{Fh}_{\mathrm{h}}$, Pierce, Fla.; daughters, Mrs. Saräh Fleming of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Betty Jean Waters of Napervilie, III.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildretif brother, Joseph T. Williams of Cuyón
There ore no calling hours. Services; will be held Thursday, 10 a.m., of the Lake Park Cemetery Chapel, Youngstown. In lieu of material tributes. memorials may be made to the First, United Methodist Church, Portage $=$ Trai, Cuyahoga Falls. Davis Funerpits Home, Youngstown, in charge of aras rangements.

## James H. Weatherly

James H. Weatherly, 70, of 858 Fried St., passed away Dec. 3 , ot Barberton Citizens Mospital, after a long illness.

Funeral services Wednesday, 1 p.m., at the STEWART \& CAL. HOUN FUNERAL CHAPEL, Pastor Jeffrey Dennis officiating. Burial at Greentawn Cametery. Friends may
 call Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. of the. funeral home chapel. Masonic services. will be Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. (Stewart \& Caihoun, 535-1543.)

FITZHENRY - lsabelle E Fithenry, aged 79, passed away Thursday, March 9 , 1989. Survivors include her sons, James L. Marianne) of Chicago, Jerome T. (Dorothy Munson) of Grand Rapids; four grandchildren, four greatgrandchildren. Her husband, James L., preceded her in death in 1979. She was a long time resident of the Chicago area and retired to Florida in 1975 where she was a member of the Anona United Methodist Church in Largo, FL Services are planned for Chicago and Florida For those who knew her in lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Gerontology Network of Kent County.

FLINTON - Jeanette Fin-
ton, aged 91, formerly of Wyoming, passed away Friday noon in Big Rapids. Surviving are one brother, Henry Mulder of Wyoming; several nieces and nephews; and one cousin. Complete Funeral Services including Committal will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Zaagman Memorial Chapel. Rev. Vem Brummel of The Church of The Open Door officiating. Interment Grandville Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Jeanette operated a grocery store at 1502 Chicago Dr. until the early 70 's.
zMGMAN MEMORLLL CIUPFI 1865 Easten Ave. SE

Nationals and was a graduate of Westem Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Survivors include his wife of seven years, Joan B.; three sons, Matthew Farnes of Honolulu, Hawaii, Marcus Godfrey of Grand Rapids, and David Farnes of Largo, Fl; two daughters, Dana Farmes of Largo, FL and Tiffany Godfrey of Grand Rapids; his mother, Esther Godfrey of Wayland. M; and a brother, Jack Godirey of Allegan He was preceded in death by his father, Howard in 1983; and his brother, Terry Godfrey. Funeral Mass will be held Monday 7:00pm at St. Cecelia Catholic Church, Clearwater, FL Arrangements by Rhodes \& Wise Funeral Directors, Clearwater, FL

HAGGERTY - Sarah Haggerty, aged 61 , went to be with the Lord on March 7, 1989. She was preceded in death by her husband Otis Haggerty; her mother, Johnnie Mae Jefferson. As a loving mother, she is survived by four sons, Hubert (Chris) of Grand Rapids, Johnnie (Purita) of Ft . Worth, TX, Larry, and Ottis Haggerty Jr.; four daughters, Ruby (Calvin) Patterson, Joanne (Don) Ingram, Cynthia (Mitchell) Watson, and Tammy Haggerty all of Grand Rapids; 18 grandchildren; her father, Johnnie Frelix: and step father, J. C. Jefferson both of Columbia, MS; her mother-in-law, Minnie Haggerty of Ft. Worth, TX; two brothers, John (Evelyn) Frelix of Grand Rapids and Floyd (Mae Dora) Frelix of Silver Creek, MS; two sisters,

Park Cemetery. Friends may meet the family Sunday evening 7 to 8 pm in the Brown Funeral Chapel.
BRONN FUHERML HOME, LTD

HOFFMAN - Mrs. Mae Hoffman, aged 82, of Grand Rapids, widow of Arthur, passed away Thursday evening. Surviving are her children, Richard and Harriette Hoffman of White Cloud, Audrey and Henry VanDerBie, James and Carol Hoffman, Robert and Carol Hoffman, all of Grand Rapids; 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Matilda Buning, Alberdine and George Mulder; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Lottie Buning, Henry and Lucy Hoffman, Ann and Bert DeBoer, Richard and Jennie Hoffiman. Services will be held Tuesday at $1: 00$ at the Zaagman Memoria! Chapel, Rev. Roger Buining of Bethel Christian Reformed Church officiating. Interment Rest Lawn Memorial Park. The family will be at the funeral chapel Sunday and Monday 7 to 9 .
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JOHNSON (Rockford) Ronaid C. Johnson, aged 39, passed into the presence of his Lond and Saviour. Ron attended the Evangelical Free Church. Ron was a graduate of Rockford High School in 1967; attended MSU; a Case Worker for 12 years for The Dept. of Social Services. He is survived by his parents, Charles A.

## Nowhere does it say anyone has died



The following table lists some of the euphemisms used by people to protect survivors from having to face the reality of death by using words such as "corpse" or "bury." People in the funeral business are particularly adept at this:

| Ordinary Words | British Euphemisms | American Euphemisms |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dead | Passed Away | Expired, or withdrawn |
| Corpse | Body | Remains, or Mr. X |
| Funeral | Funeral | Service |
| Morgue or Mortuary | One of our rooms | Preparation room |
| Coffin | Coffin or casket (according to shape) | Casket, now couch (coffin rare) |
| Undertaker |  |  |
|  | (19th Century) | (19th Century) |
|  | Funeral director (20th Century) | Funeral director (20th Century) |
| Shop | Parlour | Home |
| Laying-out | Positioning | Helping repose |
| Hearse | Mr $\times$ | Cooch |
| Procession | Cortege | Coach-party |
| Digging a grave | Working | Opening a vault |
| Bury | Inter | Inter, or leave |
| Graveyard | Cemetery | Memorial Park |
| Embalming | Hygienic treatment | Preservative treatment, |
| Ashes | Cremated remains | Cremains |
| Burn | Cremate, or cormit | Cormit or withdraw |
| Shroud | Robe, or gown | Robe, or clothing |
| Death certificate | Death certificate | Vital statistics form |
| Crematorium grounds | Garden of remembrance | Garden of remembrance |
| Grave | Grave | Space |
| Looking like death | Going, or terminal expression | Looking to God |
| Mourning | Sorrow | Grief therapy |
| Post-mortem, | Post-mortem, | Necropsy |
| or autopsy | or autopsy |  |
| Money | Cos $\dagger$ | Investment |
|  |  | (Jones 1967) |

There are obituaries which have been placed by a service organization, such as the Masons or Lions, or a benevolent order, in which they announce that a member has died; a few newspapers even have the ability to print the services' logos. In some newspapers, veterans are highlighted by the symbol of the flag alongside the notice (see lllustrations 2-L.l - 2-L.3).

The Washington Post - January 21, 1989



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Cegions Posi No- Mors of American Va.c are hereov nolliled of the dealn of WILSON ERSKINE. Viawing at Everly Funeral Home, Fairfax Clly, Va., Sunday, January 22, 1999, 2 to 4 and 7 10 9 D.m. Graveside service Fairfax Cemetery, Fairfax City, Va

Jonn Hoffman, Cmdr.
Bob Archibald, Chadiain

## ERSKINE, WILSON LEE (a0e 69)

On Weanesday, January 19. 1989 at Fairfax Hospt tal, WILSON LEE ERSKINE of Annandale, -VA. Fainer of Roxanne Stark and Suzanne Oram; and George Erskinc; grandfather of Chanel Anderson. Friands may call at the EVERLY FUNERAL HOME, 10565 Main SI., Fairtax, VA Sunday, January 22, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. where services will be thetd on Monday at 1 p.m.
interment Fairiax city Cemetery.
EVANS, RAYMOND, JR.

On Frldav, January 20, 1989. of Aringion, VA, nusband of Ruth J. Evans; father of Robert Paui Evans. Nancy Lee Asman and Jeanelle Marie Tavior; brother of isabelia Kliraine, Neison, Alber and George Evans, Liilan Dalev and Verna Bosack; also survived by six grandenidren and MURPHY FUNERAL HOME OF ARLINGTON, 4510 Wilson Blva., where the family will be present from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Sundav, and where services will be hetd al I p.m. on Monday, January 23. Interment. Columbia Gar dens. Memorial contributlons may be made to the

FERRIS, ROBERT J., JR.
On Wednesday, Januarv 16, 1989 at The Terran Countr Hospital. ROBERT J. FERRIS, JR. of Arifngton, TX, son of Robert and Baroara Ferris also is survived by three grandparents. Carl and diso is survived by inree grandparents. Cari and
Evelvn Ferris and Ann DePoorter. Friends mav call on Sunday, January 22, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 D.M. कt the EVERLY FUNERAL HOME, 10565 Main St., Fairfax, VA where funerat services will
be held on Monday. January 23 at 10 am . be held on Mondav. January
interment Fairfax Memorial Park.


Members of Si. Luke's Sodality are hereov norfled of the dealh of aur Sister. Wake service Sundav. 7:30 D.m. at the church. Mass of Christian Burial, 10 a.m., Mondav.

Fr. Edward Chifiriler, SSJ, Mod.
Julla N. Ward, Prefect

SARMM, ELEACETH ANH


On Thersdavi, senuiary 19. Itooriof
Sllver Soring, Md, wife of Messimo L. Sarni: mother of Rors Massimo Loster Bercer and RLass Letth: daugher of Dorotivy A Meve: sisier of Charies R. Mave; grandmother of Friends mav cati al HINESIRINALDI FUNERAL. HOME 11800 NAw HINESIR AVLD FUNERAL HOME, 11800 New Hompshire Ave. Siver Soring mervices will be heta on Mondav. January 23 at 11 a.m. Interment FI. Lincotn. The family suogests that expressions of sympathy may be made in her memory in the form of a coniribution to The Memorial Fund of Good Sispherd Uniled Memod ist Church, 9701 New Hamosntre Ave., SHver
Spring. Md. 20903 .

## SCHWARZMANN, LOUS F.

On Thursdav, January 19. 1989, of Washington O.C., belaved husband of Juanita E. Schwarz mann; devoted tather of Catherinie M. Bullaro. Juanita V. Green, $\mathcal{A}$. Frederkk Schwarzmann and the late Norman $P$. Chapman; devoled brother of Marie S. Bovd. He atso is survived by 11 grandchildron and li oreal-grandchtidren. Fitends may Massacinusetts Ave. NE, Capilol Hill Loarking on premises), Sundav, 3 to 5 pm and 7 to 9 pm , where service will be herd on Mondav, Jomury 23. at 11 am . Interment Codar Hill Cemeiery.

SHEEHAN, EMNAETT LY JR
On Tuesdav, January 17 Hospiral of How Cross husband of Alleen F. Sheenan; father of Kalhteen. Erameff (Skio) L iil. Michaef, Sean. Elleen and Maureen Sheethan; brolher of Theresa Jasoer, Mary Ann Kearnoy and Angela Hughes. Friends Way call al the DEVOL FUNERAL HOME, 2272 Wisconsin Ave. NW iram 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial whll be offered al St. Ann's Churen, Wisconsin Ave. and Yuma SI. NW. on Saturday, January 21. at 10 a.m. interment Gale of Heaven Cemetery.

## SIMONDS, LOUISE C.

On Thursdav, January ${ }^{-19}{ }^{-}$1989.- LOUISE ${ }^{-}$SIMONDS, of Silver Spring. MD. betoved wife of The late G. William simonds; mother of Linda $L$ Dubv, William M. and Richard W. Simonds; grondmother of Theress, Mark, Julle, Bitiv and Michelle; sister of Margaret Humonrev and Robert W. Coakley. Relatives and friends may caH at W., Sliver Spring, MO, Sunday. 2 to 4 D.m, where uneral services will on netd Monday D.m., where at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. interment Quantico National Cemetery.
SIMONSON, WILSUR H.
On Wednesdav, January 11 , 2989 of Bethesda, Md husband of the late Norma $E$. Simonson. Severa nieces and nephews survive. Friends will be
recelved at Emmanued Lutheran Church, 7730 Eradtev Bivd., Bethesda, Md. Mondav, Januar 23. Irom 9 a.m. until service time of 10 a.m Interrment Lymbrook, NY. Mermorlal contributions may be made to the buitoling fund of the above named church. Arrangernent by PUMPHREY'S and PERRY FUNERAL HOME Lynbrook, NY


SI. NE. Funerat Mondar af 11 a.m.
James L. Harper, P. M. Secy.

The Washington Star - August 6, 1981


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## James Hogan

James J. Hogan, 59, of Belleville, lied Tuesday, February 7, 1989 at mes Hospital in St. Louis. ie was the owner of Alvin B. Clark Agency in Belleville and Vice President of Bland and Company of St. Louis. He was First Vice President of the Serra Club of St. Clair County, Past President of Fathers and Friends Club, former School Board Member and 1982 Man of the Year of Althoff High School, Past President of the Athletic Group and Holy Name Society of St. Henry's Parish, member of Knights of Columbus Council 592, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Catholic Knights and Ladies of Mllinois and the Silisbury Street Irregulars of St. Louis, Mo.


Preceding him in death were his parents, Joseph and Rose, nee Grimmler, Hogan and an infant brother, Richard.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores, e Bodenburg, Hogan; two sons John
Hogan and Michael J. Hogan, both 3elleville; two daughters and a sun-in-law, Dorothy and Robert Carlson of Arlington Heights, III. and Christine Hogan of Dallas, Texas; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Leo and Pat Hogan and Tom and Ann Hogan, all of St. Louis; a sister, Gloria Hogan of St. Louis; father-in-law, John J. Bodenburg of Belleville; two sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Joann and Lloyd Hayden of Millstadt and Carol Jean and Clifford Helfrich of Belleville; two grandchildren, Erick and Colleen Carlson; nieces; nephews; cousins; Godchildren and friends.
Funeral procession to leave at 10:30 a.m. Friday from the John Barnes Funeral Home, 8501 W. Main Street, Belleville to St. Henry's Church for a mass at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Friends may call between 3 and 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral bome.

There will be a recitation of the rosary at 7:30 p.m. Thursday followed by Hibernians Ritual at the John Barnes Funeral Home.
Memorials may be made to Althoff Catholic High School.

## SPECIAL ATTENTION

$\because$ ©BURLESON
Paut, devoted husband of Ger. net (nee MMlion) Burleson, beloved father of Paut and Bonnie, desr grandfather of Ricky,
Apri, Christy, David toey and Jennifer, also survived by three sisters and three brothers. Wednesday, November 16 , 1988. Age 67 years Resident of Northside. Friends may call at the Chas. A. Miller Sons Funer. the Home, Hamition Ave. at K Horne, Harnition Ave. of G\& P.M. Funeral service Saturday, 10 A.M. Donations may be directed to the charity of ones choice.
-REITMAN
back $N$, beloved husband of Anm Reltman (nee Waker), devoted father of Elizabeth $E$ find John W. Reitman Tuesday, Novernber 75; 1988, Age 67 years. Resident of Ft. Thornas, KY. Services Saturday, Novermber 19, 1988 at 10 AM at the Nuenionkarnp-Erschel Ft.
Thornas Funeral Horne, 427 S . Thomas Funeral Horne, 427 S.
Ft. Thomas Ave. Visliation $6-9$ P.M. Friday.

## RICE

Morris Willam, dear brother of
Mrs. Willam E. (Jennle) Car-
bery of Naples, FL and Mrs.
lotn (Cecita) Powers of Ft
Witchell, KY. Resident of Ns .
ples, FL. Monday, Novernber 14, 1988 in Naptes. Age 69 years. Friends and relatives are invited to attend graveside
services Friday afternoon at services Friday afternoon at
$3: 30$ P.M. at the Oak Hil Cemetery, Glendale.


Notice the "key" to direct attention to veterans


PINTO
Han Michael J. Pinto. loving son of the late Thomas and Frances, nee Angone. Pinto: dear brother of Mary (the late James) Roosey, late Join Leonard Kayl and Madeline Pinto; fond uncle of many nleces and nephews Visitation Wednesdey, 2 to 9 p.m. Funeral Thurs day, $8: 45$ a.m., from Robert J . Sheehy s Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th St.. to Queen of Martyrs Church. Mass $9: 30 \mathrm{a}: \mathrm{m}$. Interment Moun Olivet Cemetery. $857-7878$ or $582-4400$.

## PONCIANO

Therese Ponciano, beroved wife of Joseph P.; loving mother of Paul; dear sister of Loretta Jambik and Mary Ellen Argent. Funeral service and interment private. 743-1024.

## RHODES

Herbert L. Ahodes, of Elgin, beloved husband of Mary Ellen, nee Hanley; loving father of Susan Kathryn and Constence; tond brother of Charles (Harriett). Service Thursday, 11 a.m., at First United Methodist Church, 216 E. Highland Ave. Elgin, Interment Lakewood Memorial Park. Visitation Tuossday ond Wednesday, ${ }^{4}$ to 8 D.m. at
Laird Funeral Home, 310 S . State (Rt. 31). Eigin. Laird Funeral Home, 310 S. State (Rt. 31), Elgin. 741-8800.

## RIHA

Robert W. Riha. died Jan. 15, loving son of Amanda: dearest father of Cynthis and Roben Michael; dear grandtather of one. Employee of National Can for over 30 yrs. retired to Hot Springs, Arkansas, Also retired U.S. Coast Guard. uneral difector handing service, Caruth Funeral Home, for into: (501) 623-2533.

## ROSSA

Fis John J. Rossa, beloved husband of Virginia, nee Janczak; devoted tather of Ron (Frances) Orlof and Susan (Daniel) Henne: dear brother of Dr. Joseph J. (Elizabeth). Lawgrandtather of Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., from Malec \& Sons GuardIan Chepe, 8000 N. Milwaukee Ave.. to st. Mary of the Woods Church. Interment Maryhill. Visitation Tuesday, 2 to 0:30 p.m. 774-4100.

## ROSS

See Edith Lucas, nee Ross, notice.
SAUER
See Clara Nicholas notice.

## SCHEPPLER

Marie T. Scheppler, nee Welnhoter, beloved wife of the lale waiter. loving aumt of Robert and Waiter (Alleia) Welnhoter; fond great-aunt of Wil Ham (Diane) and Kevin Weinhofer: dear greai great-aunt of Ashley and Katle Welnhoter; dear sister-in-law of Lililan Welnnofer. Funera Wednesday. January 18. 11 a.m. al OIson Funaral Home. 6467-77 N. Northwest Righway. Interment
Irving Park. Member of Park Ridae Chadter No.

## STEFFEI

Irvin James Steffel, beloved husband of Edna $L$ Sleffel, nee Wallace; loving father of Joyce Louise Steffel; son of the tate Anna and Harry Steffel brother of the late Helen Stetfel, Harriet Smith Esther Stefiel, Florence Shibley and Edward Siel Kenisiation at Church of the Atonement, 5748 N Requiem. Mass Wedinesday Jan, from 6 to 9 .m. the church Interment private in lieu of trowers. memorials to the Chicago Lung Association would te appreciatod Information: 271-2727

## STRAUB

Catherine M. Straub, nee Mulcahy, 80 years, Jan 15. 1989. beloved wite of the late Gearge F. Eileen A (James) McDonaid: dear grandmother of six: oreat-grandmother of five: fond sister of Alice Mulcany and the fate Rober (late Sophta) Mulcahy. Funeral Wednesday, $9: 30$ a.m. from The Mulcahy. Funeral Wednesday, $9: 30$ a.m. from The
Nowak Funoral Home, 400 Pulaski Rd. (154th St) Nowak Funeral Home, 400 Pulaski Rd. (154th St)
Calumet City, to Our Lady of Knock Church. Mass 10 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre. Visitation Juess day 2 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, masses pre terred. 862-5454.

## taUbert

Josephine E. Taubert. wife of the late Edmund: mother of Marie Anderson; grandmother of Joseph (BarDara) Anderson; great-grandmother of Kovin (Faith) Anderson, J. Scott. James, Margery. Katherine and the late Robert Anderson. Member of Calumet Conclave No. 20. Order of True Kindred, and G.L. Emeritus Maple Chapter, O.E.S. No. 90 . Visitation 2 to S. Funeral services 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Cadar Pert Funeray Cedar Park Cemetery. For info 785-8840.

## TERPENSK

Thomas J. Terpenskt, Veteran WWII.
ETSeloved husband and best triend of Marion.
the te Johnson, loving son o the late Frank
and the late Sopnia Terpenski, dearest bine of
cousin of Mary Szurek dear uncle of Katherine
Lovit, and other nieces and nephews. Member of
American Legion Post 645, Herrin, IL. Retired
35-year employee of Westinghouse Com Chi-
cago. Visitation Tuesday oniy 2-10 p.m., Funeral
Wednesday $8: 45 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. from the Meinerney Funeral
Home, 7901 S. Komensky Ave, to Our Lady of
Loretto Church. Hometown. IL. Mass 9:30 a.m.
interment St. Mary's Cemetery, 585-0702

## ULLRICH

Frances "Fanny" Ullich, beloved wife of the late Arthur E.; fond sister of Otto and Fred Schmidt: loving cousin of Hermine Ulirich; dear aunt of Jay and Eowin Ulirich. Services 11 a.m. Hors 10900 S Cicero. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens (South). Visitation 4 in 9 . Wednesday. Memorials to a Masonic Charity of your choice preferred. 723-0876. or 423-1600.

In some locales, a person's involvement with an event of note is of particular significance. For instance, Flint, Michigan, was the scene of an historic strike by atomobile workers in 1937. When 1987 arrived, the newspapers printed pictures and highlights of the event as a 50 th anniversary story. Thus, it became clear to Flint natives that they had been part of something which was being written about in history books and shown in movies, and they became interested in finding any stillliving participants of the strike. As these strikers died, their families made notice of it in their obituaries (see lllustrations 2-M.1 - 2-M.3). This has happened in other places for other reasons. For example, if a person had survived a disaster such as a shipwreck, hurricane, or earthquake earlier in life, it might be mentioned in his/her obituary.


AN HISTORIC EVENT
OVER 50 YEARS AGO

## Sit-downers learned well from '30 strike


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Even though he died in Ohio, he still had ties to Flint and the factory.

## Hubbard, Ohio

GAVULIC, Stephen D. (Steve) Of Hubbard, Ohio, formerty of Flint, Michigan, age 76, died Sunday, March 4, 1989, at Sharon General Hospital, Sharon, Ohio. Funeral services were held 10:30 $\mathrm{AM}^{\prime}$ Thursday, March 9, 1989, at the Kelley \& Son Funeral Home and 11 AM Funeral Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Hubbard, Ohio. Mr. Gavulic was bom November 14, 1912, in Portage, Pennsyvania, the son of Stephen and Mary (Fililp) Gavulic who were of Slovak descent. Mr. Gavulic had lived most of his life in Flint, moving to Hubbard, Ohio, in 1954 from Flint. He was a member of UAW Local 581 and one of the original "Sit-Down Strikers". He was then employed by Fisher Body No. 1. He was a member of St . Patrick Catholic Church. Hubbard VFW Post \#3767 and the American Legion Post in Fartell, Pennsyivania. Mr. Gavulic was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. Surviving are: wife, the former Mary Saniski whom he married June 15, 1946; brother, David B. Gavulic of Flint; sister, Mrs. Mary Mesaros of Detroit. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Andrew, John and Paul.

PARTICIPANTS IN HISTORICAL EVENT
"SIT-DOWN STRIKE"

CHISM Whnie Reva: Hamrick Lacey - Also: known as Bobby Lacey; Chism, formerty of Arlington Ave., Fint, Michigan, departed to be with God in Heaven on April 20, 1989, from Hurley Medical Center. Funeral services will be held 4 PM Sunday, April 23, 1989, at the Brown Funeral Home, 1616 Davison Rd., Rev. Stephen G. Graham of the Grand Blane First Baptist Church officiating. Burial in the Oddfellows Ceme'tery, Charieston, Missouri. Eastern Star and Ladies Shrine Memorial Service will be conducted at the funeral home at 3 PM and 3:30 PM, at the Mt. Vernon Chapel of the Brown Funeral Home' Family will receive relatives and friends at the funeral home. Mrs. Chism was bom January 5, 1903, at Monkstown, Texas, the daughter of John Coleman Hamrick and Alma Bond, who died in 1906. 'She was raised by her father and step-mother Sudie Ewell in Camegie, Okiahoma and graduated from the Carnegie High School in 1922. She graduated from Oklahoma Business College, Oklahoma City, in 1924. She married Henry Asher Lacey in Oklahoma City in 1924.|
[Winnie was the belovied] mother of 2 sons, Asher Coleman Lacey bom 1925 and Burt Durwood Lacey born in 1928. She was a school teacher in Leachville, Arkansas before moving to Fiint in 1931 and cetired from AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors in 1971 after 40 years of loyal service Winnie was the first Recording Secretary of AC UAW Local 651 and was active during the 1936 * Sit-Down Strike. Her son, Asher Coleman Lacey, preceded her to Heaven in 1930; her husband Henry Asher Lacey passed into Heaven in 1964. Winnie married Benjamin H. Chism in 1967 at the Grand Blanc First Baptist Church; he passed into Heaven in 1985. Winnie was a member of the Flint Chapter 1138 OES, La dies Oriental Shrine $\# 28$ and Temple Shrine $\$ 28$. She was also proud to be a member of the Daughters of the American Revoiution and American Busitness $\quad$ Womens Association. Surviving :are: son and daughter-inLaw, Burl D. and Onalee M. Lacey of Grand Blanc; granddaughter, B. Debo rah Leeper and greatgrandson, James Ira Leeper of Nashville, Tennessee; grandson, Patrick A. Lacey and great-granddaughter, Karyn B. Lacey of Grand Blanc, many 'nephews and nieces. Winnie had very special friends, Charlotte lamegan of Camegie, Oklahoma and Bryan and Sue Mathews of Flint; many other friends. A cherished lady has passed among us and the world is a better place because of Winnie. Rest in God's Peace, the Bell Has Rung and The Roll is called. Amen.
BROWN FUNERAL HONIE 1616 Devisoa Rd. whe was one the onginal Sit-Down Strikers. Surviving are: son, Roilie and wife Betty Eldred of Fint; 4 daughters, Betty and husband Paul Yalch of Roseville, Marjorie and husband Gordon Drennan of Fint, Inez and husband Cotton Leamy of Fint, Jean and busband Larry Gatz of Flint; 14 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; sister, Norma Waite of Florida; sister-in-law, June Packwood of Mt. Pleasant; good friends, Sherman and Vernita Armstead of Grand Blanc, several nieces, nephews, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bessie M. Eldred February 24, 1985. Mr. Eldred was a very special father and grandfather.
FHIL FUNERAL HOME Trust t@os.

Es Linden-Fint
HAMPION, John (Harry) - A loving husband, father and friend. Age 85, died Monday July 17, 1989, at Crestmont Medical Care Facilities. Funeral services will be held 11AM Thursday, July 20, 1989, from the Bowles Funeral Home, Inc, Linden. Rev. Donald Nervile officiating Burial in Sunset Hills Cemetery. The family will receive friends: from 6-9PM Tuesday and 3-5PM and 7-9PM Wednesday. Mr. Hampton was born in Negaunee, Michigan, July 22, 1903; the son of Nicholas and Nellie Hampton. He resided in Flint over 25 years, prior to moving to Linden. He was married to Florence M. Bennallack. Mr Hampton worked at and retired from Fisher Body with 27 years service. He also participated in the 1937 sit-down strike. He had formerly owned and operated Hampton's Aluminum Door and Window Company in Flint. Surviving are: wife, Florence; daughter, Judy E (Paul) Frederick of Fenton; sorn Duane (Joyce) Hampton of Linden; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; 2 brothers, Lloyd (Nick) Hampton of Flint, Norvin Hampton of Negaunee, MI; daughter-in-law, Rose Hampton of San Jose, CA; several neices and nephews. He was preceded in death by: son, Frank James Hampton, February 1979.
BOWLES FUNIPAL HOME Lindea.



SIMON, Joe - Of Swartz Creek, age 81, died Tuesday, July 18, 1989 at McLaren General Hospital. Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 22, 1989 at the Sharp Funeral Home, Swartz Creek, Rev. Peter Pal Bodor officiating. Burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Grand Blanc Visitation will be 2.5 and 6-9 PM Thursday and Friday. Those desiring may make contributions to Michigan Heart Association. Mr. Simon was born in Flemington, New Jersey on March 12, 1908, the son of George and Mary Simon. He had been a resident of Swartz Creek the past 12 years, moving from Califormia where he had been a resident for 27 years. He married wife Priscilla Vass in Frushing on August 24, 1933. He was a member of the Hungarian Reformed Church, Flint, was a member of UAW Local $\# 659$. He participated in the SitDown Strike of 1937. He was a member of the Se nior Citizens of Grand Blanc in Swartz Creek. He had a Hungarian Orchestra for many years, playing at various functions throughout the area, and the was an avid sportsman.
He retired from Hughes Aircraft in 1969, also retired from the Los Angeles
Turf Club. Surviving are: wife- Priscilla; daughter, Marilynn and husband. Kenneth Hoss of Swartz Creek; brother George L and wife Hilda Simon 0 E Holiday, Florida; sister, Julia Cucher of Mt. Morris; Velma Northey of He -
Even those with many other interests, 1 ist their involvement with the Sit Down Strike. grandchildren; Brian and; Belinda: Hoss of Swartz Creek; many nieces and nephews.

In some parts of the country (Pine Mountain, Georgia, for one), the obituary or death announcement "invites" people to attend the services. This custom dates back to England prior to 1900 when a funeral ticket invited a person to "Accompany the Corps of $\qquad$ from h_late Dwelling in $\qquad$ to _l (see lllustration $2-N$ ). (Cunnington 1972) Such an invitation to attend funeral services has been noted in various newspapers. The attached Memorial Service for Wm. Haus smann reflects the same idea (see lllustration 2-O) in a modified version. Some people rate more than one notice. In New York, people are often honored by fellow employees or family members other than the next-of-kin (see lllustrations 2-P and 2-Q). In Memphis, there is evidently an interest in how long a person bore his illness before finally succumbing to it (see lllustration 2-R). In many papers there appears to be an interest in the cause of death; even suicide does not seem to be a matter of confidentiality (see lllustration 2-S.1 - 2-S.3). Further, in Memphis, Tennessee, a person's religious belief is paramount (see lllustration 2-T).



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ticelso's B'nct Brtih Board Mrm. pet of United Way ond Heont Association died of cancer on Mort doy. Mrs Wasser devoted her lite to her familv and the manv.chart ties the wos associoied with. She was born in Philodeiphia but wos a Wielong resident of Monticella, New York. Mrs. Wosser is surVived by her mother Sonic Apter, husoand Joe Wosser, son Martin, daugnier Ellen Golnick grond doughter Lourte and brother iro
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WASSER-Ethe!. Aoed co red Nov 21, 1988 in Monticello, NY. Devoted wite to Sheriff Josepn Was spr. Loving mother of Martin Was. per and Ellen Goinick. Beloved oduphler of Sonic Aoter. Deor sisler of Ira Apter. Adored prandmother of Lourte Golnick. Services will be llarn. Wednesday of the Jewish Community Center, Monticello. NY. Burial will be at the Old Thompsonvilie Road cemeterv, Monticello.

| Fraternal Notices <br> SHEET METAL WORKERS UNION LOCAL NO. 115 Brother Edwin Lawrence. resting ai the Haner-hott-Hultgren Funeral Home. 304 N. Main Wheaton. Sunday ${ }^{3}$ to 9 p.m. Fun 1 p.m. ai Wheaton Blble Church. <br> L.B. Muraski, Secratary/Treasurer. |
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OBINSON - William G. Jf. The itFuliv and sludents of the New cine mourn the passino of williom cine mourn the passing of Williom Professar of Biochemisiry. on No vember 191n. A distinguished. bi chemist and educator, he is well membered by his callegoues and by the medical students he ought over the gast 20 vears. Our gincerest condolences to his tami W.

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it incere condolences to his be reaved tomily.


By Al PONSO A. NARVAEZ
Richard Lowisohn, a business executive and former New York City Finance Administrator, died of lung cancer Sunday at Lenox Hill Hospital. He was 72 years old and lived in Manhattan.
Mr. Lewisohn; a graduate of the Lincoln School at Teachers College and Harvard University, served in the administration of former Mayor John V. Lindsily in a succession of posts starting in 1966.
He was Purchase Commissioner, head of the Department of Commerce and Industrial Development, Economic Development Administrator and Finance Administrator, a position he took in 1970 and held until two months into the administration of Mayor Abraham D. Beame. He then became a financial consultant.
He began his business career working for the American Lead Pencil Company, owned by an uncle, and in 1950 was named president of the Venus Pen and Pencil Company, as the concern was then known.

## A Love for Politics

A staunch Republican, he got his first aste of politics in 1837 when, after raduation from Harvard, he worked
Thomas E. Dewey's campaign for strict Attorney of Manhattan. "I oved it," he said of the experience.
In 1959 he was elected a Republican district leader on Manhattan's East Side with the help of Mr. Lindsay, who was then a Representative in Congress. He worked in Mr. Lindsay's 1965 mayoral campaign and was rewarded with an appointment.
In 1963 he had sought the Republican nomination for a seat on the City Council but withdrew in the interest of party harmony after Richard S. Aldrich, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's cousin, put in a bid for the same nomination. In 1973 Mr. Lewisohn ran unsuccessfully for City Comptroller on a ticket headed by State Senator John J. Marchi, who was seeking to become Mayor.
In the campaign, Mr. Lewisohn denounced Senator Marchi's charge that


Richard Lewisohn
the city was engulfed by "an incredible crime wave."
"I've spent the last five years of my life trying to build up New York City," Mr. Lewisohn said, adding that he was "incensed" at what he called Mr. Marchi's fear tactics.
Mr. Lewisohn was born in New York City on Jan. 26, 1916, to a family active in civic affairs. His father, Dr. Richard Lewisohn Sr., discovered the anticoag.
ulant that made possible the development of blood banks, while his granduncle, Adolph, gave City College the stadium that bears the family name.
For his part, in his various city positions, Mr. Lewisohn helped promote the city's industrial parks and developed a program in which privately financed plants were built on city-owned property and then leased at low rates to businesses. He pushed for creation of the Fiatlands Industrial Park in Brooklyn and a food distribution center in the Hunts Paint section of the Bronx.
As Finance Administrator, he also started tours of construction in the city for bankers and corporate executives. The tours helped improve ratings for the city's bonds. In addition he'pioneered the overnight investment of idle city cash in short-term securities, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ move that earned the city more than $\$ 40$ million a year in interest.
He served on numerous public boards and commissions, including the State Urban Development Corporation, the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York and the New York Botanical Garden. At his death, he was chairman of the State Board of Equalization and Assessment, which sets tax equalization rates for local governments.

Mr . Lewisohn is survived by his wife, the former Jeanne Fhorman; a daughter, Aileen Godsick of Manhattan; two sons, Richard 3d, of Manhattan, and Clifford, of Teaneck, N.J.; a sister, Barbara Heyman of Stockholm, and six grandchildren.


LEWISOHN-Richard. On NovemFiber 20 1088. Husband of Jeonne. Fother of Richord ill. Alleen Godsick and Clifford. Brother of Barbara Hevman. Also survived by 6 grondchildren. Friends may call af Frank E. Campbell. Modison. Avenue at $\$ 1$ street, Tuesdav 7 -Emanu-El, sth Avenue of 65 Street Emanu-El, Sith Avenue of inferment on wednescav flam. private. In lieu of flowers concer soflons to the New York Botanical Garcen would be apprecidted.

Notices by other than family members
THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MRS. ELMYRA POPLAR, 80, of
 gional Medical Center at Memphis after a long illness. M. J. Edwards \&
 sionary Baptist Church. She leaves Sionary Baptist Church. She leaves ter, Mrs. Alice Watkins; three step-
 Mrs. Alma Stewart and Mrs. Alberta
Moore, and a son, Willie T. Warren,


A. T. PRUITT, 70, of 2489 Hanwood, retired City of Memphis em-
 a short illness. J. O. Patterson Mortuary East Chapel has charge. He




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 Transportation Co., and retired terford, Miss., died Saturday at her Transportation Co., and retireddriver for Taystee Bread Co. after 33 years, died at early Thursday at St . Francis Hospital after a brief illness. Services will be at 1 p.m. Satur-
day at Sarepta (Miss.) Baptist Church with burial in Sarepta Cemetery. Memphis Funeral Home
 Navy worid War II veceran and a member of Beverly Hills Baptist
Church. He leaves his wife of 45 years, Catherine Cain Hipp; two daughters, Mrs. Cathy Hipp and Mrs. Betty Palmer, both of Memphis; six sons, James B. Hipp, Robert all of Memphis, Gary Hipp of Travis Air Force Base, Calif., and Terry Hipp of Chattanooga; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Hipp Dickson of Memphis and Mrs. Opal Hipp Mackay of
MISS SHERRY S. JONES, 20, of




 five sisters, Mrs. Sallie M. Irving of five sisters, Mrs. Sallie M. Irving of Miss Ophelia Jones and Mrs. Jettie M. Bledsoe, all of Memphis, and Mrs. Louise Harden of Indianapolis; six
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 stepbrother, James Otis Wade of Memphis.

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## Mr. Howell P. Yancey

Mr. Howell P. Yancey of Deca--tur,-store manager for Southern
\% Bearings and Parts Co., died Sunday of complications from Parkin© son's disease at Emory University $\mp$ Hospital. He was 56 .

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ward's Glenwood Chapel with burial at Crestlawn Memorial Park

Surviving are his wife, Pauline
© Yancey; three daughters, Paula
: McCurdy of Hapeville, Carol McLeod of Decatur and Linda Cook of Jonesboro; parents, Howell A. Yancey and Elsie Yancey of Decatur; four sisters, Helen Arnold of Fol-

## Mr. Francis J. Vining

Mr. Francis J. "Joe" Vining of Decatur, retired public relations representative for the Orkin Co. who was a Navy Seabee in the Pacific Theater in World War II, died of heart failure at his home Monday. He was 81.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Decatur First Baptist Church, with burial at Southview Cemetery in Thomaston at 1:30 p.m.

Surviving are his wife, Varena Moseley Vining, and a brother, - James A. Vining of Thomaston.

## Anne Kirby Zimmerman

Anne Kirby Zimmerman, 3-month-old daughter of Carey and Linda Zimmerman of Marietta, died of heart failure Sunday at Kennestone Hospital.

A private memorial service will be held Wednesday at the hospital chapel, and the body will be interred at a later date.

The baby's mother is a reporter in the Cobb County bureau of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Surviving in addition to her parents are grandparents, Antony and Piera Kirby of Bolton, Ontario, Canada, and Beverly Heinz of Dubuque, Iowa; and her great-grandmother, Edna James of Dubuque.

## Mrs. Cora Mae Cole

Mrs. Cora Mae Cole of Atlanta, a homemaker, died of respiratory failure Sunday at Grady Memorial Hospital. She was 75.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Calvary Baptist Church with burial at Spring Hill Baptist Church cemetery in El lenwood.

Surviving are two sons, Frank C. Cole of Atlanta and Frank W. Cole Jr. of Morrow; two daughters, Margaret Simmons of Lake City, Ga., and Florence Pearson of Rome, Ga.; two sisters, Elsie Beck and Geraldine Davis, both of Riverdale; nine grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

## Deaths and funerals

## Arthur Argent

Arthur Argent, 75, Bayview, died yesterday of leukemia. Funeral 1 p.m. tomorrow, Angwin Mortuary Center, burial Forest Grove Cemetery. Retired U.S. Steel, member Pleasant Grove Bible Missionary Church. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Lucy Hall Argent; daughter, Mrs. Alice A.
-Lindsey, Ocean Springs, Miss.; three sons, Charles Argent, Bayview, Larry Argent, Bluff Park, Bobby Argent, Forestdale; sister, Mrs. Willie Mae Dees, Lawton, Okla. Memorials to Leukemia Society.

## Mrs. Mildred B. Bornard

Funeral for Mrs. Mildred B. Barnard, 71, Leeds, who died Wednesday after suffering a heart attack, will be 11 a.m. today, Kilgroe Funeral Home, Leeds, burial Cedar Grove Cemetery. Retired United Chair, Leeds. Survivors: husband, Edward P. Barnard; four daughters, Mrs. Shelba Armstrong, Tallassee, Mrs. Linda Neal, Acworth, Ga., Mrs. Barbara Cheaves, Mrs. Elizabeth McCormick, both Leeds; two brothers, John Betterton, Detroit, Mich., Houston Betterton, Guntersville; four sisters, Mrs. Farah Cameron, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Nell Harbin, Birmingham, Mrs. Jackie Marshall, Gadsden, Mrs. Lyndall Sparks, Guntersville.

Southside directing. Retired Navy, member Navy Fleet Reserve. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Sara Dressler, son, Steve Dressler, Chesapeake, Va.; daughter, Mrs. Sandra Marinos, Glenrock, N.J.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson Garrett

Funeral for Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson Garrett, 87, Pinson, who died Wednesday, -will be 2 -p.m. today,Ridout's Roebuck East Chapel, burial Jefferson Memorial Gardens East. Member Fellowship Baptist Church, Center Point. Survivors: daughter, Mrs. Mary Faye Shrader, Pinson; four sons, Ralph W. Garrett, Center Point, Ronald H. Garrett, Leeds, Charles R. Garrett, Jasper, Roy L. Garrett, Susan Moore; sister, Mrs. Lena McGee, Tuscaloosa.

## Mrs. Maudie M. Gioiello

Funeral for Mrs. Maudie M. Gioiello, 84, Republic, who died Wednesday, will be 2 p.m. today, Crestview Memorial Funeral Home, burial Bivens Chapel Cemetery. Member Republic Baptist Church. Survivors: Son, John A. Gioiello, Trussville; four brothers, Robert, Jimmy, Steve and Lawrence Evans, sister, Mrs. Aileen Armstrong, all Birmingham.

## William Horace Gray

William Horace Gray, 79, Adamsville, died yesterday of heart and respiratory problems. Funeral 2 p.m. tomorrow, Crestview Memorial

- Funeral Home, Adamsville, burial Midway Cemetery. Retired restaurant owner. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Mildred Gray, daughter, Mrs. Elaine Harris, son, Elon Gray, both Adamsville.


## In Lexington

-~ Louis J. Coleman, 82, of 145 Malabu Drive, died Saturday. Services 1 p.m. Wednesday at Smith \& Smith Funeral Home. Visitation 6 to 9 p.m. today.
Henry McLean Halley, 67, of 212 Hollow Creek Road, a retired house painter, brother of Ray Halley, died of a self-inflicted gunshot
(even suicide) , wound to the head Sunday at the - Veterans Administration Medical

- Center off Cooper Drive. The death was a suicide. Fayette County Deputy Coroner Charles Howell said. Services $11^{--}$a.m. Wednesday in Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Jessamine County. No visitation. . Kerr Brothers Funeral Home here in charge of arrangements.

The Associated Press
SOUTH HAVEN, Mich. - Mr. Bruce Matteson, a wildlife artist who painted pictures for Presidents Ford and Johnson, died Tuesday after falling out of a tree while hunting. He was 51.

Mr. Matteson, of South Haven, was hunting deer Tuesday from a tree stand on his property with his wife, Nancy, when he fell and died of internal injuries, said Allegan County Sheriff's Deputy Brenda Buys.
"It really isn't legal, but it's on private property," said his wife. "There was a little place he had in the back. It was on a rise and he fell from a distance."

The funeral will be Thursday, here.
an Manvil Lee Warner, 81 , of Con way died Monday. He was 2 Baptist:Survivors are hiswife, Bonnie

- Warner, a brother, D. D. Warner of
- Conway; three sisters, Bertha Cox and Lexie Cogbill of Little Rock, and Exxie Jolly of California; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great--grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Roller-McNutt Funeral Home. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Cemetery in Jacksonville.


## CROSSETT

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Mrs. Doris Jean Graves, 50, of Gladewater, Texas, formerly of

- Crossett, died Sunday. She-was -a Baptist. Survivors are two sons, Ricky and Ronnie Graves of Crossett; two daughters, Vickie Cleghorn of Ashdown (Little River County) and Caroline Ware of Hamburg; her mother, Freddie Warren of Lancaster, Texas; two brothers, Bobby and David Warren of Smithville, Okla.; a sister, Pat Blake of Lancaster, Texas; and six grandchildren. Graveside service _ will be at 10 -a.m. Wednesday in Flat Creek Cemetery in Fountain Hill by Jones Funeral Home of Crossett

DANVILLE
Mrs. Alice Cathey, 89, of Danville died Monday. She was a Baptist. Survivors are a son, Glen Collins Cathey of Pico Rivera, Calif.; a daughter, Ruby Nelle Sanner of Monte Vista, Colo.; five brothers, Jack, Buell, Alvi, Hugh, and Floyd Luker of Oklahoma City; eight sisters, Ruby McCurry of Dumas, Lillian McCurry of Plainview, Versal Denton of Oklahoma City, Okla., Naomi Stewart and Ann Evans of Norman, Okla., Velma Jean Welch of Quanah, Texas, Joyce Marshall of Iowa Park, Texas, and Ellen Fryman of Allen, Okla.; four grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Briggsville United Methodist Church by Shinn Funeral Service of Russellville. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery near Briggsville.

## FORDYCE

Mrs. -Irene McDaniel Benton, 94, of Fordyce, a retired teacher, died Monday. She was a Baptist, a member of Fordyce Culture Club, the Music Club, the Fordyce Garden Club, and the widow of E.C. Benton. Survivors are a son, E.C. "Bubba" Benton Jr. of Little Rock; a daughter, Rosamond Davenport of Malvern; a brother, C. H. McDaniel of Magnolia; a sister, Ruth M. Couch of El Dorado; six grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Benton Funeral Home. Burial will be in Oakland

## MARVELL

Mrs. Louise M. Griffith, 63, of Marvell died Tuesday. She was a Baptist. Survivors are her husband, Leon Griffith; a brother, Wilburn Swift of Hazen; and five sisters, Hazel Taylor of Texas, Laura Flarity of Aubrey (Lee County), Dorothy Robinson and Pauline Dillard of Marvell, and Carolyn Aycox of Mayflower. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Roller-Citizens Funeral Home of West Helena. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park.

## MONROE

Paul M. Flowers, 59, of Monroe, a chief engineer at Chotin Inc., died Monday. He was a Baptist. Survivors are his wife, Pat Roberts Flowers; two sons, Mike Flowers of Memphis and Jim Pat Flowers of Fort Devens, Mass.; a daughter, Sue Bradley of Little Rock; a brother, Maurice Flowers of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and a sister, Gloria Clayton of Wynne; Funeral will be at $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Thursday at Fowler Funeral Home of Brinkley. Burial will be in Upper Cemetery.

There are brief obituaries; there are lengthy obituaries. Some people seem to be related to everyone in town, and the family has decided that they need to list them all, lest there be repercussions. There are poignant obits; there are strange obits. These are included here, not to ridicule people or to treat death lightly, but to show the trend toward individualism which seems to be on the rise.

The first noted trend is the use of an individual's nickname. In one day's notices, for example, there were five obituaries which used the nicknames of the deceased (see lllustration 2-U). Of course, if that is how a person is most apt to be identified, it makes sense. Another recent trend is the use of pictures. This seems to be fairly widespread, except in the case of large cities. Perhaps, due to space limitations, they do not want to encourage the trend. It seems to be a trend which encourages imitation. Locally, it is a trend begun only recently which is growing, as evidenced by the example offered (see lllustration 2-V).

Another possible trend is the family's admission of the deceased's alternate lifestyle, as seen in the obituary of a young male and his "partner in life," who is also a male (see IIlustration 2-W).

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## Flushing-Saginaw

STINCHFIELD, Clara (Chubby) - Of Flushing, age 75 , died Thursday, January 5, 1989, at the Home for the Aged, Sagjnaw. Funeral services will be held 2 PM Saturday, January 7, 1989, at the Rossell Funeral Home, Rev. Fr. David M. Driver officiating. Burial in; Flushing Cemetery. Visitation 5-9 PM Friday and E. (Wild Bill) - Of 102 W . $12-2$ PM Saturday. Memo-
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rial contributions may be Arkansas, age 80 , died made to the Home for the Wednesday, December Aged in Saginaw or Trin28, 1988, at Arkansas ity Episcopal Church. Methodist Hospital. Fu-Mrs. Stinchfield was bom neral services were held in Flushing, Michigan, December 31, 1988, in June 16, 1913, the daugh-

## Metamora

ERICSON, Alf E (Froggy or Jitterbug John) - Of Metamora, age 66, died Sunday, April 2, 1989, at Nquth Branch. Friends may visit after 5 PM Wednesday. Services will be held 1 PM Friday at the Baird-Newton Funeral Home, Lapeer, Rev. Havis Gabbard officiating. Burial in Oregon Township Cemetery. Mr. Ericson was born in New Jersey, August 13, 1922, the son of Rachael and Alfred Ericson. He worked for 34 years at Pontiac Motors, .retiring in 1979. He was an avid sportsman, always bunting and fishing. He had a great love for dancing which eamed him the knick-name, "Jitterbug John". Surviving are: sons, David and wife Opal Ericson of Attica and Terry and wife Annette Ericson of Metamora; daughter, Tina and hus-




In one particular situation which was published in the local newspaper, an entire saga was presented. It began with the death of "Ashtray" in January, 1987, at which time he went to Harley Heaven. Two and three years later the saga was evidently concluded when his lady wrote to him via "In Memoriams" and told him about the new man and new baby in her life (see Chapter 1). Perhaps there will be an update in the January, 1991, Flint Journal.

Another most unusual obituary related the death of a citizen of the universe, Mrs. Callahan (see lllustration 2-X).


The ultimate obituary, though, is the rare tribute afforded those departed members who "make it" into The Annual Obituary. This publication yearly lists those persons of note (as selected by the editorial staff, evidently) who have died that year. These yearly volumes are filed in the Library alongside the other dictionaries and encyclopedias. The 1985 volume, for example, contains the obituary of film actor, Rock Hudson. Patricia Burgess, London, in the editor's note states that:

Many notable people died during 1985, and selecting those for inclusion in this latest volume of The Annual Obituary was no easy task. Among the 333 entries, former presidents and film stars certainly appear, as do novelists, artists, scientists and musicians of international renown. However, the reader will also find tributes to less public figures who made quiet but significant contributions to their various fields.

As in previous volumes, each entry consists of a descriptive essay followed by a detailed, who's who-style biographical note, which, where appropriate, includes lists of exhibitions and major works, plus extended bibliographies and filmographies.

It appears that Rock Hudson's inclusion (see lllustration 2Y) is based upon their contention that Rock was, "the last major star to come out of the Hollywood studio system." What is noticeable, however, is the last sentence of his biography which states: Cause of death AIDS, at age 59. Since he was one of the very first notable film stars to achieve this notoriety, one
wonders how much this might have had to do with his inclusion in the 1985 annual.

## ROCK HUDSON

American Film Actor
Born Winnetka, Illinois, 25 November 1925
Died Beverly Hills, California, 2 October 1985

The last major star to come out of the Hollywood studio system, Rock Hudson was the most romantic idol of the 1950 s and 1960 s. Initially cast purely on the basis of his rugged good looks, he managed to survive early billing as "the Baron of Beefcake" to become an accomplished screen performer, and in a career that included 62 films, was twice voted top box office draw.

Bom Roy Harold Scherer, Rock Hudson lived the early years of his life above a drugstore in Winnetka, a small town north of Chicago, with his father, Roy Scherer and mother, Kay Wood Scherer. When the Depression hit the USA in the early 1930s, young Roy's father lost his job as a car mechanic and the family moved in with Kay's parents, where they were soon joined by Kay's brother, wife and children. In the summer of 1931, the Scherer grandparents took six-year-old Roy Jr to stay with them at their farm near Olney. While there, his parents separated and when Kay married Wallace Fitzgerald in 1934, young Roy took his new stepfather's name, from now on being known as Roy Fitzgerald.
From the age of ten, Roy Fitzgerald took on jobs to help support the family when his stepfather was out of work. In 1941 the Fitzgeralds separated and Kay went to work as a telephone operator at the Great Lakes Training Station, 17 miles away. Young Roy attended the New Trier High School, where he sang in the glee club, and also in the choir of the First Congregational Church. A rather shy child, he nevertheless surprisingly longed to act, and tried out for several school plays, but couldn't get anywhere because he could never remember the lines-a failing that was to dog him in his early years in Hollywood.
After graduating from high school, Roy joined the US Navy, where he served in the Philippines as an aviation mechanic. But his new career was to be short-lived. One day he made a serious error while checking out one of the bombers. The plane crashed and the next day Roy was transferred to the laundry detail. After his discharge from the navy in 1946, he worked briefly as a piano mover, before moving to Los Angeles to live with his father, who had remarried. He worked unsuccessfully as a vacuum cleaner salesman in his father's appliance store, and a series of other jobs soon followed, including postman and, eventually, truck driver for a food company.
Still desperate to be an actor, between deliveries he would stand in front of various studio gates waiting to be discovered, but no one noticed him. The story goes that he then bought a gabardine suit, invested $\$ 25$ in photographs of himself, and sent them around to various producers and directors with a letter. As would always be the case in his career, it was his sheer hard work and persistence that paid off. He was eventually spotted by Henry Willson-a talent scout for Selznick Studios who had discovered many other actors, such as Tab Hunter and Robert Wagner. Willson was favourably impressed with Roy's photographs and asked him to come in for an interview. One of the first things Willson did was to change the would-be actor's name from Roy Fitzgeraid to Rock Hudson (Rock for the Rock of Gibraltar and Hudson for the Hudson River). Years later, Hudson was to confide to an interviewer that he hated the name.
Hudson's début in the film world could hardly have been described as successful. After an initial lack of interest from most of the studios, he eventually-through Willson's persistencemanaged to get a screen test for Twentieth Century-Fox. It was so bad that it was later shown to classes of beginners as a classic example of how not to act.

Eventually-and again through Willson-Hudson met Raoul Walsh, then a director for Wamer Brothers. Walsh put Hudson under personal contract, invested $\$ 9,000$ in his living expenses and acting lessons, and gave him a small part in a picture called Fighter Squadron at $\$ 120$ a week. But Hudson didn't take naturally to the cameras. He seemed to have immense difficulty with one of his lines in the picture: "Pretty soon you're going to have to get a bigger blackboard." There had to be no less than 38 takes.

A year later, Hudson's contract was sold to Universal-International Pictures. Here, Hudson worked conscientiously at mastering his profession. His teeth were capped and he was coached intensively in acting, singing, dancing, fencing and riding. Again, persistence prevailed, and within six years he had 28 pictures to his credit, albeit with very small parts. His best performances during these years were in Westems such as Where The River Bends, Horizons West and The Lawless Breed, in which he was successfully cast against type as a killer trying to live down his past. In later years, when his early work was being televised, Hudson was rather embarrassed about these films: "Most of them make me cringe, it's rather like having your old linen washed in public. But at least those lousy movies were good training. The only thing I can say in my defence is that I did the best I could. It was pretty rotten, I agree, but it was my best..."
It was in the cycle of melodramas directed by ex-patriate German director Douglas Sirk, that Hudson really became a star. The first was Magnificent Obsession, in 1954, in which Hudson played opposite Jane Wyman as Bob Merrick, a wealthy playboy who causes Wyman's blindness and then becomes a surgeon to cure her. The role had made Robert Taylor a star in the original 1935 version, and, when Hudson was offered the part he was, naturally, eager to accept. But a few weeks before shooting began, he fractured his collarbone while surfing. Although the fracture had not completely mended, he managed to convince the doctors that he could work. Fortunately for him. The picture eamed $\$ 5,000,000$ and established him as Universal's top star.

It is the measure of the high reputation Hudson had by now established for himself that soon after Magnificent Obsession MGM offered $\$ 750,000$ to borrow him for a role in Ben-Hur. The Universal executives-knowing they were on to a good thing-refused. A few nondescript roles followed, and, a year later, Hudson was again teamed with Jane Wyman in the second of his four Sirk films, All That Heaven Allows (the next two would be Written on the Wind (1957) and The Tarnished Angels (1958)-the last containing one of Hudson's best performances, as a drunken reporter).
In between these two, however, he played the lead in Warner Brothers' Giant, a film directed by George Steven that tumed out to be the year's biggest grossing picture. The choice of Hudson for the taxing lead role of Texan rancher Bick Benedict was something of a surprise in the trade, but under Steven's expert direction Hudson managed to give real depth to his characterization. His performance gained him an Academy Award nomination and high critical acclaim. A critic for Variety in 1956 wrote that with his appearance in the film Hudson had achieved "real star status", and the exhibitors voted him 1957's top star.
Taking advantage of Hudson's new popularity, the studios released an earlier film of his called Something of Value, in which Hudson played a white settler in a Kenya torn by the Mau-Mau uprisings. In 1957 Hudson aiso received praise for his performance opposite Jennifer Jones in A Farewell to Arms. By now he was at the peak of his popularity and was to remain at the top of the box office ratings for eight years.

With the sophisticated comedy Pillow Talk in 1959, in which he conducted a stormy romance with Doris Day over a party telephone line, Hudson embarked on a virtually new career as a comedy actor. It seemed that he had also, single-handedly and unwittingly, invented a new type of film. With its fast-moving, witty dialogue, the "sex comedy" was to be one of Hollywood's most popular genres for the next half-dozen years, with Hudson inevitably as its main male protagonist. He made two more films with Day-Lover Come Back (1962), in which he played
the part of a rake who disguises his identity to trick Day, and Send Me No Flowers (1964), as a hypochondriac convinced he is dying. Both were well received, as were his performances in $A$ Very Special Favour (1965) and Man's Favourite Sport (1964). On set he became known as the most hard-working and cooperative of actors.

By the mid-1960s, however, Rock Hudson's style in comedy had worn a bit thin and was becoming increasingly predictable. When he was offered the chance of a change of direction in John Frankenheimer's clever drama Seconds he jumped at the chance, and although the film didn't do well at the box office, he was justly proud of it.

For the next few years, Hudson was to try several different types of film: a war picture (Tobruk, 1967), an adventure story (Ice Station Zebra, 1968), a Western with John Wayne (The Undefeated), and a World War I romance with Julie Andrews called Darling Lill. All were relatively unsuccessful.

In recent years his films became fewer and fewer and he turned increasingly to television, where he starred in the long-running series about the San Francisco police commisioner, McMillan and Wife. In 1981 he had open heart surgery and recovered sufficiently to take part in the TV soap opera Dynasty, but further periods of illness were to take their toll and his last public appearance was in 1985.

Born Roy Harold Scherer; assumed the sumame Fitzgerald after adoption by mother's second husband, 1934. Parents Roy, automechanic, and Kay (Wood) Scherer. Marriage Phyllis Gates, secretary to his agent, 1955 (divorced, 1958). Education New Trier High School, Winnetka. Military service Served in United States Navy as an aviation mechanic and a laundryman 3rd class, the Philippines, 1944-46. Career Various menial jobs, including piano mover, vacuum-cleaner salesman, postman and truck driver; changed name to Rock Hudson, 1947; screen début in Fighter Squadron, 1948; worked under contract for Raoul Walsh and Henry Willson, 1948-49, then Universal-International Pictures, 1949; made 28 films, 1949-54; first major break as Bob Merrick in The Magnificent Obsession, 1954; top box-office star, United States, 1957; with Henry Willson, formed production company, Seven Pictures, 1960; first independent production, Come September, 1961; prolific film career, 1950s and 1960s; turned to television, 1970s. Offices and memberships Chairman, Christmas Seal, 1970. Awards and honours Most Popular Actor of the Year, Modern Screen magazine, 1954; Top Male Movie Star, Look magazine, 1955; honorary degree, Manetta College, Ohio, 1957; Exhibitor Laurel awards, 1958-66; Bambi awards, Germany, 1958-65; Golden Globe award as world's favourite film actor, Hollywood Foreign Correspondents Association, 1958, 1960-62; King David award, 1970. Films Fighter Squadron, 1948; Undertow, 1949; I Was a Shoplifter, 1950; One-Way Street; Winchester '73; Peggy; The Desert Hawk; Double Crossbones; Tomahawk, 1951; Air Cader; The Fat Man; Iron Man; Bright Victory; Here Come the Nelsons, 1952; Bend of the River; Scarlet Angel; Has Anybody Seen My Gal; Horizons West; The Lawless Breed; Seminole, 1953; Sea Devils; The Golden Blade; Back to God's Country; Taza, Son of Cochise, 1954; Magnificent Obsession, 1954; Bengal Brigade; Captain Lightfoot, 1955; One Desire; All That Heaven Allows; Never Say Goodbye, 1956; Giant, 1956; Battle Hymn, 1956; Written on the Wind, 1957; Something of Value, 1957; The Tarnished Angels, 1958; A Farewell to Arms, 1958; Twilight for the Gods; This Earth Is Mine, 1959; Pillow Talk, 1959; The Last Sunset, 1961; Come September, 1961; Lover Come Back, 1962; The Spiral Road; A Gathering of Eagles, 1963; Man's Favourite Sport?, 1964; Send Me No Flowers, 1964; Strange Bedfellows; A Very Special Favour, 1965; Blindfold, 1966; Seconds; Tobruk, 1967; Ice Starion Zebra, 1968; Una Coppia Tranquilla/A Fine Pair, 1969; The Undefeated; Darling Lili, 1970; II Vespaio/The Hornet's Nest; Pretry Maids All in a Row, 1971; Showdown, 1972; Embryo; Avalanche; The Mirror Crack'd. Television McMillan and Wife (series), 1971-76; Mystery Theater, NBC; Wheels (mini-series), 1977-78; appearances in The Starmaker, 1981, World War 3, The Devlin Connection, 1982, Dynasty, 1984. Stage I Do! I Do!, 1974-75; John Brown's Body, 1976; Camelot, 1977; On the Twentieth Century, 1979. Cause of death AIDS, at age 59.

Returning to newspapers, one finds other illustrations which document a trend toward "dressing-up" the obituary/In Memoriam section of the paper. Nineteenth century obituaries or death notices usually appeared as three-liners on the front page of a small newsletter. Somewhere along the way the death notice became the "Obituary" and earned its own column. Eventually it became a "classified ad" and shared space with ads for used cars and washing machines. A move toward respect has been noticed lately. Instead of "fillers" which tout Ojibwa Bitters, more attention is being paid to layout. Technology has made possible the inclusion of decent, recognizable photographs. Borders to highlight special obituaries are being used. Where fillers are needed for excess space, the paper is using appropriate symbols, not paid advertising (see lllustrations 2-Z.I - 2-Z.3).

Incidentally, if you happen to die in a large city, don't expect much space in the newspaper; the bigger the city, the smaller the obituary (see lllustrations $2-A A .1$ and $2-A A .2$ ).

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A SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS


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IN MEMORIAM VERSE BOOKLET.
AVaHable lfoe al THE EXPRESS. Please ask lor




In a large city, they use
small type
(Reduced again, of course, to get on this one page)


[^2]Concurrent with the above noted innovations, though, a shift away from obituaries and toward another category called, "In Memoriam" is being seen. The "In Memoriam" article can be the most poignant of writings. Chapter three takes a look at this growing tribute feature. This from-the-heart poetry is gaining acceptance widely and is what l choose to call "The American Poetry of Death."

## Chapter 3

## In Memoriam

The need to express sorrow and grief at the time of death and even considerably later is evident throughout American history. Life was tenuous in the very early colonies due to many things, e.g., the harsh weather, the lack of proper nourishment and medicines, and attack by the Indians. Nevertheless, death, even when anticipated, needs to be expressed in order to ease the pain for the survivors. A look at literature from early America shows the need to express this grieving and, therefore, to share it with others. William Bradford, the Separatist, wrote of death from the viewpoint of "providences." For him, God showed divine intervention in the affairs of men. For Bradford, the death of the haughty young seaman who cursed and provoked the Separatists aboard ship was the hand of God.

John Winthrop, Puritan, reported death in his Journal in a matter of fact, straightforward way. He showed the Puritan need to find divine sanctification for their acts. For example, Anne Hutchinson, was excommunicated because of her opposition to divine laws. Her punishment was to give birth to a "monstrosity." The Puritan children were taught to ask the Lord to take their souls in case they died during the night, so death was not an unknown to them, either.

Further on into the 1600 s, Anne Bradstreet, the first notable poet in American literature, expressed her thoughts on death in her poetry. Her Puritan voice spoke of the possibility
of death in childbirth, which would not have been an uncommon thing at that time. She also wrote in memory of a grandchild. That particular poem is not unlike the "In Memoriam" items which are printed in the newspaper today. A little later, Edward Taylor, also a Puritan, wrote a poem in commemoration of his sons who died in infancy. Since his poems were never presented to the public, and were discovered only after his death, one assumes that the writing was for his own personal comfort. The tone of "Upon Wedlock and Death of Children" suggested that it was almost a favor from God to have taken his children. Reflections of these poems can be seen in some of the In Memoriams published today.

Later in the 18 th Century, death is alluded to by allegorical methods. Philip Freneau, for example, wrote of "The "Wild Honey Suckle." In that manner, the subject of human death is not met directly, but only hinted at. He implied the same with his poem, "On a Honey Bee, which shows images of mortality. There are today, some obituaries which do not mention that a death has occurred - only that there will be a funeral or services.

It is, however, another matter with the tributes written after the death of someone. They usually are placed after a period of mourning has elapsed; e.g., one or two years; although some periods are 20,30 , or more. One tribute (see Example 3-A) is for a death 70 years ago! After this length of time, the survivors have usually accepted the fact of death. These cormemorations are usually placed in the newspaper to observe an anniversary related to the deceased. Generally, they make note of a
(45 years)


## 70 years ago!

## WILSON, MARY JOSEPHINE

Who passed awoy 70 years ago todoy, Dec. A, 1918 in the Gred Fiu Epidemic.
For those who loved and remembered today's the soddest of the vear tor 'tis the date you met The Reaper
and left us here to sorrow. ond lett us here to sorrow.
Deor, - we love you yery much.

I'm the last of your four kids. Mother.

Sadly Missed by Hugh Along With Sorne 148 r. . - Descendonts

## (40 years)

BOCHANSKI, VINCENTE. IN LOVING MEMORY of
Vincemt who died 40 years Vincent who died 40 year
000 tocar, March 5 , 1849.
In years is a long time to any-
one but vour fomily
it still hurts like if was yesterdoy.
:We remember the twinkle in your eves and the happi-- ness you browant to ever. one -with your voiln music.
You hod so marty frlends. most of them dre with you now.
You hove 2 sons-in-low, 8 grandehildren, and 6 great-grandchildren who you never got to know.
What rurns would life hod token if you were with us now.
LOVINGLY REMEMBERED
WIFE, ANNIE AND
DAUGHTERS
BARBARA YANTA
PATRICIA STEPANIK

## (20 years)

| 05 ln Memoriam |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| UNN - in lowing memory of owr |  |
| Mother Mary Violet Blain, who was colled home 20 years ago today, |  |
|  |  |
| February 15, 1969. |  |
| Htwas 20 years ago todoy. |  |
| Thot we woldhed you slowty fode owdy |  |
| Wa knew we could not heepp you hera with us |  |
| With octing hearts wo hod to part |  |
| With the one wa loved so deor |  |
| You didn't oven bid a last forewell |  |
| Before wo krow it, Mom, you were gone |  |
| Gome but neviriorgotion.: : . - |  |
| Sodty missed by, <br> Doungrows, Horrien Gordon, Corol and hicty |  |
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(30 years)

year's passing, or the birthday of the deceased. Sometimes they commemorate the wedding anniversary of a couple (see Examples 3-B through 3-D). These items are completely paid for by the person placing them and cost is evidently no concern if a person wants to be eloquent.


In sad and Joving memory of my dear-
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December 2lst cormies with idy re $\$$ and this day ill hever forder. No werds can say no flowers repay for the dePrest husbanid 1 lost olight yetrt hyo foday. Gdd took you home if whs his will, but forever in my haart you liveth sthll.
Peeply loved and missed by wife Emma Find daughter Amy.
Ncosil
in sad and loving memory of our father
Mlehael on our first Christmas apart. Gone dear father, gone forever. How we miss your amiling face. But you left us to rethember none on earth can take your place. A habpy home we once anfbyed, how sweet the themory still but death has left a lonliness, the world can never fill.
Love your bon kocco and your daughter Gind.

## NICOSIA

In sad and loving metmory of Michael on our first Christmas aport.
There is someone who mistes you sady and finds the time long since you went. There is someorit who thilinks of you dways and tries to be brave and tontent. Gohe is the flace whl loved so deart slient the voliel we loved to hedr. Tis sad

- but true we wondet why, the best ard always the first to die.
Love Ida and Roy.


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 āway Becerriber 21, $18 \% 7$.
-Sady thissed and toved by-your-wife Ruth, sons, Tyler, Brad, Elenh and Scott, daughterz-1K'taw, Liz, Sandy and Eleanor, grandchildren, Ashley, Alysso, Kyle, Michael and friend Steve.


TRAYNOR JR.
 tathes jr.o who passed tway Dec. 21, TH.
In our home he is folialy fettifitibered.
a sweet momories cling to his namd. Those who toved him in life, sincerely still love him in death fust the same.
: Sadly missed by Father, Brothers and
: Sister, Nieces and Nephews.





IN MEMORY OF - Our Broth-
er, Michoel Gerve Pruett (Boo $8 \infty 0)$, born to Earl Weyne Pruet ond Bertie gell Pruetf in. Kernett, Missouri. I hod four brothers, You were number three. I remember the day that you were born. Roger went running down the rood telling oll - our neighbors "hlt's o boy. tt's 0 boy." What a sweet boy you were too. I remember when your voice changed. All of a sudden you were 20 years old. You ware whin a gentlemin. You wore the perfect brother. We fust didn't hove enough time. I wish I would have known about the things thot were on your mind thot night. I'm sorry. 1 didn't. Time does not heal oll wounds. Happy Birthdoy, 800 Boo, on this Valentine's Day. We love you and thinix of you ev. ery day. Your Sister and Brothers: Potty, Roger, Dennis and Johnny. P.S. Happy Valentine's Day.

Birthday/Valentine's Day
Open letter to brother



BARROW
In loving memory of our Mom and Mom-Mom, Thelma: 12 , it Dear Thelma, The pearly gates were opened. A géntle volca said, "Come." And with farewells unspoken, she gent-- jy entered home.

We are sad within our mémory, lonēly are our hearts today. For the one wo
loved so dearly has forever been called away. We think of her In silence, no eye may see us weep, but many sllent tears are shed when others are aslaep. $=-$.
Merry Christmas, Hon.
$\therefore$ Love Edle, Billy, and Vendla. . \&ts


## BARROW



## NICOSIA


为名 In sad and loving memory of my husbend Michael on our first Christmas apart.
loften st and think of him when I emall alone; for memory is the only friend that grief can call ifs own. LJke ivy on the withered oak when all other things decay; my love for him will still keep green and never fade away.

## Love, Rosemary.:



## PANCIERA

in loving memory of my husband, BenJamin, on his birthday, December 25. There is a link that death cannot sever. love and remembrance last forever. No longer in my llfe to share, but in my memorles and heart you're always there.
Sadly missed by your wife Helen
PETTLFORD SR.
In foving memory of our dear Dad Alaxander on his birthday. Dec. 25th. Our family circle has been broken, a link gone from our chain. But though we're parted for awhile, we know we'll meet again.
Sadly missed by Sheifa, Della, Alan 8 Alaxander.Jr.

## PREINE

In sad 8 loving memory of John $\&$ Catherine

## DALTON

In loving memory of our beloved son Jack who passed February 1987.
The one who gave me great loy lannow at rest with God. Someday we shall meet again and be fogether forever.:

## Your sad and loving Mother Fran and

 friend Paul
## DI CARLANTONIO


my parents, Anna and Carlo at Chrt mastime. Wish you were here tres Daughter Lucille and Family. Nef
,

Our family circle has been broken, a 'llink gone from our chaln. 'But though we're parted for a while, we know we'll meet again.
Some day we hope to meet you, some day, we know not when. We shall meet In a bettar tand a never part again. Merry Christmas, Your Chlldren, Grandchildren Great-Grandehildren

## POLASKI

Dearest Mlchelle not a day goes by that I don't think of you. Today as well as everyday is difficult without you. I hope. your second Christmas in heaven is a special as you were to me.
t love you, Merry Christmas your best friend Andrea

In sad and loving memory of my Mom, Rose, on Christmas Day.
A ilght is from our household gone, a volce l loved is stilled. A place is vacant In my heart which never can be filled. Some may think you are forgotten though on earth you are no more. But in memory you are with me as you always iwere betore.
Your loving son, Jim

$\because$

##  <br> POLASKI <br> -In loving memory of my sweet daugh-ter Michelle Lee at Christmas. <br> An hour doesn't go by that I don'f think of you. You were my Christmas all year 'round. With your bubbly laugh, your beautiful smite and your loving ways. EYou shouldn's have died. I miss you ferribly. :. <br> Love, Mom.

in loving memory of Frank J. Williams Three years have passed since that sad day, our loved one was taken away. He is sadiy missed and loved dearly by Wife Barbara, and children Frankle, Jimmy, Timmy, Mlehelie, Dledra, WIF llam and sister Kathy Huber.

These tributes are ordinary people's "poems" just as were the works of Anne Bradstreet, Edward Taylor and other early Ameri-. cans. Granted, some of the "In Memoriams" are not original. Most newspapers have samples for the family to choose from. The plain standardized columns (see Examples $3-E$ and $3-F$ ) are being replaced by more innovative personalized messages and forms, including humor (see Example 3-G). Remembrances in honor of veterans seem to be terse, reflecting the manner of death. World War 11 and Vietnam are still generating memoriams (see Example 3H).

Thee omly diffferrence iss thee picturree



With humour

## Strange




## A Roster



Touching




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C.W.O.Gary Weatherheod
    Killed In action, 1-13-69
For those who fought for it
Freedom has a taste
    That the protected will
    never know.
    IN REMEMBRANCE
        SP-5 Rex Voelker
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Another reason for purchasing a paid tribute may be that some families resent the fact that their family member was not singled out for recognition with a newspaper-generated obituary. A person could be resentful after reading a glowing account of the life of a person who is known in the community while someone very special to them rates nothing more than the standard death notice and a "paid" obituary. In an attempt to elevate their deceased member to the same level as the "pillar of the community" citizen, they will pay for noticeable memorial columns or lengthy obituaries (see Example 3-1).

A few of the memoriams address themselves directly to the deceased, as if they were able to read the newspaper, or as if the message would somehow go directly to them. One doubts that a person really means it when that person wishes a deceased friend or family member, "Happy Birthday." More than likely, the approaching birthday brings that person to mind and it seems natural to observe or commorate it in that manner. A psychologist could probably make a lot out of what is said and what is left unsaid.

There are expressions of guilt, anger, despair, and disbelief (see Examples 3-J through 3-M). Obviously, the publishing of these feelings is done not for the departed, even though addressed to them, but for the survivors. When death was sudden and unexpected, a lot of business was left unfinished. At times, guilt weighs heavily on the survivor and a public apology needs to be made for actions left undone in order to ease that guilt.




| ORCASTAS, EDPY DON - -inloving memory al Eddy Don, who was on impocent victin of this druy cread word, one your ogo xodoy. <br> Wo chen in and thint of your And of the woy you died And thet you could not $x$ Py pood-bye, <br> Butra you dosed your mes. <br> Togetar wo dil proy that with Got's guidancs, fruident Bush mili be ade to monow the drug probiem thot hos scourged aur groot lond. kest becruse some aderics high on coccine needed money to suppost their thus habits. They rook your bis to gel some blood - stoined money, which they pided up out of the frestly follen snow. They didn't creve whot hoppened to you, so long as they hod monoy to get of fix When we found out whot hod trappored, nothing could be soid or done. We wre oil leat bationd onty. to wonder.ment $\qquad$ <br> Ha hod a smit, a ploceont woy, A halping hend to all the trow He was so lind, so genwous and tive <br> On ecoth he nobly did his beat Grant him, hease heoventy rest. <br> With Low, Sody Missad by, Dod and Mom, <br> Mory Mitchell Sr.l. Nina, Mitheil 1 . and Teressa loss, Poger (hron Sry, Erico, twon 3 . and Rebbecca Novorro. Nancy (Eniqual Any, Lise, Bicio, and Lucy Rodiguncr, frork (loofie), Adam, Breamsa, Brondon and Kpis Crocuitor, Cindy <br> - Mocadoniol, Lrdia, and Onistine Aparcico, Lerp Orcositits |
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## Sad/Guilt

IN LOVING MEMORY of my Son, Jim.
There are no words that can
express how much 1 miss vou. I wish I eovid go bock a yeor because now I realized how desperate you must how oesperate you must
have felf when I turned oway from you. I thought it wowld help you to get well, so you could set your life bock together, but I was wrong becouse instead of startirg your lite over, It wos ended frogically. Son, you were my oldest, and I guess l expected more than you were capociel of and overiooked the fove you gove me unauestiongbly. I wos selfish and bline not to see that you needed helo. Now I hove to live with myseff knowing I let you down when you needed me the most. If I hod been there for you, perhass you would be alive todoy, for me to talk to. to love, and be the mother
you really needed. vou really needed. So on this anniversory of your death,
all $i$ con ask, is to forgive me all i con ask, is to forgive me
my son. I tove you and almy son. I tove you and alond loved.

SADLY MISSED BY MOM and out whit hoo troppermed, We wore oll left betiond onty. to wonder.mint a, on

Ha hod a gmit, a ploceent woy, A halping hend 10 ali ho krow He was so lind, so genwous and

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With Low, Socky Missed by, Dod and Mom,

Mithell ir. and Teresa loss, Poogy than Snt, Erico, duon ir. and Rebbecoa Novoro, Nancy (Enique) Amy, Liso, Bicio, and Adam, Breame, Brondon and Xyis Crositas, Ondy Christine Aperocio, Lom Orcositos



GAMBLE - This is in memory of joe O. Gomble, who died in on automobile occident one yoor ago today, Morch 4, 1988. solow are $10 e^{\prime}$ ' occomplishments during his short 38 yeors of life:
be groduated from South High School in 1968. It was South's los graduatiog doss. Less thon two months afier groduating, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and wos semt to Viet Nam in 1969 where he spern chmost a yoer in Do Nang: He wos in the Is Marine Division.
toe stated his 14 yeor Generod Motors career August 28, 1973, when he begon worting at Fishes Body Plant 2. During the cor slump of 1980, he wos stransiarred to Diesel for o shor time and them hod a chancs to work of the new Genercl Motors Plont (Rochester Procucts) in Coopersnille. In 1985, he moved his tomily te Mame so he could be dose to work While working of General Motors, too mot most of his dose triends. He wound talk and trugh about aft the good times he shared with his feilow workers. He was a die-hard Union member of the local 2151. He ettor spoke out ogainst things he dion't foel were right and wos very concarned about all the jobs that were being sent to toreign countries He wos worried thet the youth of Anerico would be chected out of jobs.

Joe enioped working with bids. the cached Pea Wee boseball for foun recrs. Winning wasn't that important, but learming the fundarmenterls and showing good sportsmarship were his priontios.
toe was a sports enthusiast. He toved boseboll, hockey, footbat and boskotboll. During the season, he would toke his tomity to Dotroit ond Chicogo for a few dops to wath thein fororite foom in oction. He was a big fon of Harry Caray's ond very prouc of the outographed photo of Hory that hung in his room. He enioged worthing hockoy games in Muskogon with his friencs. During the high school sport season you would see school ot Gothotic Control football games and East Grond Ropids boskentill gomes cheering on the lids whe gave their most. He would have boen proud wokthing Morcy and Wendy ploying on Grondrile's boskenteil and roflopooll loans this yoar. too was dso a boyd MSU fon and wos so exited when they finally hod o chance to play in the Rose Bowl and wes ecsitatic when they won it.
When toe would relex, you would find him sitting in a chair of the coltoge under the shade of a tree, rooding books on World Wars I\& II. He was gotining to be an expert on these subject. He otso eniered going to the Alegan Antique Show to drock oul their posternck His hobby wes tying to colloct oul the white ships thot President Teddy Rossevelt seent cround the world to show our nowal powers. He only needed two ships to complote the sel.
The most importont thing in Joe's Lifo were his two boys Walt and Mike loges 11 and 10 when loe died). He would pley, teach ond joke around with them and toke them everwhere He wos their fother ond best friend. the could tooch discipling withoul raising a hand.

We, os loe's fomity, hove hod odif froult time getting over his dooth. He wos such a giving and dependable person that hardly a doy goes by thol wo don't think about him for some rooson or another.

To lonow him was to lowe him.
Mom, Dod, A, Joon, Don, Mcric, Wendy and foff

"Don't Worry-Be Happy" My Memory of Jack by His Mother This little fellow with eyes of blue A smile so sweet and a love so true Touched my hear with his impish ways
To give me a chance : a kiss to give
And one more caution on how to live But this I know forever more-
No more love could one person store
His family first - no matter the cost
Oh how he gave - so nothing was lost
My heart aches as every Mother must know But from God's arms I would never want him to 80
This wortd will be a little sadder for its lack, Of my precious son - that I named Jack These words in my ears do ring
"I. love ya Ma - more than
anything.": $\because=$

Although technology had advanced to the point where recognizable photographs could be printed as early as the 1890's, memorials containing the pictures of the departed did not begin to appear until the early l980's. "In Memoriams" themselves, however, are not new. They appear in the London. Times as early as the middle of the 19 th Century.

The death of children is probably the most painful experience parents will ever have to endure. The youngsters' potential will never be realized now, and many emotions can be seen in the tributes placed in honor of children. Older children, i.e., teenagers, seem to fall victim to drunken drivers often, since teenagers spend a lot of time on the road themselves. The death of a baby, likewise, elicits powerful emotions. The anguish felt by their families and extended families can be seen in Examples $3-N$ through $3-Q$.

-dpret - bil boving memory of our beoutiful doughtior and sistor, Betty [Betsd Pfise, whe passed awoy nine poas ago today of oge 14, February
15, 1980. $\qquad$ - - -

Deep in our heorts bas a pidure
More precious then giver or
gold;
A picture of our deor douphtime,
Whose memory will never grew otd
She wos atwors doing things Withowt a word or prosis;
She mode our home a happy 0 m
for her spociol ware - $-\frac{1}{-}$
She holts a wry speciod ploce
That no one alse can fill.
In the hearts of of hee fomily,
And she akops will.
We niss her more then orforese
knows,
As cach doy pessiss,
The emplinass grows;
But she loft us memonies
We ere proud to amb.
bor constant lorolit and bove
Hown us doy affer doy,
il never be forpotion
\& we go dong titis wor.
. Levinghy remembered, Morm and Dod, Debbin, 5m, Pot, Tory and B.


WE LOVE YOU
RICK AND PAM MUNDAY




It hos been two yoars: today when I lost you, in
a fiery crash, of the
break of down, that
crushed your breoth
Why Lord? Why did you take her'? She meont so much to me, I loved har 50.

Did you Lord, Jove her laughter, her beouty and her soft kind word? Did you Lord, love her: thoughtfulness every: where she goes?
where she coes
Oe Lord dicd youlove to heor her most intimate secrets she shared from her heart and soul?
If's no wonder you love
her, you moided her :-
from the top to her tippy
toes.
Thank you for sharing
her with me for 1 loved
her so.
"Fligd it's you Lord nicked her up frem ter cold. 1 i
LOVE MOM


Tributes from entire family, including in-laws



The death of parents, spouses, and grandparents is usually felt keenly at holiday times. The reason for this is that there are certain family rituals which just are not the same without those members who were a part of them. There are a great many more "In Memoriams" published at the Christmas season than usual (see Example 3-R). Several of the "In Memoriams" collected seem so personal that it is hard to read them; it feels too much like overhearing an intimate, private conversation (see Examples 3-S and $3-T$ ). In the case of a mother or other family member who feels responsible for the death, the guilt and heartbreak are obvious.

Finally, "In Memoriams" are a way of showing the world that the deceased is still remembered and still important. Probably subconsciously the survivors are hoping that some day they, too, will be remembered. The newspapers have noticed this trend and recognized this ready source of revenue and have begun to capitalize on $i t$ by appealing for these notices. Locally, at least, Memorial Day ads were solicited several weeks in advance with the enticement (see Examples $3-U$ and $3-V$ ), "Loved Ones can be lost but not forgotten." Who can ignore an appeal to the conscience like that?


Ein roving memory of my son Butch, who passed away December 23, 1976. I do not need a special day to bring you to my mind. The days I do not think of you are very hard to find. It is lonesome here without you and sad in everyway. For life is not the same for me since God took you away. Sadly missed by Mom.

## DeBELLO

In sad and loving memory of our mothor and grandmother Mamie on the 3rd
Anniversary of her death.
in our home she is fondly remembered.
those who loved her In Iffe sincerely still
Tlove her In death lust the same. Sadly missed by Linda, Freddy, Nicole and Melanle

## FORTE

In special remembrance of my Dear Uncle. As Christmas draws near, not having you brings to me tears. It is the loyful love and memories in my heart that will never let us be_apart. Sadly missed your nlece Cindy.

## HACKETT

in memory of, Lillian and Michael.
"Sunshine passes, shadows fall. Love's remembrance outlasts all.
Sadly Mlssed by daughter, Catherine \& familly.

## DONALD

oving memory of Melvin, Sr. 1-.וck) on his 67 th Birthday, which was Decernber 10 and in sadness of his tragic death, December 23, 1982.
We do not need a special day to bring ? him to our minds, the day we do not think of him will be very hard to find. His memory is preclous it will never grow old, it is locked in our hearts in letters so bold. Memories are keepsakes that no one can steat, a tragle death is a heartache that nothing can heal. He is realty missed.
His Famlly.

## McGILL

In sad and loving memory of my husband Gerald.
Happy blithday Jerry. Sadly miss by your loving wife Cass.

## MEYERS

In memory of my daughter, Minnie. Sunshine passes, shadows fall. Love's remembrance outlasts all.
Sadly Missed by Mom, $z$ family.

## T. Memorians <br> DUPOM, ADOLPH T.

角 wovin marnory of a wendertin Ausband, father, the par -nciaw, crandiather and treat prapofather whe pasied away Corlstinas Merntove 1976. Will mever stoo loving or missing you. Ree, amit and Jirmmy, Bart and Phrits, Grandchidron Laurit and Lou, Suzame and Siwh, Lus, hadre, hato and your 4 great

HOLLAND, ANMA (MOM)
in There is a sopeiat Owistmas pif Mar's meant for voe

 cempervenstio and pratse its wrapoed and cuerthed memeries and deed amection too, and tred wher heate - 1 wind, my wh of eve tor your kessed tority Did, Mo, MEte, Joe, Nancy and Jount
HOLLIND, ANHA (MOW)
 smie on my mace, whe loy in my hatri. lit loy you

JOHMSOM, MARTHA AYD WILLIAM
Provious memery of our dater parants at Christmo Pricieus memorias of vou beth win linoer terevir. JOMES, CHARLES S.
in roving memery of my dear husiond, vour third Cintsimas in haver Pricious momorias of you wal
POMANTE, DOLORES
Oear Matr, Yourve gorn awhy and ton us I nuess $h$ re know you we thays Be wh us cact mand out Chex, John, Lep., Tripend Coristirs.
SENDLINGER
L Loving Mamory Of Our Father Fraderict. Alomer Emel, and Brethers Francts, $\&$ Fredielict You are nei forcotion and never stall you IS life and mermory last, we shed remment thes, Ged rant mern ternal rest.
adty missed, Endel \& K atherme.
ZAMPIRRI, AMGELO AMD ROSE
Moun the Dad With love and tears. we are masing Vou mere than wer this Christrias.

## BETZ



In loving memory of, Jariet May, who passed away Dec. 22, 1987.
We are sad within our memory, lonely are our hearts today. For the one we
loved so dearly has forever been called away. We think of her in silence, no eye may see us weep, but many silent tears are shed when others are asleep.
Sadiy missed by Bart. Barbara, Bruce, Jan and Tommy.


## DISEVERIA

- In loving memory of a dear husband and father Ralph on his Birthday
The flowers we place upon your grave may wither and decay, But love for you who sleeps beneath will never fade. away.
Sadly missed by wife Yolanda and son Ralph


## DUFFIELD

In loving memory of my son, Pat, who passed away Dec. 22, 1980.
Not dead to us who loved him, Not lost. but gone before. He lives with us in memory and will forever more.
Sadly missed by mother \& sister Karin

## ROBEL

In sad and loving memory of my Mom Maryann Robel who passed away
December 22, 1974.
Mom, I'm so sorry that we can't share the happiness l've found in my son. I really wish you were still here. Mecky was right. I'm glad I made the right decision. I've done well and I hope that you can be proud of me. 1 miss you dearly and sometimes need you badly. Mom, I love you.
Sadly missed, your daughter Lisa.

## SCHARR

In sad and loving memory of our dear 'mother, Margaret, who passed away ien years ago on 12/22/78.
Time goes on and we live our lives, we can't help but feel extremely deprived. The days go on and the holldays ga by, and if hurts so much without the vision 'of you in our eyes. You live in our hearts and your presence is in the air, and that's how we survive, by knowing you are there. We love you, Mom, more than words can say, so untll we meet bgain. it's in our hearts you will stay. Boots and John, Joe and Carol, Eddie and Betty, Floss and Dick, Shiriey and John, Butch and Ginny, Johnny and Debble, Marge and Dave, Puddy and Don, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## TYREE

To my wife, Betty.
My irlend, my sweetheart, always my love. Never to be forgotten. Always in my heart.
Thomas
Thomas





MEMORIAL DAY - A MONEY MAKER FOR THE NEWSPAPER

SHIFFLETT, DON
IN MEMORY OF my Sweetheart.
I often sit and think of yous And think of how you died Mony times l've longed for you
So mont times l've cried. How could my heart forget rou
When everything 1 do
is something thot reminds
me
Of the years I spent with you. You'll aiways be the dearest port
Of everything 1 do
Your love meant all the world to me My happiness was you.

STILL MISSED AND LOVED SO MUCH JOSEY EDWARDS

WILLIAM H. WARREN

IN LOVING MEMORY who possed awoy 3 years 090 todoy, May 29, 1995.

We Love and Miss You

SADLY MISSED BY
WIFE, CHILDREN GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANOCHILDREN

FINNEY, ELSIEM.
Aug. 4,1901 - MOY 29, 1989
IN LOVING MEMORY OF EL. SIE M. FINNEY who passed oway 1 year ago today.

MR. AND MRS. A.C. SHIFFLET

GARY C. SHIFFLET FAMILY
BARBARAE. SHIFFLET

FRANK W. RIVETT
IN LOVING MEMORY O my Husbord who passed awoy 7 years ago todoy. May 29. 1982.

Tho the doys hove turned to yeors
And mony times tears blur my view,
I'll clways cherist in my heart
My memories and love of you.

## SAOLY MISSED BY WIFE, LENORA

FREDERICK H. CHAPMAN

IN LOVING MEMORY $4 / 29 / 48$ to $9 / 488$.

Neither fime nor distonce nor outh itseff
Con touch a love that endures forever.

WITH ALL OUR LOVE
CINDY, JEFF, MEGAN ...ASHLEY, SHELLEY BONNIE AND SCOTT

MANCHESTER DAVIDJ

TO A VERY SPEICAL Brother.in-law on his sons 915 birthdoy.

You have only be oone month today,
You left us in such a shocxins
woy, are still eo many tears, especially todory
Because it is your sons 9th
birthdoy.
It is so hard to belleve thot you are gone from us in life
You were loved by all, especially your wife.
Chet you were more than a brother-in-law or sor-inlaw to all of us,
You were family and a frienc to each and everyone of U5.
You are in our hearts and minds everyday.
To torget you we couldn't, no woy.
My favorite brother-intow, That's what I always called
you,
You will dways be loved by all of us Gerous.

## YOUR FAVORITE

 SISTER-IN-LAWSMITH, ANDREW (SCOTTY)

IN LOVING MEMORY of my Scotty who possed away 13 years 090, May 29, 1976.

No longer in my life to shore But in my heart, you're oiways there.

LOVE. HELEN


## The New Plague

One hundred years ago, a smalltown newspaper documented the deaths which occurred in the town. At that time, they were reported as news items, evidently thought to be of interest to most everyone in that area who would be reading the newspaper. During that time period, certain diseases were rampant, ensuring constant death notices. In his book, Wisconsin Death Trip, Michael Lesy researched and reported on these death notices of the 1890 's and printed excerpts from the Badger State Banner paper which were written by Frank and George Cooper. During that period diphtheria, smallpox, and cholera were epidemic. According to Lesy:

These diseases were awful and perverse not only because they paralyzed and destroyed whole countries, but because they inverted a natural order-that is, they killed the youngest before the oldest; they killed the ones who were to be protected before their rightful protectors; they killed the progeny before the forebears (sic); they killed the children before their parents. When such diseases created circumstances of fate so grotesque, so perverse that they permitted them to live on not only in grief but in guilt, since it was they who had failed to preserve their bloodline; it was they who had failed to maintain the immortality of their genes.

And now, one hundred years later, diphtheria, smallpox, and cholera having been mastered by scientific methods and medicines, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and New York, and California have met a
new epidemic disease which threatens to mirror the problem of the 1890's. However, instead of diseases caused by unsanitary conditions and unsafe water, the United States is battling an epidemic caused by the way of life in the 20 th century, i.e., promiscuous homosexual activity, the sharing of needles by drug users, and a tainted blood supply. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has replaced the old killers, diphtheria, smallpox, and cholera, and threatens to become responsible for a new generation of death poetry. The new leveler/facilitator has already begun its work. Among the dead are well-known entertainment figures, as well as clothing designers, playwrights, and photographers.

The samples of obituaries and $\ln$ Memoriams which predate AIDS testify to what was "in vogue" in the 1980 's. However, as the 1990's approached, a new phenomenon arose to create new semantical problems for the survivors, i.e., AIDS. Randy Shilts' book, And The Band Played On, gives an excellent history of the discovery and progress of the disease up to publication, 1987. Since it was originally feared that the disease could be spread through casual contact or direct contact with tears or saliva, families of victims found it necessary to hide the diagnosis from co-workers and friends in order to avoid ostricism. Haitians were thought to be a particularly suspect group. Further, since it was originally assumed that all victims were homosexuals/drug users, families (many in shock themselves) did whatever they could to cover the cause of death. Thus, obituaries or In Memoriams did not mention AIDS as a cause of death. As time passed
and the public was assured that AIDS could not be spread by handshakes or mosquito bites or other casual contact, the hysteria lessened. Further, it soon became apparent that AIDS would be claiming so-called "innocent" victims, e.g., hemophiliacs, babies in utero, surgery patients. Many drug users had unknowingly sold tainted blood and suppliers had not yet begun to screen the plasma before selling it to hospitals. Obviously, this put the victims' families on the defensive and mandated that they prove their loved ones' AIDS did not come from homosexulity or drug use.

Then, in December, 1984, something happened which drastically affected the way people reacted to sufferers of AIDS-a thirteen-year-old Kokomo, Indiana, youngster was diagnosed as having the disease. As a hemophiliac, he had been given a blood-clotting agent which had been donated and not tested. When his illness became a documented case of AIDS through transfusion, his case attracted nationwide attention when frightened parents attempted to keep him from attending public school in his hometown of Kokomo. His parents waged a long and bitter battle and he was eventually readmitted to school, but his family moved to Cicero, Indiana, where he gained acceptance. According to Richard Pearson of The Washington Post, "The youth became a spokesman for AIDS victims and a sane and compassionate voice for education about and treatment of the illness....He appeared on PBS television, answering questions about AIDS from fifth-graders. He also appeared on the Phil Donahue show and made the cover of

People magazine. He saw his life become the subject of a movie, which was broadcast on $A B C$ television. He spoke at fund-raisers, testified before congressional comittees and a presidential commission, and met two presidents." Thus, Ryan White became a living hero and a symbol of courage for other AIDS sufferers.

It was not always that way, though. Referring to former President Reagan, the Baltimore Evening Sun noted that he, "wrote a touching if somewhat mawkish tribute in the Washington Post to Ryan White, the courageous teen-ager who died of AlDS this week. For the record, let it be noted that in 1985, when White was driven from his community after having been diagnosed as having contracted AIDS through a blood transfusion, not a peep was heard from the Reagan White House. In fact, another two years would pass before former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop became, more or less by default, the administration's spokesman on $\operatorname{AlDS}$ and began to combat the hysteria that victimized White and thousands of others. Reagan's solicitude for White in his hour of need will not go down as a profile in presidential courage."

As time passed, however, and Ryan became a spokesman for AIDS victims, public sentiment changed, and compassion became more evident. In fact, in March of 1990, Ryan White appeared with former President Reagan in Los Angeles to announce formation of a Ryan White National Program for AIDS Education by Athletes and Entertainers for Kids. Ryan himself had fostered compassion by stating that he understood the way his previous schoolmates and
their parents felt when they objected to his going to school in Kokomo. In April, 1990, when the press announced that Ryan White was unconscious and in critical condition with an AlDS-related lung infection, tributes began to pour in. Michael Jackson telephoned, Elton John flew into town and thousands of citizens offered prayers for his recovery. Following his death, the tributes continued. Most characterized him as a brave teenager with grace and courage who won better understanding of the disease. His mother, Jeanne White, plans to continue Ryan's work in AIDS education.

On Memorial Day, 1990, Ryan's headstone was dedicated, and his final chapter written. The headstone was designed by his mother and carries his story to the public. In a fitting tribute, the granite headstone is etched with the words, "Kid of Courage." (See 4-A - 4-C)


## Ryan's mom keeps memory, goals alive

CICERO, Ind. (AP) - Jeanne
White knew her son probably would lose his battle against AIDS at a young age. Now, a month afer Ryan's death, she has taken up his AIDS education mission to keep his memory and ideals alive.
$\because \because$ Ryan had fought for the right
$\therefore$ to attend public school near Kokomo, battled against AIDS dis$:$ crimination and struggled to pro$\because$ mote AIDS education.
$\because$ HE WON each battle but his last. He died April 8 at 18 of an AIDS-related respiratory infection.
: Mrs. White's home is filled ? with photographs of Ryan with : the celebrities he called friends.

His car magazines and comic ; books are scattered through the ' house, his dogs romp in the yard ', and the red Ford Mustang his : buddy, singer Michael Jackson, : gave him is in the garage.

His suitcase, packed with new
: clothes for a trip to Florida, re: : mains opened across his bed.
"He's all around me,". said Mrs. White, 42.
$\stackrel{H}{1}$
BUT THE torch now has been ipassed to Mrs. White who pláns :To continue Ryan's work in AIDS ;education from their home 20 miles north of Indianapolis.
: Already, she has testified on
${ }^{1}$ Capitol Hill for the passage of a bill that would provide $\$ 600$ mildion to help fight AJDS. The SenGate Labor and Human Resources iCommittee approved the legislaition last month and dedicated the fibill to Ryan.
i: A member of the American Federation for AIDS Research, Mrs. White traveled to New York "City to speak about AJDS on , World Kid's Day, May 6:
": "I'm just going to try and work in the back of things. If progress ;'can be made through Ryan's. ' name, I'm going to work through it. I want to work any way I can," 'she said.
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$\%$ HER FRIENDS and family : keep expecting her to wear out "With all the activity - especially "answering the thousands of cards "and letters she has received since "Ryan's death. But she believes ishe can stay strong.

## THE FINAL CHAPTER

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AIDS AND RYAN WHITE


AP PHOTO
Jeanne White points out some of the features on the monument recently erected at the
grave of her son, Ryan. The monument as pald for by actor Matt Frewer.
prom date, friends and acquaintcounters with him during the dedication.
"I think about him every day - several, several times," his unproximately 75 people who attended the dedication. ."Don't would be his prayer."
${ }^{\text {Bayh. }}$. taught us the meaning of courage and I'm convinced that his life will be remembered for what he disease that afflicted him," Bayh is quoted as saying on the black and white granite - Ryan's faproducts, Ryan won a court battle
to attend school outside of Kokoto attend school outside or Kokn his mo, but ill feelings drove him, his
sister and mother to Cicero, 30 miles from Indianapolis. AIDS education, and his cause drew support from singers John and Jackson. Lyrics from their songs are on the monument,
along with words from Gov. Evan

CICERO, Ind. (AP) - A 6-foot-8 granite headstone etched with the words "Kid of Courage" and lyrics from songs by Elton been erected at the grave of AIDS was dedicated on Memorial Day, two months after his death at age 18 . Ryan's mother, Jeanne White,
said the gravestone was built to represent his dream to be tall. Ryan was less than 5 feet tall. "He wanted to be big and be like Howie Long," she said. The player was a pallbearer at Ryan's funeral and helped raise money for the AIDS organization that bears the boy's name.
кq pәusןsop 'วuojsproy ouL Ryan's mother, carries inscriptions front and back telling his story. It also carries a picture of
Ryan, whose battle for acceptance won hearts and improved 'SaIV jo su!purisuapun s!qqnd :'ं


What a difference from beginning to end in the five and onehalf years his tragic story was known! Many other deaths, of course, occurred during that time period, but following his public story, other families began to feel less shame and to feel less defensive. Newspapers and television reported on victims who were known to the general public, but in Flint, Michigan, at least, no public pronouncements or obituaries named AIDS as the cause of death. The only telling sign was in reading of the death of a young man with another young man listed as his surviving "best friend" or some similar euphemism. Other untimely deaths were noted as the result of an automobile accident to ensure that wrong conclusions were not drawn by the reading public. Finally, in the late 1980 's, newspapers began to report AIDS or AIDS-related deaths with more compassion. The death of Rock Hudson, for example, was first attributed to other causes. Any mention of AIDS was hotly denied, until a law suit brought the situation to light. A few other stars, Elizabeth Taylor for instance, had enough concern and compassion to make death by AIDS, if not respectable, at least palatable, and began to clamor for government assistance in an attempt to raise funds for AlDS research. With the death of other public figures such as Max Robinson and Perry Ellis not being hidden under some euphemism or other, people began to accept what was happening, and began to demand answers. Soon AIDS as a cause of death began to be mentioned. The Flint Journal, for example, had as its lead story on page one, May 8, 1990, the story of a public figure who had
succumbed to AIDS. Tom Stephens had been a local television weather forecaster in the Flint area for four years. According to Jim Bleicher, WJRT-TV News Director: "Tom is the first person I know personally (who has died of AIDS), and because he was in viewers' homes every night for four years, Tom will be the first person that many people...know (who has died of AIDS)." In that same edition of the paper, his standard (paid) obituary ignored any mention of the disease (see lllustrations 4-D - 4-F). In fact, the general public did not know why he was no longer the station's weather forecaster. It was generally assumed that he had taken a job elsewhere and must have left with hard feelings, since no mention was made of his departure. The usual custom is to publicly wish the departing employee well. Because of the station's secrecy, those of us who might have wished to send a card and wish him well were denied that option. According to the newspaper article, Tom's wish was to tell his story in order to give advice to people.



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 meptiens who originally was from Detroit? worked at Channel 12 from October 1984 to October 1988 When his contract was not renewed. In March 1989, he became executive director of thie Humane $t$ Society of Genese County. He held the title until his death; although he was not able to work in the final months of his life. He leamed he had AIDS about a year ago.
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In Genesee County, 50 AIDS cases were reported to health of ficials as of December 1989; three cases in Lapeer County and threes in Shiawassee County andes ind in Shiawassee Countyty

The obituary/funeral notice still makes no mention of AIDS.


# Many people wondered why he was no longer reporting the weather, but no explanation was made to the public. 

This letter mirrors the feelings of many of his fans/viewers.


## Prayers go with

## ex-TV weatherman

There was concern and controversy at the time of Tom Stephens' release from Channel 12 (WJRT) Lettersto The Journal on his behalf were to no avail Now one cannot help but wonder what really prompted it $4 E x-T V$ man's last story - AIDS, "May 8 ,
 After reading and viewing the tribute paid to Tom, I cried. I cried for the dreadful disease that robbed him of his life and the tack of compassion many of us share.
Thomgave pleasure to many of us and may that:"Doppler radar" speed him to the heavens where he will:find peace and friends that will not forsake him in need.

My prayers:go with him.
CELESTE BARNES
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Concurrently, the AIDS-related death of photographer Robert Mapplethorpe became common knowledge. When a city attempted to exhibit some of his photographs, the public raised an outcry. Stating that his pictures were pornographic and obscene, they objected to the exhibit's having received a government endowment. The resultant publicity brought to light the fact that he had been homosexual and had died of AIDS. In contrast to the sympathy expressed for Ryan White, the attitude directed toward Robert Mapplethorpe's death was more nearly, "he got what he deserved." At least for the present, it appears that the public will rally to those victims they classify as "innocent" and spurn those who "get what they deserve." Death, the great leveler, does not make that distinction.

Nor was any distinction made in honoring those victims of AIDS at a candlelight ceremony which took place April 29, 1990, in the First Presbyterian Church of Flint, Michigan. According to The Flint Journal the service was the first publicly announced memorial service sponsored by the AIDS Interfaith Ministry. About 100 people attended the service of music and litany designed to "offer hope and assurance that the dead had moved from suffering to healing in the presence of God." The heart of the evening was the lighting of the candles and, for some, a description of the dead. Some of the statements offered were: his memory continues to challenge us in ways we never thought possible; one of the strongest people l ever knew; he brought laughter and love to many people; rejected by his family, he died
alone in Texas; a young man who showed so much courage and strength, 1 think more than anyone 1 have ever known; a great inspiration in our commity; did you ever know you were our hero - and still are; for that brave young soul, Ryan White, the teenager who died of AIDS recently in Indiana; my son, David.

What is being experienced and expressed by those people is totally new. This is history happening before our eyes. Lesy's people may have died of one of the diseases rampant at the time, but none of the diseases caused shame or embarrassment to other family members. This current plague, AIDS, because it is associated with homosexuality and drug use, has survivors trying to hide the cause of death. One attempt, however, to enlighten the public, is being made by playwright Craig Lucas. According to the Wall Street Journal of May 10,1990 , "Longtime Companion," a feature film about the effect of AlDS on a small group of relatively affluent and educated New Yorkers, has the tone and style of television movies designed to enlighten the public without provoking or alarming anyone. Julie Salamon, critic for the Wall Street Journal states:

Aside from the title, which refers to the euphemistic way obituary writers refer to the survivor of a homosexual relationship, this film doesn't dabble much in irony. However, it does make note of the fact that as the homosexual community's health is being attacked, public acceptance of homosexuals increased: A homosexual character was introduced on a daytime soap opera.

The film makers have taken the edge off their material by refusing to delve into the political as well as the psychological ramifications of the disease. But despite the limitations imposed by the bad-things-
happen-to-good-people approach, the sadness is very real.

Another film which was the recipient of the 1989 Oscar for Best Feature Documentary, and narrated by Dustin Hoffman is "Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt." Producers Rob Epstein, Jeffrey Friedman and Bill Couturie studied the AIDS Memorial Quilt for a year, photographing all 10,000 panels, to discover the lives behind them. From these profiles, five were chosen: Tom Waddell, a member of the 1968 Olympic track team in Mexico City; Vito Russo, a film historian ("The Celluloid Closet"); the parents of a young hemophiliac; a divorced Navy officer; and the widow of a reformed drug abuser. The backdrop to these personal tragedies is the scandalous news reportage and governmental inaction that greeted the arrival of the disease.

When the actual AIDS quilt was viewed in Michigan, it was noted that many of those memoralized were anonymous, since death by AIDS was considered embarrassing or repugnant. In fact, the blocks were often sewn by people who never knew the victims, because their families had disowned them. The quilt was displayed around the country in an attempt to awaken the public to the enormity of the problem. To my knowledge, this particular mode of expression is an original one, a totally new form of in Memoriam, and one which owes its existence to the new plague, AIDS .

## Tributes to Pets

The examination of the evolution of the obituary and memoriam has shown that new ideas keep appearing as beliefs and morals change. What does the future hold? Well, for many people, pets are family. That is particularly true for those who are childless or for various reasons live alone. Many arifcles have been published showing how much money people spend on their pets. It is no secret that some people buy special and expensive meat cuts for them. Almost every fair-sized town has one or two veterinarians, and probably a dozen grooming salons. Walk the aisles of any large supermarket and notice that one whole section is devoted to pet food and needs. It should come as no surprise then, that these owners might wish to commemorate the death of their "best friends."

On June 20, 1989, The Wall Street Journal carried an article by Jane Mayer, Staff Reporter. She wrote:

Four weeks ago, the Daily Local News, a community newspaper in West Chester, PA, began to cover the an imal kingdom where most other publications leave off: at the cemetery. A new weekly feature entitled "Pause to Remember" began to offer full-length, lovingly reported obituaries of dearly departed pets. Already the section, which may be a journalism first, has featured numerous deceased dogs, cats and even a guinea pig-Chipper-whose survivors included Oreo, an adoring cagemate.

The article continued by stating how the column came about when the pet of a couple died. They did not want his death to go unnoticed, and wrote a lengthy column which was black-bordered and $r$ an on the front page, telling all about Henry. It noted that he liked to sit in the recliner and watch televison, his favorite show being "The Golden Girls." His favorite TV snack was Fritos. It turned out that Henry was a Rhode lsland red rooster.

Naturally, opinions are divided on the appropriateness of pet obituaries. Some staff members thought it hurt the paper's credibility and that it was a slap in the face of intelligence. Readers have also called the paper to protest that there must be something more important to print. Many readers, however, like the idea and have been calling with obituaries about their pets. One staff member, John DeSanto, News Editor, stated that he and several other staff members found themselves pleasantly surprised by the obituaries:

They're really little stories about people's relationships with animals. They get kind of addictive-you read one and you have to read the next. They really get into people's hearts.

Ms. Mayer, of The Wall Street Journal, continued by noting that pet obituaries are apt to be more lively and personal than the dry facts of a human's life:

Under the headline, "Seagrave Will Be Missed At Memorial Day Parade," readers learned that one young dalmation lived to ride the fire truck only once.
"Molly Brightened Family Visits" told of a Siberian husky who was the only member of an otherwise human family to be recognized by a relative afflicted by Alzheimer's disease. Then there was Butch, the male Manx cat who played cards in a hat. And finally, of course, there was Chipper the guinea pig, Billy Metz's $4-\mathrm{H}$ project and winner of Best of Show at the 1987 Chester County Round Up.

This article really captured my imagination, and in November, 1989, I wrote to Jim Giuliano of the Daily Local News seeking more pet obituaries and requesting his permission to include them in my paper. He very graciously responded with selected copies of his column "Pause to Remember," from July through October, 1989, which 1 have included here (see Attachments 7-A - 7-F). Mr. Giuliano turned out to be a perfectly charming correspondent and source (see Attachment 7-G). His warmth and humor, as well as his interview skills with the owners are very evident. He writes a human interest (or should it be animal interest) column of which he can be very proud.

While other papers do not appear to be considering pet obituaries yet, 1 would not be at all surprised to see them become widespread in the future. It undoubtedly helps the owners in the grieving process. When one has had a pet for a long time and taken good care of it, there is bound to be regret at its passing. All of a sudden there is no one to meet you at the door when you come home. There is no more Henry the rooster to sit in the recliner eating Fritos and watching "The Golden Girls" with you. A pet obituary would give the owner an opportunity to express this loss and help by alerting neighbors and co-workers to the fact that he/she is grieving. A kind word or pat on the back could be just what that person needs.

Finally, there is always the "bottom line." Newspapers are in the business to make money. If there are pet owners willing to pay the cost of obituaries, there will be newspapers willing to print them. To paraphrase a saying, "The pet owner's money looks the same as any other money in the cash register."

# Pause to Remember 

# 'Africa' the horse was dark, wild, beautiful and reformed 

LONDON GROVE - Marty Armstrong has a knack for taming unruly horses, but Africa, a 7 -yearold black thoroughbred mare; was a challenge.
"She was so difficult that her last owner gave up on her," Armstrong said. "He decided he was either sending her to the meat factory or giving her away."

Fortunately, for Africa and Marty Armstrong. the ex-owner chose the latter.
"He had to talk me into taking her," Armstrong said.

So Africa and Armstrong began a two-year program and a friendship that ended when the horse was
struck and killed by lightning last month.
Armstrong explained that an ovary tumor, undiscovered until Armstrong acquired the animal, was the source of Africa's wayward personality.
We had the tumor removed, and that helped," Armstrong said. "But she still had to 'unlearn' some of the bad habits she'd picked up."

In time, Armstrong said, Africa became warm and affectionate, characteristics she displayed by putting her head on Armstrong's arm, by liking to be touched, and by coming when she was called.
"She was like a dog," Armstrong said. "I couldn't hug her enough."

She said Africa was an excellent jumper, possessing the bravery that good jumpers have.
"If I asked her to jump off a cliff, I think she would have done it," Armstrong said.
Why take on such a horse instead of choosing a more docile animal?
"Sometimes a horse that's a little strong and hard to hold is also a talented horse," Armstrong answered. "That hard-to-tame spirit can make for a special animal, once you've trained it, and that was true of Africa."
Why the name "Africa"?
"She was dark, wild and beautiful."


Chingo was fond of real carrots and, in this case, plastic play ones as well.

## Pause to Remember

Pause to Remember - that's the name of a new Local News feature about pets that have died, and their owners. To be included call 4306954 or $430-6955$ between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Thureday.

## 'Susie' was a great mascot


: WEST GOSHEN - Susie was a great beverage center mascot - but her impact on beer sales was not the greatest.
Susie's owner Nancy Labroli and her husband, Bob, owners of the Weston Beverage Center, had Susie greeting customers every day until the half-Labrador, half-springer died late last year at the age of two.
Susie's tenure at the beverage center started almost immediately after the Labrolis recieved the animal from $a$ friend.
Wed just finished raising three teen-agers, and we thought a puppy would be easy compared to that," Mrs. Labroli said.
The dog, even as a pup, showed signs of being almost as frisky as an adolescent, so much so that it seemed impossible to keep her home every day.
So Bob Labroli gave her a job: The Weston Beverage Center Official Mascot.
And the two of them, Bob and Susie, went off each morning to greet their thirsty customers.
"But people would come in and start petting and feeding Susie, and leave without remembering to buy beer and soda," Nancy Labroli said.
"Since she was hurting sales," Mrs. Labroli said, "my husband thought we could at least teach her to run the cash register."
The Labrolis, obviously people who value personality over profit, never once thought of keeping Susie from her job of distracting would-be ecustowers.
"On no, we couldn't keep her at home," Nancy Labroli said. "She would have been miserable, and the people who came in to see her wouldn't have been too happy, either."
Have the Labrolis hired a new mascot?
"No," Mrs. Labroli said. "I just don't think we're ready yet to replace Susie, although I know our customers miss seeing a dog at the store."

She admits, though, that those curtowers might be buying a bit more beer since Susie's departure.

## 'Nit Roy' was a gentle cat

PHOENIXVILLE - Mary Schnovel bristled when asked if Nit Noy, her 19-year-old male Siamese cat that died in May, had the devilish personality of the type depicted by Walt Disney in The Lady and the Tramp."
"Certainly not," Schnovel said. "He was so gentle and loving that we let him sleep with our grandchildren."
; And, Schnovel insisted, Nit No the name means"little bit" in Thai was as gentle with other animals as he was with children.
"We used to own gerbils," Schnovel said. When one of them would get stuck somewhere, Nit No would pick
it up and carry it back to it's cage."
Schnovel insisted that Nit Noy could sense a crisis, such as illness in a member of the family, and would become even more affectionate and gentle during those times.
"He knew when there was trouble," Schnovel said, "and he had his ways of showing concern."
Mary Schnovel, and her husband, Donald, have acquired another Siamese, named Sir Winston, but she hesitated at describing the new pet as a "replacement" for Nit Nog.
'Let's just say we got another one," Schnovel said. "But we couldn't replace Nit Roy."

## 'Sammie' and 'Bubbles' were two fighting friends

DOWNINGTOWN - For 15 years, Minnie Dilorio said, Sammie, a white male Angora cat, tried to teach his playmate, Bubbles, the knack for avoiding fights.
And for 15 years, Bubbles, a tan mixed-breed male cat kept fighting, until he and Sammie died last winter '.' s...- -n-.thenf nark nt her



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## 'Lafitte' loved his chicken




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# Pause to Remember 

# 'Fvnkie'- a good-looking snob he was not 

WEST CHESTER - Most owners ike to characterize their pets in one word - maybe it's "frisky" or."play iul" or "gentle."
But Hilda Gorham couldn't find ust one word to describe Frankie, a 2-year-old male tiger cat that died It the end of August.
It took several tries and several imes for her to portray Frankie.
"Well, he was noble and dignified,"

Gorham said Everyone admired him because he was handsome, too.? But don't make the mistake of thinking that Frankie was merely somebody's good-looking snob, Gorham quickly pointed out.
She thinks the ocean brought out the fun side of Frankie, who was bori in land-locked Colorado.
He loved to play, and he really loved to play on the beach," she said,
while describing how Frankee would "investigate" the other animal life on the Connecticut shores of Long Island ' Sound, "where the:" Gorham family lived for several years before moving to Chester County.
So, Gorham agreed, let's add "curious" to the long list of expressions that describe Frankie the cat.

'Frankie' the cat

# Pokey' was name and gait 

EAST MARLBOROUGH - Pokey uld have been a hunter, according , owner Edwin Madaus, if only Imeone had given the dachshund a lance.
Madaus explained that the achshund actually is a hunter, and : thinks Pokey, a female, showed all e right signs before she died in July the age of 15.
The man who sold her to us was mething of an expert on tchs" "ds," Madaus said. "He said erd ${ }^{3}$ years ago raised chs. is because they made good me dogs and house pets."
Pokey was a good house pet, adsus agreed. As her special talts, he listed sleeping with an ear er ber eyes and howling when Jmpted with a "sing, Pokey, sing." And despite a leisurely gait, deibed in her name, she might have in a good hunter, too.
We own a cottage in western Mar-
yland, Madaus said. Pokey loved to go there on weekends and chase small animals in the woods."
Built low to the ground, : the sausage-shaped dog would sniff through the pine needles and give chase, however briefly, to a chipmunk or a groundhog.
But Pokey's capture rate was low, according to the owner.
"Well, actually, her capture rate was zero," Madaus laughed, "I don't remember her catching anything."
The owner, however, quickly defended the dog and insisted on accepting some of the blame. "Maybe if I'd. been a hunter and trained her, she would have done better," Madaus ventured. *But I never owned any guns and I really never had the desire to track animals."
And Madaus had one more alibi for Pokey's lack of success: "you know, I don't think she really wanted to catch them either."

## He never heard of Dr. Seuss but 'Stripe' was cat in the ho

EXTON - Grace Feto says it's OK if Dr. Seuss got famous writing about "The Cat in the Hat." Just so long as everyone knows it was Stripe's idea.
Feto said her 16 -year-old male cat; until it died this month, used husband Nick's hat as a refuge and napping center.
"It started about 15 years ago after a snowstorm," Grace Feto said. "Nick had this old wide-brim hat that he'd wear while shoveling the driveway. I don't know where he got that hat, and I was always trying to get him to throw it out.
"Anyway, after clearing the driveway he threw the hat on the laundry room floor, so it would dry out near the baseboard heat. That's when Stripe took over."
It seems that a warm; floppy hat
was just too much for the cat sist.
"The next morning we found $\subseteq$ curled up, asleep in the hat," said.

And so a tradition began. Th hat stayed on the floor and $\subseteq$ stayed, on and off, in the hat.
"By the time Stripe died, th. had about had it," Feto said. "I was a good thing it was falling : because Stripe would have bee big to fit in it if it had stayed to er."
Grace Feto said her husband accused her of encouraging Stri sleep in the hat just so he wou wear it anymore.
"That's not true," Feto said. it's not a bad idea."

## ike Peter Pan, 'Max' just imply refused to grow up

ANDENBERG - The pop psylogist among us will have a new stion to ponder: Can a dog have Peter Pan syndrome?
wner Laurie Kiernan said Max, a F-Labrador, half-husky, just Jdn't grow up. But that was the 8 most endearing quality-until it late in August at the age of 2. ibe refused to stop being a py," rnan said of Max, "and I is brought out the kid in yc Ise."
ke most kjds, Max, who was born the Kiemans' wedding day in

1987, also refused to sit still while somebody else was having fiu.
Like the time the Kiernans decided to go water skiing while leaving Max with a friend on shore. The venture lasted only as long as it took for Max to swim to the boat.
? She wasn't going to let us have a good time without her," Laurie Kiernan said.

Kiernan summed up Max's simple, childlike attitude with one sentence: "she loved everybody and everything."

# Pause to Remember By Jim Giuliano 

## 'Lucky' set up his own time zone

UWCHLAN - Lucky had a simple philosophy: If you're a sheep dog and you don't have, any sheep, you improvise.
The 8 -year-old male sheltie, before dving in September, used his herding skills on whatever was available, said owner Ford Freeman.
: "He'd try herding the house cats back in after they'd sneak out," Freeman said. "And he loved to run, not just lope along but flat out run."
$\vdots$ Lucky apparently liked to keep his 6kills sharp, just in case his owner decided to test him with something bigger than cats, an idea Freeman said he thought about several times. "Sometimes I'd wonder if it would be possible to buy a few Shetland sheep For him to boss around."
The dog, however, was un-Licky at convincing Freeman that a wooly herd would be more fun than a furry one. The owner resolved, finally, that Jucky should stick to cats.
Freeman also described how Lucky pwas responsible for establishing a new time zone --OLT - one that existed only in the dogs imagination and at the patch of land that surrounded the Freeman household.

'Lucky' liked to keep his skills sharp.

OLT was that time, every night, when Lucky had to go out and check his property One Last Time, as Ford Freeman and wife Karin called it.
But Lucky's enthusiasm wasn't limited to herding other animals and protecting property. He liked people.
"After an absence of anything longer than five minutes," Freeman said, "you'd be received with a barrage of wildly happy barks. And you had to give him a hug - he wouldn't settle for less."

# How could duck named 'Flaffoot' urn owner into gardener? Read on 

WEST VINCENT - You've proba-
Wly heard of people making sweaters Jor dogs and maybe even mittens for kittens.
How about a garden for a duck?

- Richard Coutu swears he wasn't Hinterested in gardening. ITm too busy," said Coutu, a building contracBtor.
- But Flatfoot, son Mark's 3-year-old -duck that died in August, forced Coutu into having a green thumb.
- "A couple of years ago, the duck started straying out of the yard and "into my neighbor's property," Coutu said.
Which was OK with the neighbor, Coutu explained, until Flatfoot developed a taste for the tomatoes in the man's garden.
- The gardener issued a neighborly :ultimatum. "He said, 'Hey, Rich, the
duck's cute but ;it's killing my tomatoes. It's gotta 'go.'

But Coutu decided to try a few tricks with Flatfoot; a birthday present to Mark, before turning her into duck soup.
First was a fence. No good, Flatfoot figured out a way under it.
Then Coutu was struck by a simple inspiration. If the duck wants tomatoes, give her tomatoes.

So I stuck a few plants into the ground," Coutu said.

It worked. Whenever Flatfoot had the urge for a red, juicy tomato, she would waddle over to Coutu's modest patch to get her fill of the bomegrown variety.

Now that Flatfoot is gone, will Coutu resp the harvest for himself? "No," he answered quickly. "I hate tomatoes."

Dear Ms. Bleacher:

Enclosed is a sampling of pet obits you requested. It wasn't possible to send the entire section, as you asked, so d dated each copy.

You have my full permission to use and abuse these as you see +it ir your thesis; 1 won't even mind if you poke a little fun at them--orie in this business quickly develops a sense of humor and a thick skiri.

Tale the five bucks and have a beer on the Daily Local News. Or cordate the money to your favorite charity--not necessarily the SPCA.

Good luck,


## Future Expressions

Since no foreshodowing of AIDS was evident prior to 1976, it would be foolish to look ahead to the 1990's and state that nothing new could happen to surpass that phenomenon. One can only wonder at what the future will bring and how death poetry will change to keep up with the times. As far as AIDS is concerned, one of two things will take place. Either the disease will be conquered and eliminated, or it will forever be with human beings, as cancer and heart disease appear to be. One way in which survivors might ease their grief is by announcing the cause of death, where abstinence from a harmful subject might have brought about a different ending. One family has attempted to do just that (see Example 6-A).


Notice: He had battled cancer for the past 15 months due to smoking.

Surely, this is an attempt to dissuade people from taking up the habit of smoking, or to encourage those who smoke, to quit. In this manner, the family has expressed the desire to share their grief in the hope of sparing another family from the same fate. A similar desire must have motivated the obituary for Norman F. Thoms (see Example 6-B). Although Norman died in 1982, the obituary was published in 1990. His family's notice of serve ices ask friends to share and remember "one gone from us, capable of much, but wasted because of drugs."
$\begin{array}{ll}7 . & \text { Clie } \\ \text { THOMS, Norman F. }-\end{array}$
Age 23, died November, 1982 in Alaska. A memorial service will be 2 PM Saturday, June 9, 1990 at Bethany United Methodist Church, Clio, Rev. Thomas Badley and Rev. Russell Block officiating.
Please come share what you knew of Norm or come remember with us, reflecting on one gone from us, capable of much, but wasted because of drugs

Note: one gone from us, capable of much, but wasted because of drugs.

Could it be that future obituaries or $\ln$ Memoriams will try to get people to avoid fat foods and cholesterol, or to encourage people to exercise, get plenty of rest, and take better care of their health? Or, could it be that people will become hardened to death and take the attitude that one way of dying is no better or worse than another; therefore, a change of lifestyle wouldn't make that much difference.

In the poetry of early America, one saw the hand of God, or providence, or divine intervention. There are some people foday who feel that AIDS is God's way of handing out punishment and warding sinners to beware the consequences of their actions. Perhaps those who see death as the act of a vengeful God will use tributes to ward survivors of a possible like fate. At any rate, the obituary and In Memoriam appear to be a permanent part of the American culture.

A study of changes and evolution over a much longer period of time would be very revealing. It is hoped that some historian will follow this short time span study with a fifty or onehundred year look at obituaries and In Memoriams and continue to look at death poetry in America on into the twenty-first century.

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