

OBITUARIES

Ethel Mielke

Ethel Mae Mielke, 89, a long-time resident of Cedarville, was a registered nurse and an active volunteer at American Red Cross blood drives. Mrs. Mielke died Saturday, May 12, 2007, at Mackinac Straits Long Term Care Facility in St. Ignace.

She was born June 14, 1917, in Hawks, to Angus and Nina Belle (nee Schulmier) McLennan. She grew up in Hawks and earned her nursing degree from the Hurley School of Nursing in Flint.

She married Elroy Leo Otto Mielke October 25, 1940, in Hawks. They lived in Saginaw, Hawks, Hessel, and then spent most of their lives in Cedarville.

Mrs. Mielke was a member of the Hessel Presbyterian Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, cooking, baking, and canning, but most of all enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mielke is survived by one son and his family, Gary and Elaine Mielke of Lady Lake, Florida; five daughters and their families, Donna Smith of Cedarville, Susan and Bernard Wygant of Richwood, Ohio, Barbara and Colin Kelly of Mattawan, Ruth and Jim Bolin of Canton, South Dakota, and Michele and Michael Bickham of Hessel; sixteen grandchildren and their families, Wally and Sue Ackley, Deb Ackley, Melissa and Don Meadows, Otto Mielke and Danielle Haske, Mary Mielke and Vance Barber, Donald Smith and Kristi Steffen, Nina McDonald and Robert St. Louis, Brent Wygant, Kim Wygant, Rachel Wygant, James Kelly, Kristen Kelly, Dawn Kelly, Christopher Bolin, Benjamin Bolin, and Casey and Frank Zimmerman; 12 great-grandchildren, Ashley, Courtney,



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and John Ackley, Shelbi and Sydney Meadows, Ashlee Mielke, Nathan Smith, Dylan McDonald, Kyle, MacKenzie, and Jacob Kelly, and Adelyn Zimmerman, and five sisters-in-law, Jean McLennan, Marge Pike, Frances Prell, Marie Basel, and Ruth Hall.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elroy, in 1982; two brothers, Donald and Duane McLennan; a sister, Ella Schefke; a son-in-law, Donald Smith; and a grandson, Luke Bickham.

Visitation was Tuesday, May 15, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the First Union Church in Cedarville. A funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the church, with the Reverend Jeffrey Meyers and the Reverend Judith Arnold officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville.

Memorials may be made to Les Cheneaux Ambulance Auxiliary, P.O. Box 453, Hessel, Michigan 49745, or Hessel Presbyterian Church.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford is assisting the family with arrangements.

Lawrence David Libby

Lawrence David Libby, 54, of Keldon, served in the United States Navy and most recently worked at the Chippewa County Recycling Center. Mr. Libby died Sunday, May 6, 2007, in Pickford Township.

He was born January 28, 1953, in Sault Ste. Marie.

He grew up in Keldon and attended Pickford schools. Mr. Libby served in the United States Navy before working for Atmosphere Furnace Company in Wixom for several years. He then moved to Sault Ste. Marie and, until last year, worked at the Chippewa County Recycling Center.

Mr. Libby enjoyed working with motors, riding motorcycles, fishing, and sailing on his sailboat.

He was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau.

He is survived by his parents, Clarence Kenneth and Georgiana Marie (nee Bouchard) Libby of Keldon; a daughter, Krista of Santa Barbara, California; three sisters and their families, Helen and Nick Small of Keldon, Janet Coullard of Keldon, and Mary and Daniel Sherlund of Kinross; six nephews and their families, Richard Small, Robert Small, Anthony and Rhonda Coullard, Leo and Tracy Coullard, Louis Coullard, Eric and Deanna Sherlund, and five great-nieces and nephews, Phillip, Jessica, David, Jonathan, and Sydney Coullard.

Mr. Libby was preceded in death by his grandparents, Arthur and Maloza Libby and Louis and Delrose Bouchard, and a brother-in-law, Dale Coullard.

Visitation was Wednesday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau. Memorial mass followed at 11 a.m. with Brother John Hascall as celebrant.

Reamer Galer Funeral in Pickford assisted the family with arrangements.

Helen Klamerus

Helen Antonette Klamerus, 89, of Goetzville, was an avid gardener who enjoyed caring for her family, growing and canning food, and picking berries. Mrs. Klamerus died Monday, May 7, 2007, at her home.

She was born March 5, 1918, on the family farm in Goetzville, to Andrew and Mary (nee Plewa) Zwolinski.

A lifelong Goetzville resident, she married Frank E. Klamerus, June 24, 1939, in Goetzville. The center of her life was her family, friends said, and her children and siblings all appreciated her loving care. Mrs. Klamerus liked to garden, growing food and flowers for family, friends, and neighbors. She picked, canned, and processed every kind of berry, those growing in the wild as well as those in her garden.

She was a member and a volunteer at the St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Goetzville.

Mrs. Klamerus is survived by five daughters and their families, Mary Lou and Gilbert Zenzen of Bay City, Sally Klamerus of Las Vegas, Nevada, Jeanne Bogart of AuTrain, Mary Kathleen Klamerus of Marquette, and Frances and Mike Rairigh of Goetzville; three sons and their families, Vincent and Ruth Klamerus of Drummond Island, Robert and Theresa Klamerus of Woodhaven, and David and Sharon Klamerus of Drummond Island; 16 grandchildren and their families, Charlie and Wanda Zenzen, Lynn Zenzen, Sue and Ray Maki, Wendi and Scott Boger, Rob and Michele Klamerus, Ashley Klamerus, David G. and Mandy Klamerus, Dee Ann and A.T. Frank, Justin Klamerus, Morri and Rich Ledy, Kasha and Scott Nevenhoven, D. Kurtis and Tonya Patrick, Jared Patrick, Alyssa and Andy Vallier, Brandon and Jaci Rairigh, and Tamiera and Chad Boise. She is also survived by 30 great-grandchildren, Abby Zenzen, Katie Barcy, Erin Barcy, Mariah Maki, Ty Maki, Janelle Klamerus, Nathan Klamerus, Mathew Gradowski, Katherine Klamerus,



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Frank Klamerus, Hayden Klamerus, Vincent Klamerus, Ella Frank, Tatum Ledy, Richard Ledy III, Jade Ledy, Cullen Ledy, Terese Ledy, Avery Ledy, Delaney Barrette, Teagan Nevenhoven, Darian Vallier, Hazel Vallier, Kayla DuPris, Brian Patrick, Heather Patrick, Brandi Clark, Dylon Clark, Lily Rairigh, and Scott Rairigh. Also surviving are two sisters and their families, Janet and Verne Skinner of Pickford and Virginia and Leland Blair of Sault Ste. Marie, and one brother and his family, Clarence and Pat Zwolinski of Rogers City.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Frank, in 1997; one grandson, Wade Klamerus; brothers, John Zwolinski, Frank Zwolinski, Mike Zwolinski and Everette Zwolinski; and sisters, Anne McConkey, Sophia Clegg, Marian Shadnaw, Florence Zwolinski, and Julia Walker.

Visitation was held Thursday, May 10, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with prayers at 8 p.m. at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Goetzville with Father Sebastian Chacko as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Goetzville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church Building Fund, 12841 East Traynor Road, Goetzville, Michigan 49736.

Jean Burt

Jean D. Burt of Zephyrhills, Florida, was a former Cedarville resident who worked as a postal clerk at the Cedarville Post Office for several years.

Mrs. Burt died Saturday, May 12, 2007, in Zephyrhills, at age 95.

She was born March 9, 1912, in Horizon, in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford is making final arrangements with the family, and they will be announced at a later time.

Matthew Wendt

Matthew Scott Wendt of Pickford worked for several area farmers and loved riding his horse, King, in Pickford's Community Days Parade. He enjoyed working on cars, and being outdoors, camping, fishing, and riding snowmobiles, mini bikes, and motorbikes. Mr. Wendt was 20 years old when he died February 28, 1996.

He was born April 6, 1975, in Saginaw. He attended Marlette and Pickford schools.

Mr. Wendt is survived by one son, Matthew Scott Wendt Jr.; his mother, Dona Jean (nee Lockwood) Wendt of Pickford; his father and his family, David Michael and Mona Wendt Sr. of Flint; two sisters and their families, Bonnie and Robert Spicer of Port Huron, and Lucinda "Cindy" and Donald Heck of Brimley; one brother, David Wendt of Pickford; his grandfather, Donald Davidson; five nieces and nephews, Robert Spicer, Crystal Spicer, Jennifer Spicer, Hunter Heck, and Marissa



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Wendt; a great-niece, Jaylyn, and a great-nephew, Jason.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Angela Jean Wendt, and his grandparents, Maynard Lockwood, Ida Lockwood, Jean Davidson, and Leo DeLaverne.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford is serving the family.

Cecile Burgess

Cecile Marion Burgess, age 89, of Cedarville, passed away Thursday afternoon, May 10, 2007, at her residence at Cedar Cove in Cedarville.

She was born in Blind River, Ontario November 2, 1917, to Charles and Josephine (nee LeFave) Camirand.

She married Harold R. Burgess in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario September 10, 1946.

Mrs. Burgess is survived by her husband; Harold Burgess, a son and his family, Paul and Jenny Burgess

of Dafer; two daughters and their families, Peggy Lynn of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and Patti and Bill Mattson of Sault Ste. Marie; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, May 12, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to VitalCare Hospice in Cheboygan.

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Judy Dumas

A memorial service is planned for Judy Dumas of Madison Heights Sunday, June 3, 2007, at 1 p.m. at the home of Tom and Helen Minnick at 2045 South Hill Island Road in Cedarville.

A longtime Cedarville resident, Ms. Dumas died December 20, 2006, in Royal Oak. She was 69.

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