

EATON RAPIDS
DEATH & OBITUARIES- 2012



DALLAS A. MOHLER

Dallas A. Mohler of Parma, formerly of Eaton Rapids, age 84, died Friday, December 23, 2011 at his residence following a terminal illness. Born July 16, 1927 in Branch, Michigan; one of 11 children born to Frank and Lottie May (Schafer) Mohler. Dallas served in the Army with the Corp of Engineers during World War II. He retired from General Motors in Lansing as a Skilled Tradesman. After retirement Dallas enjoyed traveling, hunting, dabbling in farming and tinkering in his work shop. Preceding him in death was a daughter, Janet Burger in 1989; brothers & sisters, Flora, Howard, Pearl, Freda, Walt, Irene and Dale.

Surviving are his 2 sons, Jerry (Nanette) Mohler of Moscow Mills, Missouri and Ronald Mohler of Parma; 7 grandchildren including Matthew (Sheila) Burger, Misty Calhoun and Mike Mohler; 11 great grandchildren; Companion, Mary Prater; twin brother, Doug Mohler of Eaton Rapids and brother, Virgil (Marilyn) Mohler of Kalkaska; sister, Pauline Darling of Albion and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery near Branch, Michigan. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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YVONNE ELAINE CHALLENGER

Yvonne Elaine Challender of Eaton Rapids passed away December 24, 2011 at her home surrounded by her family. She was 62 years old. Yvonne was born in Lakeview, MI November 10, 1949 the daughter of Clyde and Hazel (White) Barrows. She owned and operated JC Refuse and Snow Bird Ostrich Ranch both in Eaton Rapids and Provincial Properties in Lansing. Yvonne passed away on the 46th anniversary of her marriage to her husband Carl.

She is survived by her husband, Carl "John" Challender of Eaton Rapids; daughter, Laurie (Rick) Swearingner of Eaton Rapids; son, Johnny (Cindi) Challender of Eaton Rapids; grandchildren, David (Chelsea) Swearingner, Emily Swearingner, Karrie and Jennifer Challender, Jessica Whittum; great grandchildren, Edgenton and Cora Good; siblings, Norma (Kenny) Glynn of Lansing, Lucy (Jerry) Phelps of Vennice Beach, FL, Janice (Rick) Booth of Palm Coast, FL, Vi (Bob) Waters of Ionia, Betty (Diane) Barrows of Six Lakes, Margaret (Carrie) Hughes of Six Lakes, Kim Taylor of Ionia; brother-in-law, Richard (Norine) Challender of Saranac; several nieces and nephews; special lifelong friends, Dave and Linda Bettys of Grand Ledge, Bill Cooper, Patty Lloyd of Moore Haven FL. She was preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Brandi Swearingner; brother, Jim Barrows; sister-in-law, Woody (Shirley) Birman, Gherritt (Linda) Vandekemp.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 29, 2011 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Dallas McFarland officiating. Interment was at Rosehill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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MARJORIE L. COURTNAGE

Marjorie L. Courtnage of Eaton Rapids, age 85, passed away on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the Eaton County Medical Care Facility in Charlotte. Born September 2, 1926 in Waltham, Massachusetts; the daughter of Milton J. and Margaret (Venghaus) Hunter. She was a graduate of Michigan State University. Mrs. Courtnage was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Eaton Rapids and Carmi, IL., singing in the choir for many years. She was also active in local and state garden clubs and orchid societies. She had a passion for traveling both in the United States and internationally. Preceding her in death were her husband; Dr. William Courtnage in 1989; brother, Milton J. Hunter and parents.

Surviving are 5 daughters, Dr. Susan Courtnage of Eaton Rapids, Margaret (Jeff) Burrell of Kansas City, MO., Christine Courtnage of Lombard, IL., Gale Sipe of Irving, TX., and Patricia (Todd) Sampsel of Seabrook, TX.; 2 grandsons, Brian Stipanuk and Christopher Stipanuk both of Lansing.

A celebration of Life service will be Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids with the Rev. Daniel Hofmann, officiating. Family will receive friends at the church beginning one hour prior to service time. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the Bay Area Pet Adoption 3000 Avenue R San Leon, TX, bayareapetadoption.org, or, St. Labre Indian School Ashland, MT 59004-1001 in Marjorie's name. For online condolences please go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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STEW ERHARD, M.D.

Stew Erhard was born Owen Stewart Erhard on August 3, 1929 in Gary, Indiana. He died on December 21, 2011 at the age of 82. He lived in Loma Linda, California for the past 32 years.

He is survived by his four daughters, Dianne (Warren) Jarrard, Karen (Dave) Jones, Jody (Don) Wright, Wendy (Greg) Nelson; ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren; sister Audrey (Roger) Hunt, brother John (Barb) Erhard, and sister Kathy (Melvin) Turner. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years Beaty Erhard in 2009.

Stew grew up in Royal Oak, Michigan. He and Beaty moved to Loma Linda to attend Medical School at Loma Linda University, graduating in the class of 1956. After spending 3 years in the Air Force as a flight surgeon, he settled in Eaton Rapids Michigan and began his career in Family Practice for the next 20 years. In 1979 Stew and Beaty moved back to Loma Linda to take a residency in Anesthesiology. He then practiced OB anesthesia at Scripps Hospital in Chula Vista, CA until his retirement.

Throughout his years of life in California, he always considered Eaton Rapids his home. Eaton Rapids was where he fulfilled his passion for Family Medicine and in the process made lifelong friends.

Stew enjoyed swimming, golf, snow skiing, tennis, and sailing. His house was always full of family, friends, and laughter...and a favorite place for their grandchildren.

He was a member of Loma Linda University Seventh-day Adventist Church. Those who knew him will miss his fun loving spirit, dedication to family and his devotion to God.

His funeral services were held on Friday, December 30, 2011 in Colton, CA.

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KENNETH J. REEVE

Kenneth J. Reeve of Eaton Rapids passed away December 27, 2011 at the age of 74. He was born in Jackson, MI September 16, 1937 the son of Leland and Ruth (Collins) Reeve. Kenneth graduated from Springport High School in 1955. He worked for Consumers Energy in Jackson for over 43 years before retiring in 1999 and was a volunteer fireman for Hamlin Township for 16 years. Kenneth enjoyed reading about Civil War history. He also enjoyed hunting with a muzzle loader and farming.

He is survived by his wife, Nina (Creyts) Reeve of Eaton Rapids; daughters, Wendy (Pierre) Bittar of Harbor Springs, Cyndie (Dale) Norton of Grand Ledge, Betsy (Scott) Pierce of Eaton Rapids, Jennifer (John) Martin of Mattawan; grandchildren, Jamie Norton of Potterville, Emily (Dean) Archer of Lansing, Robert Pierce of Lansing; brother, Roger Reeve of Leslie; sister, Margaret Brace of Hanford, CA; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leland Reeve Jr.,

Memorial services will be held at a later date with burial at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Griffith United Methodist Church, 9537 S. Clinton Tr. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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Melvin Cleveland Hampton

Eaton Rapids

Born October 26, 1913 in Marmaduke, Arkansas, the son of Amsy and Ethel Hampton, passed away January 3, 2012, at the age of 98.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Allie Mae Hampton; two grandchildren, Thom Lee Crist and Robert Thomas Crist. Surviving him are daughter, Barbara (Robert) Crist; son, Jerry (Norma) Hampton; grandchildren, Karla (Doug) Anderson, Nancy (Aric) Owen, Gregory Hampton, Sean (Nikki) Kersey and Scott (Jennifer) Kersey; 17 great grandchildren; brother, Ravis (Carol) Hampton; and sister, Sylvia Lucille (Dan) Seigo.

Melvin was a farmer and mechanic, employed with John Bean and Speaker-Hines for many years. He served as a devout member of Maranatha Baptist Church since 1958. Melvin is remembered as a man of great faith, a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather, and wonderful neighbor.

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Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2012 at Maranatha Baptist Church, 2300 N. Waverly Rd., Lansing, with the Rev. Glenn M. Ray, Jr. officiating. The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 5, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Home, 900 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. Those desiring may make contributions to Maranatha Baptist Church, 2300 N. Waverly Rd., Lansing, or to the Lansing City Rescue Mission, 607 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48912 in memory of Melvin. The family is being served by the Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.grlansing.com



Betty Ann Excell

Eaton Rapids

Passed away January 6, 2012 at the age of 88. She was born in New Iberia, LA November 6, 1923 the daughter of Albert and Louise Delcambre Sr. Betty owned and operated the Excell Grocery Store in Onondaga, MI and also owned several rental houses in Eaton Rapids. She loved to read, work on crossword puzzles and bird watching.

Betty is survived by her grandchildren, Judy Preston of Lansing, Robert and Melissa Preston of Eaton Rapids; great grandchildren, Marissa (Shane) Hampson of Olivet, Elizabeth (Cliff) Anderson of Olivet; great-great grandchildren, Arabella Hampson, Benjamin Anderson, Aiden Anderson; her beloved cat, Daisy; dog, Peanut; 2 nieces; 3 nephews; 2 special caregivers, Ellen Arnold and Barb Bickner; long time childhood friend, Edith Romero of LA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale Excell; daughter, Betty Ann Preston; brothers, Howard, Milton, Roy, Albert Jr; sister, Florence Strelau.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday January 10, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Interment will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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RACHEL TORRES-HAYES

Rachel Torres-Hayes was born at Eaton Rapids hospital on September 26, 1974. She passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday December 23, 2011 at the age of 37. She joined her brother P.J. as well as her loving grandparents who met her with open arms. She is survived by her husband, Jason Hayes of Albion, four wonderful children, Kara & Dakota Torres of Lansing, Cody and Danielle Peckham of Springport; her parents, Paul and Patricia Baker of Eaton Rapids; brother, Bill Watts of Eaton Rapids and sister, Shantell Baker of Parma; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Rachel loved all children but especially her 4 children and her nieces and nephews. She enjoyed spending time with them as often as possible.

Rachel studied hard to earn her G.E.D. as well as her C.E.N.A. certification. She enjoyed working, helping others as a nurses assistant.

In celebration of her life services were held Tuesday, December 27th at the Onondaga Sportsman's Club. A longtime family friend, John Stewart, officiated.

Baby Girl, you will always be remembered, never forgotten.

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ROBERT J. DANIELS

Robert J. Daniels of Gladwin, formerly of Eaton Rapids and Jackson, passed away January 1, 2012 at the Gladwin Nursing and Rehab Center of Gladwin Michigan. He was born May 28, 1915 in Hillsdale County Michigan, to Bena J. and Fern E. Daniels. He was the eldest of three children. In February, 1940 he married Bernice Arlene Chapman from Columbiaville, MI.

Robert graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1933. He retired from Symons Best Foods in Jackson, MI and enjoyed his retirement.

Robert is survived by children, James L. (Beth), Harley L. (Lynn), Jerold C. (Laura); grand children, Jennifer (Scott) Pelham, Amy Daniels, Harley Jr., (Shawndra) Daniels, Kim (Deral III) Murrie, Derek Daniels; great grandchildren, Bryan Karns, Kristi Karns, Autumn Daniels, Daniel Daniels, Shalyn Daniels, Deral Murrie IV, Adam Murrie. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice in March of 2002 after 62 years of marriage. He was also preceded in death by son, John P. Daniels, April 10, 2007; sisters, Mildred Clark and Arlene Twichell.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. January 21, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Bradley Smith officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Sandstone Congregational Church, 250 S. Sandstone Rd. Jackson, MI 49201, Hospice of West Branch, 3217 W. M-55 West Branch, MI 48661 or the American Heart Association, 2140 University park Dr. Ste 210, Okemos, MI 48864. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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BETTY ANN EXCELL

Betty Ann Excell of Eaton Rapids passed away January 6, 2012 at the age of 88. She was born in New Iberia, LA November 6, 1923 the daughter of Albert and Louise Delcambre Sr. Betty owned and operated the Excell Grocery Store in Onondaga, MI and also owned several rental houses in Eaton Rapids. She loved to read, work on crossword puzzles and bird watching.

Betty is survived by her grandchildren, Judy Preston of Lansing, Robert and Melissa Preston of Eaton Rapids; great grandchildren, Marissa (Shane) Hampson of Olivet, Elizabeth (Cliff) Anderson of Olivet; great-great grandchildren, Arabella Hampson, Benjamin Anderson, Aiden Anderson; her beloved cat, Daisy; dog, Peanut; 2 nieces; 3 nephews; 2 special caregivers, Ellen Arnold and Barb Bickner; long time childhood friend, Edith Romero of LA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale Excell; daughter, Betty Ann Preston; brothers, Howard, Milton, Roy, Albert Jr; sister, Florence Strelau.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday January 10, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Interment will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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PETE R. BRADFORD

Pete R. Bradford of Eaton Rapids, age 20, died Friday, January 6, 2012 at a Lansing hospital. Born September 28, 1991 the son of Scott and Dori (Terry) Bradford. Pete was an Eaton Rapids High School graduate, class of 2010. He was a very active member of Young Life through Riverview Church in Holt. Pete was the kind of person who loved to make people laugh and he enjoyed hanging out with his friends. Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Pete and Iris Terry.

Surviving are his parents, Scott and Dori Bradford; 2 brothers, Scotty and Max Bradford; grandparents, Kyle and Margaret Bradford of Eaton Rapids; his pet dogs, Jack and Daisy; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the Riverview Church in Holt with burial following at the Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. Family will receive friends at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. For those desiring memorial contributions may be made to Young Life, c/o Skinner Funeral Home 315 S. River St. Eaton Rapids, MI. 48827 in memory of Pete Bradford. For online condolences please go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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TRAVIS LEE PETERSON

Travis Lee Peterson of Lansing, formerly of Eaton Rapids, age 30 died Tuesday, January 3, 2012 following an altercation early New Years Day in Lansing. Travis was born July 29, 1981 to Tim Peterson and Kaye (Head) Mueller in Lansing. Travis attended Eaton Rapids High School up to the 11th grade before moving to St. Johns with his family. He currently worked as a press operator for Symmetry Medical in Lansing. Travis was one of the biggest and most faithful fans of MSU sports and the Detroit Lions. He enjoyed bicycling, working out and camping. Preceding him in death were his grandparents; Charlie and Wanda Head, and Norbert and Lucille Mueller.

Surviving are his mother, Kaye (John) Mueller of St. Johns; father, Tim (Susan) Peterson of Lansing; brother, Corey Peterson; sisters, Brooke Peterson and Taylor Mueller; grandparents, Lee and Yvonne Williamson and Carl and Ireta Scopazzo all of Charlotte; aunts and uncles, Cindy Boehmer, Brian Williamson, Brad Williamson, Pennie Newberry, Bobbie Wells and Charla Rudderow as well as numerous cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with the Rev. James Riley officiating. Burial will follow on the family plot in the Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. In Lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to LPD Victim Advocate at 740 May St. Patrol Division Lansing, MI. 48906, in memory of Travis. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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ROBERTA ANN BERGMAN

Roberta Ann Bergman of Jackson, MI passed away January 10, 2012 at the age of 71. She was born in Eaton Rapids February 2, 1939, the daughter of Robert and Josephine (Oberlin) Root. Roberta loved to laugh and joke around. She had many hobbies that included ceramics, bingo, gardening, shopping, knitting baking and candy making.

Roberta is survived by her children, Penny (Chris) Hinton of Vandercook Lake, Lori Ann (Jeremy) Verhoff of Grass Lake, Clyde Bergman Jr. of Jackson, David (Chris) Bergman of Jackson, Kody Bergman of Jackson, Richard (Suzette) Moore of Traverse City, Tommy Moore of KY, Dorothy Latimeaux of CA; 14 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; sister, Pauline Liner of Dimondale. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clyde; sister, Beverly Pierce; son, Robert Moore.

Memorial services were held Saturday January 14, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Online condolences may be sent to: www.shellyodell.com

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LAURA CHARLENE (HYDE) OWEN

Laura Charlene (Hyde) Owen of Eaton Rapids, passed away January 11, 2012 at the age of 62. She was born in Lansing, MI June 30, 1949, the daughter of Marshall Dooly and Dorothy McTice Hyde. Laura Charlene graduated from Lansing Sexton High School in 1967. She loved to knit and crochet. Laura was a member and volunteer at the Eaton Rapids Senior Center where she played cards, attended dances and was a Wii bowler. She also donated 20 quilts and afghans to the center. Laura enjoyed off road riding on motorcycles and quads.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Owen of Eaton Rapids; sons, Thomas Joseph (Brenda) Owen of Grand Ledge, Jeffrie Lyn Owen of Concord, MI, Richard Lee Owen of Eaton Rapids, Aric Joe (Nancy) Owen of Eaton Rapids; 7 grandchildren; brother, Roger (Sally) Benz of Saline, MI; special friend, Diana (Jamie) Weaver of Eaton Rapids. Laura was preceded in death by her parents; son, William Thomas Owen.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday January 17, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids, with Pastor Daniel Hofmann officiating. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30200 Telegraph Rd. Ste 105 Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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LYLE E. ELDRED

Lyle E. Eldred of Eaton Rapids, age 74, died Sunday, January 15, 2012 at the Eaton Community Palliative Care in Charlotte. Born December 30, 1937 in Lansing, Michigan, one of 6 sons born to Owen and Edith (Hector) Eldred. Lyle retired from General Motors in Lansing as a Mechanic in Engineering after 20 years. He formerly worked for Lorenz Buick in Lansing for 24 years as a Mechanic. After retirement he filled his time woodworking making furniture and carving ducks. He loved working on GM classic cars, farming, hunting and fishing. His greatest joy was going to high school sporting events and watching grandchildren compete. Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother-in-law, Richard Sevenski.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Sandy; 5 children, Tami (Wayne) Baty of Eaton Rapids, Karen (Leroy) Winke of Holt, Kristine (Matt) Handy of Pickney, Terry (Susan) Eldred of Alabama and Duane (Kim) Eldred of Vermontville; 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; 5 brothers, Keith (Shirley) Eldred of Charlotte, Gene (Laura Jean) Eldred of Holt, Daryl (Sandra) Eldred of Charlotte, David (Stella) Eldred of Holt and Denny (LeAnn) Eldred of Tennessee; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 18th at 1:00 p.m. at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Burial will follow in the Munger Cemetery in rural Eaton Rapids. Family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. noon until service time. For those desiring memorial gifts may be made to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or the Eaton Community Palliative Care 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813 in memory of Lyle Eldred. For online condolences please go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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Charles "Chuck" M. Robertson

Eaton Rapids

Age 93, died Thursday, January 19, 2012 at the Island City Assisted Living in Eaton Rapids. Born October 6, 1918 on the Robertson farm his family had been operating for 146 years in Aurelius Township. Chuck was one of five children born to Frank O. and Cora E. (Kirby) Robertson. He was a member of the Robbins United Methodist Church and a former member of the Aurelius Township Board of Review. Chuck was a life long farmer and took over the operation from his father.

Proceeding him in death were a grandson, Jacob Robertson; brother, Bruce Robertson; and parents.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Maxine; 5 children, Judy Morrill of Alexandria, VA, Rodney (Doris) Robertson of Rose City, MI, Roger (Rosemarie) Robertson of Mason, Janet (Steven) Peters of Eaton Rapids and Joyce Robertson of Eaton Rapids; 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; brother, Wilbur Robertson of Eaton Rapids; sisters, Roma (Byron) Stevens of Truth Or Consequences, NM and Barbara Friedley of Allen Park, MI; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 23, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Robbins United Methodist Church in rural Eaton Rapids. Burial will follow at the Fowler Cemetery in Aurelius Township. Family will receive friends at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. For those desiring memorial gifts may be made to the Eaton Rapids Medical Center in memory of Chuck Robertson. For online condolences go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com L55 1/21/2012

STEWART F. LESTER

Stewart F. Lester of Springport passed away Saturday, January 28, 2012 at age 75. Born July 20, 1936 to Ida Lester in Long Island, New York. Stew retired from Harvard Industry in Albion, MI where he was a Millwright. He was President of the "Narrow Lake Social Club." Stew loved his family and will be missed dearly by all who remember him. Preceding him in death were his mother and son, James S. Lester.

Surviving are his wife, of 55 years, Bernice (Gates) Lester; son, Randall J. (LaNora) Lester; daughter-in-law, Joan Lester; grandsons, Paul (Carrie) Lester, Robert Lester; great grandson, Jacob; as well as half brothers, half sisters, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care in Stew's name. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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PAUL WILLIAM CALDWELL

Paul William Caldwell of Springport, passed away on Monday, January 23, 2012, at the age 79. Paul was born in Springport on Grand Street on October 12, 1932 to Art and Thelma (Peckham) Caldwell. Paul barbered in Albion and owned a shop on Main Street in Springport. He retired from the Jackson prison as a Sergeant. Paul served in the US Army, on the Springport Village council and the Springport Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jean (Dutton); three children, Paula (Jim) Johnson of Paw Paw, Phil (Dawn Gale) Caldwell of Tompkins Center, Annette (Mark) Hauler of Springport; seven grandchildren, Heather, Sarah and Kathleen Caldwell, Artie (Brooke) Wilcox, Megan Ward, Marky and Lauren Hauler; two great-grandchildren, Lizabeth Caldwell and Laura Wilcox.

Funeral services remembering Paul's life were held at the J.C. Adams Funeral Home, Springport Chapel, on Thursday, January 26, 2012 with Pastor Mike Peters officiating. Interment was at Springport Cemetery. For those who wish memorial contributions may be made to S.A.F.E. (Springport Area Foundation for Education), PO Box 83, Springport, MI 49284 or New Hope Worship Center, 13600

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GERALD ALBERT COX

Gerald Albert Cox of Dimondale, passed away January 14, 2011 in Charlotte at the age of 70. He was born October 24, 1941 the son of James and Lucille (Wagner) Cox. Gerald was a mechanic working for Spartan Motors. He also worked at CATA and Diamond REO. Gerald loved cars and was a big fan of drag racing and enjoyed cooking.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Diane (French) Cox of Dimondale; children, Jay Cox Jr. of Jackson, Greg Cox of Tampa, Jennifer Cox of Dimondale, Jennelle Johns of Leslie; 3 grandchildren, Shea Cox, Blaine Morgan, Kaleb Cox; brothers, Tom (Ginger) Cox of N.C., Jim (Sue) Cox of Portland; sister, Sandy Fuller of Jackson. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Cox.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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CHARLES "CHUCK" M. ROBERTSON

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Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Maxine; 5 children, Judy Morrill of Alexandria, Virginia, Rodney (Doris) Robertson of Rose City, MI, Roger (Rosemarie) Robertson of Mason, Janet (Steven) Peters of Eaton Rapids and Joyce Robertson of Eaton Rapids; 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; brother, Wilbur Robertson of Eaton Rapids; sisters, Roma (Byron) Stevens of Truth Or Consequences, N.M. and Barbara Friedley of Allen Park, MI.; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Robbins United Methodist Church in rural Eaton Rapids. Burial followed at the Fowler Cemetery in Aurelius Township. For those desiring memorial gifts may be made to the Eaton Rapids Medical Center in memory of Chuck Robertson. For online condolences go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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Geraldine Davis

Eaton Rapids

Geraldine Davis, passed away January 31, 2012 at the age of 82. She was born in Rutherford, TN. July 7, 1929 the daughter of U. A. and Bessie (Allen) Stepp. Geraldine was very creative and artistic. She enjoyed crocheting, macramé, took a floral arranging class and was also an avid knick-knack and bell collector.

Geraldine is survived by her children, Kathy (Jeff) Wilson of Eaton Rapids, Larry (Mary) Sutberry of Haslett, Barry Sutberry of Eaton Rapids; 4 grandchildren, Tammy, Angie, Ryan, Shana; 7 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; 2 brothers; 4 sisters; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; 3 brothers and 1 sister.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday February 2, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids, Mi. Interment will be at Rosehill Cemetery. Friends may visit the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice. Those desiring may visit our website to place an online condolence. www.shellyodell.com

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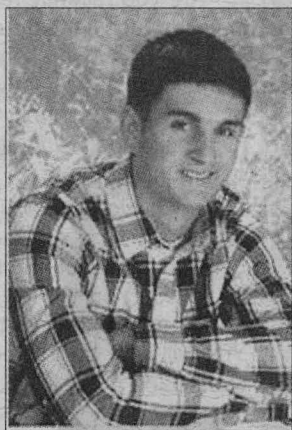
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Funeral services were held Thursday February 2, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids, Mi. Interment was at Rosehill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice. Those desiring may visit our website to place an online condolence. www.shellyodell.com

Flashes 2/7/12



BLAKE PATRICK RANKIN

Blake Patrick Rankin Charlotte, MI Age 19, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 at the Ingham Regional Medical Center after a short illness. Blake was born Sept. 30, 1992 in Charlotte and was a 2011 Graduate of Charlotte High School where he had participated on the Baseball and Basketball Teams. He liked hunting & fishing, especially deer hunting and was an avid water fowl hunter and enjoyed doing it with family and friends.

Survivors include: his wife, Rachel (Ayers) Rankin; his parents, Barbara (Frank, Jr.) Silvas of Charlotte and Patrick (Susan) Rankin of Olivet; 6 brothers, Brendon Rankin of Charlotte, Easton Rankin of Olivet, Bailey Silvas of Charlotte, Travis (Carli) Silvas of Charlotte, Ryan (Vanessa) Silvas of Texas and Nathaniel Hayes of Olivet; Grandparents, Bruce & Mikayla Malcuit of Charlotte, Harry Rankin of Charlotte and Judy Rankin of Eaton Rapids; Step grandparents, Frank, Sr. (Cruz) Silvas of Charlotte and Dan & Bonnie Judd of Olivet; Aunts & Uncles, Beth Malcuit, Amy (Rich) Phifer, Charlie (Joanna) Malcuit, Brent Rankin, Chris Rankin and Aaron Rankin; 2 nieces and 4 nephews.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 from 3-8 p.m. at the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home in Charlotte. A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 at the Charlotte High School Gymnasium with Pastor John Bailey officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Blake Rankin Memorial Fund at Independent Bank (Charlotte Branch) for the upcoming birth of his daughter, Ainsley Blake Rankin. www.burkhead-greenfuneralhome.com

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Peggy L. Kelly

Eaton Rapids

Peggy L. Kelly, age 60, of Eaton Rapids. Our loving wife, mother, and grandmother went to be with Christ on January 15, 2012, after a long battle with ALS.

Peggy graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1969. She retired from the State of Michigan Dept. of Treasury as a Departmental Analyst after 29 years, where she loved her co-workers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Eleanor Franzen, and her sister, Katherine Taylor. Surviving are her husband, Michael T. Kelly; daughter, Jennifer Kelly; sons, Kenneth (Stacy) Morehouse, Paul (Kim) Morehouse, Michael Taylor (girlfriend Chelsie); stepsons, Michael Kelly and Thomas Kelly; grandchildren, Ryan, Taylor, Kenneth Jr., Brandon and Alex Morehouse, and Isabella Kelly; brothers, Roderick (Karen) Burch, Michael (Marty) Taylor; and several nieces and nephews.

Peggy could not leave without saying goodbye to her sister-in-love and BFF, Kris Morehouse. Peg and her husband, Mike would also like to say thank you to their close friend, Mike Gardner for all his help and care. She was also grateful to McLaren Home Hospice, Joan, Hellen, Mary, Kasandra, Deanna, and the many others for all the love and support.

Peggy loved to read and devoured books. She enjoyed the simple things in life: camping, fishing, going on trips with family. What she enjoyed the most was seeing joy in others. She always put others first, especially family. Peggy and her husband, Mike, attended Central Free Methodist Church the last few years of her life, where the outpouring of God's love through Pastor Bruce, Pastor Sue, and the congregation was a big comfort. Peggy loved her Church.

There will be a great celebration service and feast in her memory at Central Free Methodist Church, 828 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48906, on February 18th, at 11:00 a.m., The Reverend Sue Alvera officiating. Donation in her memory can be made in lieu of flowers, to Central Free Methodist Church.

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LEWIS ARTHUR GULICK

Lewis Arthur Gulick of Eaton Rapids passed away Monday, January 30, 2012 at the age of 78. He was born in Saginaw, MI. February 1, 1933 the son of Myron and Nellie (Russell) Gulick. Lewis retired from Fisher Body in 1995 after 30 years of service and loved to garden.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Gulick of Eaton Rapids; sons, Michael Lewis Gulick of Belding, Mark S. Gulick of St. Louis, MI, Milton Gulick of Eaton Rapids; brother, Russ (Nancy) Gulick of Harrison. He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters.

Lewis's wishes were to be cremated and private family services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Home, 11307 VFW Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Arrangements were entrusted to the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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BERNICE FREDIA WHEELER

Bernice Fredia Wheeler of Springport, formerly of Bellevue, passed away February 12, 2012 at the age of 96. She was born in Eaton County, MI. November 17, 1915, the daughter of Floyd and Grace Blodgett. Bernice worked with her husband on their family farm. She enjoyed sewing, needlework, gardening, canning and crafts. Bernice attended First Baptist Church and was a member of the Brookfield Eastern Star.

She is survived by her daughter, Ruth (Gary) Clarke of Springport; daughter-in-law, Linda Rich of Bellevue; grandchildren, Suzanne Clarke of Marquette, MI, Cheryl (Joe) Cantu of Eaton Rapids, Lynette (Tom) Thompson of Battle Creek, Jonathan (Jamie) Rich of Brighton; great grandchildren, Austin, Justin and Haley Thompson, Joey and Jesse Cantu; numerous nieces and nephews; sister, Alice Blodgett of Charlotte. Bernice was preceded in death by her husbands, Merlin Rich and Fred Wheeler; son, Jonathan Rich; sister, Anna Smith; brothers, Ernest, Elwood and Kenneth Blodgett and her parents.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday February 15, 2012 at the First Baptist Church, 9220 Kinneville Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI. 48827 with Pastor Scott Boles officiating. A 2:15 burial will follow at the Kalamo Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 5303 S. Cedar St. Lansing, MI 48911 or the First Baptist Church. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service. Arrangements were entrusted to the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids and those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences, www.shellyodell.com

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ADA MAE WARNER

Ada Mae Warner of Eaton Rapids, passed away in Jackson, February 11, 2012 at the age of 98. She was born in Jackson, MI December 14, 1913 the daughter of Colonel and Elvira Grace (Burleson) Ellsworth. Ada retired from Eaton Stamping and also worked at the Woolen Co., Hifits Pickle Co., and was a cashier at Kroger. She was a member of the Nazarene Church in Eaton Rapids, a founder of the Midnight Riders Motorcycle Club and was very active at the Eaton Rapids Senior Center. Ada led a very interesting life and will be sadly missed by her family.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews; special grandchildren, Christina (Kirk) Howard of Jackson, Matthew Hubbell of Jackson, Roberta Hubbell of Las Vegas, Kyle Barto of Jackson, Kale and Kourtney Kurtz of Jackson. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Orla Warner; six brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday February 14, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Gary Bright officiating. Interment will follow at the Walker Cemetery in Jackson, MI. Memorial contributions can be made to the Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 or the Church of the Nazarene; 2225 S. Michigan Rd. also in Eaton Rapids. Those desiring can visit our website to place an online condolence, www.shellyodell.com



HERBERT R. IRVIN

Herbert R. Irvin passed away surrounded by his family on February 11, 2012 in Eaton Rapids, MI. Herb was born March 13th 1930 in Lansing, MI to Oakley and Coy Irvin. He served in the Armed Services, 25th div. of 8th Field Artillery from 1948-1951. Herb married Joyce Wilson on December 12th, 1953. He graduated from Ferris University in 1956 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Herb worked over 20 years for Win Schuler Restaurants. He retired from Jackson State Prison in 1988.

Herb Loved antique vehicles, working with his hands, and the mental challenges of working with the stock market. Herb's passion for working with and figuring out machines and hardware led him to the purchase of Irvin's Hardware in Homer, Michigan in 1975. His son, Jerry became a partner in 1978. Herb was a long time member of the Marshall Loyal Order of the Moose and a life time member of the V.F.W. in Homer, MI.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; brother, Horace and Marilyn Irvin of Largo, FL.; children, Jerry and Cindy (Miller) Irvin of Homer, MI. Vanette Irvin of Aiken, SC. Londa and Brent Putnam of Eaton Rapids, MI.; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Luther Irvin; and sister, Gentry Iryin. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Carrick-Jaroszk Post 9411 in Homer, MI. or McLaren Hospice. Memorial services were held on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. the family received friends at 12:00 p.m.

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Dorothy E. Congdon Eaton Rapids

Age 84 died Monday, February 20, 2012 at a Lansing hospital. Born October 5, 1927 in Coushatta, LA. the second oldest of nine children born to Charley and Iris (Woodall) Hubbard.

Dorothy retired as a secretary for the Vesely Company in Lapeer. A long standing member of the Springport United Methodist Church and the U.M.W. She was preceded in death by her husband's Ben Henderson, Victor Hoag and Robert Congdon; daughter, Diane England "Lady Di"; step-son, Daniel Congdon; grandson, Michael Hoag; granddaughter, April England; sisters, Juanita Hubbard and Shirley Patton; brothers, Bernard and Tom Hubbard.

Surviving are one son, Dennis Hoag of Eaton Rapids; 4 grandchildren, Aaron England of Charlotte, Christopher Hoag of Denver, Annastasia (Jonathan) Hampton of South Bend, and Brent (Andrea) Hoag of New Buffalo; 3 great grandchildren, James, Cody and Josh Beam; brothers, Daniel Hubbard of Eaton Rapids and Bill (Joan) Hubbard of Alabama; sisters, Martha Blevins of Mendon, LA. and Gwen (LaVern) Sigourney of Irons, MI.; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Springport United Methodist Church with Rev. Melissa Claxton officiating. Burial will follow in the Clarence Center Cemetery. Family will receive friends at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8p.m. For those desiring memorial gifts may be made to the Springport United Methodist Church Building Fund in memory of Dorothy Congdon. For online condolences please go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com



Darrel Alldaffer Eaton Rapids

Passed away Thursday February 23, 2012 at the age of 68. He was born in Charlotte November 18, 1943 the son of Wayne Richard Jr. and Arlene (Stukey) Alldaffer. Darrel was a 1961 graduate of Charlotte High School. He was a truck driver Pet Milk, worked for Johnson Iron as an assistant supervisor and Cedar Place Apartments as a building superintendent. Darrel belonged to the Charlotte Rotary. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, camping traveling and going to the casino. Darrel was a handyman to many and had a very positive attitude toward life.

He is survived by his wife, Deanna Joyce (Moffitt) Alldaffer of Eaton Rapids; children, Darrell Wayne (Lori) Anderson of St. Johns, James and Brian Anderson, Arlene Linley of Mason, Jack Jardot of Eaton Rapids, Aaron Jardot of Hastings, Tana Baty of Eaton Rapids, Lori (Greg) Beck of Kalkaska; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; sisters, Sharleen (Gary) Moyer of Lansing, twin sister, Doreen (Phil) Vahs of Bellevue, Cheryl (Denny) Perry of Gainesville, FL; and his dog Toby. Darrel was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Darwin, Alldaffer.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday February 26, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 with Pastor Dallas McFarland officiating. Interment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care Facility, 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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Joseph "Joe" VanDenDriessche Eaton Rapids

Passed away February 23, 2012 at the age of 76. He was born in Charlotte May 15, 1935 the son of Edward and Augusta (VanDeMoortel) VanDenDriessche. Joe married Yvonne Murray February 7, 1976.

They celebrated 36 years of marriage. He retired from Aeroquip after 20 years of service. He also worked at Aluminum Extrusions and Airway in Olivet. Joe served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He was also a member of the American Legion in Eaton Rapids. He was an avid golfer and used to count down the days until he could get back on the course.

Joe is survived by his wife, Yvonne of Eaton Rapids; daughters, Carrie (Kelvin) James of Eaton Rapids, Amy (Ed) Downey of Harlem, GA, Anne (Alan) Grayson of Southfield, Cheryl (Jim) Barch of Crystal Lake, IL; step-daughter, Rosa Hector of Florida; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; siblings, Ed (Elaine) VanDenDriessche of Charlotte, Millie (Joe) Zakora of Vermontville, Dolores (Darrell) Lanagan of Harper Woods. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jim VanDenDriessche.

The family would like to thank Sparrow CCU and the Pulmonary Rehab Center at Ingham for their kindness.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday February 28, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 with Pastor Daniel Hofmann officiating. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation, 4742 N. 24th St. Ste 400 Phoenix, AZ 85016. Friends may visit with the family Monday from 2-5 p.m. Those desiring may send online condolences to www.shellyodell.com

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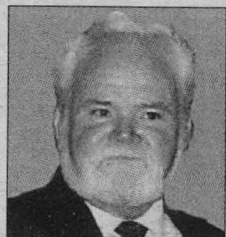
Evelyn Wilma DeBolt Eaton Rapids

Passed away February 25, 2012 at the age of 86. Evelyn was born in Union City September 28, 1925 the daughter of Herbert and Cora Harper. She loved playing cards at the Senior Center and enjoyed spending time with all her friends there. Evelyn was a member of the Eaton Rapids Community Church for over 15 years. She spent her later years caring for her husband. Evelyn dearly loved all her step-children and daughter-in-laws as if they were her own.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda DeBolt of Lansing; daughters-in-law, Mary DeBolt of Lansing, Shirley Frederick of Lowell; sons, Donald (Patricia) DeBolt of Lansing, Robert (Illore) DeBolt of St. Louis, MI; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; sister, MaryLou Swearngen of Canton, MI; special niece, MaryEllen (William) Hoar of Laingsburg. Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Donald DeBolt in 2005; son, Danny Frederick in 2004; step-son, John in 2011; parents; 1 brother; 5 sisters; grandson, Bart DeBolt.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday February 29, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Phillip Palmer officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Garden Cemetery in Dimondale. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827, Eaton Rapids Community Church, 317 W. Knight St. or Heartland Hospice, 865 S. Cedar St. Mason, MI 48854. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

LSSJ 2/27/2012



EMERSON J PULL JR.

Emerson J Pull Jr. of Springport, passed away March 2, 2012 at the age of 78. He was born in Jackson, MI January 1, 1934 the son of Emerson J. Sr. and Esabelle (Stevens) Pull. Emerson married Darlene Snyder in 1981. He was a structural welding engineer for the State of Michigan. Emerson retired in 1992 after 26 years of service. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in the Korean War from 1953-1957. Emerson was a member of the Adams Rockey VFW Post 6056 in Springport. He was a jack of all trades that enjoyed woodworking, painting and building.

Emerson is survived by his wife, Twila Darlene (Snyder) Pull of Springport; children, Cynthia (Keith) Atchinson of Belleville, Holly Bradley of Saline, Robin (Craig) Castleberry of Britton, Randall Pull of Verona, WI; 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; sister, Morita (John) Wesenan of Redford. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Emerson J. Pull III.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 5, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Char Minger officiating. Interment followed at Pope Church Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Pope United Methodist Church, 10025 N. Parma Rd. Springport, MI 49284 or the American Diabetes Association, 1701 N. Beauregard St. Alexandria, VA 22311. Online condolences for Emerson may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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TAYLOR "RED" GROVES

Taylor "Red" Groves of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, age 85, died Sunday, March 4, 2012 in Eaton Rapids. Born January 11, 1927 in Grand Rapids, Michigan son of Earl W. and Hattie (Bevins) Groves. Red served in the US Marine Corp during World War II. From 1957 to 1962 Red and wife Dorothy owned and operated "Taylor Made Bakery" in Eaton Rapids. He retired as Manager of Food Service for Michigan State University after 27 years of service. A member of the First Congregational Church in Eaton Rapids for over 50 years; member of the American Legion in Eaton Rapids and Florida; former member of the F&AM lodge #63 in Eaton Rapids and past president of the Eaton Rapids Jaycees. He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy in 2008.

Surviving are 2 sons, Steve (Mary) Groves and Mark (Riny) Groves all of Eaton Rapids; grandchildren and great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Calvin (Yvonne) Groves of Coco, FL and Clinton (Dianne) Groves of Apple Valley, CA.; sister, Erythe Hobbs of Viroqua, WI.; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 9, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with Rev. John Metcalf officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. Family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. For those desiring memorial gifts may be made to either the Eaton Rapids Medical Center or the Eaton Community Palliative Care in memory of Taylor Groves. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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Vanessa L. (Fear) DiSanto

Eaton Rapids

Vanessa Loretta (Fear) DiSanto died March 4, 2012 at Maplewood AFC in Eaton Rapids, MI. She was 95 years of age. Vanessa was born on November 6, 1916 in De Lancey, PA, to Elia and Paula Castranova, one of their ten children. She married Frank Fear of Punxsutawney, PA, and the couple settled in Syracuse, NY, where Frank worked for the U.S. Veterans Administration. Following Frank's unexpected death in 1957, Vanessa relocated in Batavia, NY, where she lived for nearly 50 years. She was a parishioner of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish and an employee of the former Marine Midland Bank (Batavia office), where she was well known to customers for her engaging personality and investment knowledge. Later in life, Vanessa married Nicholas (Nick) DiSanto of Batavia, NY. Vanessa remained in Batavia for a period of time following Nick's death before relocating in 2001 to the Lansing area to be closer to immediate family.

Vanessa is survived by her son, Frank (Kathy) Fear of Owosso, MI and Cape Coral, FL, and grandson, Frank (Janae) Fear of Owosso, MI, and their children, Avery, Eli, and Vivia. She is also survived by two brothers: John (late Nina) Castranova of Batavia, NY, and Dr. Daniel (Pat) Castranova of Sherman Oaks, CA. Vanessa was preceded in death by her parents, by her husbands, by her brothers, Peter and Eli, and by her sisters, Frances, Mary Angela, Margaret, Immaculata, and Lillian.

Well organized and systematic in approach, Vanessa was a self-taught woman. She became an investment consultant to family and friends, giving them advice they valued and used. Vanessa also had a knack for interior design, gardening, and antiques, becoming well known for designing appealing home-scapes. The crown jewel of her work was a lovely, single-family home she purchased and decorated in the 1960s. A classy, sociable, and highly intelligent woman, Vanessa will be best remembered as a person who was devoted to family-with son, Frank, being the focus of her life. He will be forever thankful for his mother's unwavering love and devotion, particularly for the relentlessly tough-minded approach she took to his upbringing. In these days following Vanessa's passing, the Fear family would like to acknowledge the outstanding care Vanessa received from Betty Breakey and her staff at Maplewood AFC in Eaton Rapids. They became Vanessa's second family, and cared for her as such. We also thank our friend and Vanessa's physician, Dr. Tom Kelly, for his attentive medical care; and we acknowledge the staff at Sparrow Hospice Services for the gentle and comforting approach they took in Vanessa's last weeks and days.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes. No local service is planned. **A remembrance of Vanessa's life will take place at a later date in Batavia, NY.**

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DONNA (HARRIS) JOHNSON

Donna (Harris) Johnson of Battle Creek went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, February 28, 2012. She passed away at Bronson Battle Creek surrounded by her loved ones.

Donna Lee Johnson (Harris) (Oliver) was born in Eaton Rapids, Michigan on October 29, 1947 to Donald K. and Betty J. (Isbell) Harris, who preceded her in death.

Donna graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1965. Shortly after graduation, she moved to Battle Creek, where she worked at Stouffer Hotel and later at the Family Health Center. She enjoyed spending time with family, crocheting, crossword puzzles, and spending time at the family cabin at Higgins Lake in Roscommon, Michigan.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Oliver; son, Jeffrey (Tonia) Oliver; seven grandchildren; brother, Michael (Mary) Harris; sister, Nancy Cherry; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; second husband, George Johnson; sister, Kathryn Davidson; brother-in-law, Bruce Cherry; and granddaughter, Dannielle Oliver.

Funeral services took place on Monday, March 5, 2012. Interment followed at Fort Custer National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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SHIRLEY ANN WILBUR

Shirley Ann Wilbur of Lansing, formerly of Springport, passed away in Sun City, AZ, February 14, 2012 at the age of 77. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, MI September 11, 1934 the daughter of Frank and Mary (Crane) Clemens. Shirley worked for Schmidt Grocery Store in Lansing and later retired from the State of Michigan in 2005. She loved to play euchre, fish, garden and read historical romances.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Janet Lee (Bill) Mitchell of Sun City, AZ; 5 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson; brothers, Robert Clemens, Jerry Clemens, Jim (Betty) Clemens; sister, Patricia Gregg. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Glenn Wilbur Jr; sister, Gloria Black; brother, Jack Clemens.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday March 17, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids, MI with Pastor Melissa Claxton officiating. Interment will follow at Clarence Twp Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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CHARLES FRED "RUSTY" BENNER

Charles Fred "Rusty" Benner, 76, formerly of Eaton Rapids, died on Monday, March 5, 2012 in Dade City, Florida. He was born in Oroville, California on November 6, 1935 to the late Alma (Orin) Swain. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles F. Hodge, stepfather Henry Benner, and spouses Georgette, Helen, and Margie. Rusty grew up in northern California and graduated from Red Bluff Union High School in 1953. He eventually found his way to Michigan and retired from the Eaton Rapids School District in 1996. He and his life partner, Linda McDougall, lived together in Mecosta during the summer months and enjoyed warm, sunny days in Dade City, Florida escaping the cold Michigan winters. Rusty enjoyed puzzles, playing computer solitaire, NASCAR, and was an avid Jack Daniel's collector and USC fan. He was a simple gracious man who loved his family and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Rusty is survived by his children, Robin (Ricky) Rodriguez, Vicky Benner, Laurie (Larry) Foster, Michelle (Michael) King, Chuck (Chris) Benner, Orin (Cheryl) Benner, Paula (Tony) Eldridge, and Todd (Carla) Benner; stepson Sid (Sally) Shirey; brother Henry (Judy) Benner; and sister Norreene Riley. He also is survived by grandchildren Larry, Georgette, Jennifer, Mandy, Amanda, Charlie, David, Brandon, Nathan, Brittany, Chase, Brayden, and Trace; great grandchildren, Dakota and MJ; and special friends, Jim and Dale. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 13th at St. Peter Catholic Church, 515 E. Knight St, Eaton Rapids with visitation beginning at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Father Bennett P. Constantine will officiate. Interment will be at the Rosehill Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

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LYLE BURPEE

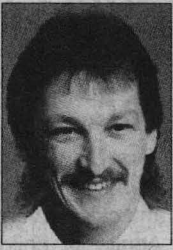
Lyle Burpee of Charlotte, formerly of Pontiac, passed away Sunday March 11, 2012 at the age of 84. He was born in Royal Oak, MI May 6, 1927 the son of Clarence and Ruth (Ball) Burpee. Lyle worked for GM and later retired in 1985 after 37 years of service. He was an excellent woodworker. Lyle built most of the furniture in his house and co-founded the Mid Michigan Woodworkers Guild. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Jean (Lange) Burpee of Charlotte; children, Linda (Charles) Hayward of Clarkston, Gloria (John) Herweyer of Rockford; 13 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 4 sisters; 1 brother; numerous nieces and nephews. Lyle was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers; 2 sisters; 1 grandson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday March 14, 2012 at the Nazarene Church, 2225 S. Michigan Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 Pastor Dallas McFarland officiating. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Nazarene Church. Those desiring may send online condolences to www.shellyodell.com

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DAVID BRIA

David Bria passed away on March 17, 2012 on a beautiful spring day doing what he loved to do; working out in nature with his brothers from another mother. He was a lifelong resident of Eaton Rapids and a 1982 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School as well as a graduate of Lansing Community College. He enjoyed motorcycle racing, flying and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Delaine Bria; two daughters, Nikiya Bria of Eaton Rapids and Jacqueline Coffey of Knoxville, TN; two sons, Steven Makins of Austin, TX and Tom Coffey of Carencro, LA; his father, Ed Vallin; extended Vallin family and his sisters, Valarie, Linda, Cindy, Annette, Carol, Betty, Grace, Liz and Marcia; brothers, Robert, Lyle, Marty, Floyd and John and his other family, the Baldwins.

By his wishes, David will be cremated and a Memorial service will be held at the Wesleyan Church in Eaton Rapids at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 22. A luncheon will be served following the service.

MELVIN DEAN MARVIN

Melvin Dean Marvin of Eaton Rapids, age 78, passed away after a long battle with cancer at home with his loving family at his side, Sunday, March 11, 2012. Melvin was born May 4, 1933 in Lyon Manor Twp., Michigan the son of Charles and Irene "Hamp" Marvin. Mel was a proud Veteran who served in the United States Army. He retired from General Motors after 28 years of service. Although Mel loved his family first and foremost, his second love was his Appaloosa horse farm. He would work a full day at Fisher Body and then go home to farm and take care of his beloved Appaloosa horses. Mel was a Founding Member of the Michigan Appaloosa Horse Association. Beyond all of that he and his wife, Aggie had a photography business that they would work at out of the home for many years taking wonderful photo's of various occasions. Needless to say with four children, working at Fisher Body, photography business, farming and his Appaloosa horses, Mel was a busy man. A loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, cousin and friend and he will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

Mel is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Aggie; daughters, Gina "Marvin" Mulkey, Dana (Cowboy) Peters, Vera (Pete Eland) Marvin and Neva (Mike) Austin; grandchildren, Edgerton, Calach, Doug, Audrey, Becca, Charlie and Angel; great granddaughter, Victoria. Also surviving are many cousins and friends.

There will be a Celebration of Mel's life later this Spring. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Michigan Appaloosa Horse Association Scholarship Fund in memory of Mel. The family is being served by the Palmer, Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Home, Holt Chapel. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.palmerbush.com.

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Mari Akasaka Hicks

Columbia, TN

Formerly of Tokyo, Japan and Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Graduated to Heaven on March 21, 2012 at the age of 64. She was born in Fukui, Japan July 22, 1947 the daughter of Rev. Hideo and Harue (Fujishiro) Akasaka. Mari attended college for 2 years before becoming a ballet dancer. She danced for the Royal Ballet Company in British Columbia, Tokyo and San Francisco. Mari was the chapter leader of the International VIP Club and has been a Missionary with her husband Neal for 31 years.

Mari is survived by her husband, F. Neal Hicks of Columbia, TN; sons, Neal H. (Nathalia "Lyiah") Hicks of Tokyo, Japan, Phillip S. Hicks of Orlando, FL; sisters, Mizue Nishihara, Setsuko Nakata, Shigeko Takeda; and leaves behind many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Rev. Eiichi Akasaka, Keiji Akasaka, Katsumi Akasaka, Hideho Akasaka.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday March 28, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church, 600 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Daniel Hofmann officiating and Rev. Dick McClain eulogist. Interment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery with Rev. Lauren Halveston officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mission Society, 6234 N. Crooked Creek Rd., Norcross, GA 30092. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences, www.shellyodell.com L S J 3/27/2012



Lauretta Faye (Bollinger)

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Beloved mother wife, daughter, sister, and grandmother recieved her angel wings on March 16, 2012 at the age of 44. Lauretta was born on March 13, 1968, and graduated from Holt in 1986.

Retta was dedicated to her family especially her grandbabies. She loved her job as a receptionist at Simplified Tax in Eaton Rapids. She also loved to read, and take care of her home.

Lauretta is survived by her husband Eric, parents Doug and Betty, sister Cheri, children Andrea, Kendra (John), Joshua (Jessica), Ashley and Cody and grandbabies, Jackson, Ajay, Kennedy, Nora, Sydni and twins, as well as many other special family members and friends. She joins her grandparents, aunt, and brothers Ben and Jeff.

A celebration dinner will be held for family and friends at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Lauretta to Ele's Place, or on her memorial page on Facebook. L S J 3/24/2012



MICHAEL TODD MATTHEWS

Michael Todd Matthews of Newnan, GA, formerly of Eaton Rapids, passed away in Newnan, GA March 14, 2012 at the age of 47. He was born April 20, 1964. Todd loved being outdoors. He enjoyed playing golf, watching NASCAR, especially his favorite driver, Jeff Gordon. Todd was a huge fan of the MSU Spartans. Todd served in the Army National Guard and spent the past 25 years in the Corrugated Industry.

Todd is survived by his wife, Theresa Matthews of Newnan, GA; daughter, Kelsey Matthews of Bellevue, MI; sons, Nikolas (Sarah) Matthews of Eaton Rapids, Cole Matthews of GA; grandchildren, Easton Matthews and Bentley Brand; 1 brother; 2 sisters and grandmother Maxine Miller. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sue Brown; grandfather, Arch Rogers Jr.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813 or Ele's Place, 1145 W. Oakland Ave. Lansing, MI 48915. Arrangements were entrusted to the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Those desiring may visit our website to place an online condolence. www.shellyodell.com

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DOROTHY M. BROWNING

Dorothy M. Browning of Eaton Rapids, age 73, died Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the Eaton Community Palliative Care in Charlotte following a lengthy illness. Born September 4, 1938 in Jackson the daughter of Clayton and Mildred (Poehler) Stewart. Dorothy's family owned and operated Stewart Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. She met and married Roy Browning in 1956. Dorothy retired after 30 plus years as an Analyst for the Secretary of State for the State of Michigan. She was a member of the Saint John's Episcopal Church in Charlotte. Preceding her in death were her parents Clayton and Mildred.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Roy; two children, Deborah (Jeff) Marks of Eaton Rapids and Dave (Audrey) Browning of Fife Lake, MI.; 4 grandchildren, Andy (Erin Williams) Backofen of Fife Lake, Allie (Dale) Hills of Eaton Rapids, Casey Lynn Browning of Fife Lake and Alexandria-Kaye Marks of Eaton Rapids; 2 great grandchildren, Logan and Ella Hills; sister, Mary Lou Rice of Detroit; special brother-in-law, Nick Browning of St. Louis, Missouri.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with Rev. Carol officiating. Burial followed in the Brickyard Cemetery in Eaton Rapids Township. For those desiring memorial contributions may be made to either MDI (Michigan Dyslexia Institute) or the Eaton Community Palliative Care in memory of Dorothy. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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DONNA JEAN REED

Donna Jean Reed of Haslett, passed away March 24, 2012 at the age of 78. She was born in Lansing October 22, 1933 the daughter of Lester and Reva (Getter) Peters. She loved to shop. Donna was a bus driver for Haslett Schools. Her love for the kids was evident when she would dress up for Halloween and pass out candy on her bus routes. Donna retired in 2002 after 36 years of service.

Donna is survived by her sons, Dennis (Brenda) Reed of Osseo, MI., Arnold (Kathy) Reed Jr. of New Carlisle, OH., Brian Reed of E. Lansing, Craig Reed of Mason; daughter, Cheryl (Dan) Haynes of Williamston; 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; step-father, Warren Peterson; grandson, Eric Reed; father of her children, Arnold Reed Sr.

Cremation has taken place and a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 2140 University Park Dr. Okemos, MI 48864. Arrangements were entrusted to the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Those desiring may send online condolences to www.shellyodell.com

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Douglas A. Krepps Eaton Rapids

Douglas A. Krepps of Eaton Rapids, MI, born December 24, 1950, in Lansing, MI, passed away March 29, 2012 at the age of 61. Doug graduated from DeWitt and retired in 2000 from the GM Parts Warehouse after 32 years of service. Doug enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and car shows, but loved his role as "Grandpa" even more.

Doug is survived by his wife, Brenda, of 35 years; son, Jason; daughters Jody and Tracy and their children; granddaughter Desiree, and grandchildren-of-the-heart, Sidney Napier and Skyler Henry (Desiree's half-siblings).

A memorial celebration of Doug's life, for family and friends, will take place at his home at a later date.

Friends and family may share their condolences and words of comfort online in Douglas's Book of Memories at www.prayfuneralhome.com.

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JOHN R. GAEDERT

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John R. Gaedert, December 4, 1948 to March 26, 2012. For some, this will be the best obituary they've ever read for one simple reason — it will be the last goofy article/letter they have to read written by me. As this is my final letter/obituary I feel the privilege of going a little off course. I was born in 1948 to two of the most wonderful parents that any child could be blessed with, Donald and Natalie Gaedert. Prior to my birth, there was a brother, Harold and sister, Patty. After my arrival came along another brother, Steve and then sister, Kathy. We were a family wealthy with love and fortunate to grow up in a small community that fostered friendship, sportsmanship and hard work.

Then came my own personal family, which taught me the most important facts of life — the love of children and the importance they play in your entire life. My first daughter, Brinda arrived in 1965. Then came along a second daughter, Rebecca (whom later taught me the grief of losing a loving child). My daughter Cindy came into my life in 1971, followed by my son, Johnny in 1974. These four people, plus one other, would have the largest impact on my entire life's purpose. They taught me love, patience, how to cry, how to smile and last but not least, how to work as they sure cost plenty to raise and to feed. Well, it's time to mention that other one in my life that stood by me during many challenges, much happiness and unbelievable memories that grew even stronger right up to my last day. Roxie never questioned my strange ideas and I don't believe she ever thought about trying to hold me back from my dreams. There is no possible way to express my real love for her, my children and even more important, my grandchildren (thank you and please continue to make people proud to know you and call you a friend).

It is absolutely impossible to mention the hundreds of friends that I have been honored to have throughout my life. These people were always like a second family, only a hell of a lot less taxing on my wallet than my immediate family. I have to mention my daily work associates that helped to make my immediate family's lives

more comfortable — Dave Hawkins, Denise Ensley, Travis Silvas, Lindsay Crandall, Hunter Smith, Pat Wing, Carol Berger, Paul McLeod, Rod Magoon, Traci Graham, Liza Sayre and all past associates of The County Journal, plus former business partner, Gordon Sparks and associates of our former businesses. There are many more special friends that helped to make The County Journal possible along with hundreds of business people that utilized our publications over the past 45-plus years. Fred Jacobs, owner of J-Ad Graphics has printed our papers since they made paper, I think. Fred, I must say how well you covered yourself by calling to ask how many pages we were sending over and when they would be there, when you were actually only concerned about when you'd receive another payment from us. We always owed him money and I hope Cindy keeps up the tradition.

Well, it's time to come to a close as I could fill the paper with people's names that have meant so much to me. All that were special to me will already know what I would like to say to them one last time. Now, I ask you to always remember your family and friends and especially those that may need a helping hand or even if it's just a hug. My friend, Dave gave me a plaque quoting Abraham Lincoln that hung in my office that I believed in daily, which read: Live a good life and in the end, it's not the years in a life, it's the life in the years. Now please go celebrate the life you made very special to me and join my family to break bread, share a handshake and of course, toast with the last beverage I will ever be able to buy for you, my friends. Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2012 at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center with Rev. John Bailey officiating, followed by interment in Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte. Visitation was Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, MI. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care, the Charlotte Generosity Fund, Charlotte Christmas Kiddies or Friends of CPAC. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home. The family may receive online condolences in John's Book of Memories at www.prayfuneralhome.com.

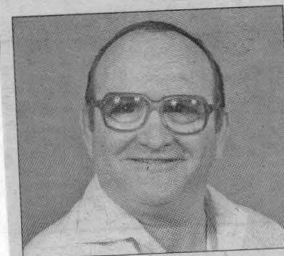
FRANCES HARRIET JONES

Frances Harriet Jones of Eaton Rapids passed away Sunday, April 1, 2012 at age 88. Born January 1, 1924 to Herbert and Victoria Davis in Detroit, MI. Frances did payroll for over 25 years for Square Deal Cartage of Detroit. She then went on to lease oil and gas rights in the Eaton and Ingham County area. Frances was a 50 year member of the Girl Scouts of America. She started as a volunteer assistant troop leader for Otsikita Council of Macomb County. She continued as Leader, Cookie Chairman and Finance Committee Member. She also did volunteer work for the Leukemia Society. Frances loved animals, especially cats and dogs.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Robert Jones; sons, Robert G., James M., Stephen S., Richard, Randy and grandson, Richard S. Surviving are her daughter, Linda Jones; daughter-in-law, Caren Gretzl; granddaughters, Christina and Leigh.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to your local animal shelter in Frances's name. For online condolences and to check service time updates please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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RICHARD R. FRENCH, SR. "FRENCHY"

Richard R. French, Sr. "Frenchy" of Eaton Rapids, age 75, passed away Tuesday, March 27, 2012 in Lansing, MI. Frenchy was born October 10, 1936 in Albion, MI, the son of Charles W. French and Hilda Roscoe Baker. He was a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corp. and trained marksman. Frenchy retired from General Motors in 1992. He was a member of the UAW-652 in Lansing and Lansing Moose Lodge #288. Frenchy loved Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer, Camel Non-filters and flirting with the ladies to his final breath.

Frenchy is survived by his children, Robert Joe Mudgett of Eaton Rapids, Kevin Lynn Mudgett of Eaton Rapids, Richard R. French, Jr. of Barryton, MI, Lynnette R. Smith of Bristol, IN, Roger Lee French of Carson City, MI, Corey Jay French of Barryton, MI; 17 grandchildren; many great grandchildren; and brother, Tom French, of Laingsburg, MI.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 31, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main, Eaton Rapids. Interment was at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Disabled American Veteran in memory of Richard R. French Sr. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences, www.shellyodell.com

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YOSHIE BAKER SATTLER

Yoshie Baker Sattler of Eaton Rapids, age 81, passed away April 1, 2012 in Dimondale, MI. Yoshie was born November 1, 1930 in Tokyo, Japan, the daughter of Keegan and Asa Miyamoto. She loved to shop, walk, and especially loved cooking for her family. Her favorite color was red.

Preceded in death by one son, Edwin Lee Baker (2003), Yoshie is survived by her husband of 25 years, Robert Sattler of Eaton Rapids; 3 daughters, Monette Martin, Patricia Payne, Gail (Paris) Carpenter, all of Eaton Rapids; 2 sons, Dale (Charlene) Baker of California, Elbert Payne of Lansing; 14 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and many nieces & nephews.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date. Those desiring may make memorial contributions in care of Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main, Eaton Rapids. Please visit our website to place online condolences, www.shellyodell.com

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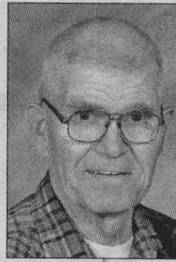
ROSEMARY J. KNOWLTON

Rosemary J. Knowlton, age 86, of Lansing and formerly of Eaton Rapids and Lake Wales, FL, died Thursday, March 29, 2012. Rosemary had worked for the Eaton Rapids Community Hospital and later for Mississippi Valley Structural Steel of Lansing both as a clerk.

Preceding her in death was her husband Harry R. "Bud" Knowlton in 1996. Surviving are her former husband, Richard Wells of Denver, CO.; 3 children, Diane Townsend of Lansing, Denise (Chuck) Chesney of Leslie, and Larry Wells of Eaton Rapids; 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; 3 step-sons, Harry D. Knowlton, Gerald (Jaci) Knowlton and Bill (Faye) Knowlton; 4 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great grandchildren.

Memorial graveside service will be held on Thursday, April 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Lansing. Arrangements made through the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. For online condolences please go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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KENNETH J. REEVE

Kenneth J. Reeve of Eaton Rapids, passed away December 27, 2011 at the age of 74. Kenneth was born in Jackson, MI, September 16, 1937, the son of Leland and Ruth (Collins) Reeve. He graduated from Springport High School in 1955; worked for Consumers Energy in Jackson for over 43 years before retiring in 1999; and was a volunteer fireman for Hamlin Township for 16 years. Kenneth enjoyed reading about Civil War history. He also enjoyed hunting with a muzzle loader and farming.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Nina (Creys) Reeve of Eaton Rapids; daughters, Wendy (Pierre) Bittar of Harbor Springs, Cyndie (Dale) Norton of Grand Ledge, Betsy (Scott) Pierce of Eaton Rapids, Jennifer (John) Martin of Mattawan; grandchildren, Jamie Norton of Pottsville, Emily (Dean) Archer of Lansing, Robert Pierce of Lansing; brother, Roger Reeve of Leslie; sister, Margaret Brace of Hanford, CA; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Leland Reeve Jr.,

Memorial services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 2012 at the Griffith United Methodist Church, Eaton Rapids. The family will receive friends at the church one hour before the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Griffith United Methodist Church, 9537 S. Clinton Tr. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com

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VIOLET C. (PIERCE) EVANS

Violet C. (Pierce) Evans of Eaton Rapids age 93, passed away Thursday, April 5, 2012 in Jackson, MI. Violet was born October 31, 1918 in Bono, Ohio. She was a beautician, owning her own beauty shop in Eaton Rapids, a member of the Rocking Chair Deserters, Eaton Rapids Senior Center, and VFW. Violet was very proud of being a 55 year cancer survivor and loved fishing.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, DeForest "Frosty" Pierce; her second husband, Frank Evans; and her son, Thomas W. Spurlock. Surviving her are 2 sons, DeForest B. Pierce of Albion, Michael F. (Donna) Pierce of Mendon, MI; 3 step daughters, Barbara (Bill) Johnson of Kalamazoo, Sandra Reed of CA, Diane (Paul) Papranec of Grand Rapids; many grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren; 1 brother, Daniel (Muriel) Shinevar of Dimondale; and 1 sister, Mary Lou Hill of Eustice, FL.

Memorial services will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids, with a visitation one hour before the service. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Eaton Rapids Medical Center in memory of Violet Evans. Online condolences may be left at shelly-odell.com.

Flashes 4/10/12



Josephine H. Hathaway

**Eaton Rapids
Formerly of Eagle**

Mrs. Josephine H. Hathaway was born in Lansing, Michigan September 3, 1922 and passed away at age 89 on April 1, 2012. She was a longtime resident of Eagle, Michigan. Josephine retired from the Michigan Department of Civil Service after 19 years of service in 1978.

Josephine is survived by her Brother-In-Law, Robert L. Russell of Dimondale and his children JoLynn Ross of Spring Arbor and Michael Russell of Eagle and their families. Josephine is also survived by stepchildren Calvin Hathaway of Phoenix, AZ, Cheryl Hathaway of Tusculumbia, AL and Lisa Hathaway of Mason, MI and their families. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph E. Hathaway; sister, Evelyn Russell and brother, Lester Fay.

At the request of Josephine **there will be no funeral service.** Memorial contributions may be given to Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing, Michigan 48916. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Online condolences and memories at www.holihanatkin.com

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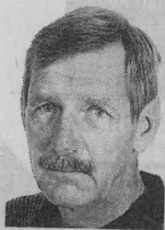
TODD WAYNE ROWLEE

Todd Wayne Rowlee of Eaton Rapids, age 43, passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2012 in Eaton Rapids. Todd was born May 9, 1968 in Lansing. He was a roofer in the Eaton Rapids area and loved spending time with his son, Hunter.

Preceded in death by his step-brother, Jim Brininstool in 2005. Todd is survived by his son, Hunter Rowlee of Eaton Rapids; mother, Linda (Gary) Brininstool of Eaton Rapids; father, Chuck Rowlee of Covert, MI; brothers, Troy (Deb) Rowlee, Aaron Brininstool, both of Eaton Rapids; half-sister, B.J. Dailey; step-brothers, Gary (Rita) Brininstool, Mike (Angie) Brininstool, Jesse (Heidi) Brininstool; step-sister, Angie (Jim) Mills; and several nieces & nephews.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids. Online condolences may be made by visiting our website at shellyodell.com.

Flashes 4/10/2012



Donald Duane Barker

Eaton Rapids

Age 61, went home to be with the Lord on April 14, 2012. Born April 29, 1950 in Lansing, MI.

Donald was truck driver at U.B.C.R. for the past 10 years. He was the driver for the DeWitt/St. Johns area Miller Beer route for Dan Henry for 28 years. He loved M.S.U. sports, especially football.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Elizabeth J. "Betty" Barker; sons, Jason L. (Kelly) Barker, and Kevin S. (Janell) Barker; 4 grandchildren, Alissa D. Heiser, Zachary L. Barker, Cameron C. Barker, and Kaleb S. Barker; father, Jerry & Reba Barker; 3 brothers, Richard (Sue), Lawrence (Julie), and James (Tammie) Barker; 3 sisters-in-law, Linda (Dan) Stienbach, Karen (J.R.) Elliott, and Teresa Regan; 3 brothers-in-law, Herbie Runge, David Runge and Don Ouderkirk; and many nieces and nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Barker; sister-in-law, Mary Jane Ouderkirk; brother-in-law, James Runge.

Memorial Services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Oneida Gospel Church, 3048 Strange Hwy. Grand Ledge, MI with Pastor Larry Schrauger officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Donald Barker Trust in memory of Donald. Friends may visit the guest book at www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Tiffany Funeral Home, Lansing. *LSJ 4/17/12*

Violet C. (Pierce) Evans

Eaton Rapids

Violet C. (Pierce) Evans of Eaton Rapids Age 93, passed away Thursday, April 5, 2012 in Jackson, MI.

Violet was born October 31, 1918 in Bono, Ohio. She was a beautician, owning her own beauty shop in Eaton Rapids, a member of the Rocking Chair Deserters, Eaton Rapids Senior Center, and VFW. Violet was very proud of being a 55 year cancer survivor and loved fishing.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, DeForest "Frosty" Pierce; her second husband, Frank Evans; and her son, Thomas W. Spurlock. Surviving her are 2 sons, DeForest B. Pierce of Albion, Michael F. (Donna) Pierce of Mendon, MI; 3 step daughters, Barbara (Bill) Johnson of Kalamazoo, Sandra Reed of CA, Diane (Paul) Papranec of Grand Rapids; many grandchildren, great and great great grandchildren; 1 brother, Daniel (Muriel) Shinevar of Dimondale; and 1 sister, Mary Lou Hill of Eustice, FL.

Memorial services will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids, with a visitation one hour before the service. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Eaton Rapids Medical Center in memory of Violet Evans. Online condolences may be left at shelly-odell.com.

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Verealee Lovejoy

Eaton Rapids

And Palmetto, Florida

Verealee (Scott) Lovejoy, age 85 of Eaton Rapids, MI died Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at the Eaton Community Palliative Care in Charlotte. Verealee was born October 1, 1926 in Lansing the daughter of Thomas and Sylvia (Herman) Scott. She volunteered for 25 years Transcribing Braille for the blind and taught sign language in Palmetto, Florida. During World War Two she worked for the Railroad and also the Eaton Rapids Flashes newspaper. She was a longtime member of the First Lutheran Church of Charlotte where she was a member of the Choir and taught Sunday School. She was also Choir Director of the "Rhythmaires" and her Church Choir in Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sylvia and Tom Scott and her sister, Margaret Christner.

She is survived by: her husband of 67 years, Ronald Lovejoy; daughter, Sue (Mike) Kessler; son, Tom (Evelyn) Lovejoy; daughter-in-law, Carol (Bill) White; sisters, Mable Bryant and Wilma (Howard) Sewell and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2012 at the First Lutheran Church, 550 E. Shepherd St. in Charlotte with Pastor Timothy Olson officiating. Interment will be in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Lansing. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home in Charlotte and on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until service time at the Church. Memorial contributions may go to the First Lutheran Church or to Eaton Community Palliative Care. www.burkhead-greenfuneralhome.com



Mary Jane Gibbs

Eaton Rapids

Born in Lansing, MI on July 27, 1922. She passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at her home in Eaton Rapids at age 89.

Mary Jane worked many years in the food service industry; catering, waitressing, and managing the snack bars at various locations. Her primary focus was raising seven children on the family farm just outside of Eaton Rapids.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Les Gibbs; her parents, Henry and Lila Jones; sister, Donna Ferris; brother, Dale Jones; sister-in-law, Betty Jones and brother-in-law, Jack Roen.

Mary Jane is survived by her seven children, Gary (Krista) Gibbs, Pat (Norm) Hyatt, Bonnie DeLano, Carol (Pat) McNamara, Bill (Diannia) Gibbs, Sandra Gibbs and Dick Gibbs. She leaves behind 17 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren; brother, Frank Jones; sister-in-laws, Mary Ann Jones, Judith Fillingham, June Roen and many, many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at Skinner Funeral Home with Rev. Kathy W. Leydorf-Keck officiating. Family will receive friends on Monday from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank McLaren Home Care Hospice who provided love and support during her illness. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to McLaren Visiting Nurse and Hospice. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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MARY JANE GIBBS

Mary Jane Gibbs of Eaton Rapids, MI, born in Lansing, MI on July 27, 1922. She passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at her home in Eaton Rapids at age 89. Mary Jane worked many years in the food service industry; catering, waitressing, and managing the snack bars at various locations. Her primary focus was raising seven children on the family farm just outside of Eaton Rapids.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Les Gibbs; her parents, Henry and Lila Jones; sister, Donna Ferris; brother, Dale Jones; sister-in-law, Betty Jones and brother-in-law, Jack Roen. Mary Jane is survived by her seven children, Gary (Krista) Gibbs, Pat (Norm) Hyatt, Bonnie DeLano, Carol (Pat) McNamara, Bill (Diannia) Gibbs, Sandra Gibbs and Dick Gibbs. She leaves behind 17 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren; brother, Frank Jones; sister-in-laws, Mary Ann Jones, Judith Fillingham, June Roen and many, many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at Skinner Funeral Home with Rev. Kathy W. Leydorf-Keck officiating. The family would like to thank McLaren Home Care Hospice who provided love and support during her illness. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to McLaren Visiting Nurse and Hospice. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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VERALEE (SCOTT) LOVEJOY

Veralee (Scott) Lovejoy of Eaton Rapids, MI and Palmetto, Florida, age 85, died Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at the Eaton Community Palliative Care in Charlotte. Veralee was born Oct. 1, 1926 in Lansing the daughter of Thomas and Sylvia (Herman) Scott. She volunteered for 25 years Transcribing Braille for the blind and taught sign language in Palmetto, Florida. During World War Two she worked for the Railroad and also the Eaton Rapids Flashes newspaper. She was a long-time member of the First Lutheran Church of Charlotte where she was a member of the Choir and taught Sunday School. She was also Choir Director of the "Rhythmaires" and her Church Choir in Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sylvia and Tom Scott and her sister, Margaret Christner. She is survived by: her husband of 67 years, Ronald Lovejoy; daughter, Sue (Mike) Kessler; son, Tom (Evelyn) Lovejoy; daughter-in-law, Carol (Bill) White; sisters, Mable Bryant and Wilma (Howard) Sewell and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 20, 2012 at the First Lutheran Church, 550 E. Shepherd St. in Charlotte with Pastor Timothy Olson officiating. Interment was in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Lansing. Memorial contributions may go to the First Lutheran Church or to Eaton Community Palliative Care. www.burkhead-greenfuneralhome.com

Flasher 4/18/2012

BESSIE V. JAYCOX

Bessie V. Jaycox, 85, of Eaton Rapids passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at her residence. She was born May 17, 1926 in Sheridan Township, Michigan to Charles and Réva (Morgan) Clawson. On January 6, 1946 she married Lawrence Jaycox who preceded her in death August 23, 2001. She was a Farmer all of her life along with her husband. Bessie was a 1944 graduate of Springport High School and she enjoyed dogs. She is survived by special friends Mark and Robyn Lease of Eaton Rapids, MI.

Graveside Funeral Services were held Friday, April 27, 2012 at Riverside Cemetery in Albion, with Pastor Allen Henson officiating.

Assistance with Memorial Contributions to Cascades Humane Society-Jackson is available at the funeral home. www.kevintiddfuneralhome.com

Flasher 5/1/2012



VIOLET W. HARRIS

Violet W. Harris of Eaton Rapids, MI, age 88, died Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Sparrow hospital in Lansing. Born November 26, 1923 in Ionia, MI, the daughter of John and Sophie (Menhart) Cherpes. Violet had worked most of her life at different jobs, including: Welch's Foods, Kaiser Frazer in Detroit, Oak Cove Resort and at several hospitals. She was a kind and generous person who dearly loved animals, bingo and music. Violet and her husband Henry lived for many years in Lawton, MI, she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband Henry Harris; parents; and sister, Cornelia Horton. Surviving are her sisters, Irene Hiatt and Nancy Wright; brother, John Cherpes and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at the Eaton Rapids Senior Center 201 Grand St. from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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JAMES TRAVIS MILBOURN

James Travis Milbourn, 19, of Eaton Rapids died unexpectedly on April 26, 2012. He was born on June 5, 1992, the son of Elizabeth (Westbrook) Sheler (Chris) and Thomas Milbourn. James graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 2011, where he played trumpet in the band, and loved the Marching Band. He loved playing his guitars and listening to music. James' love for animals led him to form a special bond with a horse named Noblesse.

James is survived by his parents; twin brother Travis Milbourn and brother Scotty Gardner; sister Tonya Gardner; grandparents Cindy Hogan and Dean Mills, Charles (Terry) Milbourn, and Robin (Roy) Vannortrick; great-grandparents Elizabeth Walling, Melvin Gardner, Renee Milbourn; several aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews; and special friend Donna Ruggiano. He was preceded in death by his great-grandfather Richard Walling and his niece Maryjane Burns.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. with visitation 1:00-3:00 and 5:00-7:00 prior to the service at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, Michigan with Pastor Daniel Hofmann officiating. Cremation will follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Online condolences can be given at www.prayfuneral.com.

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ROBERT PRESTON STUDT

Robert Preston Studt of Franklin, TN, formerly of Eaton Rapids, age 73, died April 8, 2012. He was born on May 8, 1938 in Grand Ledge, MI.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Robert E. Studt and Georgia E. (Preston) Studt. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Linda Studt; sons, Tim (Dana) Studt of Riverdale, MI, and Randy Studt of North Branch, MI; daughter, Julie (Fred) Evans of Franklin, TN; sister, Kathleen Wellman of St. Louis, MI; grandchildren, Ashley (Brooks) Elam, Alex Evans, Wesley Studt and Jorden Simmonds.

Bob was a Missionary with the Church of the Nazarene and served nine years in South Africa. He was a former member of the Eaton Rapids Church of the Nazarene where he served as church treasurer. He also was a Board Member, Sunday School teacher and worked with the teens at previous churches.

Bob graduated from Lawrence Technological University with a B.S. in Industrial Management. He also took several courses at Wayne State University. He worked for Ford Motor Company, Lansing General Hospital, Farm Bureau Insurance and Belfry Development before retiring in 1996.

Services were held April 14, 2012 at the Williamson Memorial Funeral Home and Gardens in Franklin, TN

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Karen Stiver Eaton Rapids

Received her wings April 29, 2012 at the age of 37. She was born in Alpena, MI the daughter of Douglas and Rose Krawczak McCrumb. Karen graduated from St. Johns High School in 1993. She proudly served in the US Army as an E-4 specialist. Karen was a member of Riverview Church. She enjoyed scrap booking and was a big fan of the Redwings. Family gatherings of any kind were very important to Karen. The gatherings left everyone beautiful memories of her.

Karen is survived by her husband, Richard Stiver Jr. of Eaton Rapids; daughter, Samantha Stiver of Eaton Rapids; mother, Rose (Krawczak) McCrumb of Lansing; grandmother, Cecilia Dembny of Roger City; brother, Jeff (Becky) McCrumb of Coldwater; many aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father; grandfathers, Joseph Krawczak, Louis Dembny, Maynard McCrumb; grandmother, Donna Baldwin; uncle, John Boyk.

Funeral services will be 11am Friday May 4, 2012 at Riverview Church, 3585 Willoughby Rd. Holt, MI with Pastor Paul DenHerder officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. There will be a Rosary at the funeral home 7:00pm Thursday. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Online condolences may be sent to www.shellyodell.com.

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CHARLENE "CHUCKY" SMITH

Charlene "Chucky" Smith, age 67, of Eaton Rapids died quietly in her sleep on Saturday, May 5, 2012. She was the middle girl, in a family of 3 sisters born to Richard and Arlene "Peggy" (Cambric) Smith. Chucky laughed her way through childhood, quick to find humor in everything. She loved to fish and garden. A friend and mentor to her nephews, Bob, John, Mike Lee and Todd and David Harrison. In a time where few women

played sports Aunt Chuck not only played sports she excelled. Chucky worked for the Eaton Technologies in Eaton Rapids for many years and had made numerous friends there. She was preceded in death by her parents. True to form Chuck donated her eyes so that someone would have sight, even in death her heart was to help. True to form Chuck would encourage all to give the gift of life by donating organs.

Surviving are her 2 sisters, Jan (Bob) Lee and Pat Harrison; her nephews; and special friend, Jacky Strang, a relationship that lasted 37 years.

A graveside service is planned for July at the Plains Cemetery in Aurelius Township, details will be forthcoming. Arrangements were made through the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. For online condolences go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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MICHAEL SWAN

Michael Swan of Ionia formerly Eaton Rapids, passed away at home May 11, 2012 at the age of 60. Michael was born in Lansing June 11, 1951 the son of Robert and Ruth Mickey (Butler) Swan Bull. He spent 30 years on the family farm in Eaton Rapids working with his father and grandfather. After their deaths, he was reunited with his mother and sister and moved to Belding. Michael suffered many illnesses that led him to move to Ionia where he resided at K & G Adult Foster Care Home. He loved football and never missed a Michigan game on the radio. Michael loved to shop with his best friend, Ron Blundy. He was a member at the First Presbyterian Church in Ionia.

Michael is survived by his mother, Ruth Bull and her companion Wendell Bannister of Belding; sister, Lisa (Duane) Creguer of Saranac; many cousins, aunts and uncles; special friends and caregiver, Kim Hoffman and George Griebel; also many other close friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his father.

Funeral services will be 1p.m. Tuesday May 15, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church, 125 E. Main St Ionia, MI 48846 with Pastor John Clifton officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids at 3:30. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. Arrangements were entrusted to the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Those desiring may visit our website to place online condolences. Flashes 5/15/2012



James Joe Francka

Eaton Rapids

Passed away May 14, 2012 at the age of 95. He was born in Brighton, MO June 7, 1916 the son of Matt and Mary (Kroutil) Francka. James served in the Army during WWII as a Sergeant.

In 1948 he married the love of his life, Marie. He worked at Oldsmobile and retired in 1979 after 30 years of service. James was a talented carpenter. He loved to farm, collect die cast tractors, work on crossword puzzles and smoke his corn cob pipe.

James is survived by his wife of 64 years, Irland Marie (McDaniel) Francka of Eaton Rapids; many nieces and nephews; sisters, Marie Mullican of Springfield, MO, Blanche Kincaid of Portland, MI, Helen Hart of Oceanside, CA; sister-in-law, Maxine Crafton of Eaton Rapids. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Charlie Novak.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday May 18, 2012 at St. Mary's Church, 807 St. Mary Blvd. Charlotte, MI with Fr. Francis officiating. Interment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. In-lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Building Fund. Those desiring may place online condolences on our website, www.shellyodell.com

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EDGAR AARON HUSTED (MR. ED)

Edgar Aaron Husted (Mr. Ed) May 10, 1928 - May 24, 2012 at 4:30p.m. passed away peacefully in Tucson, AZ. to be with his Lord and Savior. Edgar was born and raised in Alma Michigan. He was one of 7 children born to the late Vernon and Ester Husted. He was the beloved husband of Judith Husted for over 65 years. He will forever be remembered by his devoted sister Lillie Monroe of Colorado and His beloved children Beverley Kelly, Jackie Polhamus and Marie Wallace along with countless other friends and family whom were blessed to know him. Edgar loved riding his snowmobiles, seadoos, and most of all his Motorcycles. He was also an avid deer and pheasant hunter and whenever given the chance was on the lake fishing. He was retired from General Motors Fisher Body.

Edgar touched the lives of so many people with his smile and generosity. Friends and family are invited to attend viewing from 9a.m. to 10a.m. Thursday May 31, 2012 at Skinner Funeral Home, 315 S River St Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. At 10a.m. there will be a procession to East Lawn Memorial Garden. 2400 Bennett Rd, Okemos MI. 48864. Graveside services will be at 11a.m. Family requested all cards and letters to be sent to 10131 E Paseo Juan Tabo Tucson, AZ. 85747.



PHYLLIS B. REITZ

Phyllis B. Reitz, Sun City Center, FL., formerly of Eaton Rapids, age 91 died at her residence on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at the age of 91. Born in Jackson, Michigan on February 13, 1921, the daughter of Reid and Bethel (Fowler) Cheney and step-father, Lyle Becker. Phyllis was an Eaton Rapids High School graduate, class of 1939. Following graduation she worked at the Horner Woolen Mills, later Eaton Stamping Co. and finally for Hastay's Greenhouse all in Eaton Rapids. Phyllis married Herbert Hugh Reitz on June 30, 1939 and they had 5 sons. She bowled on the Monday Night Bowling League from 1968 - 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Herbert Hugh Reitz in 1995; 2 sons, Bobby Reitz in 1993 and David Reitz in 1996.

Surviving are 3 sons, Dennis Reitz of Sun City Center, FL., Phillip (Delores) Reitz of Florida, and Michael Reitz of Dimondale; 10 grandchildren 17 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild; sister, Katherine "Dolly" (Ted) Weaver of Eaton Rapids and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Burial followed at the Pope Church Cemetery in Rives Township. For those desiring memorial gifts may be made directly to the family in care of Skinner Funeral Home in memory of Phyllis Reitz. For online condolences go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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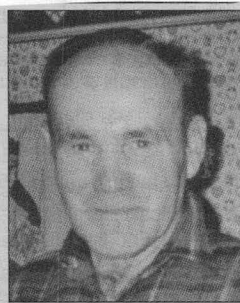
MACIE ANN STEWART

Macie Ann Stewart of Eaton Rapids, went to be with the Lord May 9, 2012 at the age of 71. Macie was born February 16, 1941 in Lansing the daughter of Max and Dortha McCaffrey. She graduated from Eastern High School in 1959. Macie retired from the State of Michigan where she worked for the Dept. of Education for 28 years. Her whole life was consumed with her love for people. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting and most importantly, spending time with her grandchildren.

Macie is survived by her husband, Larry Stewart; daughter, Amy and Doug McVicker of Eaton Rapids; sons, Scott Stewart of Eaton Rapids, Todd Stewart of Eaton Rapids; grandchildren, Jennifer, Tiphani, Jeremiah, Wesley, Alasdair, Ben, Kanon, Sarah, Phillip, Jacob, Lane, Seth, Aimee; extended grandchildren, Matt, Molly, Austen, Garrett and many, many more; great grandchildren, Ta'Liyah, Mason SaRayah; brother, Patrick (Debbie) McCaffrey of Grand Ledge. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services will be held at the family home, 9224 Arrowhead Trail Eaton Rapids at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 20, 2012. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3315 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Lansing, MI 48910. Arrangements were entrusted to the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Those desiring may visit our website to place online condolences, www.shellyodell.com

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PAUL "PETE" W. MCMANUS

Paul "Pete" W. McManus of Eaton Rapids, age 83, died on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at his residence under the care of Sparrow Hospice. Born June 18, 1928 in Okemos, MI.; the son of Robert and Alice (Smith) McManus. Paul moved with his family at the age of 5 to the family farm in rural Eaton Rapids. He graduated from the Eaton Rapids High School, class of 1948. Paul worked the family Dairy farm following graduation until he was no longer able too. He loved animals and had all kinds of pets around the farm. Paul enjoyed traveling especially to the Upper Peninsula.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and oldest brother Alden. Surviving are his brothers and sisters, Jack McManus of Eaton Rapids, Russell McManus of Eaton Rapids, Esther Harris of Eaton Rapids, Douglas McManus of Charlotte, Beverly (Mo) Boyer of Munising and Dennis McManus of Eaton Rapids; sister-in-law, Maudie McManus of Eaton Rapids; several nieces and nephews; best and closest friend, Kevin & Diana Baldwin and the entire Baldwin family.

Funeral services for Paul will be Wednesday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. with visitation 1 hour prior at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Burial will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. For those desiring memorial contributions may be made to the Eaton County Animal Shelter in memory of Paul McManus. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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EVA ROSE HOPCRAFT

Eva Rose Hopcraft of Onondaga, passed away May 23, 2012 at the age of 93. She was born in Calhoun Co. June 13, 1918 the daughter of Forrest and Bethel (Wilbur) Winright. Eva was a member of the Onondaga Senior Center, Knowledge Seekers of Onondaga, Administrative Leaders for Jackson Co. 4-H and active in the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame.

She is survived by her daughter, Shirley Hunter of Rives Junction; grandchildren, Becky (Ron) Case, Lori (Martin) Dowding, Kenneth (Amber) Hunter, Mike Hunter, Rhonda Hunter, Robin Lucas all of Rives Junction; 11 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson; sisters, Ruth Place of Chelsea, Mary (Harry) Bunn of Rodney; several nieces and nephews; "adopted" son, Ken Baxter. Eva was preceded in death by her parents; husband Robert Hopcraft; son, Don Hopcraft; brothers, Robert, Paul, Gale, Harold and Carl Winright; son-in-law, Lee Hunter.

Funeral services were held Saturday May 26, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Interment followed at Tompkins Cemetery in Tompkins Center. Memorial contributions may be made to Tompkins Historical Society or charity of donor's choice. Special thanks to the staff at Countryside Care Center for their many years of wonderful care. Those desiring may visit our website to place an online condolence or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com



BARBARA ELIZABETH "BOBBIE" POWERS

Barbara Elizabeth "Bobbie" Powers of Eaton Rapids passed away May 30, 2012 at age 54. Born in Denville, New Jersey on August 14, 1957 to Donald E. Watts and Mary E. (Cook) Hernandez. Bobbie loved family time, gardening, WWF Wrestling, western movies and time with her friends. Bobbie touched the lives of so many people with her smile and generosity. Preceding her in death were her grandparents; parents; sister, Betty; brother, Richard; grandson, Brandon; Aunt, Betty Jo; uncle, Don; sister-in-law, Lonnie and mother-in-law, Betty.

Surviving are her husband of 36 years, Rick Powers Jr. of Lansing; children, Brandi Howard of Charlotte, Rick (Beth) Powers III of Mulliken, Shannon Powers of Lansing, David (Brandy) Powers of Lansing and Becky (Lou) Steele of Destin, FL; 12 grandchildren; brother, Don Watts; sisters, Marsha (Bruce) Wood of Eaton Rapids, Pat (Paul) Baker of Eaton Rapids, Sandy (John) James of Eaton Rapids, Connie (Dan) Parshall of Charlotte; sister-in-laws, Sharon Robbins, Kathy Powers, Kelly Byron; brother-in-law, Michael Powers; step-father, Dale Hernandez; 4 step brothers as well as several aunts and uncles and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Skinner Funeral Home. Family received friends one hour prior to the service. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

Flasher 6/5/12



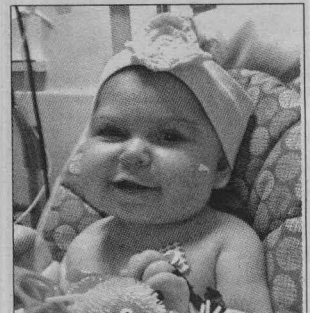
JOHN W. SHARPE JR.

John W. Sharpe Jr. of Eaton Rapids, passed away May 31, 2012 at the age of 77. He was born in Lansing July 10, 1934 the son of John W. and Myrtle Mae Sharpe. John was a Veteran of the Korean War serving with the United States Air force. He worked for Lyndel Drop Forge in Lansing for 20 years. John drove a bus for Eaton Rapids Schools until his retirement. His hobbies included fishing, hunting, traveling up north and enjoying the great outdoors. He was a member of the NRA and "Club McDonald's" where he and his buddies solved all the world's problems.

John is survived by his children, John W. (Teresa) Sharpe III of Lansing, Pamela (Dean) Pratt of Eaton Rapids, Steve (Judy) Sharpe of Eaton Rapids; grandchildren, David, John IV, Michael, Jenny, Owen, Morgan, Marissa, Katy; great grandchildren, Isaac, Luke, Noah, John V. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Judith; daughter, Melissa; brothers, Bob and Wilber Sharpe; sisters, Mabel Barnes, Lila Sharpe.

Funeral services were held on Monday June 4, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Interment followed at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1755 Abbey Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823 or Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813. Those desiring may visit our website to place an online condolence or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

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NORA FAITH SWIFT

Nora Faith Swift of Charlotte, Precious Angel went to be with grandpa, June 6, 2012. She was born in Lansing July 19, 2011 the daughter of Jeremiah and Katherine (Stucker) Swift. Nora was a beautiful girl and was loved so much. She went through a lot in her little life and she was a fighter. Special thanks to the staff at CS Mott's Children's Hospital. They were loving caregivers.

Nora is survived by her parents; grandparents, Nancy Stucker of Eaton Rapids, Terri and Stan Swift of Eaton Rapids; uncle, Tim Swift of Eaton Rapids; aunts, Lindsey (Conor) Sulpher of Charlotte, Ashlyn (Jacob Leyrer) Stucker of Lansing, Alyse Stucker of Eaton Rapids; cousins, Braydon Swift, Isla Sulpher, Jacob Leyrer Jr. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Steve Stucker.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday June 13, 2012 at the Eaton Rapids Wesleyan Church, 6044 S. Clinton Tr. Visitation will be at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Love 4 Nora Foundation c/o PNC Bank. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the register book, www.shellyodell.com

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MICHAEL V. SEELEY

Michael V. Seeley of Kentwood, age 63, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, June 3, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rhea Ann; son, Chad; and father, Glen. Surviving are his daughters, Natalie Seeley and Sheree Seeley; his granddaughter, Giuliana Seeley; mother, Patricia Seeley; brothers and sister, John (Linda) Seeley, Bob (Susan) Seeley, Sandy (Ruben) Mendoza, Shirley (Randy) Vetter; many nieces and nephews.

The Funeral service was held on Thursday, June 7, at Kentwood Community Church with Pastor Jerry DeRuiter officiating, interment in Pine Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the family to help with Sheree's education. Arrangements were handled by Stroo Funeral Home, www.stroofuneralhome.com

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JAMIE LYNN BYRNE

Jamie Lynn Byrne of Lansing, formerly of Granger, IN, passed away at home June 20, 2012 at the age of 34. She was born in Lansing April 14, 1978 the daughter of Harry "Buster" and Judith (Schuiteman) Sutton. Jamie graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1996. She enjoyed poetry, soccer, volleyball, stand-up comedy and running. Her greatest love was that of her two children Catherine and Aidan. Jamie currently worked for Auto Owners. She was committed to insurance and financial services. Jamie was attending Cooley Law School to obtain a law degree that would enable her to help people. She also had a bachelor's degree from MSU in political science. Jamie was so full of life and always had time for her friends and family.

She is survived by her children, Aidan and Catherine Byrne of Lansing; parents, Harry "Buster" and Judith Sutton of Three Rivers; brothers, Andy (Sarah) Sutton of Marshall, Matt Sutton of Grand Rapids; grandparents, Don and Helen Schuiteman of Bellaire, MI, Hazel Sutton of Eaton Rapids; niece, Leighton Sutton; nephew, Harrison Sutton; several aunts and uncles; lifelong friend Emily Dubois Fritz. Jamie was preceded in death by her grandfather, Marvin Sutton; step-grandmother, Sylvia Sutton.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday June 25, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Rev. Marcia Sutton officiating. Interment followed at Brickyard Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Girls On The Run International, 120 Cottage Place, Charlotte, NC 28207. Those desiring may visit our website to place an online condolence or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

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Terry Lynn Parsons

Eaton Rapids

Age 70, passed away June 17, 2012. Terry was born on February 7, 1942, in Lansing, MI, and was formerly of Holt, MI. He worked for GM for over 30 years in skilled trades as a tool grinder and loved spending time with his family at Lake Mecosta.

He is survived by his childhood sweetheart of 49 years, Sandy; 2 sons, Todd (Melissa), Troy (Deb), and his cherished granddaughters Meghan and Ashley; brother, Ron (Vera) Parsons; brother-in-law, Ron (Diane) Thies; and sister-in-law, Shirley (Chip) Hoagland.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 21, 2012, at the Estes-Leadley Holt/Delhi Chapel, with Pastor Wesley B. Emerson officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12-2 p.m. Thursday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter, 600 Curtis Street, Mason, MI 48854 in memory of Terry Lynn Parsons.

LSJ 6/19/12

Richard Gregg

Eaton Rapids

Passed away June 16, 2012 at the age of 67. He was born in Bath, MI April 11, 1945 the son of Joseph and Esther (Jodway) Gregg. Richard graduated from Bath High School in 1963. He was a Veteran of the United States Army during Vietnam. Richard retired from the Board of Water and Light after 27 years of service. He was a member of the Lansing Moose Lodge and enjoyed golfing, bowling and watching NASCAR races.

Richard is survived by his daughters, Tracy Gregg of Eaton Rapids, Barbara (Meg Grow) Gregg of Minneapolis, Jeanette Gregg of Eaton Rapids; grandchildren, Rebecca and Lukas Weston, Katelyn and Thomas Lane; brother, William (Sue) Gregg; sisters, Helen (Kenny) Taylor, Donna (Josh) Stowe. Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Bobbie Gregg; parents.

Memorial services will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday June 19, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Meg Grow officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 403 Seymour Ave., Lansing, MI 48933. Those desiring may visit our website to place condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

6/17/2012 LSJ



Annie Leola Freeman

Eaton Rapids

Formerly of Lansing

Passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at age 66. Born August 7, 1945 to Mattie (Biggs) and Samuel Duncan Sr. in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Annie moved to Michigan with her family in the early 1950's. She attended Lansing Public Schools and graduated from Sexton High School. She then went on to classes at Lansing Business University. Annie retired from the State of Michigan (MDPH) after many years of service. She was also a secretary for MSU several years prior.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brothers, Samuel Jr. and Wayne Duncan; nephews, Calvin and Norris Duncan and sister-in-law, Mary and Annie of Los Angeles. Surviving are her son, Evan Duncan Freeman; brothers, William and James of Los Angeles, CA; sister-in-law, Cozetta Duncan; significant other, Thomas Remington; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends including life long friends, Barbara Jones and Betty Nixon.

Memorial services will be held at Noon on Saturday June 30, 2012 at Lansing Church of God in Christ at 5304 Wise Rd. Lansing, MI 48911 with Bishop Samuel Duncan presiding. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

LSJ 6/29/12

HOMER SANDERS

Homer Sanders of Taylor, formerly of Eaton Rapids, passed away on June 6, 2012 at the age of 66. He is survived by his wife, Carol; sons, John (Kris), Jeff (Luann); daughters, Robin (Jeff) Hernandez, Wendy (Bobby) Schultz, and stepson Sean (Karen); brothers, Ellis (Eva), Norm, and sister Evelyn (Doug) Stall. Mr. Sanders is also survived by several grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Homer was preceded in death by his parents John and Bertha Sanders.

Services were held at the Taylor Chapel of Voran Funeral Home on Saturday June 9, 2012.



CHESTER ROY REHKOPF

Chester Roy Rehkopf of Eaton Rapids, passed away July 29, 2012 at the age of 93. He was born in Lansing, MI May 12, 1919 the son of Jesse and Anne (Olsen) Rehkopf. Chester was a journeyman meat cutter for Kroger's before retiring in 1985 after 32 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Chester wintered in Florida and enjoyed making wood crafts, flower gardening and bird watching.

Surviving are his sons, Chester Lee (Judy) Rehkopf of Eaton Rapids, Richard (Sue) Rehkopf of Spring Hill, FL; daughters, Sandra (Dennis)

Bodell of Eaton Rapids, Babe (John) Wingo of Houghton Lake, MI; grandchildren, Todd Rehkopf, Sheila (Brett) Ward, Sean (Jessica) Bodell, Kristina (Phil) Newsome, John (Jen) Ackley, Mechelle Ackley, Stephanie Wingo; 10 great grandchildren; brother, Arvid (Kay) Rehkopf. He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine in 2003; brothers, Robert and Elmer Rehkopf; sister, Jean Branch.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday August 1, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Interment will follow at Chapel Hills Cemetery in Lansing. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to McLaren Hospice, 2316 S. Cedar St. Lansing, MI 48910. Those desiring may visit our website to place an online condolence or sign the guest book, www.shellyodell.com

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7/3/12 FLASHES



RALPH J. "GRAMPA" SHAW

Ralph J. "Grampa" Shaw age 83, of Eaton Rapids died Monday, July 2, 2012 in Lansing. Born April 28, 1929 in Lake Odessa the son of Ralph and Naomi (Cooley) Shaw. Ralph was a High School graduate of Lake Odessa, class of 1949. He served in the Army following World War II with the Germany Occupation. He began working as a driver in 1950 for the Williams Dairy, later from 1968 - 1994 became a fuel driver for Trimble Oil Co. in Eaton Rapids and most recently served 10 years as a greeter for Meijer's in Charlotte. Preceding him in death was his wife, Joan in 1978.

Surviving are his daughters, Judy Davis of Eaton Rapids, Susan Crippen of Eaton Rapids, Diana (Stan Oberlin) Wright of Eaton Rapids, and Martha (Brian) Hanley of Mason; little sis, Kathy Ahner; 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; special nephew, Jeff and Rose Shaw.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2012 at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with the Rev. Dennis Taylor, officiating. Burial will be at Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. Honorary Pallbearers will be grandsons, Cody Crippen, Nathan Wright, Brian Hanley, Mark Crippen, Stan Oberlin, Mike Hanley and Ricky Peterson. Family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. For those desiring memorial gifts may be made to the Eaton Community Palliative Care 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI. 48813. For online condolences go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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DENNIS MARC OLMSTEAD

Dennis Marc Olmstead of Springport passed away as the result of a motorcycle accident, June 27, 2012 at the age of 41. He was born in Lansing January 30, 1971 the son of Kenneth and Juanita "Jackie" Olmstead. Dennis was a 1990 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School. He worked for Meridian Magnesium for the past 10 years. Dennis enjoyed working on cars, hunting, riding his 4-wheeler, working in his vegetable garden and being outdoors. He was a loving and caring person with a good heart and he will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Sherry (Goldsberry) Olmstead of Springport; son, Coty Olmstead of Eaton Rapids; daughter, Linsay (Justin) Hoyt of Germany; parents, Kenneth (Michael Ann) Olmstead of Muskegon; mother, Juanita "Jackie" Olmstead of Eaton Rapids; sisters, Dawn Olmstead, Debbie (Guy) Hengesbach; father and mother in-law, Don and Sue Goldsberry of Onondaga; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Denise Olmstead.

Funeral services were held Monday July 2, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Interment followed at Rosehill cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family to help with funeral expenses. Those desiring may visit our website to place online condolences or to sign the guest book, www.shellyodell.com

**JOSEPH CHARLES
MIENTKIEWICZ**

Joseph Charles Mientkiewicz, age 49, of Eaton Rapids, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, July 1, 2012. He was born September 24, 1962 in Aurora, Illinois, son of Walter Joseph & Catherine Mary (Grima) Mientkiewicz.

Joe worked in construction as a ready-mix cement truck driver and made it easy for the contractors & laborers to do their jobs with the cement. He first started in the cement business with his parents at Grand-Delta Concrete, in Charlotte for 10 years, then Boichet Concrete, for 5 years, and currently worked at Consumers Corporation for the past 15 years. Joe loved his job and would have worked 24/7, if he could have.

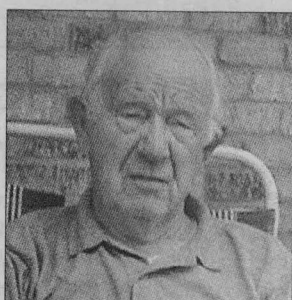
He enjoyed collecting models, especially military ones, also collecting beer memorabilia and related items. He was a huge U of M fan. He will always be remembered as a good provider & enjoying the many times he spent cooking, baking and fishing with his wife.

Survived by his wife of nearly 25 years, Beverly Jane (Pierpoint) Mientkiewicz, three children Dustin (Amanda) Mientkiewicz of Vermontville, MI, Dallas Lee Mientkiewicz of Eaton Rapids, MI and Denise Amber Uhl-Mientkiewicz of Eaton Rapids, MI, three grandchildren, Lillian Grace, Kaydence & Madelyn, his father Walter Joseph Mientkiewicz of White Cloud, MI, father-in-law Herbert T. Pierpoint of Eaton Rapids, MI, a brother David (Chris Bower) Mientkiewicz of Pinckney, MI, a sister Susan Jensen-Mientkiewicz of White Cloud, MI, brother-in-law Thomas Pierpoint, sister-in-law Diane Pierpoint, also numerous, nieces & nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, including a special Aunt, Mary Fenech.

Preceded in death by his mother Catherine Mientkiewicz on September 16, 2011, sister Angie, brother Lee, sister-in-law Debra Shores, also brother-in-law Charles Pierpoint.

A noon mass was held Saturday, July 7 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave, Belleville, MI, Father John Hedges served as Celebrant. Interment was in Denton Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI.

Memorial contributions to Ele's Place for grieving children would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to keep at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



ROBERT "BOB" L. HUME

Robert "Bob" L. Hume of Eaton Rapids, passed away in Charlotte, July 4, 2012 at the age of 94. He was born in Pulaski, MI., September 7, 1917 the son of Henry and Jessimine (Thorn) Hume. Bob served in the U.S. Army during WWII and then retired from the Army National Guard as a captain after 32 years. He was also an active member of the Eaton Rapids Kiwanis Club. Bob married Jackie Scott July 15, 1949. Together they made a home for their three children. He retired from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Law Division after 37 years of service.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Jackie Hume; sons, Malcolm (Carol) Hume of Eaton Rapids, David (Julie) Hume of Charlotte, Robert "Bruce" Hume of Eaton Rapids; 5 grandchildren, Matthew, Steven, Paul, Kristy, Cutter; 3 great grandchildren, Helena, Grant, Kiley; sisters, Virginia (Richard) Atwood, Frances (Wayne) Robinson, Elizabeth (Robert) Gray, Marilyn (Joseph) DeWeese. He was preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy Farrell.

A celebration of Robert's life was held Monday, July 9th, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Daniel Hofmann officiating. Interment followed at Brickyard Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Association, 2306 Haslett Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823, Alzheimer's Association, 5303 S. Cedar St. Lansing, MI 48911 or the Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Those desiring may visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

**FLASHES 7/17/12
RONALD DOUGLAS
KUNCE**

Ronald Douglas Kunce of Eaton Rapids, age 59, left his worn and tired body and walked into a better place on Friday, July 13, 2012 at the Eaton Community Palliative Care in Charlotte with his sister, brother-in-law and a dear friend by his side. He was born June 22, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan, to John and Harriet (Carlson) Kunce. He lived the majority of his life in Eaton Rapids and the surrounding area. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Ann; his parents and brothers, John and Ted.

He is survived by his step-mother, Dixie Kunce of Richmond, KY.; his sister, Diana (Keith) Hayter of Eaton Rapids; his nephews, Kevin (Kaelene), Kyle, Joshua, and John Curtis; his niece Katina; along with four great nieces; one great nephew and many friends.

As per his wishes he has been cremated. A graveside service will be held on Friday, July 20, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Onondaga Cemetery on the family plot. Donations in his name may be made to the Eaton Community Palliative Care at 2675 S. Cochran in Charlotte, MI. 48813 in memory of Ron Kunce. Services provided by the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. For online condolences go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com.



ARLA JEAN PHILLIPS

Age 82, Life resident of Eaton Rapids died Monday, July 9, 2012 at the Eaton Community Palliative Care Facility in Charlotte. Born into a family of 12 siblings-6 boys and 6 girls, on September 17, 1929 in Eaton Rapids the daughter of Glen and Lora (Koder) Olney. Jean was a remarkable person with her ability to perceive the beauty in the world around her. As a girl growing up, she never knew a home for more than a few years because her family was constantly moving from one side of town to the other following her father's career as a Miller's Dairy employee. Jean was an Eaton Rapids High School graduate, class of 1948. She married Clare E. Phillips on June 5, 1948 after a short courtship. During the 1950's, she gave birth to three children; Michael E. Phillips (1952); Ann Marie Phillips (1956); and Lori Ann Phillips (1958). The family moved into their house on North Street in Eaton Rapids in 1958. This was her home for the next 54 years. During their 49 years of marriage, Jean enjoyed many years of traveling throughout the United States, setting foot in all 50 states. Her collection of souvenirs in her home will attest to her passion for seeing the world and learning new things. In addition to travel, she relished going out with her friends as often as she could. Whether it was listening to her brother, Tom, play on Thursday nights or dancing with friends at the Senior Center, she was always active in her life. Her love of life extended to her other interests as well. She loved to bowl, crochet, participate in TOPS, and walk 3.5 miles through town every morning. She also loved waterfalls and lighthouses. Every trip up North was planned around the location of either a lighthouse, or a waterfall. Even toward the end of her life, she refused to surrender to the disease which ultimately took her life. She fought back by enjoying every moment she could with her friends and family members. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clare E. Phillips; her daughter, Ann Marie Phillips; and favorite son-in-law, Harley Wildey.

Surviving are son, Michael (Janice) Phillips of Eaton Rapids and daughter, Lori Wildey of Spring Lake; grandson, Michael Lee Phillips of Eaton Rapids; brother and sisters, Tom (Mable) Olney; Lauralee (Lennis) Sanders, Enid Friess and Judy (Jim) Hall; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with the Rev. Mark Payne of the Robbins United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial followed in the Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. Family received friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, July 11th from 2-4 and 6-8pm. For those desiring memorial gifts may be made to the Eaton Community Palliative Care at 2765 S. Cochran Charlotte, MI 48813 in memory of Jean Phillips. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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RICHARD G. SHADE

Richard G. Shade, age 34, of Alta, passed away on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at his residence of Alta. A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the St. John Lutheran Church of Alta with the Rev. John H. Schmidt officiating. Burial was in the St. John Lutheran Cemetery of Alta. The Nicklas D. Jensen Funeral Home of Alta was in charge of the arrangements.

Richard Shade was born February 21, 1978 in Omaha, NE to Jack and Charlotte (Carper) Shade. The family moved to Eaton Rapids, MI in 1988 and he graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1996. After graduation Richard attended Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg, Iowa from 1996 to 1998 then Pan Am Flight Academy in Vero Beach, FL from 2004-2005. He worked for Northwest Airlines in Lansing, MI from 2000-2004 and in Minneapolis, MN from 2005-2009. He then moved to Storm Lake, IA and worked for Vetter Implement from 2011-2012 and was farming in Alta, IA. He was married to Katherine Millard June 25, 2005.

He is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Floyd Shade and Alvern Carper; and grandmother, Agnes Carper.

Richard is survived by his parents, Jack and Charlotte Shade of Eaton Rapids, MI; his brother Brett and wife Michelle Shade of Wylie, TX; his sister, Heather and her husband Eric Pricco of Webberville, MI; nieces and nephews, Mande Shade and Brett Alan Shade of Wylie, TX, Lanae Shade of Pottsville, MI, Brendon Pricco, Logan Pricco and Olivia Pricco of Webberville, MI; great-niece Makayla of Pottsville, MI; his grandmother, Gertrude Shade of Bassett, NE; a special aunt and uncle, Dave and Trish Friedrich of Alta, IA; and many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

*In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established for the Capital Area Downs Syndrome Association of Lansing, Michigan. On-line condolences can be made at nicklasdjensenfh.com

Flashes 7/24/12



BARBARA MAE "BARB" HARDER

Barbara Mae "Barb" Harder, Lansing, formerly of Eaton Rapids, passed away Friday, July 20, 2012 at age 79. Born January 27, 1933 to Claude and Violet Loe in Lansing, MI. Barb retired as a bus driver for the Eaton Rapids Public Schools. She was a member of the Robbins United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids and the Holt United Methodist Church. Barb attended the Sam Corey Senior Center in Holt where she was crowned Queen in 2008 & 2009. Barb also loved camping and playing cards. Preceding her in death were her husband, Roger Harder; son, Roger Jr.; grandson, Robbie Jr. and her parents. Surviving are her daughters, Peggy (Dale) Sadler of Lake Odessa, MI, Sally Harder of Lansing, MI, Connie Harder of Belleair Beach, FL; sons, Robert (Barbara) Harder of San Marcos, CA, Ron Harder of Williamston, MI; grandchildren, Dominique (Aaron) Oziemski, Brandon Harder, Jason Harder, Lisa (Jerry Hardenbrook) Harder, Scott (Sarah) Sadler, Jody (Trevor) Cupples, Amanda Sadler, Jennifer McKenzie, Jay McKenzie, Jamie Harder, Cody Harder, Jillia Harder; great grandchildren, Weston, Hazel and Josiah Sadler, Alyssa McKenzie as well as special friend, Richard Mulder.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 27, 2012 at Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 5-8 p.m. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association in Barb's name. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

DONALD CLARE GETTER SR.

Donald Clare Getter Sr. of Lake City, formerly of Leslie and Mason, passed away July 20, 2012 at the age of 79. Donald was born in Eaton Rapids June 26, 1933 the son of Harold and Bertha (Elston) Getter. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Donald worked for Atlas Drop Forge in Lansing for 30 years before retiring. He was a member of the American Legion Post 300 in Lake City. Donald enjoyed collecting tractors, gardening, working puzzles and feeding the deer and turkey.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Della Lemke Getter of Lake City; Daughter, Vicki (Leonard) Rockhold of Leslie, Valerie Getter of Mason; son, Donald Getter Jr. of Lansing; grandchildren, Chris, Shannon, Matt, Donald and Sarah; great grandchildren, Dakota, Ashley, Caitlin, Anthony, Emily, Thomas, Zoey, Aidan and Christian. Donald was preceded in death by his parents; step-father, Donald Pfiester; son, Randy Getter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday July 24, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Toby Teague officiating. Interment will follow at East Lawn Memory Gardens Cemetery in Okemos. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Cadillac, 932 N. Mitchell St. Cadillac, MI 49601. Those desiring may visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest book, www.shellyodell.com

Flashes 7/24/12

Chester Roy Rehkopf

Eaton Rapids

Passed away July 29, 2012 at the age of 93. He was born in Lansing, MI May 12, 1919 the son of Jesse and Anne (Olsen) Rehkopf. Chester was a journeyman meat cutter for Kroger's before retiring in 1985 after 32 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Chester wintered in Florida and enjoyed making wood crafts, flower gardening and bird watching.

Surviving are his sons, Chester Lee (Judy) Rehkopf of Eaton Rapids, Richard (Sue) Rehkopf of Spring Hill, FL; daughters, Sandra (Dennis) Bodell of Eaton Rapids, Babe (John) Wingo of Houghton Lake, MI; grandchildren, Todd Rehkopf, Sheila (Brett) Ward, Sean (Jessica) Bodell, Kristina (Phil) Newsome, John (Jen) Ackley, Mechelle Ackley, Stephanie Wingo; 10 great grandchildren; brother, Arvid (Kay) Rehkopf. He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine in 2003; brothers, Robert and Elmer Rehkopf; sister, Jean Branch.

Funeral services will be 11 am Wednesday August 1, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Interment will follow at Chapel Hills Cemetery in Lansing. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 6-8 pm. Memorial contributions can be made to McLaren Hospice, 2316 S. Cedar St. Lansing, MI 48910. Those desiring may visit our website to place an online condolence or sign the guest book, www.shellyodell.com

LSJ 7/31/2012

Aletha Jean (Lauer) White

Hastings

Formerly of Eaton Rapids

Passed away in Hastings July 30, 2012 at the age of 86. Aletha was born May 17, 1926 in Lansing, MI the daughter of Harry R. and Laura B. (Huntington) Lauer. She was married to Clarence H. White for 56 years before his passing in 2004. Aletha was a member of Robbins United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids and also Hope United Methodist Church in Hastings. She was a longtime volunteer with the Red Cross, Eaton Rapids Helping Hands, Youth Haven Ranch in Rives Junction, MI and Arizona, and a life member of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her daughters, Suzanne Marie Pufpaff of Hastings, Cynthia Joyce (Bryan) Wade of Charlotte; grandchildren, Nathan (Amy) Pufpaff, Kristin (Umair Syed) Pufpaff, Timothy Wade, Alison (Aaron) Todd; 4 great grandchildren; sisters, Alice Lauer of Chandler, AZ, Joyce Osburn of Oscoda, MI. Aletha was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; parents; sister, Roberta Willoughby.

Funeral services will be 6 pm Wednesday August 1, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 4 pm until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Youth Haven Ranch where Aletha and Clarence volunteered at their Michigan and Arizona Ranches, PO Box 97 Rives Junction, MI 49277. Those desiring may visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest book, www.shellyodell.com



ROBERTA ANN BLANCHARD

Roberta Ann Blanchard of Eaton Rapids, passed away August 4, 2012 at the age of 65. She was born in Mason August 25, 1946 the daughter of Raymond and Eleanor (Philo) Parker. Roberta graduated from Dansville High School in 1964. She was very active with bingo at the Eaton Rapids Senior Center. She enjoyed reading and spending time with her grandchildren.

Roberta is survived by her daughter, Michelle Perkins of Midwest City, OK; son, Michael (Dawn) Blanchard of Leslie; grandchildren, Britney, Joshua, Jonathan, Dreux, Kendra, Alissa and Blake; great grandchildren, Reese Ann, Aiden; brother, Raymond (Kathy) Parker of Pottersville; sister, Debra (Allan) Lawton of Leslie. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kimberly Sue Howard in 2010.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday August 8, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Visitation will be Tuesday from 2-4 pm and 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Those desiring can visit our website to place an online condolence or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com



BETTE JUNE SCHMIDT

Bette June Schmidt (BJ) born September 15, 1939, in Marcelona, Michigan died peacefully at her home on Tuesday, August 1, 2012 in Charlotte, Michigan. Preceded in death by her parents Reverend William Thomas Schmidt and Leatha June Schmidt (Thomas) and survived by her children Lori Annee Eastman, Patti June Eastman, Sally Jo Eastman (Wichman), William James Eastman, Thomas Johnathon Eastman, a special granddaughter Stephanie Lynne Hudson (Corey), multiple grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends. BJ's hobbies included extensive genealogy research, enjoying her new home, and spending time with her family and friends. BJ had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh with her friends, colleagues, and patients. She was a retired RN but always identified as a nurse. BJ continued to teach her family and friends about patience, grace and dignity until the end of her life. A special thank you to McLaren Hospice Staff. Memorial contributions in honor of BJ can be sent directly to the family at 415 Horatio Street, Charlotte, Michigan 48813 or direct donations to McLaren Hospice.

Flasher 8/7/2012



NEVA ROSE BALL

Neva Rose Ball of Eaton Rapids, formerly of Lansing, passed away in her sleep August 6, 2012 at the age of 92. She was born in Gratiot County, Michigan, the daughter of Thomas and Marie Wheeler on January 23, 1920. Neva was an avid reader - of the newspaper, of biographies, and history. She corresponded with friends and family for as long as she was able. Keeping track of the family tree was very important to her. She was clever in her own writing, especially in creating poetry and little stories. She was also good with games - from the word game Scrabble, crosswords, and word find. When anyone came to visit, if you mentioned playing Scrabble, you knew to prepare yourself for the duration. Always a battle of wits, and she was GOOD.

She was a loving wife to Valdo for 55 years, mother and grandmother. She leaves two children, Larry Ball of Dimondale and Pam (Emerson) DeForest of Gaines. Her son Thomas Ball preceded her in death in January 2012. Her sisters Arlene (Ron) Kohler, Ruth (Jack) Mitchell-Johnson, and Theda (Lloyd) Hammondtree left this earth before her, leaving one sister Betty (Jim) Petro of Alma. Her grandchildren were her life. She will be missed by her seven grandchildren; Lynn (Sue) Ball of Eaton Rapids, Tammy (Jerry) Albright of Eaton Rapids, Paul (Tammy) DeForest of Bancroft, Mike (Evelyn) DeForest of Flint, Tracie (Jim) Hill of Owosso, Tina (Doug) Hincka of Sparta and Tommy Ball of Redford, twelve great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Grace Hospice and Country Acres Adult Care facility for your gentle care and patience during her year-long visit. Your work is complete Mom walk with Dad, side by side, I'm sure the coffee pot is on.

Funeral services were held on August 8th, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Interment was held at Ithaca Cemetery on the following day. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Hospice, 2205 Jolly Rd. Suite C. Okemos, MI 48864. Online condolence may be made at www.shellyodell.com

Flasher 8/14/12



**HAZEL DEAN
(STANLEY) SCOTT**

Hazel Dean (Stanley) Scott of Springport, passed away August 7, 2012 at the age of 75. She was born in Laura, KY March 8, 1937 the daughter of Freeman and Bertha (Mullins) Stanley. Her hobbies included hunting, fishing, mushrooming and traveling. She worked as a floor lady at Heifitz pickle factory and was a caretaker for the elderly. Hazel was a member of the Church of Christ.

Hazel is survived by her husband, Ersel Scott of Springport; children, Michael (Christina Ann) Scott of Alanson, Judy (Larry) Noren of Springport, Troy Lee (Heather) Scott of Horton, MI; 10 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; brother, Howard (Doris) Stanley of Grass Lake, Donald (Elaine) Stanley of Johnstown, OH; sisters, Josephine (Dean) Tiller of Moorehead, KY, Linda (Leroy) Jewell of Warfield, KY. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Janet Fay Jecks; son, Dwayne David Scott; sisters, Fay Maynard, Ethel Mae Brewer, Shirley Arnold; brothers, Ray, Everett, Ervin, Chester, Clayton and Freeman Jr. Stanley.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Interment followed at Tompkins Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the hospice of donor's choice. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register. www.shellyodell.com

Flashes 8/14/12



POLLY ANN HORNER

Polly Ann Horner passed away on Sunday, August 12, 2012 at the age of 66. Polly was born on November 27, 1945 to Earl and Annie (Helderman) Jones in Eaton Rapids, MI. Polly grew up in Eaton Rapids and graduated in 1964. She married the love of her life Patrick Neil Horner in 1970. She enjoyed crocheting and gardening. Preceding her in death are her parents; husband; son, Tony Horner; brother, Leon Jones; sisters, Roberta Eding, Wanda Head. Surviving Polly are her daughter, Tonja (Kevin) Lewis; stepson, Patrick (Jane) Horner Jr.; daughter-in-law, Shelly Horner; 8 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; brothers, Earl Jones, Bill Jones; sister, Shirley Satterlee; best friend, Lori Strauss; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2012 11:00 a.m. at Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 15 from 2-4 & 6-8 pm. Memorial contribution may be given to The Eaton Community Palliative Care Facility in memory of Polly. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

Flashes 8/14/12

**MARGARET JEAN
LIVINGSTON**

Margaret Jean Livingston of Eaton Rapids, passed away on Friday, August 17, 2012 at age 82. Born September 27, 1929 in Charlotte, MI to James and Flossie Umbarger. Preceding her in death were her husband, Duane Livingston; brothers, Howard Umbarger, Kenneth Umbarger, Maynard Umbarger; sisters, Hazel Clough and Charlene Dowding.

Surviving are daughter, Diana (Larry) Pearson of Eaton Rapids; son, Michael (Nancy) Livingston of Crossville, TN; grandchildren, Jon Livingston, Wesley Livingston, Christian (Cheryl) Pearson; Carrie (Chris) Siemen; Justin (JiHeyon) Pearson; 6 great grandchildren; brothers, Maurice Umbarger, Delton "Bud" (Darlene) Umbarger as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2012 at Skinner Funeral Home. Family received friends on Sunday from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care at 2675 S. Cochran Rd., Charlotte, MI 48813 in Margaret's name. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

Flashes 8/21/2012



**VERNON JAMES "JIM"
HARPER**

Vernon James "Jim" Harper Jr. of Lansing, passed away August 21, 2012 at the age of 63. He was born in Hudson, MI April 24, 1949 the son of Vernon James Sr. and Berthe (Beem) Harper. Jim was an avid volleyball player. His hobbies included biking, cooking, theatre, art, and visiting museums. Jim was a fixer of all things. He loved spending time with his family and entertaining them with his sense of humor. Jim retired from Superior Electric after 22 years of service and was a member of the IBEW for 38 years in Michigan and New Jersey.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Neill Nargang Harper; daughters, Brenda Harper (Ryan Bannon) of Newton, NJ, Cari (Drew) Ondush of Las Vegas, NV, Christina "Tina" (Jordan) Polhamus of Royal Oak, MI, Alisha Harper of Eaton Rapids; son, James (Amy) Harper of Greenville, SC; step-children, Michael Nargang of Olympia, WA, Kenzie (John) Narway of Phoenix, AZ, Eric Nargang of Morrison, CO; grandchildren, Brittany, Allie, Nick, Hayden, Cain, Emmerson and Grady; father, Vernon J. Harper Sr. (Connie Vinton); sister, Sandy (Eric) Emmons; brother, Fran (Deb) Harper of FL. Jim was preceded in death by his mother.

Memorial services will be 2 pm Saturday September 1, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids and at Jim's request, casual dress is recommended as there will be a picnic following his services. Visitation will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday 1-2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the East Lansing Volleyball Club or Hospice of Lansing, 4052 Legacy Pkwy, Lansing, MI 48911. Those desiring may visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register. www.shellyodell.com

Flashes 8/28/2012



JOANNE H. BYERLY

Joanne H. Byerly, age 79, of Eaton Rapids passed away peacefully Saturday, August 25, 2012. Joanne was born in Onaway, Michigan on April 28, 1933, the daughter of Carmen and Bernieta Wheeler. She graduated from Stockbridge High School in 1951. She was employed by Citizens Insurance, Lansing Supply and retired from the City of Eaton Rapids. Her life-long endeavors include being a member of the fireman's auxiliary, St. Peters Choir, a volunteer at St. Vincents, teaching CCD classes, being an avid 4-H mom, she enjoyed gardening and was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church for 57 years.

Surviving is her husband, Ronald L. Byerly; their daughters, Kimberly Byerly, Kaye (Todd) Byerly-Cole, Pamela (David) Wigent and Jody (Rick) Strank; 8 grandchildren and 6 1/2 great grandchildren.

Mass of the Christian burial will be Wednesday, August 29 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Ben Constantine as celebrant. Family will receive friends at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with Rosary being recited at 8:00 p.m. at the funeral Home. For those desiring memorial gifts may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society in memory of Joanne Byerly. For online condolences please go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

Flashes 8/28/2012



JOHN D. R. "RAY" CAUDILL

John D. R. "Ray" Caudill of Eaton Rapids, age 67, died Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at his residence with family by his side following a terminal illness. Born July 17, 1945 in Leonard, Michigan the son of Rollie and Melvina (Ingle) Caudill. Ray served in the Marine Reserves for 6 years and had retired from General Motors in Lansing with 33 years of service. Ray enjoyed animals loved hunting and playing pool.

Preceding him in death were parents; brother, Joseph Caudill and friend, Ronnie Churchill. Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Ramona; 3 children, Edith Marie (Paul) MacArthur of Eaton Rapids, Vincent D. Caudill of Eaton Rapids and Brenda Noel Caudill of Charlotte; 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; brother, Arlie (Ethel) Caudill of Kentucky; 3 sisters, Gladys (Mike) Shroder, Edith (Lonnie) Brady and Lorene (Dan) Willcutt; very close special friend, Monty Parish; several nieces and nephews; and his faithful companion Rascal.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 26, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with Rev. James Riley, officiating. Burial followed in the Oakwood Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. Family received friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. For those desiring memorial gifts may be directed to McLaren Hospice in memory of Ray Caudill. For online condolences visit www.skinnerfuneralhome.com.

Flashes 8/28/2012



Michael D. Hasbrook

Eaton Rapids

Age 42, loving husband, father and son died unexpectedly Sunday, September 2, 2012 at his home.

Born on August 6, 1970 to Dennis "Skip" and Charlene (Coppersmith) Hasbrook in Lansing, MI. Michael was a Haslett High School graduate, class of 1989. He had started working at the age of 16 and within the last several years chose to stay at home to raise his daughter. Michael was a sports fan loving all sports especially the Tigers and Lions. He was a big NASCAR fan, loved music and was a huge Sci-Fi fan. He enjoyed helping too coach his daughter's baseball team and would never miss a game.

Surviving are his wife, Holly; daughter, Cora; parents, Dennis "Skip" and Charlene Hasbrook; parents-in-law, Bruce and Sandy Porter; brother, Dennis (Cheri) Hasbrook; sister, Sandy (Jim) Hornbuckle; sister-in-law, Tracy (Troy) Miller; 6 nephews; and best friend, Shawn Matthews.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with the Rev. Scott Boles, officiating. Family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to service time. For those interested in helping, memorial gifts may be directed to the family in care of Holly Hasbrook. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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ARLENE REBECCA ANDREAS

Arlene Rebecca Andreas of Eaton Rapids, passed away September 1, 2012 at the age of 84. She was born in Eaton Rapids February 11, 1928 the daughter of Earl and Ethel (Priest) Higdon. Arlene's hobbies included working with clay, quilting at the Congregational Church and drawing.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen DuBois of Eaton Rapids; son, Michael Andreas of Lansing; foster son, Bryce Morrill of UT; Arlene was preceded in death by her husband, John Andreas in 1999; granddaughter, Rebecca DuBois; brothers, Ralph (Margie) Higdon, Floyd (Fidema) Higdon, Maynard (Barbara) Higdon; sisters, Alice Higdon, Lillian (Ed) Dillin, Myrtle (Jim) Kendall; son-in-law, Kip DuBois.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday September 5, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Jim Riley officiating. Interment will follow at Deep Dale Cemetery. Visitation was on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers the family is asking that memorial contributions be made to Island City Assisted Living, 1509 Kyle St. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Those desiring may visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

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John "Ted" Rolland Edward Weaver

Eaton Rapids

Age 93, died Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at the Eaton County Medical Care Facility in Charlotte. Ted was born June 19, 1919 in South Hampton England, the son of Rolland and Laura (Bailey) Weaver. His

family moved to the United States where he graduated from Charlotte High School. Ted served his country in the US Army during World War II, stationed in the Aleutian Islands. He had worked for a short while as a truck driver for Miller's Dairy in Eaton Rapids and while there met his future bride Dolly. He spent the next several years as a Master Electrician working for Nicholas Electric in Eaton Rapids and later began working Skilled Trades for General Motors in Lansing retiring in 1997 at the age of 78. Ted had a great work ethic taking care of his Arabian horses during the day and working nights for General Motors while still having time to always help family and friends. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed following the Spartans, Lions and Tigers, but above all he was a family man and loved his family dearly.

Preceding him in death were his parents, brother, Waldo; sister, Lena Wells; and grandson, Robert "Robbie" Cambric in 1989. Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Kathryn "Dolly"; 5 children, Bruce Weaver, Charlotte (Bob) Kendregan, Susan (Kent) McDaniels, Julie (Mike) Wright and Jon Weaver; 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Friday, September 21, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with visitation at the funeral home 1 hour prior to service time. Burial of cremated remains will follow at the Pope Church Cemetery in Rives Junction. For those desiring memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Ted Weaver. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

LSJ 9/15/2012



Eber Bergland Sherman, M.D.

Boyne Falls

Formerly of Eaton Rapids, MI
Dr. Sherman passed away September 9, 2012 at the age of 84. He graduated from high school and college in Albion, MI and received his medical degree from Wayne State University. Dr. Sherman interned at

Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids and operated a family practice in Eaton Rapids retiring in 1996.

Eber was preceded in death by his parents, Alice and Howard; brother Howard; daughter Mindy; grandson Matthew and son-in-law Peter Nestor. Surviving are his wife Jeanne, daughters; Karen (Chuck Sutberry); Jan (Rick Hettich); Mary Beth (Jeff Morgan), sons John (Lynn) and Mark (Trish), precious grandchildren: David and Molly Nestor, Sean and Daniel Hettich, Brendan and Kyle Morgan, Clara, Zachary and Sofia Sherman, and Elizabeth, Maggie and Jane Sherman., sisters-in-law Ginny Scott and Judy Babbitt, many beloved nieces and nephews and special cousins George and Jack Sherman.

Memorial services will be held at the Skinner Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids, Michigan on Saturday, September 15th at 11 a.m. with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. There will also be services at the Lake Louise Christian Community in the spring.

In lieu of flowers Eber would be pleased that donations be made to The Manna Project, Lake Louise Christian Community, Petoskey United Methodist Church or Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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LORENA MAE (BYRON) GILLETT

Lorena Mae (Byron) Gillett of Eaton Rapids, passed away September 22, 2012 at the age of 84. She was born in Eaton Co., MI October 21, 1927 the daughter of Eugene and Eula (McGillvery) Byron. She was a stay at home mom. Lorena loved children and was an excellent cook. She enjoyed walking, antique collecting, playing cards and gardening. Lorena and her husband celebrated 69 years of marriage together.

Lorena is survived by her husband, Robert Gillett of Eaton Rapids; daughters, Kathleen (Jerry) Hammond of Springport, Christine (Steven) Kikendall of Eaton Rapids; 8 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren, brother, James (Joyce) Byron of Eaton Rapids. She was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Larry and Steven Gillett; 4 sisters, 4 brothers. Graveside services were held Monday September 24, 2012 at Rosehill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 5303 S. Cedar St. Lansing, MI 48911. Arrangements were entrusted to the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com.

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GARY ALAN CLEEVES

Gary Alan Cleeves, Dimondale Age 56, passed away September 20, 2012. Born March 26, 1956 in Lansing, MI to Robert and Ruth (Berlin) Cleeves. Gary served in the Army during the Vietnam War and was most recently an employee of Magnesim Products for 13 years. He enjoyed watching the classic television shows from the 60's and 70's. Gifted with a great sense of humor, he enjoyed the laughter his quick wit and quirky antics created.

Surviving are his wife of 8 years, Denise (Goodman) Cleeves, daughter, Emily Cleeves of Potterville; son, Justin Cleeves of Charlotte; mother, Ruth Cleeves of Iron River; sister, Linda of Arizona; brother Mike of Salmon ID; and many other family member and friends. Gary was preceded in death by his father, Robert Cleeves. Memorial Services will be Saturday, September 29, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. For online condolences go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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CARL STEVAN PARTRIDGE

Carl Stevan Partridge born July 27, 1969, passed away on September 16, 2012 at the age of 43 in Tennessee. Carl is formerly of the Eaton Rapids and Charlotte areas. Cremation has taken place with a celebration of his life coming at a later date. Surviving are his mother and step-father, Martha and Tom Schwalbe of Tennessee, sister Kay and Doug Linn, and Lynn and Chad Rodgers of Michigan. He was preceded in death by his father Vance Partridge.

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INEZ MARIE MEYERS

Inez Marie Meyers of Eaton Rapids, passed away September 24, 2012 at the age of 90. She was born in Webberville, MI May 9, 1922 the daughter of Charles and Pearl DeWaters. Inez had many roles in her lifetime, that of daughter, sister, student, wife, homemaker, mother, widow, employee, retiree, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, senior citizen, friend and most important, a child of God.

She is survived by her daughters, Rosemary K. (Tom) Combs, Bonnie Lucile (Dennis) Mann; step-children, Charlene (Marv) DeWitt, Clifton (Gail) Meyers; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Inez was preceded in death by her parents; 5 sisters, Geneva, Lucille, Adeline, Nellie, Ruth; 2 brothers, Harvey, David; first husband and father of her children, Maxelwyn John Milbourn; daughter, Diana Kay Milbourn; second husband, Robert Warren Meyers.

Funeral services will be 11:30 a.m. September 26, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Daniel Hofmann officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will be at Chapel Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Silver Maples of Chelsea, 100 Silver Maples Dr. Chelsea, MI 48118, Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or First United Methodist Church, 600 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

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WAYNE EDWARD FUHR

Wayne Edward Fuhr Springport, MI left this world to be with his Lord and Savior from a brief battle with lung cancer on September 17, 2012 at the age of 56. Wayne proudly served his country as a member of the Marine Corps. He was an avid fisherman, golfer and bowler. He is preceded in death by his brother Gary Fuhr. Wayne is survived by his loving wife, Rena (Palacios) Fuhr; parents, Edward (Betty) Fuhr of Olivet, Carole (John) Keysor of Dewitt; sisters, Debbie (Kevin), Diane, Julie, Lori (Matt), Melanie (Mike), Sharon (Mike); brothers, Brian (Anne), Bruce, Jeff (Kim); and many special nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Assembly of God 9800 S. Cochran Rd. Olivet, MI. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be given to Faith Assembly of God in memory of Wayne. A luncheon was held at the Church following the graveside services. To leave condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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Mark Raymond Belknap

Eaton Rapids

Age 66 of Eaton Rapids died unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 in Eaton Rapids. Born January 19, 1946 to Ray and Cecelia (Kilb) Belknap in Lansing, MI. Mark was a Gabriel High School graduate class of 1965. He retired as a Mason Tender for the Davenport Masonry Co. in Holt. He served in the Army during the Viet Nam war and was a member and former Color Guard at the American Legion Post # 238 of Holt.

Preceding him in death were his parents and brother, Franklin.

Surviving are his wife Dalene (Schoals) of Lansing; 4 children, Dannielle (Nicholas) Fraga of Mason, Rachaelle (Jim) Shuler of Dimondale, Natalie Belknap of Kalamazoo and Stephanie Belknap of Lansing; 4 grandchildren, Baylee, Jacob, Joseph and Avery; brother, Robert (Sandy) Belknap of Beaverton, OR; several nieces and nephews; companion of 18 years, Sandy Holley-Barrett of Eaton Rapids and daughter, Jessica (Mike) Barrett-Jones of Peachtree City, GA.

Memorial services will be Monday, October 1st at 3:30 PM at the American Legion Post #238 at 1875 Cedar St Holt, MI 48842. For those desiring memorial gifts may be made to the American Legion Post #238 in memory of Mark Belknap. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com



CAROL LYNN DAVIS

Carol Lynn Davis, Eaton Rapids, age 61 died unexpectedly on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at her residence. Born on February 13, 1951 in Battle Creek, Michigan, the daughter of Robert and Winona (Bradford) Davis. Carol was an Olivet High School graduate class of 1969 she received her Bachelor Degree from Nazareth College in Kalamazoo. She had worked for Kelloggs of Battle Creek as a Quality Control Inspector before her retirement. She was currently a member of the Christian Community Church in Eaton Rapids. Carol's final gift to mankind was a donation to the Gift of Life Program. Preceding her in death were her father, Robert and a grandson, Willee Piepkow. Surviving are her mother Winona Davis of Eaton Rapids; 4 children, Tara Piepkow, Travis (Heather) Piepkow, Sara Piepkow and Bradford (Andrea) Piepkow all of Olivet; 13 grandchildren; 2 brothers, Robert B. Davis of Parchment, MI and Larry R. Davis of Battle Creek and her loving dog, Mak. Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with Rev. Stephen Klink, officiating. For those desiring memorial gifts may be made out in care of Tara Piepkow in memory of Carol L. Davis. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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RICHARD C. WALDRON

Richard C. Waldron of Sagloa, MI, formerly of Eaton Rapids, MI passed away Friday, September 28th, 2012. Per Mr. Waldron's request, there will be no services. Donations may go to the VA hospital or the Humane Society of your choice.

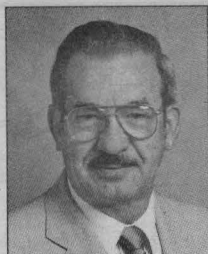
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LESTER R. BRANTLEY

Lester R. Brantley, age 87 of Eaton Rapids died Saturday, September 29, 2012. Born to Lester R. and Nonie (O'Neil) Brantley Sr. on June 25, 1925 in Black Ford, Kentucky. Lester served in the U.S. Navy during World War II stationed at Pearl Harbor following the Japanese attack. He owned and operated General Pictures and Printing in Lansing for several years. In 1939 Lester was baptized at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Sturgis, KY. In 1946, he attended Sullivan Baptist Church in Sullivan, KY and currently was attending the First Baptist Church in Eaton Rapids. Preceding him in death was his wife Carolyn in 2006 and two sisters, Velda Winders and Leonteen Jones. Surviving are 3 sons, Charles Brantley of Eaton Rapids, James (Connie) Brantley of Mears, MI and Bruce (Julie) Brantley of Eaton Rapids; 5 grandchildren, James Todd (Dawn) Brantley, Jamie (Lewis) Swope, Joshua Brantley, Nikki (Mark) Karazim and Eric Brantley; numerous great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Colene Gass of Orlando, FL and Evelyn (Eugene) Day of Sturgis, KY; as well as several nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life Luncheon for Lester will be Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church 9220 Kinneville Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church in memory of Lester Brantley. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

Tuesday, October 2, 2012



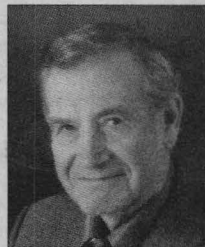
HARRY CURTIS FELTENBARGER

Harry Curtis Feltenbarger of Rives Junction, formerly of Eaton Rapids, passed away September 28, 2012 at the age of 81. He was born in Bellaire, MI February 16, 1931, the son of Clarence and Katherine Feltenbarger. Harry served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam and Korean Wars. He retired after 20 years of service to his country. He was a member of American Legion Post 491 in Leslie, MI. Harry was very devoted to honoring our fallen Veterans. He walked in parades, was an advocate for Veterans and volunteered at many military services. Harry worked for Dart Container, Weyerhaeuser and Eaton Technologies where he was an equipment engineer. He enjoyed gardening, canning, his computer and was a passionate woodcarver.

He is survived by his wife, M. Leu (Marshall) Feltenbarger of Rives Junction; sons, Craig (Roni) Feltenbarger of Eaton Rapids, Barron Anderson of Springport, Roderick Anderson of St. Johns; daughters, Monika (Kurt) Kehoe of Lansing, Angela O'Gorman of Lansing, Beth Kunkel of Battle Creek, Julia Milheim of Eaton Rapids; grandchildren, Emily, Jared, Jacob, Hannah, Alan Michael, Kyle, Keegan, Kayla, Donovan, Devan, Blain, Ashley; 2 great-grandsons; sister, Dorothy Russell of Charlevoix. Harry was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Ryan Kehoe; brothers, Earl and Bruce; sisters, Betty and Myrna.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday October 3, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Jim Riley officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2175 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

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WILFORD JOHN CANFIELD

Wilford John Canfield of Charlotte passed away September 24, 2012 at the age of 80. He was born Eaton Rapids September 30, 1931, the son of Wilson and Lilah (Heath) Canfield. He graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1951. Wilford was a dairy and crop farmer. He retired from Felpausch where he worked as a meat cutter. Wilford also worked for the Food Locker and IGA. He enjoyed golfing and playing cards.

Wilford is survived by his daughter, Patrice (Wilford) Lundy of Charlotte; sons, Daniel (Elaine) Canfield of Eaton Rapids, Randall (Joni) Canfield of Williamston; brother, George (Eileen) Canfield of FL; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; special friend, Esther Harris. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Norma (Beers) Canfield; daughter, Cynthia Bowles; brother, Clifford Biggs; sister, Louella Nettelmann. Funeral services were held on Friday September 28, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Chuck Jensen officiating. Interment followed at Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 5303 Cedar St. Lansing, MI 48911. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

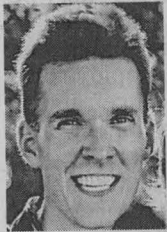
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DONNA RAE MARY WORDEN

Donna Rae Mary Worden of Eaton Rapids, passed away with her family by her side on October 1, 2012 at age 80. Born July 29, 1932 to Bert and Alma (England) Haga in Austin, Minnesota. Donna was a graduate of Lansing Eastern High School class of '49. She was an owner/ operator of Dar's Cleaners in Lansing. After that she went on to work for CATA where she was the first female mechanic. Donna would later work for Eaton Stamping in Eaton Rapids and One Hour Martinizing in Lansing. Donna was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church. She was an avid reader and MSU Football fan. Donna loved her kids and grandkids and will be missed dearly by all who knew her. Preceding her in death were her husband, Darwin; son, Darry; sisters, Thelma Bosheff, Clarice Enright, Dallas Galer; brother, Ray Haga. Surviving are her daughters, Beth Worden of Dexter, MI, Kim Heniser of Eaton Rapids, MI; sons, Mark (Patricia) Worden of Duck Lake, MI, Jeff Worden of Petoskey, MI; grandchildren, Nicole Heniser, Mary Heniser, Drew Heniser, Chay Worden, Bryndon Worden; brother, Gale (Carol) Haga; sister, Ardath DiOrio as well as several nieces and nephews. Mass of the Christian Burial was held at 11:00 am on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Eaton Rapids with Fr. Bennett Constantine as Celebrant. Rite of Committal followed at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Lansing. Family received friends Wednesday from 6-8 pm at Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids where a rosary was prayed at 7:30 p.m. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter Catholic Church or the American Cancer Society in Donna's name. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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Jack Gross

Eaton Rapids

Born January 13, 1961 in Lansing, the son of John and Melba (Trim) Gross, died October 10, 2012 at the age of 51. Jack graduated from Eastern High School in 1979. He played the Tuba in the Eastern High School Marching band. Jack battled with Hodgkins disease his senior year of high school, but was able to graduate on time earning academic and musical awards.

After graduating high school, Jack attended Michigan State University where he was a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. Jack graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Communication. Jack started working at Dart Container where he met the love of his life, Janet Plave-Gross and they married on June 18, 1994. Jack was employed by Dart Container for over 25 years and continued to work thru his illness.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Janet; father, John (Bud) Gross; step-mother, Donna Shell-Gross; sister, Jill (Andy) Gilbert; nieces, Holly and Heidi; great niece, Delila; sisters-in-law, Debbie (Mark) Johnson, Sandi (Joe) Gelina Barb (Mike) Verhamme, Connie (Brian) Gilbert, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Melba.

Jack's hobbies included boating and model trains. He enjoyed traveling with Janet, photography, driving his John Deere Tractor, hosting family/friend bon fires and gatherings, designing web sites, and watching Janet perform with her horses and carriages. Jack's honesty, humor, computer knowledge, positive attitude and genuine love of life will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 900 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, those desiring, may make contributions in Jack's memory to Beekman Therapeutic Riding Center, 2901 Wabash, Lansing, MI 48910. The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.grlansing.com



Hildegard G. Leitz

Eaton Rapids

Hildegard Gertrude Leitz passed away October 8, 2012, at her home of 64 years in Eaton Rapids. The Lord called her to her final resting place after enduring many ailments: pancreatic cancer, strokes, blood clots and Alzheimer's Dementia.

Hildegard was born June 18, 1923, in Lansing, to the late Henry and Olga Schultz, the oldest of four children. She met the love of her life, Karl J. Leitz, Jr. in 1947. They were united in marriage October 16, 1948. Their union blessed them with four children, around which her life was centered.

First and foremost, Hildegard was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and homemaker who enjoyed baking and arts and crafts. She was a faithful lifetime member of Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband, Karl; children, Linda Wildflower of Hawaii, Daniel (Diana) Leitz of Wisconsin and Trudy Leitz of Holt; 6 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, Herbert Schultz of Lansing; sisters, Emma Hepfer of Williamston and Helene Fowler of Dimondale; and many nieces and nephews. Her son Kevin Leitz preceded her in death in 2004.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1001 N. Capitol, Lansing, with the Rev. Paul J. Lindloff officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery. The family will receive family and friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

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JERRY ANN McDANIEL

Jerry Ann McDaniel Eaton Rapids, MI, passed away on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 after a short battle with cancer, she was 64. Jerry was born on July 3, 1948 in Eaton Rapids, and attended school here. She was an avid reader, Michigan football fan; she loved to cook, play bingo and keno. Jerry also loved to spend time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her sister, Judy Kopulos.

Surviving Jerry are her husband of 17 years, Richard McDaniel; daughters, Tina Gamelin, Christina Gamelin; step-son, Christopher (Lauri) McDaniel; 7 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; mother, Julie Ann Snow; brother, Harry Snow; sisters, Jill (Rodney) Siple, Jody (Jack) Pringle; several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

The family received friends on Thursday, October 4, 2012 2-4pm and 6-8 p.m. at Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Funeral services were held on Friday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Stephen Klink officiating, burial was at Rosehill cemetery in Eaton Rapids. For those desiring memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813 in loving memory of Jerry Ann McDaniel. To leave condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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LAVONDA ARDITH PARR COMSTOCK

LaVonda Ardith Parr Comstock entered into Christ's rest in her home on October 3, 2012. She was born in Eaton Rapids October 12, 1938 to Edwin A. and Alberta (Barlond) Parr. LaVonda was a 1957 graduate of Leslie High School. LaVonda is survived by her daughter Robin Webb of Eaton Rapids, grandchildren, Garrett and Colette Webb, great granddaughter Gabriella; daughter Tamra "Tammy"

Comstock Chaney(Todd), granddaughters Cheyenne Lee Bell(Zack) and Sierra Chaney; brothers, Edwin(Jean), Larry(Joann), Preston(Virjean) and Roger Parr; and several nieces and nephews. LaVonda's world was lit by her little ray of sunshine, Ella. "Gigi" lived to play, laugh, teach and love this sweet girl, and will be painting rainbows in the sky for her until she can see her in heaven. LaVonda dearly loved all of her grandchildren. She also enjoyed helping many friends, neighborhood kids and whoever she could. LaVonda was well known in the community for her employment at Family Fare. She touched many people's lives. She volunteered at the Senior Center of Eaton Rapids and the Siren House of Charlotte. Family and friends are invited to a potluck gathering at Onondaga Township Hall on LaVonda's birthday, Friday, October 12, at 6 p.m. Her daughters ask that any memorial gifts be directed to those organizations that LaVonda cared very much about and supported strongly: SIREN/Eaton Shelter,

www.sireneatonshelter.com, P.O. Box 369 245 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-0748, or to Eaton Community Palliative Care, online at www.echospace.org, (517) 543-5310. Cremation has taken place and remains will be interred in Oakwood Cemetery, Hamlin Township, at a later date. To leave condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com.

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MISTY LYNN BOTKE

Misty Lynn Botke of Eaton Rapids, MI. Misty went to be with the Lord on October 20, 2012 at the age of 44. Surviving to cherish her memory are her beloved husband of 24 years, Robert Emil Botke III; brother, Bryan; sisters, Heather and Dawn; foster parents, Rev. Harold and Donna Demoret; foster sisters, Michelle and Becky; foster brother, Tim; as well as the Stevens family who served as former foster parents for Misty. She loved working with the children at the VFW National Home for Children. She will be remembered for her love of life. Misty lived to serve the Lord and now she is praising Him face to face. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at First Baptist Church of Eaton Rapids, 9220 Kinneville Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI with the Rev. Scott Boles officiating. The family will receive friends one half hour prior to the service at the church. For those desiring, contributions may be made in memory of Misty to the American Cancer Society, 3100 West Rd. Bldg. B, Ste. 110, East Lansing, MI 48823. The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family *Flashes* at www.grlansing.com 10/23/12



ERNEST C. WOODMAN JR.

Until God reunites us in his love, Ernest C. Woodman, Jr. October 27, 1944 - October 19, 2011. The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but the love and memory of you shall never pass away. There's a sad but sweet remembrance, there's a memory fond and true, and a token of affection, and a heartache still for you. Deep in our hearts you'll always stay, loved and remembered every day. "Always and Forever"

Wife, Nancy; Daughters, Kathy (Bobby) Sanne, Karen (Chris) Morgan, Kelly Balch, David Acevedo. Sons, Ernest Chad Woodman, Erik (Beth) Woodman. Grandchildren; Amber (Chris) Love, Jon and Nicole, Daniel, David, Austin and Tierra, Kristin, Jacob and Shelby, Ben, Neil and Maeve. Great-grandchild, Emmalyn Mae. Mother-In-Law, Wilma Wolfe, who misses you so much. Brother-In-Law, Robert (Sharron) Wolfe. Sister-In-Law, Carole (Donald) Van Dyke. *Flashes*

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Martin "Marty" Myers

Eaton Rapids

Martin "Marty" Myers, age 53 of Eaton Rapids, was called home to be with the Lord October 17, 201.

He was the son of Carolann and Fred "Bud" Myers; brother of the late Dan Myers; nephew of Julie (William) Brough, Kathleen (Stewart) Swiger, Christine (Larry) Patterson and Judy (Ron) Mateer; and uncle of Christopher Myers. He is also survived by numerous cousins.

Marty was a proud member of Memorial Church of Christ for 16 years.

Visitation Sunday 12:30 until 4 pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. **Funeral Monday, in state at 12:00 pm until the time of service at 1 pm at Memorial Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile Rd. in Livonia.** Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery in Lansing. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to U of M Kidney Transplant Program or Gift of Life.



DENNIS PAUL FREER

Dennis Paul Freer of Eaton Rapids, passed away October 16, 2012 at the age of 60. He was born in Eaton Rapids July 9, 1952, the son of Stanley and June (Rowley) Freer. Dennis graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1970. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Saratoga during the Vietnam War. Dennis retired from GM after 30 years of service. He enjoyed camping, fishing and loved to attend car shows.

Dennis is survived by his siblings, Jack Freer, Richard (Vivian) Freer, Joe Freer, Vicki Freer, Kim (Carol) Freer, all of Eaton Rapids, Melvin (Claudia) Freer of Potterville; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Christine Sutherland; brother, David Freer.

Graveside services were held Friday, October 19, 2012 at Munger Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to donor's choice of charity. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

Flashes 10/23/2012



BARBARA LOU SCHUBERT

Beloved Mom, Grams and friend, passed away on October 18 at age 80. Her "teddy bear" husband of 23 years, LeRoy Schubert and her sons William and Robert Corbishley precedes Barbara in death. She is survived by her children Charles Warren (Donna) Corbishley of Rochester, NY, Annie Lange (Sally Backofen) of Eaton Rapids, MI and step-son Geoffery Schubert (Judy) of Mahwah, NJ and 11 grandchildren Katie, Scott and Brook Schubert, Killian and Kelsey Corbishley and Rob, Anastasia, Chelsea, Ksenia, Andrei and Zach Lange. Barbara was born in Ridgewood, NJ and lived a lifetime in Bergen County until moving to Michigan four years ago to be close to family. Barbara was a vibrant woman with a hearty laugh. She loved to watch and play sports, especially tennis and golf. She became an avid Spartan fan since moving to Michigan. Sadly, she was also a life long NY Yankee's fan. Most important to Barbara was her family and friends; she was a true people person. Her family would like to offer special thanks to the staff and friends at Bickford in Okemos who have taken such loving care of Barbara in her time there, and to the staff of Great Lakes Caring Hospice for their exceptional care. Memorial services were held Saturday, October 20, 3:00pm at Bickford Assisted Living 3830 Okemos Rd. Okemos, MI. Memorial contributions maybe made to Great Lakes Hospice 3100 West Rd. #203 East Lansing, MI or Calvary Christian Fellowship 1611 E. Kalamazoo Lansing, MI. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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ELOYCE FARMER HANSEN

Eloyce Farmer Hansen, 89, died Monday, October 15, 2012 at Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

Born in Montrose, MI and raised in Flint, Mrs. Hansen was a daughter of the late William Carl Bingle and Vida Bingle Smith. She was a homemaker and had lived in Aiken since 2005. Mrs. Hansen was a member of South Aiken Presbyterian Church, P.E.O. Sisterhood and was a lifelong volunteer. Survivors include her husband, Jens B. Hansen; children, Pamela Farmer Pethick (David), Patricia Farmer Elmore, all of Aiken; Mark Hansen (Diane), Phoenix, AZ, Peter Hansen (Kelly), Corpus Christi, TX; grandchildren, Robert Elmore (Jennifer), Kevin Pethick (Carey), Kristen Pethick, Kathryn Morris (Brent), Jane Grange (Steven), Meredith Burney (Richard), Kathryn Glover (Jason), Peter Hansen (Lisa), Steven Hansen (Angie) and Abigail Gonzales (David). Along with 24 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her first husband, Y. Martin Farmer.

A memorial service was held Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 11 a.m. at South Aiken Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Dr. Christopher Crotwell officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to South Aiken Presbyterian Church, 1711 Whiskey Road, Aiken SC or a favorite charity. Shellhouse - Rivers Funeral Home, 716 East Pine Log Rd., Aiken, SC

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DONNA MARIE OBERLIN

Donna Marie Oberlin of Eaton Rapids, passed away October 21, 2012 at the age of 90. She was born in Charlotte, MI August 28, 1922, the daughter of Harvey and Claretta (Rittenour) Schultz. She worked for Horner Woolen Mills, Heifitz Pickle Co. and waitressed at several restaurants in Eaton Rapids. Donna was generous to a fault. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, knitting, reading, yodeling and walking. Donna loved being around people and going out to eat with her kids.

She is survived by her chil-

dren, Charles Snyder of Toledo, OH, Stanley (Diana Wright) Oberlin of Eaton Rapids, Susan (Larry) Orbell of Eaton Rapids, Debra (Tim) Snow of Olivet, Mark (Valerie Coats) Oberlin of Eaton Rapids; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; special family friend, Jim Towers. Donna was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clyde Oberlin; son, Steven Oberlin; daughter, Sydonna Oberlin; brother, Dallas Schultz; sister, Dorothy Elston.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Interment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton County Medical Care Facility, 530 Beech St. Charlotte, MI 48813 to help build a greenhouse. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com.

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BONNIE JUNE WINTERS

Bonnie June Winters, Eaton Rapids, MI, age 95 died Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at the Sparrow Dimondale Center. She was born in Meridian Township on June 16, 1917, the daughter of Fred and Ida (Wolfgang) Oxbrough. Bonnie had worked for Diamond REO, Motor Wheel Corp and had retired as a Catalog Clerk for the Sears & Roebuck Co. in Lansing. She enjoyed doing word search, cooking, gardening, sewing and participating in the music program at the center. Preceding her in death was her husband, William Winters in 1999. Surviving are 2 daughters, Patricia (Eldon) Burley and Rosemary (Jay) Steiner; 7 grandchildren, Mike (Candice) Burley, Mark (Carolyn) Burley, Lori (Patrick) Mayabb, Lisa (David) Felice, Tammy Steiner, Erin Steiner and Elizabeth Steiner; 3 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Burial followed in the Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

Flashes 11/6/12

MILDRED J. HEINTZ

Mildred J. Heintz, Eaton Rapids age 80 died on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at a Lansing hospital following a lengthy illness. Mildred was born June 7, 1932 in Lansing Township, the daughter of Donald and Harriett (Robinson) Williams. She had worked at one time for Snow's Drug store in Eaton Rapids and later for Rod's Lounge, but her greatest joy was taking care of her grandchildren and spending time with her family. Preceding her in death was her husband, Earl in 2007; sister, Betty Gemalsky; brothers, James, Richard and Donald Williams. Surviving are her 6 children, Terrell Heintz, Annette (Mert) Spayd, Jeffrey (Doreen) Heintz, Debra (Brian) Waters, Stephanie (Daniel) Wright all of Eaton Rapids and Susan (Donald) Root of Sunfield; 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; brothers, Chuck (Phyllis) Williams and Keith (Carol) Williams; sister, Janet (Bruce) Higgins; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 9, 2012 from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. For online condolence please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

Flashes 11/6/2012



Betty Jeane (Bennett) Grandy

Eaton Rapids

Born March 6, 1921 in Howell, the daughter of the late Lyle and Margaret Bennett, died November 2, 2012 at the age of 91 at the Dimondale Nursing Care Center in Dimondale.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 66 years, Lloyd A. Grandy; sons, Gareld (Gary) L. Grandy of Michigan and Gordon E. Grandy of Georgia; son-in-law, Larry Clements; grandson, Jason Clements; and great granddaughter, Jessica Macha.

Surviving to cherish her memory are daughters, Cheryl Woodruff (Duane) of Florida, Connie Clements of Michigan, and Darlene Churchill (Wayne) of Virginia; eighteen grandchildren; twenty five great grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Betty worked for Michigan National Bank for ten years and in real estate as an office manager for twelve years.

A private chapel service for the immediate family only will be held at Deepdale Memorial Gardens in Lansing. For those desiring, contributions may be made in memory of Betty to a charity of one's choice. The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.grlansing.com

LJS 11/03/2012



BURKE FREDERICK CHAMBERS

Burke Frederick Chambers of Albion, passed away October 30, 2012 at the age of 58. He was born in Eaton Rapids October 12, 1954, the son of John and Joan (Ashley) Chambers. Burke was an assistant manager for Walmart. He enjoyed spending time at Duck Lake with his family and friends. Burke was an avid skier and photographer in his younger years. He loved MSU sports, especially football, basketball and tail gaiting. Burke was very proud of his 1968 corvette, "Gloria."

He is survived by his mother, Joan Chambers of Eaton Rapids; daughter, Rebecca (Stephen) Casterline) Chambers of Nashville; son, Gerald Chambers of Okemos; grandchildren, Caleb, Kristen, Alexandria Chambers; brother, Scott (Samantha) Chambers of Eaton Rapids; sister, Gail (Wade Zenker) Bresky of Eaton Rapids; niece, Kyle Locke of Eaton Rapids; several cousins; his significant other, Melissa Warner of Jackson. Burke was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial services were held Friday November 2, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1775 Abbey Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823. Interment will be held at a later date. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

Flashes 11/6/12

DONALD FRED ABBOTT

Donald Fred Abbott, Eaton Rapids, age 77, of Brookfield Township passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Thursday, November 1, 2012. Born January 4, 1935 in Lansing, MI. one of ten children born to Ralph E. and Gladys B. (Kelly) Abbott. Fred worked 32 years for General Motors Corp. in Lansing and was a member of the UAW local #602. After retirement he spent his time on the farm taking care of the animals especially his dogs. Although he didn't hunt he enjoyed watching deer and wild fowl. He enjoyed spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Preceding him in death were 7 brothers and sisters.

Surviving are his wife Gloria; 2 children, Susan (Eric) Eaton of Eaton Rapids and Donald Abbott of Eaton Rapids; 4 grandchildren, Donald Jack Abbott, Leora Abbott, Justin (Miranda) Eaton, Cynthia (Bryan) Beck; 6 great grandchildren, Tristian Harmon, Kollin, Eli, Saiya Beck, Madelynn and Courtney Lynn Eaton; sisters, Wanda and Joyce and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Tuesday, November 6, 2012 from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with the Rev. Mark Payne, officiating. Burial followed in the Oakwood Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. For online condolences go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

Flashes 11/13/12

MARY ISABELLE GIBBS COOPER

Mary Isabelle Gibbs Cooper of Eaton Rapids, passed away November 11, 2012 at the age of 81. She was born in Jackson, February 7, 1931 the daughter of John and Olive Gibbs. Mary loved playing the organ and piano. She was an accomplished pianist. Mary was a lifetime member of the Eaton Rapids Medical Center Auxiliary, a member of the Signet Pillars Society at McLaren Great Lakes Hospital and an original member of the Golden Girls Investment Club.

She is survived by her son, John (Leigh Ann) Cooper of Eaton Rapids; step-daughters, Marlene (Andy) Stemaly of Tekonsha, Nanette (Robert) Rupinski of Laingsburg; 10 grandchildren, Leia, John Evan, Ben (Amber) and Charlie Cooper, Scott (Meredit) and Eric (Linda) Stemaly, Aimee (Jacon) Hill, Jeremy (Ramona) Rupinski, Emily (Bobby) Larew, Megan (Andy) Gollnick; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Peter Cooper Sr.; stepson, Peter Cooper Jr.; sisters, Donna Jean Marks, Dorothy Harwood; brother, George Harris.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Rev. Bess Hope officiating. Interment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813 or McLaren Hospice, 2316 S. Cedar St., Lansing, MI 48910. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

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**LORA JANE (JOHNSON) SLONE**

Lora Jane (Johnson) Slone of Butler, IN., formerly of Eaton Rapids, passed away November 10, 2012 at the age of 65. She was born in Isom, KY April 5, 1947, the daughter of Estill and Lora (Thacker) Johnson. Lora enjoyed gardening and bird watching, especially hummingbirds. She was very compassionate and gave to many charities. Lora loved spending time with her family and her dog Cinnamon. She was a member of SeaBreeze Church in Butler, IN.

Lora is survived by her children, Tina Blundell of Butler, IN, Johnny (Melody) Metcalf of Hamilton, IN, Tommy (Mary) Metcalf of Lansing; 6 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; sisters, Judy (Bud) Sloan, Ellen (Phil) Beam, Phyllis Scott; brothers, Zestill (Diane) Johnson, Jack Johnson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Slone; daughters, Valorie and Sindy Metcalf; sisters, Loretta Miller, Joanna Johnson; brothers, Cleovis Johnson, Estill Johnson.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, November 15, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Albion Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1775 Abbey Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

Flashes 11/13/12

**STEVEN DOUGLAS "DOUG" GRAMLING**

Steven Douglas "Doug" Gramling, Eaton Rapids, age 80 died unexpectedly at his residence on Friday, November 9, 2012. Doug was born in Ashley, Indiana on March 13, 1932 to David and Ruth (Carpenter) Gramling. A graduate of Jackson High School, class of 1951. Doug served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He retired in 1977 as an Engineer for the Board of Water and Light in Lansing. A member of the Eaton Rapids United Methodist Church, Eaton Rapids Senior Center, Springport F & AM lodge 284, and a former member of the Eaton Rapids Kiwanis Club and currently a member of the Eaton Rapids Lion's Club. Doug enjoyed life he was a former small aircraft pilot, scuba diver, all around sportsman and was a model airplane enthusiast. Preceding him in death was a daughter, Linda Cheplick and 2 granddaughters, Casey and Carly Foote.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Kimberly (Dean Dodge) Whitcomb of Lansing and Peggy (Nathan) Foote of Eaton Rapids; 8 grandchildren, Heather, Nicholas, Elise, Danielle, Marissa, Juliana, Sam and A.J. Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 14th at 11:00 a.m. from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Burial will follow with full military honors at the Rosehill Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. Family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

For those desiring memorial gifts may be made to the Heart & Hands at PO box 217 Eaton Rapids in memory of Steven Douglas Gramling. For online condolences please go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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Gerald G. Hause

Eaton Rapids

Age 76, passed away unexpectedly on November 8, 2012. He was born on June 8, 1936, in Lansing, Michigan, to Clifford and Nellie Hause.

Gerald (Jerry) was a 1955 graduate of Lansing Everett High School and was a member of the Greater Lansing Area Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the 1954 Everett undefeated football team. He was a Michigan State Police Trooper, assigned to the Blissfield Post, from 1966 to 1968. Jerry retired from General Motors Plant Security in 1990 and resided in the Lansing area for most of his life. In his retirement, Jerry especially enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren, great grandchildren and reminiscing with old friends. He will be truly missed.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Wendy (Dave) Thielen; sons, Jerry (Lynne) Hause and Barry (Jennifer) Hause; grandchildren, David Thielen, Troy (Shannon) Thielen, Justin (Julie) Hause and Emily Hause; great grandchildren, Andrew, Brayden, Aubree and Zachary; sister, Betty Potter; brothers, Bill (Jan) Hause and Tom (Maggie) Hause; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Colleen Page; brothers, Carroll, Jack and Jim Hause.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the **Estes-Leadley Holt/Delhi Chapel**. The family will receive friends at the Chapel, 2121 N. Cedar Street, Holt, on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 from 4-8 p.m.

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KALLIE ANN EMERY

Kallie Ann Emery of Onondaga, the soul of our sweet Kallie has winged its way to Heaven at the age of 17. Kallie valiantly fought a very aggressive brain cancer with everything she had. She passed away November 20, 2012 surrounded by her loving family. Kallie enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, drawing, hanging out at the beach and reading. She was quite the pool shark. Run with the wind, swim with the dolphins, sing with the angels and fly with your Red Jays. Nothing can hold you back now LG! We love you, Kallie.

Kallie is survived by her parents, Rick Emery (Mary Larson) of Onondaga, Tammy Ingram of Grand Ledge; Brother, Zachary Emery of Onondaga; grandparents, Dick and Kathy Emery of Leslie, Pam and Ray Beam of Grand Ledge; aunts, Lori (John Jakus) Emery, Holly Emery, Janice (Mark) Butler, Sarah (Mark) Wyatt; cousins, Sydney, Hunter, Katie, Maggie, Angel, Christian and Lily. The family would like to thank everyone at MSU Pediatric Oncology, Sparrow Pediatric Floor and Pediatric ICU for their excellent care.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 24, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Lori O'Dea officiating. Interment followed at the Onondaga Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Rick and Kallie in care of LAFCU, Rainbow Connection or Hair Club for Kids. Those desiring are welcome to visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com.

Flashus 11/27/2012



Thomas E. Bolan

Eaton Rapids



Age 72, passed away November 15, 2012. He was born March 21, 1940, in Lansing.

Thomas served in the U.S. Army and retired from the Lansing Police Department. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

He is survived by 2 sons and their families, Duane (Nina) Bolan, their children, Jared and Zakary, and Scott Bolan, and his daughter, Katlyn. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife Evelyn Joy Bolan in 2005.

The funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at the **Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel**. Interment will follow in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care.

LSJ 11/20/2012



JOSEPHINE "JO" MARIE GIBBS

Josephine "Jo" Marie Gibbs of Onondaga, passed away November 24, 2012 at the age of 72. She was born in Iowa, August 26, 1940, the daughter of Albert and Mamie (Havel) Janecek. Jo worked as a legal secretary before meeting her husband Don. In 1971 they established Gibbs Berryland where she and her husband worked side by side. She was a member of BPW, First United Methodist Church and was a former member of Priscilla's Circle. Jo enjoyed quilting, sewing, dancing and traveling all over the world with her husband. She was a big fan of the MSU women's basketball team.

Jo is survived by her husband, Donald Frank Gibbs of Onondaga; children, Judy (Joseph) Ferraro of Durham, NC., Ginger Gibbs of Kernersville, NC., Gregory Gibbs of Raleigh, NC. She was preceded in death by her parents; infant son.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Daniel Hofmann officiating. Interment will follow at Onondaga Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorial contributions can be made to Country Acres Adult Care Home, 735 S. MI Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com.

Flashus 11/27/2012



KENNETH FIEDLER

Kenneth Fiedler of Eaton Rapids, passed away November 20, 2012 at the age of 87. He was born in Clio, MI May 20, 1925 the son of Lester and Eva (McConnell) Fiedler. Ken served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a member of the Eaton Rapids Lions Club for 52 years with boasting rights for perfect attendance, a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Eaton Rapids Hospital Auxiliary. Kenneth enjoyed gardening, golfing, watching college sports, playing bridge and poker with friends and spending time with his faithful companion Loki and his other labs. He retired in 1985 from Michigan National Bank as a vice president.

Ken is survived by his wife, Charline "Char" Fiedler of Eaton Rapids; daughter, Pamela (Danny) Fiedler Rios of Ft. Wayne; son, Jeffrey (Lisa) Fiedler of Lansing; grandchildren, Kenneth and Robert Fiedler, Jason and Andrew Rios, Lori (Brad) Beckwith, Louisa Black; 3 great grandchildren; sister, Mary Fiedler of East Lansing. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Janet Fiedler.

Memorial services were held Monday, November 26, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Daniel Hofmann officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions can be Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Ave. Lansing, MI 48906 or Eaton Community Palliative, 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813. Those desiring are welcome to visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com.

Flashus 11/27/2012



**CAROLYN LEA
CUMBERWORTH**

Carolyn Lea Cumberworth of Eaton Rapids, passed away at the age of 73, Saturday December 1, 2012 surrounded by her family. Cal was born in Charlotte, February 11, 1939 the first of four children to Jack and Oral (Wood) Pruden. She graduated from Charlotte High School in 1957. Cal was a loving wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister. She served as the Eaton Township Treasurer for 4 terms. Cal was a member of the First Baptist Church in Charlotte and the Charlotte Community Library Board. She was proud to be a part of the board when the new Township Hall was built and dedicated in 2000. Cal had many talents and created masterpieces of upholstered furniture, braided rugs, caned and refinished furniture. She loved her horses and long-horned cattle, her dog Megan and cat Tab. Cal took great pride in her flower beds and garden on their beautiful farm. She loved to go antiquing, spend time with her husband, Philip, of 40 years, her family and friends.

Cal is survived by her husband, Philip Cumberworth of Eaton Rapids; daughter, Shannon (Russell) Rogers of Charlotte; son, Jim Bowen of Eaton Rapids; step-son, Steve (Sue) Bowen of White Cloud; grandchildren, Ryan Rogers, Taelor (Jase) Robinette; Ashley, Reba and Wyatt Bowen, Brandon Donald; great granddaughter, Quinn Robinette; sisters, Jackwyn (Lloyd) Johnson, Roxanne (Larry) Walker; brother, Gary (Sue) Pruden; aunts, Genevieve Eno and Joanne (Bart) Jones. She was preceded in death by her parents; niece Trina Peters Walker.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday December 5, 2012 at the First Baptist Church, 1110 South Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813 with Pastor Robin Crouch officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813. Please visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register. www.shellyodell.com

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**JOSEPHINE "JOSIE"
LOUISE EFAW**

Josephine "Josie" Louise Efaw of Eaton Rapids, passed away November 30, 2012 at the age of 79. She was born in New Martinsville, W. VA, February 1, 1933, the daughter of Charles and Mable (Powell) Barr. Josie retired in 1977 from Owens Illinois Glass Factory after 10 years of service. She was a member of South Cochran Church of God, Charlotte Rebekah Lodge 68, Sunshine Lodge 142 and an associate member of the Eaton Rapids Rebekah. Josie was a Red Cross volunteer and sang with the Sweet Adelines. She and her husband celebrated 58 years of marriage.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Efaw of Eaton Rapids; daughters, Cynthia Schrum of TN, Anita (Eli) Mire of Eaton Rapids; grandchildren, Lucas and Chanda Schrum, Cassandra Mire; 5 great grandchildren; 1 Goddaughter; brother, Nelson (Virginia) Ellsworth of W. VA; sisters, Lula Bell (Winford) Knight, Linda King of W. VA; Josie was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Wilda (Herbert) Wright and Junita (Earl) Williams.

Funeral services were held Monday December 3, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Perry Purcell officiating. Interment followed at Perry Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the S. Cochran Church of God, 2470 S. Cochran rd. Charlotte, MI 48813 or the American Cancer Society, 1775 Abbey Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823. Those desiring are welcome to visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

Flashes 12/4/2012



Lorraine Whiting

Eaton Rapids

Passed away on Monday, December 3, 2012 at age 88. Born February 17, 1924 to Milton Devieu and Mary Dakin in Butte County, California. Lorraine worked for Horners Woolen Mills in Eaton Rapids and also sold Watkins products. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Eaton Rapids. Lorraine enjoyed reading and watching soap operas. Preceding her in death were her parents; step-father, Orla Dakin; husband, Elmer; sister, Laura Brooks; brother, Lawrence Devieu and granddaughter, Melissa Harju.

Surviving are her children, Elaine Blackburn of Lansing, Harold (Bev) Whiting of Eaton Rapids, Margaret (Dan) Yerke of Ada, Wayne Whiting of Lansing; grandchildren, Star Sullivan, Steve Vroman, Rick Whiting, Jodi Ward, Sue Diaz, Shelly Mazurek, Mary Courter, Kevin Yerke; 16 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren; sister, Erma Herman as well as several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2012 at Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids with Pastor Mark Eckert officiating. Family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 2-4 pm and 6-8 p.m. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Country Acres Adult Home 735 S. Michigan Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

L5J 12/5/2012



Ruth Beryl Tank

**Eaton Rapids,
formerly of Charlotte**

Ruth Beryl (Towns) Tank passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 6, 2012, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Ruth was born February 24, 1923 in Eaton Rapids, Michigan to Vern N. and Pearl M. (Gruesbeck) Towns. She was a 1941 Graduate of Charlotte High School, had attended Acme Business College, was a member of the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church and had been a Red Cross Volunteer at Hayes-Green-Beach Hospital for many years.

She married Wayne E. Tank on April 15, 1944. Together they were onion and sugar beet farmers near Eaton Rapids for many years while raising their two children, Terry and Pat. She worked at the Eaton County Farm Bureau and also volunteered at the Munson country school. Ruth will always be remembered for her quiet strength and graciousness. She enjoyed cross stitch, crocheting, reading biographies, and eating ice cream with chocolate syrup.

Ruth is survived by her daughter Terralene (Richard) Deer; granddaughters, Barbara (Paul) Templin, Kathlene (Chris) Burt, Aimee (Eric Rogers) Robles, all of Charlotte, and Laura (Jeffrey) Buda of Livonia; great-grandchildren, Nicole, Jessica and Andrew Templin, Layne and Lorelai Burt, Esabelle Robles, and Penelope and Owen Buda; daughter in law, Suzanne Tank of Arkansas; sister, Esther Stark and sister-in-law, Shirley Towns. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne and her son, Patrick.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012 from 12 Noon until 1:00 p.m. at the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home in Charlotte followed by a procession to Deepdale Memorial Park Cemetery, Lansing for a 2:00 p.m. Chapel committal service with Rev. Terry Fisher officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association or Country Acres Adult Care Home, Eaton Rapids.

A special thank you to her caregiver and friend, Sheila Henderson, of Country Acres in Eaton Rapids.

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L5J 12/7/2012



Joan Kay (Barber) Days

Eaton Rapids

Passed away on December 7, 2012, she was 70 years old. Joan was born in Flushing Township, Michigan on June 14, 1942 to Archie and Glica (Reynolds) Barber. She grew up in Grand Ledge, Michigan and graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1961.

When her children were young Joan loved family camping and fishing trips. She also enjoyed horse-back riding, reading, crossword puzzles and spending time with her grandchildren.

Joan leaves behind her best friend and sister, Carol Backus; her children; Sherri Days, Margee Ortega and her husband Fernando, Archie Days, Lloyd C. Days Jr. and his wife Michelle, Robert Days and his wife Andrea; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her parents; step-father Robert Rininger; step-mother Donna Barber; brother, Alan Barber; and sister, Peggy Courtney.

Memorial services will be Friday, December 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Visitation will begin on Friday at 12:00 noon until service time. For online condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

LSJ 12/9/12

ERIC DAVID MCKESSY

Eric David McKessy of Charlotte, formerly of Eaton Rapids, passed away December 4, 2012 at the age of 51, after a 48 year battle with diabetes. It was his love for his daughters that kept him fighting. He was born in Eaton Rapids, April 1, 1961 the son of Barry and Beverly (Bellinger) McKessy. Eric graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1979. He loved to spend time with his family and his special dog Cracky. His hobbies included landscaping the backyard, gardening, bowling, skydiving and riding his motorcycle.

He is survived by his wife, Erica (Long) McKessy of Charlotte; daughters, Aleia and Alexanna McKessy of Charlotte; parents, Barry and Beverly McKessy of Eaton Rapids; brother, Scott (Sherri) McKessy of Orlando, FL; niece, Chelsie McKessy of FL; nephew, Keegan McKessy of FL; grandmother, Sylvia McKessy of Eaton Rapids. Eric was preceded in death by his grandpa, Maynard "Pa" McKessy.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Private services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 920 Woodbury Dr. Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

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BETTY JANE THUMA

Betty Jane Thuma, Eaton Rapids, MI., age 83 died on Sunday, December 9, 2012 under the care of Heartland Hospice and her family. Born July 18, 1929 to Joseph and Jane (Davis) Gardner in Battle Creek, Michigan. She graduated from Olivet High School in June of 1947 then later married Dean Thuma on June 3, 1949. She was retired from Consumer Power in Lansing as a Customer Service Representative. Preceding her in death was her husband Dean Thuma in 1985.

Surviving are her 3 children, Sandra (David) Natusch of Eaton Rapids; Ronald (Dawn) Thuma of Portage, MI. and David (Linnea) Thuma of Pittsburg, PA.; 7 grandchildren, Carrie (David) Rathburn, Sarah (Jamie) Oberlin, Paul (April) Thuma, Scott (Kendalynn) Thuma, Katherine Thuma, Dean Thuma and Margaret Thuma; 3 great grandchildren, Breanna Oberlin and Brian Oberlin and Jennifer Webb; brother, Joseph (Joanne) Gardner Jr. of Charlotte and sister Cecilia Boehmer of Marshall; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, December 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Family will receive friends at the funeral home 1 hour prior to the service time. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Eaton County Palliative Care, Eaton County Humane Society or a charity of one's choice in memory of Betty Thuma. For online condolences go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com

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ELAINE KAY ALLRED

Elaine Kay Allred of Eaton Rapids, passed away December 8, 2012 at the age of 66. She was born in Garden City, MI, June 20, 1946 the daughter of Ormond and Josephine Metz. Elaine was a 1964 graduate of Garden City High School. She loved to bake and passed that love down to her children. Elaine also enjoyed swimming, camping out west, showing Miniature Australian Shepherds and Dachshunds.

Elaine is survived by her husband, Keith Leon Allred of Eaton Rapids; children, Tina Marie (Daniel) Rudolph-Cremen of Canton, MI, Debra (Jack) Gray of Elkhart, IN, Rocky Allred of Lansing, Gerald (Sam) Allred of Olivet, Aleta (John) Tobia of Eaton Rapids; 8 grandchildren, Ashley, Kiesha, Chelsea, Dakota, Dustin, Keith, Bre and Daniel. She was preceded in death by her parents and 2 brothers.

Funeral services will be 2 pm Wednesday December 12, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Pastor Jim Riley officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to McLaren Hospice, 2316 S. Cedar St. Lansing, MI 48910. Interment will be held at a later date. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

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ROBERT K. HOFFMAN

Robert K. Hoffman, life resident of Eaton Rapids, died Friday, December 14, 2012 at the age of 65 at a Lansing hospital following complications after surgery. Born October 16, 1947 one of 3 sons born to Kenneth and Mary (Waldron) Hoffman. Bob was an Eaton Rapids High School graduate class of 1965, and also served in the Naval Reserve. He began his career with the City of Eaton Rapids as a full time fire fighter serving more than 20 years with that position. Bob was 2 weeks short of retiring with the city in the Department of Public Works. He was the historian for the Eaton Rapids area not only for the city but also for the local Historical Society. He was a member of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Amvets, and a member of the Eaton Rapids Congregational Church. Bob was a former instructor for the Michigan Fire Fighters Council and a former EMT. Preceding him in death were his parents and a sister, Rebecca Hoffman.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years Jo Hoffman of Eaton Rapids; 3 children, Laurel (Owen) Wilson of Springport, Nathan (Julie) Hoffman of Eaton Rapids and Lance Hoffman of Eaton Rapids; 2 granddaughters, Brittany (Gene) Hoover of Eaton Rapids and Brianna Wilson of Springport; great grandson Ryland Hoover; 2 brothers, Douglas Wade Hoffman of Eaton Rapids and Charles (Marsha) Hoffman of Hampshire, IL.; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are today, Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. from the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids. Entombment followed with honors provided by the area fire departments. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Austin Blair Camp #7 in care of Mike Maillard at 6076 Sanctuary Dr. Jackson, MI 49201 in memory of Robert K. Hoffman. For online condolences please go to www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com



ELFRIEDA THERESA OBLAK

Elfrieda Theresa Oblak of Eaton Rapids, formerly of Canton, MI, passed away December 10, 2012 at the age of 101. Elfrieda was born in Sidney, NE, October 1, 1911, the daughter of Ferdinand and Anne (Hemmer) Schultz. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church. Elfrieda was the owner of "The Lovely Beauty Shop" in Plymouth, MI from 1956 until her retirement in 1973.

She is survived by her daughter, Gwen (Paul) Albright of Eaton Rapids; 14 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Elfrieda was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Alphons Huettner in 1968; second husband, John Oblak in 2002; sons, Lyle and Ronald Huettner; twin sister, Elvera Rayburn; granddaughter, Margie Huettner.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 13, 2012 at St. Peter Catholic Church, 515 E. Knight St. Eaton Rapids with Fr. Bennett Constantine officiating. Interment followed at Rosehill Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Vincent De Paul, 515 E. Knight St. Eaton Rapids, 48827 or Heart and Hands, 9220 Kinneville Rd. Eaton Rapids. Arrangements were entrusted to the Shelly-Odell Funeral home. Family and friends are welcome to visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

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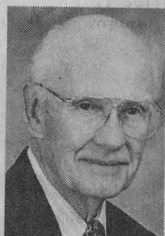
JAMES PAUL SCHANZLIN

James Paul Schanzlin of Eaton Rapids, passed away December 12, 2012 at the age of 64. James was born in Kalamazoo May 1, 1948, the son of Paul and Ruth (Strayer) Schanzlin. He repaired televisions, enjoyed fixing electronics, tinkering with ham radios and loved dogs, especially Misty.

James is survived by his daughter, Christina (Robert Stace) Coss of Lawrence, MI; granddaughter, Alexandria Coss of Lawrence, MI; sisters, Elise Woods of VA, Carole (James) Proebstle of IL, Marie (Steven) Timm of OR; He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, December 27, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids, MI. Interment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions can be made to Arch Rd House, 1081 Arch Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Please visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

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Gardner B. Bird

Lansing

Formerly of Eaton Rapids

Age 96, our loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend passed away December 13, 2012. Born January 10, 1916 in Jackson, MI the son of Don A. and Lula Bird. Gardner attended Howe Military School in his early years - went on to

Jackson High School where he excelled in sports becoming captain of the football team. He was a veteran of WW II, serving in the U.S. Navy as a Pilot. While in the Navy, he married the love of his life, Lorraine Downey, and they shared 70 years of marriage together. He retired from John Bean Corp. as service manager after many years of service. His loved camping, and golfing which he won a senior golf award in his 80's.

Surviving are his 3 children Gardner "Bud" (Carol) Bird of Lansing, Michelle (Dave) Foster of Lansing, and Brad (Angie) Bird of Eaton Rapids; 7 grandchildren, Shawn Bird, Shane Bird, Staci (Matt) Caltrider, Chad (Fiancée, Kim) Foster, David Foster, II, Ashley (Josh) Saylor, and Bradley (Amanda) Bird, II; 9 great-grandchildren. Gardner was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine, and granddaughter, Christie Bird.

Visitation is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday with services 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 18th in the Tiffany Funeral Home, 3232 W. Saginaw, Lansing. Interment will follow at Deepdale Memorial Park. Military Honors by Morley Oates V.F.W. Post #701. The family wishes to thank the owners and staff of Selleck Haven II, Assisted Living in Grand Ledge for their care to Gardner. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure mid-Michigan. Friends may visit the guest book at www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com.

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Doris "Dori" Dee Adams

Eaton Rapids

Passed away peacefully, December 26, 2012 at the age of 79.

A celebration of Dori's life will be held at Hamlin Township Hall Saturday December 29, 2012 from 1 to 4 pm. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813. Arrangements by Shelly-Odell Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids.

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June M. Fink

Eaton Rapids

Left this world Monday, December 17, 2012 at age 93. Born June 16, 1919 to Benjamin and Francis Haas in Ithaca, Michigan. A loving and supportive wife and mother as well as a doting grandmother, June will be missed by all who loved her. Preceding her in death were her husband, Norm; 5 sisters and many good friends.

Surviving are her sons Jay (Beverly) Fink and Dan (Sarah) Fink; 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be next summer on the Fink Homestead. Sincere thanks to all her nurses and staff at the Dimondale Nursing Center. Their love and friendship helped make her last 3 1/2 years the best possible. For online condolences please visit

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JUNE M. FINK

June M. Fink, Eaton Rapids, MI, left this world Monday, December 17, 2012 at age 93. Born June 16, 1919 to Benjamin and Francis Haas in Ithaca, Michigan. June graduated from North Star High School at the age of 15. She went on to receive her Cosmetology Diploma and moved to Lansing. By the age of 19 she purchased her own beauty salon. In 1940 June married Norman Fink and together they started a dairy farm in Eaton Rapids. June was a beautician instructor in the Lansing area. She was a loving and supportive mother that always made time away from the farm to take her boys to their summer cottage at Douglas Lake. When she wasn't knitting she enjoyed playing cards and bingo. She had a gift for storytelling and a love of poetry. She always had time to read to her grandchildren. June will be missed by all who loved her. Preceding her in death were her husband, Norm; 5 sisters and many good friends.

Surviving are her sons Jay (Beverly) Fink and Dan (Sarah) Fink; 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be next summer on the Fink Homestead. Sincere thanks to all her nurses and staff at the Dimondale Nursing Center. Their love and friendship helped make her last 3 1/2 years the best possible. For online condolences please visit

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KATHARINE OGSTON

Katharine Ogston passed away December 19, 2012 at the age of 73. She was born in Lansing, July 23, 1939 the daughter of Eford and Lillian (Perry) Gilchrist. Katharine was a 1972 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School. She worked as a bookkeeper for the State of Michigan and retired in 1996 after 24 years of service. Katharine loved to read, crochet, garden, camp at Trout Lake, eat out and go to the casino. She was a Cub Scout leader for many years, a member of the Eaton Rapids Senior Center and St. Peter Catholic Church.

Katharine is survived by her husband Tom Ogston of Eaton Rapids; daughters, Elizabeth (Marc) Huntoon of TN, Denise (Joe) Holmes of Eaton Rapids, Theresa Matthews of GA; sons, Tom (Linda) Ogston of Lansing, Christopher (Clara) Ogston of Eaton Rapids; 12 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; brother, Ronald Gilchrist of FL. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Robert and Dennis Gilchrist; sister, Jody Gilchrist.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 22, 2012 at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids with Father Bennett Constantine officiating. Interment followed at Rosehill Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Eaton Rapids Senior Center, 201 Grand St. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Those desiring can visit our website to place online condolences or sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com

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Bruce Earl Jamison

Eaton Rapids

Bruce was born on December 26, 1953 and passed away on the morning of his birthday at the age of 59. He was raised in Saginaw, MI and later moved to Lansing, MI where he has been employed at General Motors for the last 36 years. While working there he found time to attend school and he received an associate's degree in horticulture from LCC as well as a bachelor's degree in business administration from Northwood University. Bruce was a caring husband, and he enjoyed playing music, raising pigeons, and landscaping.

His brother, Jason, preceded Bruce in death. Surviving him are his wife, Isolde Jamison; his parents, Robert and Avist Jamison; his daughter, Monique Jamison; his grandson Elijah; his brothers, Gordon and Justin Jamison; his sister, Janice Jamison; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Cremation has taken place and **a memorial service will be held at a later date, tentatively in April.** For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled Veterans Foundation in loving memory of Bruce E. Jamison. For online condolences or to sign the guest book please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHome.com **L5J 12/30/2012**