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Robert W. Wrixton Sr.

Burlington, Wisconsin
7 Dec 1917 – 31 Dec 2011

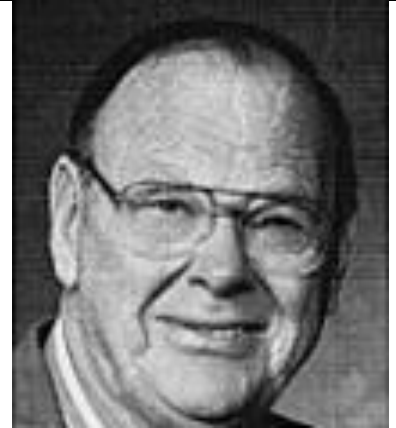


BURLINGTON - Robert W. Wrixton Sr., age 94, passed away December 31, 2011 at East Troy Manor. He was born December 7, 1917 to Walter Philip John and Anne (nee: Wyatt) Wrixton in Les Petites Fontaines on the Isle of Guernsey. He immigrated to the United States in 1919 and spent his early life in Racine where he graduated from Horlick High School. On November 15, 1947 he was united in marriage to Cornelia Philadelphia Hall at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Racine. They spent their early married life in Racine then moved to Burlington in 1971. Robert was a lithographer working at the Western Publishing Co. in Racine for 42 yrs. He was a member of St. John's the Divine Church in Burlington, the Masonic Temple, the American Legion, and the VFW. He was very proud to serve in the U.S Army with 654th engineering corps. He fought during WW II participating in the Invasion of Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge/Ardennes, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Robert received the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with a Silver Battle Star, 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Gold Star, 4 Overseas Bars, 1 Service Stripe and the Good Conduct Medal, achieving rank of Sergeant. Robert's family was his pride and joy. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, traveling, and was a snowbird wintering in Florida. Robert is survived by his loving wife Cornelia "Delphia", his children, Susan (Thomas) Hallingstad of Burlington, Robert Jr. (Leslie) Wrixton of Racine and Nancy (Michael) Newbury of Burlington, his grandchildren; Derek (Alma) Hallingstad, Lauri (Ron) Bailey, Kelly Wrixton and Sean Newbury, his great-grandchildren; Zach Hallingstad, Madeline Bailey, Joshua Bailey and Clark Hallingstad. He is further survived by a sister-in-law Rose Wrixton of Racine and a brother-in-law Frank (Harriet) Hall of Whitewater and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, brothers; Thomas, Dan and Wallace (Beth) Wrixton and a sister Maude (Ken) Olson. A mass of Christian burial will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 6:30 PM at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, 216 E. Chandler Blvd, Burlington, with Rev Joanne Skidmore officiating. Relatives and friends may meet with the family on Tuesday from 5:30 PM till 6:30 PM also at the CHURCH. A Private Interment will take place at West Lawn Memorial Park, Racine. Memorials for St John the Divine Episcopal Church have been suggested by the family. Schuette-Daniels Funeral Home & Crematory 625 Browns Lake Dr. Burlington, WI 53105 262-763-3434 www.danielsfamilyfuneral.com

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Warren A. Gall

Racine, Wisconsin
13 Sep 1928 – 25 Dec 2011



RACINE - Warren A. Gall, 83, died peacefully with family at his side on Christmas morning, December 25, 2011, at Kindred Hospital in Greenfield. Warren was born September 13, 1928, in Racine, to Alfred and Esther (nee: Oberst) Gall. He married Nancy A. Bahr on October 22, 1955, in Racine. A graduate of Horlick High School, Warren worked for Wisconsin Bell as a teletype computer repairman, retiring in 1978, and proudly served his Country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Warren was a life-long member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, sang tenor with the Racine Dairy Statesmen and Church Singers, and was a member of the Bell Club. He enjoyed golf, fishing, baseball, and 'coaching' the Packers. Warren loved his family, and devoted his life to them. His love, sense of humor, and self-less spirit will be deeply missed. He is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy and 3 children. He was the proud and much loved father of Lynn (Jim Jensen) Scott of Racine, Warren (Pam) Gall of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Leslie (John) Keplinger of Portage, Mich. He will be sadly

missed by his grandchildren, Daniel (Michelle) Scott, Hunter (Tamara) Scott, Taylor and Madison Gall, Kristin and Andrew Kepplinger, Andy, Alan and Emily Lovejoy; and great grandchildren, Brittany, Kayla, and Melanie Scott, Payton Scott, and Austin Gandee. Warren is further survived by son-in-law, Kim Lovejoy of Waukesha; his brother, Robert Gall; sister-in-law, Shirley (Ray) Duckworth; brother-in-law, Glenn Bahr; and cousin, Roland Gall, all of Racine; plus numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Pamela Lovejoy; brother, Richard Gall; and sisters-in-law, Janet Gall and Peg Gall. A service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving of Warren's life will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 11 a.m. in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 725 High St., Pastor Susan Smith officiating. Burial will follow with full Military Honors at West Lawn Memorial Park. The family will receive family and friends at Strouf Funeral Home on Monday, January 2, 2012, from 2 until 4 p.m., and at church on Tuesday from 10:30 am to time of service. Memorials may be made in Warren's name to Children's Hospital of WI, 9000 W. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53226, or the Ronald McDonald House, 81 Gadsden St. Charleston, SC 29401. Strouf Funeral Home and Cremation Services 1001 High St. 632-5101 on-line guest book www.strouf.com

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Thomas Robert Ultsch

Racine, Wisconsin
11 Dec 1942 – 18 Dec 2011



RACINE - Thomas Robert Ultsch, 69, beloved husband of Betty (nee: Ryan) Ultsch, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, December 18, 2011. Tom was born in Racine on December 11, 1942, to the late Norman and Bessie (nee: Pinney) Ultsch. On March 18, 1978, he was united in marriage with the love of his life, Betty Diane (nee: Ryan) Ultsch. A graduate of William Horlick High School, he went on to earn his Business Administration degree from Cardinal Stritch University. From 1964 to 1968 (stationed in Turkey and Japan), Tom faithfully served our Country in the Special Forces of the United States Air Force. Tom served our community with the Racine County Sheriff's Department for over 26 years, retiring as a Captain in 1995. He was an active member of Kiwanis-West Racine and the Racine County Sheriff's Retirees. Among his interests, Tom was extremely talented with home improvements; enjoyed golfing, bowling and softball; and absolutely loved being a grandfather. Tom was generous throughout his entire life, including in death. Through the gift of organ and tissue donation, Tom will enhance the quality of life for nearly 65 needing individuals. Surviving are his devoted wife, Betty of Racine; children, Greg (Valeria) Kopulos and Stephanie (Chad) Schultz, both of Delafield; grandchildren, Ryan, Tate and Reese Kopulos; J.T. and Alexandra Schultz; brother, Terry Ultsch; sisters, Bev (Gilbert) Mann and Deb (Rod) Lashley; sister-in-law, Verna (Herbert) Jensen; dear friends, William and Pattie Becker and Betty Lock; personal caregiver (as Tom suffered a debilitating stroke in 2005), Andi Demeti; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Bessie Ultsch; and by Betty's parents, Marlowe and Lucille Ryan. Funeral services will be held in the Draeger- Langendorf Funeral Home on Thursday, December 22, 2011, at 6 p.m. with Rev. Marty Williams officiating. Military Honors will follow. Visitation will be in the funeral home on Thursday from 3 until 6 p.m. In memory of Tom, memorials to the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin or 'Make-A- Wish' Foundation have been suggested. Draeger-Langendorf Funeral & Crematory 4600 COUNTY LINE RD 262-552-9000 www.draeger-langendorf.com

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Nick Anthony Comande

Racine, Wisconsin

1 Jan 1925 – 14 Dec 2011



RACINE - Nick Anthony Comande passed away peacefully at his residence on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, surrounded by his loving family. He was born January 1, 1925 in Racine, where he lived his entire life, where he attended Horlick High School. While working for Modine Manufacturing, he met his wife, Isabelle Draeger, and they were married on July 16, 1949. He was employed with Modine Mfg. for 22 years and for 27 years as the President of Shoreline Manor, a home dedicated to providing sheltered care to those with mental illnesses. He retired in 2001. He was very active in civic affairs, including serving as home secretary for Congressman Gerald T. Flynn and as a longtime friend and supporter of U.S. Representative Paul Ryan. He worked on the campaigns of President John F. Kennedy, presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey, Senator Gaylord Nelson and Representative Les Aspin. He was also an avid supporter of various local politicians, including County Executives Dennis Kornworf, William McReynolds and Jim Ladwig and Sheriff Bob Rohner. He was actively involved in Sacred Heart Church, Roma Lodge, the Wednesday Optimist Club, the Italian Community Center of Milwaukee, and the Democratic Party. Nick is survived by his wife Isabelle Comande; four children, Suzanne (Gary) Campbell of Racine, Patricia (Thomas) Isaacson of Racine, Nicholas (Lisa) Comande of Racine, Elizabeth (Randal) Marvin of Franksville; and a brother-in-law Domininic LoPiccolo of Elkhorn. He was a loving grandfather to six grandchildren, Edward (Yolanda) Campbell of Bellflower, Calif., Andrew (Holly) Isaacson of Eden Prairie, Minn., Benjamin (Jenelle) Isaacson of Kenosha, Amanda Marvin of Racine, Anthony Marvin of Decatur, Ga., and Rachel Comande of Racine; and five great-grandchildren, Ella, Lily and Kellan Isaacson of Eden Prairie, Minn.; Eliana Isaacson of Kenosha; and Patrick Michel of Bellflower, Calif. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Frances (Fabiano) Comande, six siblings, Sarah Comande, Josephine (Joseph) LoPiccolo, Rose (Walter) Kozich, Augustus (Lee) Comande, Anna (James) Marino, Victoria LoPiccolo, and two nephews, David and James Marino. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, December 19, 2011, 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2201 Northwestern Avenue, with Rev. Ronald O. Crewe officiating. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Hwy 32. Relatives and friends may meet with the family Sunday at the funeral home from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and at the church Monday from 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the [American Diabetes Association](#) or to St. Catherine's High School. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to those who joined us in providing loving and compassionate care for Nick; Tom Cramer, Dr. David Zabloutney and the doctors and staff at Wheaton Franciscan Hospital, the staff at Ridgewood Care Center and Allay Hospice. MARESH-MEREDITH & ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 MAIN ST. RACINE, WI 53403 (262) 634-7888 Please send condolences to www.meredithfuneralhome.com
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Farrell Joan (Jensen) Keenan

Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin

9 Apr 1930 – 12 Dec 2011

Farrell Joan Keenan MT. PLEASANT- Mrs. Farrell J. (nee: Jensen) Keenan, 81, passed away at Wheaton Franciscan Hospital on Monday, December 12, 2011. She was born in Racine to the late William S. and Anna (nee: Vetrock) Jensen on April 9, 1930 and had lived most of her life in Racine. She was united in marriage to LeRoy B. Keenan on October 30, 1954 at Second Presbyterian Church in Racine. She was a graduate of William Horlick High School and had been employed at Hamilton Beach and Professional Positioners. At Professional Positioners, she had been a Dental Lab Technician before her retirement in 1992. Farrell was a longtime member of Racine Bible Church where she was very active in church activities,



especially Sunday school, the Nursery, and as a volunteer for AWANA. She was devoted to her family, and enjoyed spending time with her children and friends. She was a member of the sewing club for over 65 years and loved Sunday rides to the Windpoint Lighthouse, rummage sales, and camping. She will be dearly missed by her husband of 57 years, LeRoy B. Keenan; two daughters, Kim Davis, Joan (Mark) Schaefer; one step-daughter, Lynn Landish; five grandchildren, James (Kristen) Davis, Bennett (Ashley) Davis, Briann (Dana) Clausing, Ian Schaefer and Owen Schaefer; five great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren, Jacob and Alyssa Clausing, Jak and Gage Davis, James M. Davis, Jody and Beth Landish; two sisters, Shirley Nelson and Starling (Ron) Woiteshek; brother, Bruce (Leanna) Jensen; sister-in-law, Ruth King; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, William S. and Anna Jensen; parents-in-law, LeRoy D. and Adela Keenan; three brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law, Warren Nelson, Robert (Catherine) Keenan, Robert King and Jean Calverly; and a great grandson, William K. Davis. Funeral services in honor of Farrell will be held at Racine Bible Church on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 6:30 pm with Rev. John Miesel officiating. Relatives and friends are invited to meet with the family at the church on Friday evening from 4:30 until the time of service. Committal services will be held at West Lawn Memorial Park Chapel on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 9:00 am. Memorials may be directed to Racine Bible Church. The family would like to thank Dr. Mullane, Dr. Clark, and the staff of the Cardiac Center 5th Floor, for their kind and compassionate care. You treated us like family. Wilson Funeral Home 1212 Lathrop Ave 634-3361 www.wilsonfuneralhomeracine.com

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Marie Z. (Dupuis) Wabakken

Racine, Wisconsin

6 Apr 1917 – 6 Dec 2011



RACINE - Marie Z. (nee: Dupuis) Wabakken, 94, passed away peacefully at Vista Medical Center - East in Waukegan, IL on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. The youngest of six children, Marie was born in Escanaba, MI on April 6, 1917 to the late Moise and Adelle (nee: Blake) Dupuis. The family moved to Racine when Marie was age five. She attended St. John Nepomuk School and graduated from William Horlick High School. On February 4, 1937 she was united in marriage to Walter L. Wabakken at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church. In December of 1967, they moved to Dallas, TX where they lived for over 25 years. Marie retired from the Dallas Independent School District in 1982. Shortly after the death of Walter in 1984, Marie moved back to Racine and, later, to Sturtevant. With a devout Christian faith, Marie was an active member of St. Lucy Catholic Church. Among her interests, she enjoyed all kinds of craft work and was also an accomplished quilter. She loved to bake and will be remembered for her scrumptious apple and pecan pies. Surviving are her sons, Dan (Sharon) Wabakken of Kenosha and Alan (Elsa) Wabakken of Cedar Hill, TX; grandsons, Scott Wabakken of Madison, WI and Erik Wabakken of Manhattan, KS; nieces, Marilyn (Lubin) Tashoff, Irene Dell and Ida Sikora; nephews, Robert Clark, John (Sandy) Clark, Harold (Marilyn) Clark and Bruce Hatcher; other special relatives and friends too numerous to mention by name. In addition to her parents and husband, Marie was preceded in death by her sisters, Mabel Clark and Sr. M. Excelsa OSF; and brothers, Bill, Roy and Clifford Dupuis. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 11:00 am in St. Lucy Catholic Church, 3101 Drexel Ave., with Rev. Mark R. Jones officiating. Interment will follow in Graceland Cemetery. Visitation will be in the church on Monday from 9:30 - 11:00 am. In memory of Marie, memorials to St. Lucy Church have been suggested. Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home & Crematory 4600 County Line Rd. 552-9000 www.draeger-langendorf.com

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Patricia Ann Vallone

Racine, Wisconsin
31 May 1938 – 27 Oct 2011



RACINE - Patricia Ann Vallone, 73, passed away at 9 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2011 at All Saints Hospital. Patricia was born on May 31, 1938 in Racine, Wis. the daughter of Peter and Bena (nee: Gredraitis) Vallone. Pat, as she was known in adulthood, graduated from Horlick High and attended University of Wisconsin - Racine. She went on to study in a 4-year program at Layton School of Art in Milwaukee and graduated with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in 1962. Layton was one of the most progressive art schools of its time and regarded as one of the top five art schools in the U.S. After graduation Pat moved to Chicago to pursue her art career which she began as an advertising designer for Marshall Fields. She sketched and drew fashion ads, among others, by hand. Next she worked at Mercury Records designing covers for record albums. As her career matured, she worked as a designer at many Chicago advertising agencies including Meyer and Rosenthal. Throughout the years Pat thoroughly enjoyed city life in "Chee-ca-go" where she hosted epic parties with her roommates and friends, consumed all the art and culture the city offered, and became a life-long fan of 'da Bears, the Chicago Tribune and WGN. In 1991 Pat accepted a position at Land's End headquarters in Dodgeville, Wis., where she was the Artistic Director of its linens catalogue, "Coming Home" for 10 years. She spent a significant amount of time commuting to Racine to care for her parents until her father's passing in 1999. After her retirement she moved back to Racine to care for her mother until her passing in 2008. In retirement, as throughout her life, Pat was a prolific artist, creating pieces in water color, chalks, pastels, as well as decoupage and needlework. She continues to bring joy to her family and friends through the many works of art she has created for them. Pat was also an avid reader, gardener of flowers and veggies, an exceptional cook and a generous entertainer. She was well known for her annual holiday parties and the summertime "Pat's Patio Party". Pat will be remembered for her extraordinary generosity of spirit and resources, her sharp wit and humor, and the unconditional love she bestowed on her friends and family. She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her brother Peter Vallone and his wife Tricia of Vista, Calif.; niece, Carla Vallone and her husband Greg Fleishman; grand niece Sofia Vallone and many beloved first, second, and third cousins. Family will receive visitors from 9:30 until the time of a funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 3rd, 2011 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church 1533, Erie Street, Racine, Wisconsin, with Rev. Sean Granger celebrant. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions be made to the Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St. Racine, WI 53403 for art education programs for children. MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 Main Street 634-7888 Please send condolences to:

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Dorothy M. (Stindle) McGrath

Racine, Wisconsin
11 Oct 1920 – 27 Oct 2011



RACINE - Dorothy M. McGrath (nee: Stindle), with her family by her side, Dorothy M. McGrath, age 91, of Racine, passed away Thursday, October 27, 2011 at Wheaton Franciscan All Saints Medical Center. Dorothy was born in Racine, October 11, 1920 the sixth of six children to the late Benedict and Frances (nee: Sys) Stindle. Dorothy graduated from Wm Horlick High School. On October 10, 1942, she was united in marriage to John T. McGrath on the Marine base in San Diego, Calif., and shared sixty three beautiful years together before he preceded her in death June 6, 2006. Dorothy was a longtime member of St. John Nepomuk Church and a past member of Parish Life Ministry. She actively supported veterans and was a member of VFW 1391 Auxiliary, member and past president of 10301 Auxiliary, American Legion 310 Auxiliary, and the Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading, her monthly card clubs and saying the rosary. She will be remembered for making "the

world's best cheesecake." Her passion was raising her family and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be sadly missed. Survivors include her six children, Stephen (Jeanine) McGrath of Racine, Barbara Grygera of Racine, John F. (Nancy) McGrath of Greer, SC, Thomas (Sandra) McGrath of Kenosha, William (Susan) McGrath of Racine, Patricia (Joseph) DiBiase of Kenosha; 13 grandchildren; Margaret, Marilyn, Michel, Timothy, Jonathan, Teresa, Shawn, Patrick, Meghann, Daniel, Nathan, Emily, and Crystal; 15 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Diane McGrath and Ellen Benton; her good friend and neighbor, Donna; nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends. In addition to her parents and husband, Dorothy was also preceded in death by her brothers, Ben, Jack, Ed, Frank, a sister, Frances and her great granddaughter, Kaylee Grygera. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church, 700 English St, Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 11:00 a.m., with Rev. Don Zerkel officiating. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Hwy 32. Relatives and friends may meet with the family Tuesday at the funeral home from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. (Prayer Vigil 7:00 p.m.) and Wednesday at the church from 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass. MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 Main Street 634-7888 Please send condolences to:

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Lois J. (Foertsch) Lindau

Racine, Wisconsin

18 Apr 1924 – 6 Oct 2011

RACINE - Lois J. (nee: Foertsch) Lindau, 87, passed away at Lincoln Village Convalescent Center on Thursday October 6, 2011. Lois was born in Racine on April 18, 1924 the daughter of the late Albert and Anna (nee: Reinke) Foertsch. After graduation from William Horlick High School, Lois was united in marriage to Harold F. Lindau in Racine. She was an avid sports fan, especially enjoying the Milwaukee Brewers and the Green Bay Packers. Lois is survived by her daughter, Sherry (Ken) Smerchek, granddaughters, Jenny and Robyn Smerchek, special nephew, Mark Eickhorst and sisters-in-law, Marie Gorski and Helen Frank. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends. Lois was preceded in death by her husband Harold, in December of 2000, sisters, Alice Foertsch, Irene (Joe) Blahuta, Virginia (Elmer) Poulson, Helen (Willard) Eickhorst, brother, Sherman (June) Foertsch, mother-in-law and father-in-law, Hattie and Frank Lindau and brothers-in-law, Steve Frank and Al Gorski. Funeral services will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Tuesday October 11, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until service time at 1:30 p.m. She will be laid to rest next to her husband at West Lawn Memorial Park following services. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Lois in a special way may direct memorials to Lincoln Village Convalescent Center, 1700 C.A. Becker Dr. Racine, WI 53406. Lois' family would like to thank the staff of Lincoln Village Convalescent Center for their compassionate care. STURINO FUNERAL HOME 3014 Northwestern Avenue 632-4479

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Kermit C. Hansen

Racine, Wisconsin

19 Mar 1919 – 13 Sep 2011

RACINE - Kermit C. Hansen, 92, passed away comfortably knowing that he was very loved on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at Hospice House in Pleasant Prairie. Kermit was a lifelong resident of Racine, born on March 19, 1919, son of the late H. Emil and Emma (nee: Nelson) Hansen. On October 18, 1941, Kermit was united in marriage to Louise Vermeire. After graduation from William Horlick High School, he went into business with his father. Later, he owned and operated the NuWay Dry Cleaning establishment on State Street, until he was elected Town Clerk for Mount Pleasant, a position

Kermit held for 26 years, until his retirement in 1981. He had been an Assistant Scout Leader for the Boy Scouts for a time. Kermit loved the outdoors, pheasant hunting, duck hunting, and fishing. He had a great love for all animals, but dogs were his favorite. He and Louise raised many dogs. Kermit is survived by nieces and nephews, Sue Henderson, Marian Verhaeghe, and Timothy Verhaeghe; and sister-in-law, Grace



Verhaeghe. He is further survived by very good friend, George A. Vanhaverbeke; his dear friend and caregiver of 11 years, Kim Stier; other relatives and friends. Kermit was preceded in death by his wife, Louise on February 4, 2002; two brothers; and two sisters. Memorial services for Kermit will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Friday, September 16, 2011, at 6 p.m. with Pastor Jim Cieszynski officiating. He will be laid to rest next to his wife, Louise, at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery on Highway 32 in a private ceremony. There will be a visitation at the funeral home on Friday from 5 p.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials to one's favorite charity have been suggested. STURINO FUNERAL HOME 3014 Northwestern Avenue 632-4479 www.sturinofuneralhome.com

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Joseph B. Rizzo

Racine, Wisconsin
14 Jun 1951 – 7 Sep 2011



RIZZO RACINE - Joseph B. Rizzo, age 60, passed away Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at his residence following a courageous battle with cancer. Joe was born in Racine, June 14, 1951, son of the late Joseph E. Rizzo and Lois M. (nee: Fredericks) Rode. Joe attended William Horlick High School. He owned and operated Elmwood Car Company for twenty years. He had a zest for life and cherished time spent with his family and friends. He will be deeply missed.

Survivors include his son, Tony Rizzo (Samantha Koffman) of Racine; sisters and brothers, Sherry Rizzo, Steve (Cammie) Rizzo, Dawn (Dan) Fox, Lori (Steve) Fink; nephews and nieces, Christopher Rizzo, Amy (Beau) Ashton, Lisa Rizzo (Brian), Peter and Sean Fox, Theresa (Devin) Watson, Nicholas Fink; his former wife, Cherie Chapman and her children, John and Rachel; aunts, uncles, other relatives and many dear friends. Funeral services will be held Monday, September 12, 2011, 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Private entombment will be held at Holy Cross Garden Mausoleum, Hwy 32. Relatives and friends may meet with the family Monday at the funeral home from 4:00 P.M. until time of service at 7:00 P.M. A very special thank you to all Joe's friends who he always considered as "family" for their love and support through this difficult time, and to the nurses and staff at Aurora St. Luke's Hospital, Milwaukee for their loving and compassionate care. MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 Main Street 634-7888 Please send condolences to: www.meredithfuneralhome.com

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Irene L. Billings

Racine, Wisconsin
14 Feb 1931 - 21 Jul 2011



RACINE - Irene L. Billings, age 80, passed away Thursday July 21, 2011 at Wheaton Franciscan-All Saints Medical Center. Irene was born in Durham, Kan. on Valentine's day February 14, 1931, daughter of the late George and Anna (nee: Krieger) Weitzel. Irene graduated from Wm. Horlick High School. On August 14, 1948, she was united in marriage to Willard Billings, and shared forty one years together before he passed away May 10, 1989. Irene was employed with St. Mary's Medical Center as a nurse's aide for twenty three years before her retirement in 1989. She was a dedicated member of

St. John's Lutheran Church and their Mission Guild, Ladies Bible Class and their sewing circle. Irene had an extensive collection of Angels that she adored. Above all, it was her time spent with her family that gave her the most joy, especially family camping trips. She will be dearly missed by her children, George (Irene) Billings, Elaine Billings, Robert John Billings, and Walter Billings; granddaughter, Lynn Billings (fiancé, Arthur "Benny" Smith), all of Racine; and her grandpuppy, Angel; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends. In addition to her parents and husband Willard, Irene was also preceded in death by her four brothers, George, Benjamin, Alex and David and three sisters, Anna, Selma and infant Selma. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home Tuesday July 26, 2011, 10:30 a.m., with Rev. Daniel B. Quinn officiating. Interment will follow at Mound Cemetery. Relatives and friends may

meet with the family at the funeral home Monday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 10:00 A.M. until time of service at 10:30 a.m. Memorials to St. John's Lutheran Church Altar Guild or Mission guild have been suggested. MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 Main Street 634-7888 Please send condolences to: www.meredithfuneralhome.com

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Donald R. Heckel*

Racine, Wisconsin
16 Jul 1943 – 12 Jul 2011



RACINE - Surrounded by his loving family, Donald R. Heckel, 67, passed away unexpectedly, Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at Wheaton Franciscan - All Saints Medical Center. Donald was born in Racine, July 16, 1943, son of the late Alfred and Della (nee: Wade) Heckel. On November 3, 1962 he was united in marriage to Vicky E. Nielsen. Don attended William Horlick High School and served in the United States Army. He was employed by Zizzo's Trucking for many years and was a member of the NRA. His passions included science, pro audio/video, astronomy, Green Bay Packers and NASCAR racing. He enjoyed his wife's homemade potato pancakes and french fries, but above all he loved and cherished time spent with his children and grandchildren. He will be deeply missed. Survivors include his loving wife of 48 years, Vicky; his four children, Tami Heckel, Holli Miller, Donald Heckel, and Heather (Rick) Erickson; his grandchildren, Jordan Hulsey (Ashley Robash), Alexis and Alyssa Krall, Madilyn and Hannah Miller, and Haley and Cameron Erickson; sisters, Gini Musil, Peggy Mickelsen; brothers-in-law, Larry (Janice) Nielsen and Dave (Judy) Nielsen; special cat, Annie; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Richard (Audrey) Heckel; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry and Pearl Nielsen; brothers-in-law, Lee Nielsen, Ray Musil, and Wayne Mickelsen; nephews, Barry Nielsen and Dickie Musil. A Memorial service will be held Wednesday, July 20, 2011, 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 4701 Erie Street, with Reverend Terry McGugan officiating. Relatives and friends may meet with the family Wednesday at the church from 5 p.m. until time of service at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Michael's Episcopal Church have been suggested. A very special thank you to Sue, Ross, and Nettie and all of his caregivers at Wheaton Franciscan ICU for their loving and compassionate care. MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 Main Street 634-7888 Please send condolences to:

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*Donald attended Horlick High School with the class of 1962 but is not listed as a graduate.

B. George Lang

Lakeland, Florida
20 Aug 1923 – 3 Jul 2011



LAKELAND, FLA. - B. George Lang, 88, formerly of Racine, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2011, due to Alzheimer's Disease and lung problems. He was born in Racine on April 20, 1923, to George and Marian Lang. His father, George was a Partner in the Bratt and Lang Oil Company and his mother, Marian was a Teacher. Bill was a graduate of Horlick High School, University of Wisconsin, and Columbia University. He was a Chemical Engineer. Bill and his brother, Don lived within a block of each other in Schalamar Creek Mobile Home Park in Lakeland, Fla. before Bill moved to Lake Morton Retirement Home also in Lakeland, Fla. He is survived by his daughter, Dr. Carla Lewin (Edward); grandson, Ely Lewin; and granddaughter, Sara Grace Lewin, all of Tampa, Fla.; two sons, David Lang of Denver, Colo. and Andrew Lang of Philadelphia, Pa.; and his brother, Don and Don's daughter, Kimberly and grandson, Elias, both of whom live in Minneapolis, Minn. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, George and Marian Lang; and his son, Paul Lang. HEATH FUNERAL CHAPEL 328 South Ingraham Avenue Lakeland, Fla. 863-682-0111 Condolences may be sent to the family at:

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Thomas G. Passehl

Lakeland, Florida
3 May 1951 – 23 Jun 2011



LAKELAND, FL - Thomas G. Passehl, 60, passed away in Lakeland, FL on Thursday, June 23, 2011. Tommy was born in Racine on May 3, 1951 to Gene and Lorraine (nee, Smith) Passehl. Tommy attended Horlick High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force in the 3706 Squadron located at the Lakeland Air Force Base from January 28, 1971 - December 13, 1974 and was formerly employed for 20 years in Racine as a cabinet maker with Racine Mill Works. Tommy lived in Racine for most of his life, but after having enough of the winters moved to Florida and had been enjoying life out there for over a decade. He absolutely loved being a brother and had enjoyed the most recent years of his life with his brother Ronnie. He loved every minute of the times they had and felt comfort being able to have Ronnie by his side. Even though he moved away from where his son Jason lived in Racine he missed and loved Jason every minute of every day and there wasn't a day that went by where he didn't think about him. He was still an avid Green Bay Packers fan even though he lived in Florida. Tommy was quite adventurous, laid back and carefree. He loved camping and some of his favorite memories were when he was able to take Jason and the cousins all camping together. He was always laughing and joking around and loved to laugh at his own jokes even if no one else was laughing. He enjoyed listening to the oldies, but goodies and especially enjoyed singing the tune The Battle of New Orleans. He loved to sit around and play the guitar in his younger years. His favorite hobby was to write he loved to write things from random thoughts to poems and quotes or just something he heard from somewhere. He enjoyed watching TV ~his favorite TV show was Matlock and his favorite color was blue. He also enjoyed grilling outside; mostly because he wasn't allowed to cook inside. Tommy was loved very much and will be missed dearly everyday. He is survived by his son, Jason (Nicole) Passehl of Racine, WI; sister, Connie (Brian) Konicek of Las Vegas, NV; brother, Ronald Passehl of Lakeland, FL, sister-in-law, Marsha Passehl of Racine, WI, sister-in-law, Teresa Hollow of Racine, WI and ex wife Barbara Nees of Racine, WI. Tommy is also survived by nieces, Nanette (JL) and their son Tyler, Colette (Shane) and Beki and nephews, Mark, Gene, Thomas (Adrienne) and their daughter Elizabeth, Jeremy (Dolores) and their children Jeremy Jr. and Jamie, Justin and Johnny. Tommy was a godfather to his nephew Thomas. He was preceded in death by his parents Lorraine and Gene; and brothers, John Passehl, Randy Passehl and Daniel Passehl. A memorial service with full Military Honors will be held for Tommy at the funeral home on Saturday July 2nd at 2:30pm with a reception to follow at the Moose Lodge. Visitation will be at the funeral home at 1:30pm until the time of the service. Jason & Nicole would like to thank all of our family and friends especially uncle Ronnie for their support during this difficult time and we wanted to thank the VA for taking such great care of him all these years and Lakeland Regional Medical Center for doing the best that they could and making sure he was comfortable as he passed away. PURATH-STRAND FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY 3915 Douglas Avenue 639-8000 www.purath-strand.com

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Russell G. Jandl

Racine, Wisconsin
27 Mar 1926 – 9 Jun 2011

RACINE - Russell G. Jandl, 85, passed away peacefully at Ridgewood Care Center on Thursday, June 9, 2011 after suffering a stroke in November of 2009. A lifetime resident, Russ was born in Racine on March 27, 1926 to the late Charles and Edythe (nee: Ernie) Jandl. Following graduation from William Horlick High School, he faithfully served our Country with the [United States Navy](#) aboard LST-863 in the Pacific Theatre during [WWII](#). On November 13, 1948 in Waukegan, Ill., Russ was united in marriage with the love of his life, Lorraine B. (nee: Egtvedt). He was employed by Matagrano's Beer Distributors and Lakeshore Distributing Company for over 50 years, retiring at age 70. After a brief retirement, Russ went to work for O&H Bakery as a driver until age 80. Among his interests, he enjoyed gardening; spending time in the

great outdoors - especially fishing and hunting; and watching sports - especially his favorite Wisconsin teams of the Brewers, Bucks, Packers, Badgers and Marquette Golden Eagles. In his younger years, Russ was an avid bowler and was an extremely talented left-handed softball player who played on several championship teams. Above all, Russ loved and cherished being in the surroundings of his entire family. Surviving are his loving wife of nearly 63 years, Lorraine; their children, Diana (Paul) Wilson, Thomas Jandl and David Jandl; grandchildren, Daniel (Lori) Wilson, Kimberly (Jeff) Grooters, Kristy Wilson, Dawn Puketa, Dale (Samantha) Wilson; great-grandchildren, Randi Wilson, Justin Grooters, Kaitlynn Grooters, Kennidi Grooters, Tyler Puketa and Jacob Puketa; great-great- grandchildren, Jacob, Leo and Payton; sister, Darlene Meinert; sister-in-law, Bea Jandl; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends too numerous to mention by name. In addition to his parents, Russ was preceded in death by his sister, June (Bob) Patterson; brothers, Floyd Jandl, Charles (Dorothy) Jandl and Robert (Corrine) Jandl; and by Lorraine's parents, Surnce 'Gil' and Ida (nee: Meyer) Egtvedt.



Funeral services will be held in the Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 6 pm with Rev. Susan K. Smith officiating. Military honors and a reception will follow. Visitation will be in the funeral home on Tuesday from 4-6 pm. Private interment will take place at the S. Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In memory of Russ, memorials to Emmanuel Lutheran Church has been suggested. *A heartfelt note of thanks to Dr. Richard Clark and Ridgewood Care Center for the compassionate care and support given in our time of need. May God bless all of you!* Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home & Crematory 4600 County Line Rd. 552-9000 www.draeger-langendorf.com

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Doyle W. Woolsey

Neenah, Wisconsin

10 Mar 1922 – 28 May 2011

NEENAH - Doyle W. Woolsey, 89, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at Manor Care in Appleton. He was born on March 10, 1922, in Kankakee, Ill., son of the late William and Alma (nee: Hale) Woolsey. On April 18, 1964, he was united in marriage to Betty Cichanofsky in Oconto. Doyle graduated from Horlick High School in Racine. Doyle honorably served his country during **World War II** and the **Korean War** with the United States Army Infantry as a Staff Sergeant / Ranger Division, and received many medals including three **Purple Hearts**. He was very honored to be on the maiden flight of the Old Glory Honor Flight to see the World War II Memorial. Doyle loved to travel with his wife, Betty. He enjoyed playing and watching baseball and even coached/managed some women's softball teams. He also enjoyed bowling, playing table tennis, and many hobbies with his wife including making wreaths, rubber stamping, and scrapbooking. Doyle is survived by his wife, Betty Woolsey of Neenah; Godchild, Robin (Dan) Allen of Abrams; brothers-in-law, Donald 'Sonny' Cichanofsky of Oconto, Bill (Barb) Cichanofsky of Watertown, and Fred (Nancy) Cichanofsky of Abrams; sisters-in-law, Ferry Sohrweide of Oconto and Cheryl Cichanofsky of Green Bay; and by several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, George Cichanofsky; step- brother-in-law, Walter Neil Begolke; and step- sisters-in-law, Cora (Begolke) Johnson and Loretta (George) Begolke. A Funeral service for Doyle will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Valley Funeral Home in Appleton with the Rev. Stephen Shepard officiating. Full Military Honors will be conducted at the funeral home after the service. Burial will take place in West Lawn Cemetery in Racine. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Saturday from 9:30 until 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that donations be made in Doyle's honor to the Vine Christian Fellowship Building Fund in Appleton and the American Legion Post #38 in Appleton. The family would like to thank the staffs of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Manor Care Health and Rehab, and Heartland Hospice for their compassionate care shown to Doyle and the family. VALLEY FUNERAL HOME "Serving as would be Served" 2211 North Richmond Street Appleton 920-733-5435 www.valleyfh.com

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Charles E. 'Chuck' Brown

Rockford, Illinois
8 Apr 1951 – 18 May 2011



ROCKFORD, ILL. - Charles E. 'Chuck' Brown, 60, passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, after a courageous fight due to complications from a brain aneurysm, which occurred on December 5, 2010. Chuck was born in Racine on April 8, 1951, the son of Manny S. Brown and Jeanne (nee: Levin) Brown, both of whom predeceased him. He was raised in Racine and attended Racine Horlick High School, where he was elected President of the Student Council during his Senior year. He attended Boston University and graduated with a BA in Communication Arts from the [University of Wisconsin - Madison](#). He later obtained his Masters and Doctoral Degrees in Educational Administration from University of Wisconsin - Madison. He was a Speech and Journalism Teacher and Public Relations Specialist at D.C. Everest High School in Schofield from 1971 until 1980, where the student newspaper was named the top school newspaper in the United States in 1978. He then became Assistant to the Executive Vice-President of the Wausau Chamber of Commerce from 1981 until 1985, Vice-President of a Wausau advertising agency from 1985 until 1987, and Director of Marketing/Public Relations at North Central Technical College in Wausau from 1987 until 2001. He moved to Rockford, Ill. in 2002 as Director of Marketing for Rock Valley College and was the President of Rockford Business College from 2005 until 2007. He was Director of Communications and New Media at Rockford College from 2008 until the time of his illness. He won many professional awards throughout his career, too many to mention here. Chuck had an abiding interest in public service in general and local politics in particular. While in Schofield, he was an Alderman for the City of Schofield, Council President, and Interim Mayor. Almost immediately upon arriving in Rockford, Ill., Chuck became actively involved as a member of the Northwest Community Center Board and was on the Board from 2002 until 2009. He was its President for five years. In 2009, Chuck was elected to the Rockford Park District Board and was its Secretary at the time of his illness. Chuck also had a continuing interest in teaching, serving as an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Wisconsin - Marathon and then at the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater. He was an active member of the Rockford Rotary and the Rockford Country Club. When younger, he participated in water skiing competitions and his love for the water continued unabated in his later years. One of his joys was boating on the Rock River. He was a die-hard Wisconsin Badger fan, with season tickets to both University of Wisconsin football and Men's basketball. He enjoyed traveling to Wisconsin's away games and bowl games. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife, Becky, who passed away in August of 2010. He is survived by his brother, Richard (Susan Herro); four nephews and nieces; and three step-daughters. Chuck was an engaging fellow, who effortlessly collected friends wherever he went. He will be sorely missed by everyone whose life he touched. A Graveside funeral will be held at the Racine Jewish Memorial Cemetery, 700 Lathrop Avenue, Racine, this Sunday, May 22, 2011, at 11 a.m. and a Memorial service will take place at the Rockford Country Club, 2500 Oxford Street, Rockford, Ill., on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. with a reflection program at 6 p.m. Memorials will be appreciated to the Chuck and Becky Brown Memorial Bridge Fund, c/o Rockford Park District Foundation, 401 South Main Street, Rockford, Ill. 61101. MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 Main Street 634-7888 Please send condolences to: www.meredithfuneralhome.com

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Helen (Zakarian) Soukeyasian

Racine, Wisconsin
19 Jan 1925 – 6 May 2011

RACINE - Helen Soukeyasian, 86, passed into eternal life on Friday, May 6, 2011, at her residence at Willowgreen Care Home. She was born in Racine on January 19, 1925, to the late Zadoor and Nazli (nee: Zanzanian) Zakarian. She married Steve Soukeyasian, of Istanbul, Turkey, on December 1, 1957, and they raised two daughters. He preceded her in death in 2003. Helen made her home in Racine, and had many lifelong friends. A graduate of Horlick High School, she worked at Chase Bank for 25 years, and

previously at the Racine County Courthouse, and Veenstra Lumber. After retiring in 1990, she volunteered at St. Luke's Hospital Gift Shop. She belonged to St. Hagop Armenian Apostolic Church where her parents were charter members. Helen was also a member of the Armenian Relief Society/Sose Chapter, and St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary. Helen loved being with family and friends, and could always be tempted with chocolate and ice cream. She enjoyed all things Armenian, including music, dancing, and baking breads. In recent years, she also read at least 80 of author Danielle Steel's novels. Helen's smile and her sense of humor will be greatly missed by her daughter Linda (Paul) Jacob, and their children, David and Naomi, of Racine; and daughter Anahid (Don) Schweikert, and their children, Olivia and Natalia, of Olive Branch, Miss.; her brother-in-law, Hayrabet Soukeyasian and nieces Nadia and Anahid, and nephew Arsen, all of Istanbul, Turkey; cousins Eloise (Jim) Neely of Waterloo, Belgium, Lucy (George) Stand, the Shahmelikian family, Avetissian family and others in California; Ann Dadaian, Rose Bejoian, Elsie Minassian; the Antreassian families of Racine, and other relatives. She is further survived by many special friends including Sylvia Morrison, Anna Cherkinian, Mary Sahakian, Martha Manogian, Loretta Wahlen, Catherine Miller, Carole Kapellusch, Elizabeth Vatanian, Araxie Ketsamian, Ann Scantling, Julie DerGarabedian, Marie Konesko, and many others. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at St. Hagop Armenian Apostolic Church, 4100 Newman Road, with Father Daniel Garabedian officiating. Interment will follow at Graceland cemetery. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. Memorials may be made to the church or the Armenian Relief Society. Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home and Crematory 4600 County Line Road Racine, WI 53406 262-552-9000 www.draeger-langendorf.com



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Dr. William J. Madden

Racine, Wisconsin
11 May 1918 – 20 Apr 2011

RACINE - Dr. William J. Madden, 92, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at Wheaton Franciscan-All Saints Medical Center. The son of the late John W. and Agnes (nee: Devine) Madden, was born in Racine, on May 11, 1918. In 1944, he was united in marriage to Helen Mary Cowick with whom he shared a wonderful, 65-year marriage. She preceded him in death on May 27, 2010. Dr. Madden attended William Horlick High School, St. Norbert College, and Marquette University Medical School. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps His specialty training was taken at the Milwaukee County General Hospital, now known as the Froedtert Memorial Hospital in Milwaukee. He spent his years as an Obstetrician and Gynecologist with the Kurten Medical Group, of which he was one of the original founders, and retired in 1986. Dr. Madden was very active in community and medical organizations, serving on boards of many social service agencies and hospital staffs in addition to many medical societies. He was a member of the Racine Country Club and was an avid golfer. Other hobbies included music, gardening, reading, and cheering for the Green Bay Packers. Above all, his passions were his wife, his family, friends, golf and Racine residents. Survivors include his sons, Dennis (Suzanne), John (Rose); granddaughters, Amy (Bryant) Davis, Paula (Matthew) Andersen, Anne (Josh) Pudelko and Megan Reeves; as well as seven great-grand- children; a sister, Rosemary McNally; nieces, nephews, and many dear friends. In addition to Helen, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Maureen; brothers, Lester, Roy, Joseph, Tom, Richard and Robert; and sister, Kathleen Cooper. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1533 Erie Street, Racine with Rev. Jack Flynn, OSA officiating, assisted by Deacon Russell Missureli. Private interment will be held at Calvary Cemetery. Relatives and friends may meet with the family Wednesday at the church from 10 a.m. until time of Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Health Care Network have been requested. MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 Main Street 634-7888 Please send condolences to: www.meredithfuneralhome.com



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Phillip John Eckert

Austin, Texas

14 Sep 1935 – 6 Apr 2011



AUSTIN, TEXAS - Phillip John Eckert, 75, died on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. Phillip J. Eckert was born on September 14, 1935, in Racine, to Theodore and Flora (nee: Frank) Eckert. He graduated from William Horlick High School and joined the United States [Army](#) and served his duty in Korea. Upon returning to Racine from the Army, he enlisted in the [United States Air Force](#) and was stationed at Dreux Air Base outside of Paris, France. During his time in France, he met his loving wife, Antoinette M. (nee: Cases) Eckert. Phillip worked at S.C. Johnson Wax for 32 years. He retired to Austin, Texas in 1993. Phillip is survived by his wife of 49 years, Antoinette M. Eckert; his daughter, Evelyn F. (nee: Eckert) Renish and her husband, Michael A. Renish; and two grandsons, Anthony M. Renish and Alexander M. Renish. Phillip is also survived by his brother, Robert Eckert (Kathy Eckert); sister, Dorothy Lowe, sisters- in-law, Therese Boivin, Josefina Cases, and Mercedes Perrot (Michel); and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be held for friends and neighbors at his residence on Saturday, April 23, 2011. An additional Memorial service and burial will be held in Racine in July of 2011. Please contact the family for details. The family wishes to thank his many doctors and caregivers. Phillip had many wonderful neighbors for which he was most thankful for their friendship and support. COOK-WALDEN/FOREST OAKS FUNERAL HOME 6300 West William Cannon Drive Austin, Texas 512-892-1172 Condolences may be made at: www.cookwaldenforestoaks.com

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Michael William 'Mike' Webster

Delavan, Wisconsin

1 Mar 1946 – 15 Apr 2011



DEHAVAN - Michael William 'Mike' Webster, 65, formerly of Racine, passed away peacefully at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital on Friday, April 15, 2011. Mike was born in Racine on March 1, 1946, to the late William and Rose (nee: Andersen) Webster. On September 30, 1995, at Wustum Museum, Mike was united in marriage with MaryBeth Aldrich. They moved to Delavan in 2003. A graduate of William Horlick High School, he went on to faithfully serve our country with the United States [Army](#) - 82nd Airborne in Vietnam as a Communications Specialist. Mike was employed as a Cable Repair Technician at AT and T for over 35 years, retiring in 2005. During his career, he was an extreme advocate for justice / workers' rights. Mike served as President of the Racine Labor Center; President of Communication Workers of America - Local 4611 for over 12 years; awarded "Labor Person of the Year" in 1987; and Mike and MaryBeth were named "Mr. and Mrs. Solidarity" in 1996. Outside of work, Mike enjoyed camping, fishing and golfing - accomplishing a hole-in-one at Lake Lawn Lodge. Above all, Mike's favorite times were when he was in the surroundings of his entire family. Surviving are his loving wife, MaryBeth Aldrich of Delavan; daughter, April (Ron) Saal of Union Grove; son, Jerame (Maria) Leger of Racine; grandchildren, Brandon Webster, Cody, Austin, and Hailey Saal, April Fisher, and Yenessa and Estreya Leger; father- in-law, Don Aldrich; sisters-in-law, Cathy Aldrich and Eileen (Bill) McShea; nieces and nephew, Erin, Kelly, Kevin, Meghan, and Colleen McShea; uncles, Ken Aldrich and Viggo Andersen; aunt, Lilly Krueger; many other special relatives and friends too numerous to mention by name. In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by his dear son, Bradley Webster, who died in a tragic automobile accident on April 21, 1995; and mother-in- law, Celeste Aldrich. Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Tony Larsen officiating. Military Honors will follow. Private entombment will take place in the Southern Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be in the funeral home on Wednesday from 4 until 8 p.m. and at the funeral home on Thursday from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. In memory of Mike, memorials may be made to the family, which will be distributed to his favorite charities at a later date. A

heartfelt note of thanks to the entire staff at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital for the compassionate care and support and for successfully treating Mike's diagnosis of cancer in 2006. We will never forget your kindness and genuine concern in our time of need. May God bless all of you! DRAEGER-LANGENDORF FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY 4600 County Line Road 552-9000
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Oscar R. 'Bob' Herchen, Jr.

Racine, Wisconsin

20 Apr 1927 - 30 Mar 2011

RACINE - Oscar R. 'Bob' Herchen, Jr., Age 83, of Racine passed away, Wednesday March 30, 2011 at Wheaton Franciscan Health Care Center in Racine. He was born April 20, 1927 to Oscar R. and Ethel (nee Kuchenbach) Herchen Sr. in Racine. Oscar spent most of life in Racine and graduated from Horlick High School. He served in the Navy during [World War II](#). Oscar was married on May 20, 1950 to Jennette (nee Swendrowski) at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Racine. They had moved to Union Grove in 1969 and lived there until 2005. Oscar was employed at Twin Disk as a machinist. He was a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus until 1993. Oscar was also a very avid sports fan. Survivors include his daughter Connie (Anthony Sr.) Falaschi of Racine, grandchildren Katherine (Michael) Bourdo, Kristin Reff, Karissa Reff and Anthony Falaschi Jr. great-grandchildren Cheyenne, Taegen, Gabrielle, Cyrus and Tatyana. Oscar was preceded in death by his parents and loving wife Jennette. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 11:15 a.m. at St Lucy's Catholic Church in Racine with Rev. Mark Jones officiating. Visitation for relatives and friends will be held Tuesday April 5 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., at the church. Burial will follow at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery in Union Grove. Oscar had requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Wheaton Franciscan All Saints Cancer Center in Racine. Oscar's family would like to express their gratitude and thanks to all the nurses in the ICU and cardiac units at Wheaton Franciscan for all their TLC. They also would like to express a special thank you to Dr.P.Dhingra M.D who Oscar considered a friend. Polnasek-Daniels Funeral Home & Crematory 908 - 11th Ave. Union Grove, WI 53182 262-878-2011 www.danielsfamilyfuneral.com

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Sharon K. (Bergsbaken) Papa

Phoenix, Arizona

17 Mar 2011

PHOENIX, ARIZ. - Sharon K. (nee: Bergsbaken) Papa, 74, formerly of Kenosha, passed away Thursday, March 17, 2011, at Sunview Health & Rehabilitation, Phoenix, surrounded by her family. Sharon suffered a stroke in December, 2010. She was born in Racine and graduated from Wm Horlick High School. She was married to Alex F. Papa on October 20, 1956. Sharon was employed by A&P, Kenosha, for 10 years and more recently at H&R Block in Phoenix. She loved to sew, quilt and was very creative. She had a wild sense of humor and laughed with her family and friends at every opportunity.



Sharon had a warm and generous heart and adored her grandsons. She will be dearly missed. She leaves behind her beloved husband, Alex Papa; daughter, Carrie (Dave) Schold; sons, Ken (Michelle) Papa, Randy Papa; grandsons, Jess, Riley, and Nicholas Papa; brother, Carlton Bergsbaken and sister Ellen Buschke; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends. Preceded in death by her father, Maynard Bergsbaken; mother, Carolyn (Christopherson) Bergsbaken; sister, Marcia (nee: Bergsbaken) Braatz-Fuller. A memorial service will be held Sunday, March 27, 2011, 3 until 5 p.m., at IronWorks Restaurant, 17233 North 45th Avenue, Glendale.

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William Gregory 'Gregg' Robbins

Waterford, Wisconsin

22 Mar 1950 - 19 Mar 2011

WATERFORD - William Gregory 'Gregg' Robbins, 60, passed away at home on Saturday, March 19,

2011. He was born at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital in Illinois on March 22, 1950, the son of John Robbins and Jean A. Brooks. On February 23, 1987, he married Kris A. Schuette. Gregg spent his early life in Racine and was a graduate of Horlick High School. He went on to the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, where he obtained a BA in History along with his Bachelor of Science Degree. Gregg was a Medical Technologist and also worked with Microbiology Labs. He was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. He is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Kris; and five children, Benjamin (Amy Shoofs) Robbins and Jennifer Robbins of Milwaukee, Lauren Robbins of DePere, and William and Anna Robbins of Waterford. He is also survived by four grandchildren; one brother, Michael (Dawn) Robbins of Minocqua; and two sisters, Jody Shockley and Colleen (Patric) Mogden of Racine. He is further survived by other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jean; step- father, Robert Shockley; and a brother, Allen Brooks. A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at 5 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 307 South First Street (Highway 20), Waterford. A Memorial gathering with the family will be held prior to Mass on Thursday from 3 until 5 p.m. in church. In lieu of floral expressions of sympathy, memorials are suggested to the family. MEALY FUNERAL HOME 225 West Main Street Waterford 262-534-2233 www.mealyfuneralhome.com



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Susan C. (Kopecky) Boney

Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
16 Jan 1956 – 7 Mar 2011

FORT ATKINSON - Susan C. Boney, 55, passed away Monday, March 7, 2011, at Fort Memorial Hospital. She was born on January 16, 1956, daughter of the late George and June (nee: Buckett) Kopecky. Susan loved spending time in the north woods, especially in Wabeno, where she had lived and raised her family for several years. She enjoyed golfing at Spring Creek, bowling, and playing softball. She had a great love for her children and was a great mother. Susan also cherished her pets. She was very fond of black Labs and named every one of her dogs Sooner. Susan will also be missed at the



Fort Medical Center, where she had worked for 22 years. Susan is survived by her children, Adam Boney of Milwaukee, Ryan (fiancée, Jamie Johnson) Boney of Menomonee Falls, and Sara Boney of Fort Atkinson; brother, Brian (Joan) Kopecky of La Grange, Ill.; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister, Kar Kar Chambers. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Bryan Engfer officiating. Friends may call from 12 noon on Saturday at the church until time of service. Following the service, family and friends are invited to Salamones Italian Pizzeria for a time to celebrate Susan's life. Memorials may be made to Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy. DUNLAP MEMORIAL HOME 604 South Main Street Fort Atkinson 920-563-2575 www.dunlapmemorialhome.com

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Bernice M. 'Bea' (Burdick) Scuglik

Kenosha, Wisconsin
22 Jan 1923 – 5 Mar 2011

KENOSHA - Bernice M. 'Bea' Scuglik, 88, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Hospice House surrounded by her loving family. Bernice was born on January 22, 1923, in Racine, and was the daughter of the late Lester and Emily (nee: Davis) Burdick. She was married to Joseph Scuglik on July 28, 1945, at St. John's Nepomuk Catholic Church in Racine and they were happily married for over 65 years. She attended St. John's Nepomuk Grade School and was a graduate of Horlick High School in Racine. She spent her life caring for her family. Bernice was employed with Hamilton Beach, J.I. Case, and the Ben Franklin Dime Store in Villa Capri Shopping Center. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and their

Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Catholic Women's Club and the Monica Grace Church Group. Bernice logged over 30,000 hours volunteering at all three of Kenosha's hospitals. Bernice is survived by her husband, Joseph; her four children, James (Betsy) Scuglik of Kenosha, Richard (Kimberly) Scuglik of Deerbrook, Joyce (Kelly) Infusino of Kenosha, and Edward (Deborah) Scuglik of Neenah; her sister, Marilyn Burdick of Racine; nine grandchildren, Brian (Jenifer) Scuglik, Michael (Monique) Scuglik, Kevin Scuglik, Jason Scuglik, Daniel (Sara) Infusino, Nicholas (Brooke) Infusino, Jaclyn (Christopher) Zielke, Timothy Infusino, and Jennifer Scuglik; three great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grand- children. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Dolores Rotz; and a granddaughter, Andrea Scuglik. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 9:15 a.m. from the Piasecki- Althaus Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 2223 - 51st Street. Entombment will follow in All Saints Mausoleum. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, from 4 until 7 p.m. at the Piasecki- Althaus Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances to St. Anthony's Catholic Church; or Hospice Alliance Incorporated, 10220 Prairie Ridge Boulevard, Pleasant Prairie, Wis. 53158, would be greatly appreciated by the family. PIASECKI-ALTHAUS FUNERAL HOME 3720 - 39th Avenue Kenosha 658-4101 Online Condolences at: www.piasecki-althaus.com



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Patricia S. 'Pattie' (McDonald) Blaszyk

Kenosha, Wisconsin
6 Sep 1964 – 3 Mar 2011

KENOSHA - Patricia S. 'Pattie' (nee: McDonald) Blaszyk, 46, passed away at her residence on Thursday, March 3, 2011. Pattie was born in Racine on September 6, 1964 to Daniel and Kristine (nee: Kalashian) McDonald. She graduated from Horlick High School and went on to Gateway to earn a degree in Cosmetology. After she was unable to work in the beauty salon she went to work for Brossman's Meat Market. She married Wayne Blaszyk in Milwaukee on October 21, 1989. Pattie enjoyed being outdoors, camping and sitting around a bonfire. She is survived by her husband, Wayne Blaszyk; children, Rachel and Kyle Blaszyk; parents, Dan and Kris McDonald; sister, Kelly Warren; mother-in-law, Carol Elias; sisters-in-law, Victoria Walsh, Tracy Blaszyk and April Elias; and brother-in-law, Roy Blaszyk. Pattie is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends. A visitation for Pattie will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 from 5 until 7 p.m. Private interment will take place. Memorials to the family have been suggested. Pattie's family would like to thank Dr. Michael Mullane and his nurses for the loving and compassionate care given to Pattie. PURATH-STRAND FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY 3915 Douglas Avenue 639-8000 www.purath-strand.com

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James E. Pinnow Sr

Racine, Wisconsin
14 Mar 1935 – 18 Feb 2011

RACINE - James E. Pinnow Sr, 75, passed away Friday, February 18, 2011 at Season's Hospice in Waukesha. He was born in Racine, March 14, 1935 son of the late Arthur and Evelyn (nee: Baker) Pinnow Sr. Jim attended Washington Junior High School and Wm Horlick High School and joined the [United States Air Force](#) in 1952. In the Air Force he served for 4 years as a jet mechanic and enlisted for another 4 years in the United States Air Force Reserves. On September 2, 1957 at Crown Point, Ind., he was united in marriage to Carolyn L. Girton who preceded him in death August 17, 2001. Jim was employed by J.I. Case Co for many years, then at Rexnord, retiring from General Automotive of Franklin. Jim was proud to receive his pilot's license and enjoyed flying. He was also an avid fisherman and hunter. He enjoyed his many fishing trips to Canada, traveling, antiquing with Carolyn, and the time he spent with his grandchildren. He will be dearly missed. Surviving are his son, James (Tami) Pinnow Jr; grandchildren, Sara (Robert) Lyle, Michael Pinnow; his great-grand- children, Kody and Brooke; his grandkids on Tami's side, Joshua VanEss (Christine LaFave) and great grandkids Hailey, Mylee, and Isaac; sisters and brothers, Betty Pearson, Jean Fagg, Lucille Brown, Carol Snopek, John Pinnow, William (Delores) Pinnow, Joann Lonkoski; nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Arthur Pinnow Jr.; and a sister, Shirley Wagner. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Deacon Russell Missureli officiating. Interment will full military honors will follow at Southern Wisconsin [Veterans Memorial Cemetery](#), Town of Dover. Relatives and friends may meet at the funeral home Monday 5 until 7 p.m. and on Tuesday, 10 a.m. until time of service. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Kathy and Jazz of Season's Hospice for their loving and compassionate care and to Christine LaFave and Jeff Butterfield all their extra help. MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 Main Street 634-7888 Please send condolences to: www.meredithfuneralhome.com



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Dawn Cheryl Anderson

Racine, Wisconsin

24 Jan 1949 – 20 Feb 2011

RACINE - Dawn Cheryl Anderson, 62, passed away on Sunday, February 20, 2011, at Aurora Medical Center in Kenosha. She was born in Chicago, Ill. on January 24, 1949, the daughter of Richard C. and Shirley (nee: Burns) Anderson. Dawn was a graduate of William Horlick High School and received her Degree in Accounting from Carthage College. She had been employed at Bardon Rubber in Union Grove as a Cost Accountant for many years until the company closed. Dawn was a member of St. Richard's Parish. She enjoyed reading and horseback riding. Dawn is survived by her father, Richard Anderson of Racine; sister, Karen Anderson of Racine; and nephew, Derek Drohan of Austin, Texas. She is further survived by other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, Shirley on January 20, 1993. Memorial services will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Thursday, February 24, 2011, at 1 p.m. with Fr. Ronald Gramza officiating. Private entombment will take place at West Lawn Memorial Park. STURINO FUNERAL HOME 3014 Northwestern Avenue 632-4479 www.sturinofuneralhome.com

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JoAnn (Stetka) McPheron

Racine, Wisconsin

19 Feb 1938 – 1 Feb 2011

RACINE - JoAnn (nee, Stetka) McPheron, 72, passed away at Wheaton Franciscan All Saints on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. JoAnn was born in Racine on February 19, 1938 to the late Joseph and Ann (nee: Mostek) Stetka. She was united in marriage to Lamont 'Monnie' P. McPheron on October 14, 1961. JoAnn was a graduate of Horlick High School and in 1992 was nominated for Horlick's 'Graduate of Distinction' program. She was a member of the Unitarian Universal church. JoAnn was also a member of St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary for 15 years and served on their board. During the seven years her children attended Roosevelt grade school, she was a room mother and directed numerous music programs. She was involved

in the Children's Theater and also was a performer in the Racine Theater Guild. JoAnn was a beautiful and talented woman who was employed privately as a piano and music theory teacher in Racine for over 35 years. She was a published poet and had been listed in 'Who's Who of American Women'. JoAnn participated in many 4th of July parade floats in Racine. She was active in establishing a scholarship fund for minority beauty queens. She was also a member of 'Root River Poets' and the Wisconsin 'Fellowship of Poets'. She won a Racine Arts Council award in Poetry. JoAnn did much live and photographic modeling and two of her photographs won national awards as 'Best of Show'. Several of her photos were featured at the Chicago Art Museum and appeared in 'Professional Photographer' Magazine. JoAnn held the title of 'Miss Wisconsin Industry' and was a spokeswoman promoting industry in the state. Her responsibilities entailed appearances at the state fair, television, radio, modeling and personal appearances. JoAnn is survived by her husband of 49 years,



Lamont 'Monnie' McPheron; her twin children, Lamont McPheron III of Viroqua and Dawn McPheron of Sun Prairie; her six grandchildren, Mari, Jannah, Brittany, Catarina, Sam and Aidan; and her great-grandson, Kingston. JoAnn is also survived by two brothers, Joseph Stetka, Jr. and Jerold Stetka of Missoula, Mont.; other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her sister, Suzanne Tempesta. A funeral service for JoAnn will be held at Olympia Brown Unitarian Universal Church, corner of Seventh Street and College Avenue, on Friday, February 4, 2011 at 5 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to meet with the family at the church on Friday from 4 p.m. until the time of the service at 5 p.m. PURATH-STRAND FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY 3915 Douglas Avenue 639-8000
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Muriel J. (Harris) Kraft

Racine, Wisconsin
 5 Sep 1921 – 17 Jan 2011

RACINE - Muriel J. (nee: Harris) Kraft, 89, passed away Monday morning January 17, 2011 at Woodstock Health Center in Kenosha. Muriel was born in Racine September 5, 1921, daughter of the late Russell and Minnie (nee: Zuidweg) Harris. Muriel graduated from Wm. Horlick High School. On August 19, 1944, she was united in marriage to Harvey R. Kraft, who preceded her in death May 16, 1983. Together with her husband, they owned and operated Harvey's Bar and Restaurant, a supper club on Sheridan Road in Kenosha, for many years. Muriel volunteered in the gift shop at St. Mary's Medical Center for many years. Muriel was a kind, generous, patient and sweet woman. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. Survivors include her children, Mary Jo (Jim Henke) Kraft of Racine, Barbara (Gary) Hill of Rockford, Ill., David Kraft of West Allis, Sara (Richard) Hetland of Warrens; seven grandchildren, Heidi (Rob) Pederson, Jennie Eaton, Greg (Julie) Hill, Adam (Brooke) Kraft, Amanda Haase (fiance Jason Ingle), Tony (Pam) Hetland, Katie Bassindale; nine great-grandchildren, Jacob Pederson, Olivia and Hunter Hill, Mikayla Haase, Adison and Aden Kraft, Mitchell and Trenton Bassindale, Graydon Hetland; brother, Russell (Phyllis) Harris, sister, Arlene (John) Sorensen, all of Racine; brothers-in-law, Warren (Elizabeth) Kraft of S.C., John (Jo) Kraft of Texas; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, Muriel was also preceded in death by her son, Harvey R. Kraft Jr.; and her sister, Gladys Simanek. In accordance with Muriel's wishes, private services were held Thursday, January 20, 2011 with entombment at West Lawn Memorial Park. Memorials to Woodstock Health Center Activities Department have been suggested. The family extends a special thank you to the entire staff at Woodstock Health Center for all of their loving and compassionate care. MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 Main Street 634-7888 Please send condolences to:



www.meredithfuneralhome.com

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Diane M. (Seitz) Aguilar

Racine, Wisconsin
9 Nov 1939 – 10 Jan 2011



RACINE - Diane M. Aguilar, 71, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, January 10, 2011, in Wheaton Franciscan All Saints Medical Center. She was born November 9, 1939, in Racine, the daughter of Herbert and Marie Seitz Sr. After graduating from Horlick High School, Diane married Edward G. Pavlovich on September 1, 1960, in Ohio. He passed away in 1968. She later married Robert Aguilar on April 14, 1980, in Racine. Diane was a Care Provider through the State of Wisconsin. She enjoyed cooking, taking care of family, and anyone who needed care. Survivors include her husband, Robert; a daughter, Jodi Schuster; and a grandson, Scott Craig, all of Racine. Diane is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Carol Bahrenberger and Grace Erato; two brothers, Walter Scanlon Sr. and Herbert Seitz Jr.; a step-father, Harold Burmeister; a brother-in-law, Joseph Erato; a niece, Marie Erato; and a nephew, Steve Erato. Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 14, 2011, at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12 noon until the time of service in the funeral home on Friday. My mother walked with the light of God. She now rests in His arms surrounded by family and friends. Her love will remain with me forever. She was my best friend and mother. Words can never express how great she was and how much love she gave. Loving her now and forever...daughter, Jodi Lynn. STROUF FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES 1001 High Street 632-5101 Online guest book: www.strouf.com

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Richard 'Dick' J. Carpenter

Racine, Wisconsin
8 Oct 1935 – 8 Jan 2011



RACINE - Richard 'Dick' J. Carpenter, age 75, passed away early Saturday morning, January 8, 2011, at Wheaton- Franciscan-All Saints Hospital. Richard was born in Racine, October 8, 1935, son of the late Lester and Gerta (nee: Hansen) Carpenter. He attended Wm. Horlick High School. During his tenure in the military from 1953-1977, Dick proudly served his country as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army 11th Airborne Division and later served in the U.S. Air Force and the Army Reserves. Richard was employed with J.I. Case Co for many years until his retirement in 1991. Dick will be remembered as a man of few words who always got his point across. He will be dearly missed. Survivors include his two children, Jenny Carpenter (Steve Sieg) of Eau Claire, Terry Carpenter of Minneapolis, Minn; two grandchildren, Cortney and Andrew; brother, Donald Carpenter of Racine; sister, Delores Jorgenson of Racine; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home Wednesday January 12, 2011, 6:00 p.m. Interment with Full Military Honors will be held at the Southern Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Town of Dover. Relatives and friends may meet with the family at the funeral home Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. until time of service at 6:00 p.m. MARESH-MEREDITH & ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 MAIN ST. RACINE, WI 53403 (262) 634-7888 Please send condolences to www.meredithfuneralhome.com

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Betty Jane (Szymanski) Collins

Racine, Wisconsin
4 Jul 1929 – 21 Dec 2010

RACINE - Mrs. Betty Jane Collins, 81, died at her residence on Tuesday, December 21, 2010. A lifelong resident of Racine, she was born on July 4, 1929, the daughter of Anton and Helen (nee: Beyer) Szymanski. On June 19, 1948, she married Keith Collins. He preceded her in death on April 11, 1996. She graduated from William H. Horlick High School. Mrs. Collins last worked at Kohl's Food Store, serving in the deli. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, who enjoyed caring for her family and those dear to her. Her survivors include her sons, Michael (Claudia) Collins of Greene, R.I., Todd (Becky) Collins, and Shawn (Sherrie) Collins, both of Racine; grandchildren, Marc (Teri), Jessica (Angelo), Seth, Scott (Stacey), Bret (Tammy), Cory, Rachael, Jill, Jeff, and Patrick; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Virginia Peters of Union Grove; brothers-in-law, Elwyn Collins of Minnesota and Forrest (Maria) Collins of Ohio; sister-in-law, Alayne (Neal) DeGarmo of California; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Collins was also preceded in death by her daughter, Sherry Neu. A service remembering Betty will take place at the Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 29, 2010, at 7 p.m. All are welcome to share a story or memory of Betty. There will be time to visit with her family before the service from 5 until 7 p.m. Her interment will take place at West Lawn Memorial Park on Thursday at 11 a.m. We will meet at the entrance of the cemetery and drive in procession to the chapel. Memorials have been suggested to the [American Cancer Society](#). The Collins family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mary Jensen with Wheaton Franciscan Hospice, as well as Dr. Michael Mullane and staff for the compassionate care they all received during their mother's illness. They would also like to thank Dr. David Zabloutney for the many years he served as her doctor. DRAEGER-LANGENDORF FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY 4600 County Line Road 552-9000 www.draeger-langendorf.com



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Elinor P. (Bartz) Swanson

Racine, Wisconsin
18 Sep 1912 – 10 Dec 2010

RACINE - Elinor P. Swanson, 98, passed away at Lakeshore Manor on Friday, December 10, 2010. Elinor was born in Racine on September 18, 1912, to Paul and Ruby (nee: Fischer) Bartz. Elinor married Emil L. Swanson in Racine on September 17, 1932; he preceded her in death in 1999. She attended school in Racine and was in the first graduating class from Horlick High School. She was a homemaker, devoting her time and loving attention to her family. Elinor enjoyed crocheting, knitting, and was an excellent baker, especially her cakes and tortes. Along with her mother, she was involved in a Secret Pal Organization and a Bunko Group. Elinor is survived by her daughter, Marcia E. Meracle; and her cousin's widow, Joyce Krenzke. She is survived by other relatives and friends. She was also preceded in death by her son-in-law, Donald H. Meracle Jr. A Memorial service for Elinor will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 8500 Durand Avenue, Sturtevant, on Wednesday, December 29, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Jeffrey Mortenson officiating. Interment will take place in West Lawn Memorial Park. Relatives and friends may meet with the family at the church on Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. until the time of services. Memorials to Faith Lutheran Church have been suggested. Elinor's daughter, Marcia, would like to thank the staff at Lakeshore Manor for the excellent care given to her mother. PURATH-STRAND FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY 3915 Douglas Avenue 639-8000 www.purath-strand.com



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Walter 'Wally' Edwin Hagen Jr.

Okauchee, Wisconsin
15 Dec 2010

OKAUCHEE - Walter 'Wally' Edwin Hagen Jr., 87, passed away at Oconomowoc on December 15, 2010. Walter was born in Racine to Laura Cecilia Grieger Hagen and Walter Edwin Hagen Sr. Wally attended St.

John Nepomuk elementary school, and graduated from Horlick High School. He enlisted in the United States Army in June 1943, and was trained in military intelligence and served as a Military Policeman in the European Theater until 1945 and then remained in the Army Reserves until 1955. When Walter returned to Wisconsin he attended and graduated from University of Wisconsin Madison with a degree in Sociology in August 1950. In June of 1950, he married Gloria June Knutson at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church in Racine. After graduation from college Walter was employed by Racine County as a Social Worker. In May 1955 he started work with The Social Security Administration; he worked his way up 'through the ranks' until 1964 he became the District Manager for Social Security for Waukesha County. After he retired from the Social Security Administration he worked as a Social Worker for Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown setting up Group Homes, and ended his career as a Social Worker working for Jefferson County Human Services. Walter is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Gloria J. Hagen; three sons and one daughter, Michael (Selinda Barkhuis) of Port Angeles, Wash., Linda (Anthony) Heck of Shawano, Brian of West Allis, John (Leslie) of Port Townsend, Wash; five sisters, Laura Hopper of Pennsylvania, Sandra & Joan of Racine, Sr. Rosemary O.S.F. of Milwaukee, and Diana (Raymond) of Racine; special cousin, Eugene VanEimerin with whom he spent childhood summers on the farm. Grandchildren, Josh (Lisa) Hagen of Federal Way, Wash., Cody Hagen of Kauai, Hawaii, Lewis Hagen of Port Townsend, Wash., and Brian Hagen, Jr. of Fox Lake. One great-grandchild, Sam Hagen of Federal Way, Wash. Many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Laura & Walter Hagen; and daughter-in-law, Leann (Brian) Hagen of West Allis. Walter loved to read history, travel and classical music. Walter and Gloria traveled the United States and Canada in their 'mini-winnie.' Together they took wonderful trips to Alaska, Hawaii and Europe including Paris in 1995 to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of D-Day with fellow World War II veterans. Walter spoke fondly of his years in Europe and especially the year he spent in Ireland. In 2001, he received a Certificate of Military Service from the French Ambassador in gratitude for his part in the Normandy invasion and liberation of France. Walter was a strong believer in service to out country and those around you. Walter was a wonderful, loving husband and father with a great sense of humor. We will all miss him very much and are very fortunate to have had him in our lives. Military grave site services will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery at Union Grove. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the [Alzheimer's Association](#). The family would like to thank Allay Hospice for their wonderful and compassionate care of Walter. SCHMIDT AND BARTELT NOTBOHM - KREUTZMANN FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES 121 South Cross Street Oconomowoc 262-567-4459 www.schmidtandbartelt.com

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LaVerne A. (Boutell) Koleske

Racine, Wisconsin

7 Nov 1928 – 12 Dec 2010

RACINE - LaVerne A. Koleske, 82, passed away Sunday, December 12, 2010, at Wheaton Franciscan - All Saints Medical Center. LaVerne was born in Racine November 7, 1928, daughter of the late Albert and Anna (nee: Robey) Boutell. LaVerne was a graduate of William Horlick High School and attended Center Street College. LaVerne was employed by S.C. Johnson for 16 years, retiring in 1984. LaVerne was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She enjoyed cooking, collecting recipes, crafts, sewing, shopping, and her travels to Europe and throughout the States. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who will be deeply missed. Survivors include her husband, Larry; her children, Karen Marheine of Manitowoc, Daniel (Linda Feranche) Vassh of Wild Rose, Calvin (Lisa) Vassh of Racine; her eight grandchildren, Andrew, Nicole, Adam, Caleb, Danny Jr., Michelle, Arielle, and Cole; her step-grandchildren, Sarah, Catherine, and Richard; four great-grandchildren; brothers, Bill Boutell and Don Boutell, both of Racine; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many dear friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Andrew E. Vassh; and brothers, Albert, Clarence, Harold, Walter, Russell, and Calvin. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, December 15, 2010, 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1533 Erie Street, with



Rev. John D. Aiello officiating. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Highway 32. Relatives and friends may meet with the family Wednesday at the church from 10 a.m. until time of Mass at 11 a.m. Memorials to St. Joseph Catholic Church or one's favorite charity have been suggested. The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to Dr. Ranga Sriram, Dr. David Ross, and to nurses and staff at Wheaton Franciscan - All Saints Medical Center for their loving and compassionate care. MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 Main Street 634-7888 Please send condolences to:
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James John Jacobsen

Racine, Wisconsin
10 Feb 1931 – 9 Dec 2010



RACINE - Mr. James John Jacobsen, 79, passed away at Aurora St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee on Thursday, December 9, 2010. James Jacobsen was born in Racine to the late Hans and Dorothy (nee: Price) Jacobsen on February 10, 1931. He attended William Horlick High School and served in the United States Air Force in Alaska and also in Utah, where he met his wife, Lillian S. Orton. They were united in marriage on February 10, 1954, and moved to Racine, where he lived the rest of his life. Mr. Jacobsen was employed by the United States Postal Service for over 40 years. He retired in 1996. He liked sports in general, but especially enjoyed the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Cubs. He would also play Cribbage at the [VFW](#). The family has fond memories of James taking them hiking in the woods and swimming at Quarry Lake Park. James will be missed by his wife, Lillian; his children, Debbie Jacobsen, Patricia Jacobsen, James (Christine) Zyszkiewicz, John (Karyn Hoecherl) Jacobsen, and Sarah Crull; nine grandchildren, Carolina, Casey, Gabriel, Ema, Ethan, John Peter, Kian, Genevieve, and Kaitlyn; and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Cody Lee Crull; and two sisters, Shirley Cramer and Jean Polonski. A Funeral ceremony will be held at the Wilson Funeral Home on Monday evening, December 13, 2010, at 6 p.m. Per his wishes, Mr. Jacobsen will be cremated. Relatives and friends may meet with the family at the funeral home on Monday from 4 p.m. until the time of the ceremony. WILSON FUNERAL HOME 1212 Lathrop Avenue 634-3361
www.wilsonfuneralhomeracine.com

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Sophie (Kaprelian) Wesnick

Racine, Wisconsin
1 Apr 1927 – 29 Nov 2010



RACINE - Sophie Wesnick, 83, passed away on Monday, November 29, 2010 at Golden Living Center of Kenosha. Born in Racine on April 1, 1927 she was the daughter of the late Khachadour 'John' and Vartouhi 'Rose' (Giragosian) Kaprelian. Sophie was a graduate of Horlick High School. On February 19, 1949, she married John T. Wesnick at St Hagop Armenian Apostolic Church. They were blessed with 61 years of marriage. She was employed at Massie-Harris and later at Western Publishing for twenty years, retiring in 1989. Sophie made a lasting impression with her love and devotion to her family. She enjoyed the time they spent in Lac du Flambeau. Left to cherish her life are her husband, John; her daughters, Debra (Lucien 'Ara') Boyadjian and Linda (John) Antaramian; her five loving grandchildren, John, Jeffery and Michael Boyadjian and Martin and Melinda Antaramian; her sister, Cettina Dertadian and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings Margaret Kaprelian as a child; Harry Kaprelian and Margaret Lansing. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 12 p.m. at the Piasecki-Althaus Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Southern WI Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Union Grove. A visitation will be held on Tuesday from 5 until 8 p.m. at the

funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances would be appreciated by the family. Sophie's family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the entire staff of Golden Living Center and Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care for the tender, loving care given to their wife, mother and grandmother in her final months of life. PIASECKI-ALTHAUS FUNERAL HOME 3720 39th Avenue Kenosha, Wisconsin 53144 262-658-4101 Online Condolences at www.piasecki-althaus.com

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Dorothy V. (Bezucha) Koenig

Campbellsport, Wisconsin
24 Oct 1920 – 5 Feb 2009



CAMPBELLSPORT - Mrs. Dorothy V. (nee: Bezucha) Koenig, 88, passed away on Thursday, February 5, 2009. She was born in Racine on October 24, 1920, the only child of Emma (nee: Thoenes) and Edward Bezucha. She married Russell Koenig on November 18, 1944, and they resided in Sturtevant for over 30 years. She had lived in Salus, Ark. for 29 years and had returned to Wisconsin in April to live with her granddaughter, Victoria Hull, where Victoria and her family provided a home and care for Dorothy and Russell. Mrs. Koenig graduated from Horlick High School. She played trombone in bands and orchestras in the Racine area and played piano accordion in a dance band with her husband, Russell. She was a piano accompanist for many vocalists. Belonged to the Schubert Club of Kenosha, played organ for Sturtevant Lutheran Church for over 20 years, and taught piano well into her 60's. She was also a homemaker. She is survived by two daughters, Pat Valle Brechtbill of Springfield, Ore. and Diane (James) Christensen of Montrose, Colo.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren: Elena (David) Bloom, Elijah, Ethan, Noah - Racine; Victoria (Douglas) Hull, Samantha, Jacob - Campbellsport, who were also her caregivers; Leela Nerad, Alyssa, Quinn - Racine; Daniel Valle - Hilo, Hawaii; Benjamin (Deborah)- Christiansen; Jenny (Anton) Sandoval, Renee - New Berlin. Also, a special nephew of Russel's, Paul (Rose) Harvey - Caledonia survives.

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Dorothy V. (Bezucha) Koenig

Campbellsport, Wisconsin
24 Oct 1920 – 5 Feb 2009

CAMPBELLSPORT - Mrs. Dorothy V. Koenig, 88, passed away on Thursday, February 5, 2009. She was born in Racine on October 24, 1920, the daughter of Emma (nee: Thoenes) and Edward Bezucha. She married Russell Koenig on November 18, 1944, and they resided in Sturtevant for over 30 years. She had lived in Salus, Ark. for over 30 years and had returned to Wisconsin in April to live with her granddaughter, Victoria Hull, where Victoria and her family provided a home and care for Dorothy and Russell. Mrs. Koenig attended Horkick High School. She played trombone in bands and orchestras in the Racine area and played piano accordion in a dance band with her husband, Russell. She was a piano accompanist for many vocalists. She belonged to the Schubert Club of Kenosha, played organ for Sturtevant Lutheran Church for over 20 years, and taught piano for many years. She was also a homemaker. She is survived by her beloved husband, Russell; two daughters, Pat Valle Brechtbill of Springfield, Ore. and Diane (James) Christensen of Montrose, Colo.; and six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren: Elena (David) Bloom, Elijah, Ethan, Noah - Racine; Victoria (Douglas) Hull, Samantha, Jacob - Campbellsport, who were also her caregivers; Leela Nerad, Alyssa, Quinn - Racine; Daniel Valle - Hilo, Hawaii; Benjamin (Deborah) - Brookfield; Jenny (Anton) Sandoval, Renee - New Berlin. Also, a special nephew, Paul (Rose) Harvey - Caledonia survives. Services will be held on Monday, February 9, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at Twohig Funeral Home, 109 West Main Street, Campbellsport. Visitation will be Monday from 2 p.m. until time of services at the funeral home. Graveside services will be in Racine on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 1 p.m. in the chapel at West Lawn Memorial Park, 9000 Washington Avenue. TWOHIG FUNERAL HOME 109 West Main Street Campbellsport 920-533-4422 www.twohigfunerals.com

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Akabe Kerope Gulbankian

Racine, Wisconsin

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RACINE - Akabe Kerope Gulbankian, 93, passed away Tuesday evening, January 27, 2009. Akabe was born in the City of Tallas, a college community and suburb of Kaiseri (Caesaria) in Central Asia Minor. Born in the Christian family of the late Kerope and Nouri (nee: Vezirian) Gulbankian, Akabe is the last surviving member of all the nine siblings. As an infant, she escaped with her mother and older sisters from the 1915 Genocide of Armenians during the First World War. They were taken in for six years by an Arab Bedouin Sheik, a friend of the family, in Aleppo, Syria. They briefly went to Damascus, Syria, whereupon the brothers in America arranged to bring the family to the United States. She graduated from William Horlick High School and also from Union Grove Normal Teachers College. She briefly taught grammar school in Racine. After this, she was a Realtor with Racine Realty and had also worked as a Paralegal with her brother, George, and sister, Vartak, lawyers of the Gulbankian Law Firm in Racine. As an Armenian immigrant, she had an intense desire to help others. For instance, she taught and helped many immigrant women to pass their citizenship exams. She and her family donated to the Audubon Society, the Love and Charity Mission, ACLU, and many other charities. Akabe also donated generously to the building up of Armenia, most recently to the Armenian Village of Nor Gesaria. Akabe cared deeply about the underprivileged and was politically active in Racine. She always had a smile on her face and had a general love for all those who knew her. She will be dearly missed. She is survived by her niece, Virginia McCuin of New York, N.Y.; and by her many cousins, Calouste Gulbenkian of Lisbon, Portugal, David VartBadrigian of Nashville, Tenn., John Chalikian of Michigan City, Ind., Mary Haroutunian of New York City, N.Y., Teresa Chalikian of Schaumburg, Ill., Lucy Torosian of Watertown, Mass., Avedis Hintlian of DeKalb, Ill., Josephine Bargamian of Tucson, Ariz., Emma Kazaraian of Florida, Dr. Hovsep Dermajian of Gurnee, Ill.; and many other cousins in Europe and the Near East. Funeral services will be held Friday, January 30, 2009, 10 a.m. at St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church, 4605 Erie Street, with Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian officiating. Interment will follow at West Lawn Memorial Park, Highway 20, Racine. Relatives and friends may meet at the church on Friday from 9 until 10 a.m. Memorials to St. Mesrob Armenian Church of Racine would be deeply appreciated. MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME 803 Main Street 634-7888

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RACINE - Edith O. (nee: Olsen) Gagnon, 89, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, January 26, 2009. Born in 1919 in Skien, Norway, she immigrated to the United States in 1923 with her parents, Trygve and Anne Olsen and her older sister, Borgne (Benjamin) Eckblad and settled in Racine, where she spent the rest of her life. Her younger sister, Mildred (Dan) Elstrom, was born in Racine. A graduate of William Horlick High School, Edith worked at the Farmers and Merchants Bank and the Racine Unified School District. She was an active member of Racine Bible Church for over 50 years, teaching Sunday School classes and conducting Bible studies. She loved socializing with and entertaining her family and friends, attending church activities, cooking and baking, knitting, traveling, and playing a good game of Scrabble. Her presence will be missed. Loving mother of Ronald (Beverly) Scott and Thomas (Karen) Scott; caring stepmother of Jean Gagnon; dear grandmother of Stephen Scott, Stephanie (Ric) Shanks, and Christopher Scott; proud great-grandmother of Emily and Elizabeth Shanks; fond aunt of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husbands, LeRoy 'Scotty' Scott and Glenn Gagnon. A Memorial service will be held at Racine Bible Church, 12505 Spring Street, Sturtevant, Wis. 53177, on Saturday, January 31, 2009, at 11 a.m. Private interment will be at Graceland Cemetery. There will be a visitation at the church on Saturday before services from 10:30 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, donations to Fort Wilderness Ministries, Box 715, McNaughton, Wis. 54543; or Missions Fund



of Racine Bible Church would be appreciated. **STURINO FUNERAL HOME** 3014 Northwestern Avenue 632-4479 www.sturinofuneralhome.com

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BRADENTON, FLA. - Tom A. Kallas, beloved husband of Shirley and loving father of daughters, Barbara, Susan, and Deborah, died Friday, January 16, 2009, in Bradenton, Fla. He was born in August of 1922 to the late Angell and Dora Kallas. Tom graduated from Horlick High School in Racine. He served in the United States Army Air Force from January of 1942 until September of 1945 during World War II and was stationed at Deopham Green AFB, Attleborough, England. A radio man in the United States Air Force, he and his B-17 squadron participated in 29 combat missions and four food drop mercy missions. Following his World War II service, Tom graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and began a career in marketing research. Tom was a lifetime member of the 452nd Bomb Group Association. He was an avid fisherman and caught the big one - a six foot dolphin while deep sea fishing in the Miami Keys, Fla. Tom did not own a computer and was a grand correspondent, keeping in touch with childhood and adulthood friends until the very end. He loved his victory garden while living in the Midwest and later had a mini-orange grove when he and his wife, of nearly 50 years, moved to Florida in 1993. He loved reading historical novels and biographies. He wrote many poems for friends on their special occasions. In 1999, Tom completed his World War II Memoires about his military service. He was an accomplished dancer and loved to jiggerbug. Tom is survived by his sister, Helen Gill of Racine. He was preceded in death by his brother, George; and sister, Mary Jane. He is interred at Wildwood Cemetery in Sheboygan along with his wife. In remembrance of Tom Kallas, please send contributions to the charity of your choice that support our United States troop families in need. **LIPPERT-OLSON FUNERAL HOME** 1132 Superior Avenue Sheboygan 920-452-1481

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RACINE - Ruth A. (nee: Reynolds) Graham, age 84, passed away January 1, 2009 at Hospice House in Pleasant Prairie. She was born in Oshkosh, October 15, 1924 daughter of the late George and Mildred (nee: Hoy) Reynolds. Ruth was a graduate of William Horlick High School and had worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse for 30 years for St. Mary's Hospital, High Ridge Hospital and Lincoln Lutheran, retiring in 1989. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother and will be dearly missed. Surviving are her six children, Michael (Linda) Graham of Racine, David (Monica) Graham of Racine, Michelle (Robert) Bailey of Wheatland, Paulette (James) Metzger of Racine, Kelly Graham of Racine, Jay Graham of Kenosha; 12 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; special friend, Jack Heegeman; nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends including her favorite cat, Baby Sweeti. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Mae; and two brothers, Rollin and Harold. Funeral services will be held Sunday, January 4, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the funeral home with Reverend Diane Petrault officiating. Relatives and friends may meet prior to the service from 5 until 7 p.m. Memorials to the Milwaukee Humane Society or the Salvation Army have been suggested, *A special thank you to Ruth's best friend and niece, Diane 'Cookie' Flanagan and Hospice Alliance for their loving and compassionate care.* **MARESH-MEREDITH AND ACKLAM FUNERAL HOME** 803 Main Street 634-7888

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Myrtle Emmertsen Jacobson

RACINE - Myrtle Emmertsen Jacobson, 89, died Wednesday evening, December 17, 2008. Born in Racine County on November 27, 1919, she was the daughter of the late Emmert E. and Olga (nee: Petersen) Emmertsen. On August 18, 1951, she was united in marriage to Lyle 'Mike' Jacobson at Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wind Lake, Racine County. Myrtle was educated in Racine County, attending Mygatts Elementary School and graduating from Horlick High School. She was a graduate of Racine-Kenosha Normal School and Whitewater State College. For 25 years, Myrtle taught at Greveno Elementary School, formerly Sunnyside Elementary. Myrtle was a member of Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenosha Retired Teachers Association, and the National Education Association. Myrtle is survived by a sister-in-law, Luella Schmidt of Waterford; many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle; and two sisters, Florence K. Emmertsen and Cathryn L. DuVall. Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 22,



2008, at 11 a.m. at Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6321 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake. Interment will follow in Norway Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 1 until 3 p.m. at the Hansen-Lendman Funeral Home and on Monday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorials to Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church would be appreciated by the family.

HANSEN-LENDMAN FUNERAL HOME 6019 ? 7th Avenue Kenosha 262-654-2136 www.hansen-lendmanfuneralhome.com Published in the Racine Journal Times on 12/19/2008

RACINE - Emma Doris (nee: Yocco) Van Swol, 90, passed away at Lincoln Village Convalescent Center on Saturday, December 13, 2008. Emma was born in Racine on March 1, 1918, to Henry and Mary (nee: Salvano) Yocco. Emma married Edward G. Van Swol on September 27, 1941, in Racine. He preceded her in death in 1969. She graduated from William Horlick High School. Emma retired from Walker Manufacturing, where she had worked as a Secretary for many years. She was a member of Evangelical United Methodist Church and the three D's Adult Bible Class at the church. She was also a member of the Vittoria Colona Lodge and was an avid reader.



Emma loved family gatherings and had always said that memories are made around the dinner table with family and friends. Survivors include her daughter, Donna (Jim) Strike; daughter-in-law, Sharon Van Swol; grandchildren, Jeff (Kimberly) Strike, Jay (Alisa) Strike, Jennifer Van Swol, Melissa Van Swol and Stephanie Van Swol; five great-grand- children, James, Jared, and Elizabeth Strike and Sarah and Joel Strike; her brother, Ray (Janice) Yocco; sisters- in-law, Marion (Edward) Uminski and Mary Yocco; and special friend, Al Jensen. Emma is also survived by other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her son, John Van Swol; and brothers, Albert Yocco and Cesar Yocco. Funeral services for Emma will be held at Evangelical United Methodist Church, 11th and Main Streets, on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 11 a.m. with Rev. John Fleming and Rev. Creighton Kaye officiating. Private family interment will take place at West Lawn Memorial Park. Relatives and friends may meet with the family at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services. The church is handicap accessible. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Evangelical United Methodist Church Missions Fund. *The family would like to extend a special thanks to the Schmidt Assisted Living for their years of loving care and to the staffs of Lincoln Village Convalescent Center and Hospice Alliance for all of their compassionate care during Emma's short stay.* **PURATH-STRAND FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY** 3915 Douglas Avenue 639-8000 www.purath-strand.com

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RACINE – Robert Leo Poulsen, 64, passed away on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – All Saints. He was a lifelong resident of Racine, born on October 27, 1943 the son of Leo and Elsie (nee: Christophersen) Poulsen. Robert was a William Horlick High School graduate. On July 20, 1974 Robert was united in marriage to Sharilyn (nee: Sorensen) Smith at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Robert served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church and VFW Post 10301. Robert was also on the firing squad for Post 10301. He retired from S.C. Johnson Wax in 2005, after 38 years of service, where he was affectionately known as Polecat or Mr. Clean. Bob was an avid Packer fan and enjoyed watching the Brewers. He especially enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters and family.



Surviving are his wife, Sharilyn; daughter, Heather Macemon; granddaughters, Amber and Paige; sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen (Cliff) Wiegand of Albuquerque, NM, Marilyn (Gene) Tessmann of Pembine and Sandra (Burt) Lousbury of Los Lunas; mother-in-law, Harriet Sorensen of Albuquerque, NM. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Kristina in February of 2001; father-in-law, John Sorensen and brothers-in-law, Michael and John Sorensen.

Funeral services will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 3350 LaSalle St. on Saturday, July 12,

2008 at 10 a.m. with Rev. Hilbert Kamps officiating. Burial will follow at West Lawn Memorial Park. There will be a visitation at the church on Friday evening from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. and on Saturday before services from 9:30 a.m. until time of service.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Assoc., 1660 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314 or to the Christ the King Lutheran Church have been suggested.

A special thank you to Pastor Hilbert Kamps, the staff at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-All Saints 3rd floor ICU and the chaplain staff.

RACINE - Anthony R. Urick Sr., 24, passed away on Saturday, November 3, 2007. He was born in Racine on April 4, 1983, the son of Joseph and Irene (nee: Guardiola) Urick. Anthony attended William Horlick High School and was employed at Shea/Kenney Construction Company, and was a member of Local 113 for many years. He loved hunting, fishing, animals and especially spending time with his hunting dog, Jasmine. Anthony is survived by his son, Anthony Jr.; girlfriend, Stephanie Voiles of Union Grove; parents, Joseph and Irene; brothers, Joseph Jr. (Courtney) Urick, of South Milwaukee, Mathew Urick and Alan Adams, both of Racine; grandparents, Eulogia Guardiola, Glen and Jeanette Urick all of Racine; special aunt, Guadalupe "Bea" Guardiola; nieces and nephews, Joey III, Elijah and Lillian. He is further survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends. Anthony was preceded in death by his grandfather, Guadalupe Guardiola; uncles, Glenn Urick, Mario Rivera and Paul DeArment. Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1100 Erie Street, on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Ricardo Martin officiating. Burial will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery. There will be a visitation on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at the Sturino funeral home from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and on Wednesday at the church from 10 a.m. until mass time. STURINO FUNERAL HOME 3014 Northwestern Avenue 262-632-4479

RACINE – Charles H. Mathison, 87, passed away on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at Ridgewood Care Center. He was a lifelong resident of Racine, born on November 27, 1920, the son of John and Myrtle (nee: Swensen) Mathison. Charles was a William Horlick High School graduate. He served in the United States Army, Armored Field Artillery from 1941 to 1945. Charles was united in marriage to Lillian C. (nee: Vium) Jacobsen on November 14, 1998. He was a Forms Coordinator for WE Energies for 41 years, retiring in 1980. He was an active member of Bethania Lutheran Church, including the senior choir, the senior center, the usher team and church retiree breakfast get together. Charles was also a member of the American Legion Post 310 and met for monthly luncheons with retired friends from WE Energies.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian; daughters, Susan (Julio Ramos) Bendickson and Kay (Barry) Johnson; son, John (Kathy) Mathison all Racine; grandchildren, Leslie Bendickson of Milwaukee, Jarrod and Lauren Johnson both of Racine, Andrew and Ashley

Schjoneman of So. Milwaukee, Christine (Ted) Evans and Zander Evans all of San Clementie, CA; special second family; daughter and husband, Carole and John Schafer of Colorado Springs, CO; grandson, Jason (Julie) Schafer of Wentzville, MO, 2 great grandchildren, Noah and Madison, granddaughter, Melissa (Justin) Yim, great grandchildren, Sydney, twins, Cooper and Austin Yim all of New York, NY; Great grandchildren, son Jeffery (Susan) Wee of Stanley, WI; granddaughter Mary (Gary) Clark, great grandchildren, Noah and Hannah of Altoona, WI; granddaughter, Caroline (Kelly) Wee of Eau Claire; son, Gary (Kathy) Wee, granddaughter, Katie Wee of Racine and special canine friend, Maggie. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Charles was preceded in death by his first wife, Mildred June on July 10, 1980 and a sister, Dorothy Zager. There will be a memorial service at Bethania Lutheran Church, 4120 Wright Ave. on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Steve Wohlfeil officiating. Inurnment will be at West Lawn Memorial Park at a later date. Visitation will be at church on Monday, before services from 9:30 a.m. until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Bethania Lutheran Church have been suggested by the family.



RACINE – Susan M. ‘Sue’ (nee: Baird) Walter, 62, passed away at her home on Thursday, January 10, 2007. She was born in Racine on August 5, 1945 the daughter of John and Ada (nee: Flamme) Baird. Susan was a graduate of Wm. Horlick High School. On October 17, 1970 Susan was united in marriage to Dennis K. Walter.

She was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and Daughter’s of American Revolution, DAR. Susan had been employed at Warren Industries, retiring in 1994. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed reading and going to the movies.

Surviving are her daughters; Cammy (Brad) Thordson and Corrie (Tim) Pie all of Racine; 3 grandsons, Darren, Gavin and Jared and a sister, Margaret Majewski. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis on March 13, 2003, her parents and special cats, Chaucer, Othello and Mickey.

Funeral services will be held at West Lawn Memorial Chapel on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. There will be a visitation at the chapel on Monday prior to services from 1 p.m. until time of service.

Memorials in Susan’s memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 902, Pawaukee, WI 53072 have been suggested.

A special thank you to the doctors and staff at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – All Saints, the Cancer Center and Dialysis Center for the care they provided Sue.



KENOSHA – Brian Scott “Bert” Phillips, 48, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 24, 2008 at his residence. He was born in Racine on June 13, 1959 to Arthur and Mathilda (nee: Kellner) Phillips. Bert attended William Horlick High School and was a well-known vocalist, performing with bands in Kenosha and Racine. Bert was loved and will be dearly missed by area musicians, band mates and his fans too many to mention.

Bert is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Mark (Debbie) Phillips, nephews, Mark A. Phillips, Michael Phillips, Charles Phillips and Gary Phillips. He is further survived by aunts and uncles, William and Sandy Kellner, Fred and Margi Kellner; cousins, Terry Maier, Chuck and David Kellner, Judy Hopkins, along with many other relatives. Dear friends; Carol Hansen, George (Sandra) Otto, Scotty (Crystal) Hoffman, Ruben (Val) Saldivar, Jake (Sara) Berns, Christine Pavlovich, Jim Thomas and Dana Louie, Aaron Brooks, Randy Rude, Margaret Piccolo, Jeff Tauri, J. Walter, The Den and staff and last but not least the Keno Core.

Bert was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William A. Phillips on October 4, 2005.

A memorial visitation will be held at the Sturino Funeral Home on Saturday, March 1, 2008 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

R.I.P. King of Punk



Racine and Mesa, Arizona- James Jerdee, 80, passed away on September 26, 2008 in Mesa, AZ. James was born in Sturtevant on June 17, 1928 the son on Kai and Evelyn (nee: Sorensen) Andersen. He was united in marriage to Audrey Andersen. James was a graduate of Wm. Horlick High School, and proudly served in the U. S. Navy. James was a former member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church, the city of Racine 20-year club, and the Fourth Fest Committee. He served on the Racine Police Dept. for 30 years, retiring as Assistant Chief of Police. James was also a founding member of the Racine Traffic Investigation Unit.

He found great enjoyment in fishing, golf, bowling, and always had a deep interest in planes and ships. James's family presented him for his birthday, the opportunity to co- pilot a World War II airplane. "Truly a dream come true". He enjoyed being a snowbird traveling between Mesa and Lyndon Station, also was able to travel to Hawaii, The Caribbean, Canada, and thru out the United States until poor health required him to make his permanent residence in Mesa.

James is survived by his wife of 60 years, Audrey, and their three children, Kai (Debbie) Jerdee of Racine, Vaughn (Ralph) Running of Smithville, MO., and David Jerdee of Arizona. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Angela (Eric) Heth, Cara Jerdee, Christopher Running, Craig, Destiny and Davis Jerdee. Four great great grandchildren, Cassandra Heth, Amaya, Nevaeh and Jesse Jerdee and one sister in law, Mary (Rick) Green of Racine.

James is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends in Racine, and especially his dear friends on "B" Street at the Resort in Mesa. He was preceded in death by one son, James Jerdee Jr., his parents, Kai and Evelyn Anderson, Kenneth Jerdee, and one sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Allen and Johanna Haigh.

Memorial services remembering and honoring James life will be held at the Sturino Funeral Home on Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. with Rev. Jeff Barrow of Holy Communion Lutheran Church officiating. There will be a memorial visitation from 3:00 p.m. until service time.



Joan Marlene Bednar
(September 10, 1931 - September 4, 2008)

Kenosha – Joan Marlene Bednar, 76, formerly of Racine, passed away at Brookside Care Center on Thursday, September 04, 2008. She was born in Burlington on September 10, 1931, daughter of the late Lawrence and Mollie (nee: Isferding) Downie. Joan graduated from Horlick High School, and was a Racine resident for most of her life. On February 16, 1952 she was united in marriage to Frank G. Bednar.

Joan was a loving wife and mother and took great pride in caring for her family with her cooking, baking, decorating and maintaining their home. She enjoyed shopping for antiques with her sister and sisters-in-law, always looking for that perfect piece that would complete the look of a room. Joan was a member of St. Lucy Catholic Church.



She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Mark Bednar of Burlington, Gary (Margaret) Bednar, and Ron Bednar all of Racine; grandchildren, Richelle (Phil) Anderson, and Molly Bednar both of Racine, Lindsey, and Bryan Olsen both of Burlington; sister Joy (Ken Hawes) Milkie; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Joseph (Lucille) Hrpcek, Helen Bednar, Lorraine (Phil) Stachow, Roger (Pat) Bednar, and Richard (Jean) Bednar; as well as many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; sister, Lois Hrpcek; brother, Richard Downie; daughter-in-law, Karen Bednar; and brother-in-law, Norman Bednar.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor

John Miesel officiating. Visitation will begin in the funeral home at 11:30 a.m. Interment at West Lawn Memorial Park will follow the service.

The last few years were difficult for Joan and her family in so many ways. We thank the staff at Brookside Care Center, and Hospice Alliance for their care, compassion, and effort in easing Joan's transition from this life to her everlasting life with the Lord Jesus.

Raymond Robert Jorgensen
(October 15, 1938 - September 12, 2008)

Racine- Raymond R. Jorgensen, 69, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, September 12, 2008 following a courageous battle with cancer.

A lifetime resident, Ray was born in Racine on October 15, 1938 to the late Raymond and Madeline (nee: Sovich) Jorgensen. He attended William Horlick High School. Ray was employed for over 42 years as a millwright specialist at Jacobsen Mfg., retiring in 2000.

On August 31, 1960 in Waukegan, IL, Ray was united in marriage with the love of his life, Patricia Boyd.



Following retirement, Ray was a tireless volunteer for "Toys for Tots" helping to enhance the lives of countless children throughout our community. Among his interests, Ray enjoyed deer hunting, vacationing with Pat in Mexico, playing cards and Trivial Pursuit. Above all, Ray loved and cherished being in the surroundings of his entire family.

Surviving are his loving wife of over 48 years, Patricia Jorgensen; their children, Terry L. (Richard) Kropp, Wendy A. (David) Ritacco, Patty E. Jorgensen and Gregory R. (Serena) Jorgensen; grandchildren, Adam and Eric Kropp; Casey E. Madden; Tony, Raymond and Vinny Ritacco; sister, Betty (Don) Kannenberg; brother, Bill (Debra) Jorgensen; lifelong friends, John and Carol Usa; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including his extended family at "The Boiler Room".

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by Patricia's parents, Lucreta and Basil Boyd; his grandparents; sister-in-law, Diane Boyd; brothers-in-law, Gilbert Marweg and Myron Manders; and nephew, Jeffery Manders. Funeral services are scheduled to be held in the funeral home on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 12:00 Noon. Visitation will be in the funeral home on Tuesday from 10:30 am – 12:00 noon. In accordance with Ray's wishes, cremation will follow the services. In memory of Ray, memorials to the CAP Fund (for abused children) has been suggested.

A special note of thanks to Dr. Michael P. Mullane and to Hospice Alliance for the compassionate care and support that was so warmly extended during Ray's time of need; and to all of our wonderful friends for being their for us with your many acts of kindness. God bless all of you!

March 11, 1955 - September 14, 2008

Michael J. "Mike The Painter" Bleichner, age 53 of 563 West Scott Street, died Sunday, September 14, 2008 at his residence. He was born March 11, 1955 in Corning, New York the son of Edward Bleichner and Carol Brinkman. On July 28, 1990 he married Kathleen A. Barrows in Racine. He was a graduate of Racine Horlick High School. He served as a medic in the Vietnam War. He received his associate degree in Fluid Maintenance from Gateway Technical College, Kenosha. Mike was a self-employed painter. He was a member of the Fond du Lac Eagles Aerie No. 270, where he played dart ball. Mike enjoyed playing pool, hunting, golfing and fishing. Michael is survived by his beloved wife Kathleen A. Bleichner, Fond du Lac, three children, Miranda (Manuel Talamantez) Bleichner, Racine, Jason Judd, Racine, Sonny Bleichner, Fond du Lac, six grandchildren, Manuel, Mariano, Mauricio, Justina, Sabrina, and Ciara. He is further survived by seven brothers and sisters, Guy (Peggy) Bleichner, Racine, Steve (Katie) Bleichner, Racine, Tom Bleichner, Crivitz, Jenny Sullivan, of Springdale, AR, Terri (Jeff) Slaasted, Racine, Suzie Weisbrod and Mary Vazquez of Appleton, WI and his mother, Carol Bleichner, Appleton, mother-in-law, Bernice Barrows, Fond du Lac; many nieces and nephews. His father, Edward Bleichner, and father-in-law, Guy Barrows, preceded Michael in death.



FUNERAL INFORMATION

VISITATION: The family will receive friends on Thursday, September, 18, 2008 at the Uecker-Witt Funeral Home, 524 N. Park Avenue, Fond du Lac from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. SERVICES: Memorial services will be held Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Deacon Paul Monzel will officiate. Cremation has taken place.