

OBITUARIES

Ernest Perron

Ernest J. Perron was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean War and was a policeman for the city of Sault Ste. Marie for 26 years, retiring as Captain in 1979. Mr. Perron died Tuesday, August 22, 2006, in Petoskey.

He was born December 9, 1928, in Sault Ste. Marie to Theo Phil and Arbutus (nee Kirby) Perron.

He married Elaine Daniels June 17, 1950, at St. Mary's Church of Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Perron served in the 1437th Engineering Company of the U.S. Army for 43 years, serving in the Korean War and retiring as First Sergeant.

He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Elks Lodge, Christopher Columbus Society Auxiliary, Fraternal Order of Police, Auxiliary Police, the I-500 Board of Trustees, Hiawatha Law Enforcement, and a member of St. Mary's ProCathedral Church.

Mr. Perron enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Perron, a son, Steven Perron of Sault Ste. Marie, a daughter and her family, Rhonda and Dale Hoonstra of Sault Ste. Marie, sisters and their families, Malvenia Cryderman of Fenton, Fran Horka of Sault Ste. Marie, and Marlene and Fred Cearlock of Grand Blanc, and a brother and his family, Clifford and Janet Perron of Brimley. He is survived by grandchildren and their fami-



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lies, Kirstyn and Robert Beaulieu of Sault Ste. Marie, Staci Wilson and Chad Palo of Rudyard, and by great-grandchildren Evan Kyle of Marquette, Emily Wilson of Rudyard, and Brynn Beaulieu of Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Perron is survived by a sister-in-law, Donna Daniels of Cedarville, brothers-in-law and their families, Melvin and Dorothy Daniels of Livonia and Ron and Christina Daniels of Brimley, and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Perron was preceded in death by a brother, John "Jack" Perron, brothers-in-law Melvin Cryderman and Claude Daniels, and his parents.

Visitation and services were held Friday, August 25, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Mary's ProCathedral Church, with memorial services by the American Legion, Elks Lodge, and VFW.

Bernis Hoss

Bernis L. Hoss of St. Ignace worked at several St. Ignace area restaurants and shops, including Bel Isle, JFB Manufacturing, and the Souvenir Barn on West US-2.

Mrs. Hoss was 80 when she died Thursday afternoon, August 24, at Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace, following a lingering illness.

She was born March 19, 1926, in Allenville, to Pliny and Bertha (nee Marshall) Cornell, one of 12 children, and lived in the Carp River area most of her life. She moved into St. Ignace a few years ago and resided at Charters Cove apartments until her last illness.

She loved spending time with her family, who recall her "wonderful sense of humor." She enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting, and caring for her dog, Peaches.

Mrs. Hoss is survived by three sons, Richard Trudo of Pinconning, Ron Trudo of St. Ignace, and Robert Trudo of DeTour Village; five daughters and their families, Sharlene Trudeau of Lansing, Leanne Trudo of St. Ignace, Terri and Steve Hoath of St. Ignace, Ronda and Mark Engle of St. Ignace, and Cheryl and Jim Rountree of St. Ignace; a brother, Richard Cornell of Auburn Hills, a sister, Evelyn Krueger of DeFord; 21 grandchildren, and 24 great-



Bernis L. Hoss

grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Hoss in 1991, and by nine siblings, Crandal, Fenner, Harold, Theron, Marion, Vern, Donald, Dorothy, and Marshall.

Services were Saturday, August 26, at 1 p.m., at the St. Ignace Assembly of God Church in St. Ignace. Pastor Bob Moody officiated.

Burial was in Carp River Cemetery, near Carp River.

Her grandsons, Richard Trudo Jr., Gary Vertz, Paul Engle, Robert Trudo Jr., Jamie Hoath, and Derrick Rountree served as pallbearers.

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

Allen Martin

Allen W. Martin of Moran was a veteran of World War II, a longtime employee of the United States Forest Service, and Civilian Conservation Corps camp director in Mackinac County.

Known as "Buzz" to friends, Mr. Martin reached 103 years of age Sunday, August 20, before he passed away five days later, Friday, August 25, at Mackinac Straits Long Term Care in St. Ignace.

Mr. Martin was born August 20, 1903, to Thomas and Margaret (nee Harris) Martin in Moran, where he lived most of his life. He was the last of 12 children born to the Martins. His 11 siblings, including Irwin, David, Edna, Robert, Harvey, Marjorie, Harry, LaVina, Willard, Arthur, and Gordon all preceded him in death.

Family and friends recall his avid love of the outdoors, and his enjoyment of hunting, fishing, and trapping.

In 1943, at the age of 38, he enlisted in the United States Army, and was able to serve one year before he was discharged "for the convenience of the Government to accept employment in essential war industry," according to his discharge papers. He subsequently was



Allen 'Buzz' Martin

named foreman of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp, and worked 20 years in forestry.

He married Nina Tally of Smithland, Kentucky in 1959.

Mr. Martin is survived by his wife of 47 years, Nina, of St. Ignace; a niece, Helen Arnston of Traverse City; a nephew, Jack Ryerse of St. Ignace, and several cousins, including Captain Jim and Hilda Ryerse of St. Ignace.

A graveside service will be held at Allenville Cemetery.

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

Church Dinner Set for Sept. 8

Stalwart Presbyterian Church will offer its annual silent auction and fair dinner Friday, September 8, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, September 9, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The church congregation invites everyone to come to the dinner.

The homemade turkey and ham dinner will be served at the church, at 8089 East M-48, right next to the fairgrounds. The dinner includes homemade pickles, fresh vegetables, and a variety of homemade pies.

The auction will include handmade and donated items.

Both the dinner and auction are

fundraisers for the church.

The church will also host a Sunday worship service at Stalwart Fairgrounds grandstand September 10 at 10:30 a.m.

April Gouza

April Lee Gouza, 21, of Naubinway died unexpectedly Thursday, August 24, 2006, at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital.

She was born August 31, 1984, in Newberry to Terry L. and A. Phyllis (nee Dzuiba) Gouza. She attended Grand Blanc Schools.

Miss Gouza had been employed by several area businesses since high school. Family members said she was most excited about her upcoming appointment as a park ranger with the State of Michigan. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, and crocheting and had a concern for stray animals, bringing home and caring for as many as she could. Miss Gouza was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Naubinway.

Survivors include her daughter, Kylee Baker, at home in Naubinway, her parents, Terry and Phyllis Gouza of Naubinway, four brothers and their families,

Kevin and Conni Gouza of Newberry, Brian Gouza and Corrina Storzuk of Pickford, Brent and Shelby Gouza of Freehold, New York, and Chad and Melissa Gouza of Gaylord, as well as several nieces and nephews, her maternal grandparents, Felix and Annabelle Dzuiba of Davisburg, and paternal grandfather, William Conway of Silverbay, Minnesota.

Miss Gouza was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Mildred Calgaro.

Friends called at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Naubinway Sunday, August 27, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a parish prayer service at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, August 28, at 11 a.m. with Father Timothy Hruska officiating. A Rite of Committal was held at Maplewood Cemetery in Rexton following the Mass.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.

Shawn Prater

Shawn Prater of Oxford was a former St. Ignace resident who owned his own contracting business, Prater Builders. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge 21 in Pontiac.

Mr. Prater died at the age of 43 Sunday, August 20, at his home near Oxford.

He was born December 16, 1962, in St. Ignace, to Thomas and Judith (nee Cartwright) Prater.

He married Diane Hester in Bloomfield Township September 22, 1990.

Mr. Prater is survived by his wife; his parents and their spouses, Tom and Joyce Prater of Struble Lake and Judith and Mark Butkovich of Moran; a brother, Tom Prater of West Bloomfield; a sister and her family, Dawn and Billy Miller of Fenton, and a grandmother, Rosella Prater of Garnet.

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He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Cecil Prater in 2003, and by a sister, Marsha in 1961.

Services were Tuesday, August 29, at the Rexton Mennonite Church in Rexton. Pastor Tim Miller officiated.

Burial was in Caffey Cemetery in Rexton.

Visitation was at Dodson Funeral Home Monday, August 28.

Pallbearers were Tom Prater Jr., Andrew Kerr, Joe Hamilton, Chris Holtz, John Brady, Patrick Laford, Terry Mulligan, and Rick Gobel.

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