

OBITUARIES

Sally Landreville

Sally Ann Landreville of East Lansing was a former resident of Drummond Island and a writer who was interested in history. Her works include the non-fiction books, "Finding Families" and "The History of Drummond Island," as well as several unpublished novels. She also enjoyed writing poetry, and compiled many of her works in a book entitled, "Once You've Slept on an Island." Her interest in history prompted her to become a certified genealogist.

Mrs. Landreville was 79 when she died Sunday, May 21, 2006, in East Lansing.

She was born December 23, 1926, in Boston, Massachusetts. She grew up in Gross Ile, and as a young woman was employed as a model and a secretary.

She married Leonard Landreville May 2, 1952. They made Drummond Island their home.

Mrs. Landreville kept busy as a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Genealogical Society of Ingham County, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, and the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society.

Mrs. Landreville is survived by her son and his family, Kip E. and Marilyn Sorlie of Belle Fourche,

South Dakota; her daughter and her family, Cynthia Landreville and Michael McElroy of Williamston; five grandchildren and their families, Charles "Chuck" Premer, Keith and Elisa Sorlie, Shay and Rick Carter, Michael Sorlie, and Tate Sorlie, and three great-grandchildren, Lander Sorlie and Hanna and A.J. Carter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward C. Smith and Bessie Fern (nee Douglas) Smith Mayer, and her husband, Leonard Landreville.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 25, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford.

Services will be Friday, May 26, at 11 a.m. at Reamer Galer Funeral Home. The Reverend Alan Hamlet will officiate.

Burial will be in Drummond Island Cemetery on Drummond Island.

There will also be a service in Lansing Saturday, June 17, at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church at 510 West Ottawa Street.

Donations in Mrs. Landreville's memory can be made to the Drummond Island Library, P.O. Box 202, Drummond Island Michigan 49726.

Bobslaw 'William' Sobieralski Memorial

Mr. Bobslaw/Bobeslaw "William" Sobieralski, age 84, passed away unexpectedly in a snowmobile accident on Lake Huron on March 29, 2006.

He was born on his family farm in Niles, Michigan, to two Polish immigrants, John and Helen (Pakalli) Sobieralski. His Polish birth name was thought to be Bobslaw (really Boleslaw), which means "William" in English. His English nickname later became "Bill."

As a boy, his first job was working on the BeeBee Farm, growing hemp to make rope for the war, at just 25 cents a day. He later grew soybeans and corn on his parents' farm with his brother, Cashmier. William also worked for many years in a factory, Bendix Corporation, where he retired from.

After a long courtship, William married Lillian Marie (Hafner) Welsh on December 18, 1971, the same year that his mother died. Lillian and William had been next door neighbors for over 20 years, prior to their marriage.

They also enjoyed vacationing in Cedarville several times each year, prior to purchasing their current home. William loved the U.P. He would perch and pike fish and deer hunt annually, in his younger years. He continued to ice fish until his death. Bill's interests included: fishing, hunting, gambling, building, and fixing things. In his later years he also enjoyed gardening.

William is preceded in death by his parents, John and Helen Sobieralski and four siblings, Helen, Mary, Clara, and Cashmier.

He is survived by his wife of



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34 years, Lillian; stepchildren, Carole (Welsh) Hansen, James J. Welsh Jr. and his wife, Jan; step-grandchildren, John Hansen, David Welsh, and Jonathon Welsh.

Cremation took place April 5, 2006.

The family would like to thank: Reamer Galer Funeral Home and Ross Funeral Home (both of Pickford), Pastor David Letscher, Mackinac County rescue workers/Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police from the St. Ignace Post, Bob and Carol Tooley, Kim and Jason Fultz, and Donna Dutcher for assisting them.

The memorial service for William will be held Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church of Cedarville. The family will be available at Bethel Church from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. to greet friends.

Memorials may be given in place of flowers to: the Alzheimer's Association, Alcoholics Anonymous, or Bethel Lutheran Church of Cedarville.

Gregg DeKeyser

Gregg P. DeKeyser, 40, of St. Ignace, died unexpectedly Saturday, May 13, 2006, at home.

He was born July 20, 1965, in St. Ignace to Norman and Dorothy DeKeyser. He was graduated from LaSalle High School and was a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church.

Mr. DeKeyser is survived by his mother, Dorothy Davidson of Tampa, Florida; two children, Samantha and Cody DeKeyser of Wisconsin; his grandmother, Eunice DeKeyser of St. Ignace; a sister and her family, Cindy and Larry Mason of Riverview, Florida; four brothers and their families, John and Julie DeKeyser of Madison, Wisconsin, Brian and Karen DeKeyser of Ontario, Canada, Jeff DeKeyser of Madison,

and Scott DeKeyser and Mary DeKeyser of Cooks; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

His father, Norman, preceded him in death in 2004, as did his grandfather, George DeKeyser, and grandparents Anne and Carl Ingalls.

A funeral mass was held Friday morning, May 19, at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church with Father Jim Williams officiating. He was assisted by Tom McClelland and Bob Belonga.

Burial was in St. Ignatius Cemetery. Pallbearers were Neil Hill Jr., Lance DeKeyser, Brandon DeKeyser, Kevin DeKeyser, Jerry Horn Jr., and Jim DeKeyser.

Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements.

Helen Soblaskey

Helen Soblaskey, 85, of St. Ignace, died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at Cheboygan Hospice House.

She was born April 18, 1921, in St. Ignace to Michael and Anna Bridget Fenlon. She was a graduate of the Ursuline Academy in St. Ignace in 1939.

She became the Western Union manager for Mackinac Island and St. Ignace.

She married Carl Soblaskey October 21, 1950, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, where she has been a life member.

Mrs. Soblaskey is survived by Carl, her husband of 55 years; a son, Stephen, of St. Ignace; two daughters and their families, Deborah Holle and Marianne and Michael

Bielat, all of St. Ignace; two sisters, Therese and Ralph Oja of St. Ignace and Mary LaChapelle of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a cousin, Judge Ned Fenlon, 102 years old, of Petoskey.

Mrs. Soblaskey was preceded in death by a daughter, Anne Catherine on July 29, 1951; two brothers, Michael Chambers Fenlon in 1976, and John Fenlon in 1994; and three sisters, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick in 1976, Frances Bolan in 1984, and Anna Catherine Scofield in 1994.

A memorial mass was held Monday, May 22, at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church. Father Norbert Landreville officiated.

Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Faye Cheeseman Memorial

A memorial service for Faye Cheeseman of Seattle, Washington, and St. Ignace, is planned for Sunday, May 28, 2006, at 1 p.m. at

Gros Cap Cemetery. Deacon Don Olmstead will officiate.

Ms. Cheeseman died at the age of 52 Thursday, February 2, 2006.

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Weather During Fitzgerald Wreck Revisited

Using modern computerized weather simulations, scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have taken another look at Lake Superior weather conditions during the 1975 wreck of the freighter *Edmund Fitzgerald*, and have concluded that the ship was in a vulnerable position during a crucial six-hour period when weather conditions during the storm were at their most extreme.

A reanalysis of the weather conditions during the November 1975 gale when the *Edmund Fitzgerald* went down, killing all 29 aboard, shows in addition to high winds and waves, the freighter was caught in waves traveling west to east. This can result in a hazardous

rolling motion for vessels traveling southward, the direction that the *Edmund Fitzgerald* was heading as it tried to reach the safety of Whitefish Bay, about 15 miles from where it sank, say the NOAA scientists who conducted the review.

"During the late afternoon and early evening of November 10, conditions deteriorated rapidly, with winds in excess of 69 miles per hour, hurricane-force gusts, and waves more than 25 feet high," said lead author Thomas Hultquist, science and operations officer at NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) Forecast Office in Negaunee.

"This shows how quickly conditions can worsen and become life

threatening on the Great Lakes," wrote Mr. Hultquist and his co-authors, Michael Dutter from the NWS Forecast Office in Cleveland and David Schwab, from NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL) in Ann Arbor.

The NOAA authors combined meteorological observations from the storm with hindcasts - forecasts run in retrospect - of conditions throughout the storm. The hindcasts indicated the critical six-hour window that proved fatal to the ship and its crew. Hindcasts help meteorologists better understand historical events, which could also improve forecasts.

A lack of surface weather observations made it difficult for researchers to determine the actual conditions of the 1975 storm. However, using high resolution numerical computer models, the three researchers were able to simulate a more complete picture of wind and wave conditions during the storm. One of the models used was the NOAA Wind-Wave Model.

"While high winds on Lake Superior are not rare, it is unusual for the waves to get that high on the lake," said Mr. Schwab. "It's unlikely that Captain Ernest McSorley, the skipper of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, had ever seen anything like that in his career."

The authors note that storms of the magnitude of the November 1975 storm occur every two to six years on average. Lake Superior is the largest of the Great Lakes. The size of the lake, the low number of vessels traveling the lake, and the infrequency of the high wave conditions makes the tragedy of the *Edmund Fitzgerald* a rare event.

"Modern observation and forecast systems have substantially improved forecasts for the Great Lakes over the past 30 years, allowing for greater advance notice of storms, which allows most ships to avoid such severe conditions," the authors wrote. "But the tragic events of 10 November 1975 should continue to serve as a reminder of the hazards one can encounter when traveling on the Great Lakes."

The findings are the cover article in the May issue of the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society* (BAMS).

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