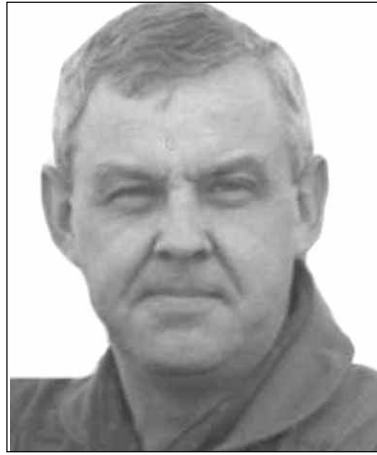


OBITUARIES

Melvin 'Noel' Hanna



Melvin "Noel" Hanna

was plant manager at Heublien for the RJ Reynolds Company at Allen Park. He was self employed for many years, mostly working in real estate. He served in the Michigan Air National Guard from 1973 to 1994, retiring at the rank of colonel.

He was a sportsman, hunter, craftsman, carpenter, world traveler, and flight instructor. He could recite poetry from memory, was known to his friends as a leader, and "knew how to get a laugh out of just about anyone," family members recalled. His skill with aircraft was only matched by his passion for life and love of family.

He flew for Wings of Mercy, a nonprofit organization that provides free air transportation for people with limited financial

means who need treatment at distant medical facilities, and friends said that after seeing children and people much younger than him with terminal illnesses, he felt he had no right to complain about his illness.

Mr. Hanna is survived by his wife, Linda Hanna; three sons and their families, Michael Hanna, Christopher and Alexandra Hanna, and Andrew Hanna; two stepsons and their families, Timothy and Teresa Jettner, and Todd Jettner; three grandchildren, Isabella Hanna, Henry M. Noel Hanna, and Sidney Jettner; his former wife, Mary Hanna; one brother, Carl Hanna; two sisters and their families, Diane Schmitgal and Shannon Dennis, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 18, at the Farley-Estes and Dowdle Funeral Home in Battle Creek, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A funeral will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 19, at the First Congregational Church in Battle Creek, with the Reverend Ralph Cates officiating.

Burial with military honors will follow at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek.

Memorial donations can be made to Wings of Mercy or Battle Creek Health System Cancer Care Center.

Russel 'Russ' Patrick



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Pearl Harbor during World War II, just a few weeks before he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps at Wright Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Patrick served first as a sergeant in the 21st Air Depot Group, refurbishing Liberator Bombers at Burtonwood Air Base near Warrington, England.

He returned to attend Officer's Candidate School at Fort

Monmouth, New Jersey, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps in 1943. Lieutenant Patrick was stationed as a radio carrier officer at Finschhafen, New Guinea, and later in northern Luzon, Philippines, in 1945.

Mr. Patrick was a member of the Ohio Chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, serving for many years as its compact chairman, and he was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed the Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show and Festival of Arts in Hessel, where he often exhibited his 13-foot Lyman wooden boat.

Mr. Patrick is survived by his wife, Virginia; their four children and their families, Kathleen Moore of Marietta, Georgia, Thomas Patrick of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, Nancy Carney of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and John Patrick of Sandusky; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Warren Coutu



Warren Coutu

Bessie (nee Smith) Coutu; his sister, Ethel Stanfield; a stepson and his family, William and Marlene Tolliver; a stepdaughter and her family, Judith and Richard LaPoint; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and many

nieces and nephews.

Mr. Coutu was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Joseph Coutu and Isadore Coutu, and his sisters, Alvera Gould and Evelyn Patzer.

No services are being planned at this time.

Sympathy regards can be sent to Mrs. Coutu at 57 Blindline Road, Apartment 10, Cedarville, Michigan, 49719.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford assisted the family with arrangements.

Joseph Kelly



Joseph Kelly

Pickford Public Schools in 1972. Shortly after graduation he met Debra Sue Cruickshank, and they were married June 22, 1973.

Mr. Kelly loved to fix things and tinker with machines, friends and family recalled. He was an avid angler and hunter. Friends said he was a devoted father and grandfather, devoting every Sunday to spending time with his

Lifelong Pickford resident Joseph Clarence Kelly was a longtime employee of Pickford Co-op Grocery Store, where he became acquainted with many people during his years there.

He maintained many friends in the Pickford community. He was also a member of the National Guard 1437th Engineers of Sault Ste. Marie, and served his country for more than nine years.

He became a charter member of the Pickford American Legion Post 323. He was also a member of the Pickford Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Fire Department for more than 12 years.

Mr. Kelly was 54 when he died in his home Friday, July 13, 2007.

He was born June 27, 1953, in Lansing to Joseph James William and Idabelle Frances (nee Ribby) Kelly.

He was graduated from

Kent Smith

Kent E. Smith, 92, of St. Ignace was a U.S. Army veteran and construction worker. He died Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Marquette General Hospital, following a lingering illness.

Mr. Smith was born October 2, 1914, in Onaway to Cecil and Anna (nee Trerice) Smith.

He spent 20 years serving his country in the U.S. Army, and retired as a Specialist Fifth Class from Company C, 62nd Engineer Battalion. He had served in Europe, Philippine Islands, China, Japan, Korea, and nine stations in the U.S.

After returning to St. Ignace, Mr. Smith worked in construction for Alpine Construction, was an airport manager, and was the

custodian of the United Methodist Church, where he was a member.

He married his wife, Kiyomi, in Japan July 3, 1954. She passed away January 22, 1981.

Mr. Smith was a life member of the VFW.

He is survived by three children and their families, Robin and Lila Smith of Marquette, Daniel Smith of St. Ignace, Kikumi Smith of Marquette; four brothers and their families, Ardin and Rosalie Smith of Iron Mountain, Lee and Bonnie Smith of Ithaca, Vernon and Pat Smith of Houghton Lake, and Norman and Nancy Smith of St. Ignace; two sisters and their families, Marion and Jack Fenlon of St.

Helen Therrien

Mrs. Helen Louise (nee Marshall) Therrien, 73, of Battle Creek, died peacefully in her sleep at home Saturday, July 14, 2007.

She was born February 20, 1934, in Allenville, to William and Henrietta (nee Bohn) Marshall.

Mrs. Therrien was a 20-year government employee at the Federal Center. She was a member of the Pennfield Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Therrien is survived by three daughters and their families, Patricia and Kevin Ryan of Chula Vista, California, Alana Young of Battle Creek, and Paula and Kenneth Zichi of Williamston, and three brothers and their families, Ellsworth Marshall of Marquette, Leroy Marshall of Trout Lake, and John Marshall of Moran. A devoted grandmother, she will forever be "Honey" to her grandchildren and their families, Christopher, Rocky, Caitlin, Ryan, Anna, Courtney, and Sarah,

and five great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Anthony, Gabby, Liam, and Yazmin.

Mrs. Therrien was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Hugh Arnold Therrien; two brothers, Fred Marshall and Carl Marshall, and her best friend and sister, Delphine Robinson.

Visitation was held at Bachman Hebble Funeral Service Tuesday, July 17, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Services will be Wednesday, July 18, at 11 a.m. at the Pennfield Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Douglas R.

granddaughters.

Mr. Kelly is survived by his wife, Debra; a son and his family, Joseph Jeremy and Linnea Kelly of Sault Ste. Marie; two granddaughters, Aurora and Alexis Kelly of Sault Ste. Marie; two sisters and their families, Debra and James Kott of Raber and Paula and Michael Socia of Oscoda, and an aunt and her family, Virginia and Clyde Parker of Stanford.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Idabelle, and uncles and aunts George and Gerry Kelly and Harrison and Ethel Rabineau.

Visitation was Tuesday evening, July 17, at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford.

The funeral will be Wednesday morning, July 18, at 11 a.m., also at Reamer Galer Funeral Home. The Reverend Ron Bown will lead the service.

Ignace and Dorothy Berson of Florida; grandchildren and their families, Katrina Ann, Luke, Josh, Ron; and three great-grandchildren, Morgan, Josie, and Makenna.

Friends may call at the United Methodist Church Wednesday, July 18, from noon until at 2 p.m., when a service will be held. The Reverend James Balfour will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Josh Malarney, Josh Burnside, Luke Alexander, Mike Lehto, Joe Prout, and Johnny Smith. The St. Ignace VFW Post will serve as Honor Guard.

Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace is assisting the family with arrangements.

Nettleton officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association.

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