

OBITUARIES

Ronald Rye



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Ronald Joseph Rye of Rudyard was a longtime truck driver, driving trucks in the Lansing area, Eastern Upper Peninsula, and around the state of Michigan. Mr. Rye passed away at the age of 51 Sunday afternoon, July 29, 2007, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was born in Flint to Richard Willis and Loretta Lee (nee Rollo) Rye March 15, 1956.

Mr. Rye grew up in Pickford, and moved to Flint to work in construction. He later relocated to Lansing and started driving trucks. This is where he met his wife, Colleen Marie Ross.

They married October 4, 1986, and in 1997, the couple moved to Rudyard, where Mr. Rye continued to drive trucks.

Mr. Rye was a member of the Teamsters Union. He enjoyed cooking and baking, and he especially enjoyed pickling. He is remembered for baking pies to give to friends and neighbors. He liked spending time and working on his hobby farm, where he raised horses, cows, sheep, pigs,

emus, and turkeys. Mr. Rye was fond of working on and riding his John Deere tractor. He loved spending time with his family, camping, and working the horses with his daughter, Jessie; and hunting with his sons, Ben and Zack.

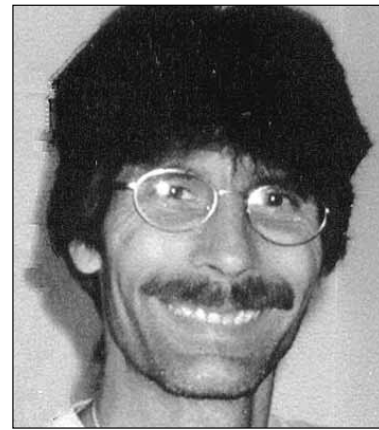
Mr. Rye is survived by his wife, Colleen; his 15-year-old triplets, Zackery, Jessica, and Benjamin Rye of Rudyard; his daughters, Nicole Rye of Flint and Alicia Rye of Flushing; three grandchildren, Summer Rye, Taylor Quintella, and Adon

Quintella. He is also survived by three brothers and their families, Richard Rye of St. Ignace, Tim and Diane Rye of Kentucky, and David and Tammy Rye of St. Ignace; a sister and her family, Susan and John Ackley of Traverse City, and his father, Richard, of Pickford. Mr. Rye is also survived and mourned by his wife's family, including her parents, Eugene and Polly Ross; her three brothers and their families, Perry and Sheri Ross, Grant and Trina Ross, and Brian and Nancy Ross; her two sisters and their families, Cheryl and Dennis Hendrickson and Gwen Malaska, and numerous nieces and nephews who will miss their "Uncle Ron."

Mr. Rye was preceded in death by his mother, Loretta, his brother-in-law, Randy Malaska, and his uncle, "Okay" Harry.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 1, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford. Services will be the following morning, August 2, at 11 a.m., also at the funeral home. The family welcomes casual dress.

Leonard 'Lonnie' Cupp



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Leonard "Lonnie" Leon Cupp, 51, of Pickford worked for Great Lakes Plywood in Kinross from 1979 until he became ill. Mr. Cupp passed away Friday evening, July 27, 2007, in his home, surrounded by his family after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Cupp was born February 13, 1956, in Sault Ste. Marie to Leonard Leon and Mary Ellen (nee Leigh) Cupp.

He married Tina Marie (nee Spurlock) Cupp July 22, 1978.

He is remembered by friends and family members as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, whose children and grandson were his pride and joy, they said. Mr. Cupp was a hard working man who cherished time with his family, and appreciated helping the ones he loved, friends said. He enjoyed many outdoor hobbies, and was especially fond of hunting, camping, and fishing. Friends said he talked about deer

hunting all year long. Mr. Cupp also liked riding dirt bikes and working on cars.

Mr. Cupp was a member of the New Horizons Church of the Nazarene in Pickford.

He is survived by his wife, Tina; his daughter and her family, Christine and Kael Zenahlik of Sault Ste. Marie; his son, Matthew Cupp of Pickford; his

grandson, Hayden Zenahlik; his mother, Mary Ellen Scarfone; his three brothers and their families, Robin Cupp of Sault Ste. Marie, William and Nancy Cupp of Sarasota, Florida, and Charlie Parker of Belfast, Maine, and his three sisters and their families, Cheri Parker of Adrian, Tonya and Phil O'Rourke of Gaylord, and Shellie and David Chartrand of British Columbia.

Mr. Cupp was preceded in death by his grandmother, Jean Leigh, his grandfather, Jim Leigh, his father, Leonard Cupp, and his father-in-law, Ken Spurlock.

Services were at the New Horizons Church of the Nazarene in Pickford Tuesday, July 31. The Reverend Craig Weihman officiated. Visitation was held prior to services.

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

Barbara Irwin



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Barbara Jane Irwin, 64, of Rudyard, was a longtime teacher of home economics in Rudyard and a former owner of the Jack Pine Bar and Grill. She passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2007.

She was born in Columbus, Ohio, October 26, 1942, to Norman Harry and Betty Jane (nee Snyder) Bauermeister. She grew up in Columbus and attended Ohio State University.

The summer before graduation, she took a job on Mackinac Island at the Iroquois Hotel, where she met her future husband, Harold John "Jack" Irwin. They were married August 29, 1964, after she had earned her bachelor's degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin lived for a short time in Seattle, Washington, and then moved to Fremont, where she worked in the test kitchens for Gerber Baby Foods, taught home economics, and had two daughters, while Mr. Irwin attended Ferris State University.

After Mr. Irwin completed his degree in 1970, the family moved to Columbus, Ohio, where she restored an old farmhouse and her husband worked for Xerox Publishing Division.

In 1978, they moved to Rudyard with their two daughters and bought the Jack Pine Bar and Grill, where they both worked for a few years, before her love of teaching drew her back to the

field. She began teaching home economics at Rudyard in 1983 and retired in July 2007.

Mrs. Irwin was a member of Delta Zeta at Ohio State University and was also a member of the Eastern Stars in Columbus.

She attended St. James Episcopal Church of Sault Ste. Marie with her mother for years, and more recently became a member of the St. James Lutheran Church of Rudyard.

She enjoyed quilting and sewing, took pleasure in swimming and water aerobics, and was an adept baker and cook. She loved spending time with her family and friends, and was devoted to teaching and to her students.

She is survived by her hus-

band, Jack; her daughters and their families, Jeanne and Brian Kernan of Dayton, Ohio, and Sheryl Pelto of Sault Ste. Marie; seven grandchildren, Sean, Aileen, Caroline, Marta, Jack, and Liam Kernan, and Jessica Pelto and Jessica's father, Michael Pelto; two aunts, Lee Bauermeister of Grove City, Ohio, and June File of Columbus; and a cousin and his family, Roger and Becki File of Columbus.

Mrs. Irwin was preceded in death by her parents, Norman and Betty, and her sister, Joan Marie Bauermeister.

Services were held Friday, July 27, at 10 a.m. at the St. James Lutheran Church in Rudyard.

Visitation was held Thursday, July 26, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford.

Memorials may be directed to the Chippewa County Hospice of Sault Ste. Marie or the St. James Lutheran Church of Rudyard.

Margaret M. Jackson of St. Ignace worked for many years in the Detroit Public Schools system before her retirement. Mrs. Jackson died at age 85 Friday, July 20, 2007, at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care Facility in St. Ignace.

She was born August 17, 1921, in Detroit, to Joseph and Margaret (nee McEnhill) Hoelscher.

She earned a master's degree in music.

She married Fred Jackson, a City of Detroit policeman, July 28, 1970. They moved to St. Ignace in 1972. She was a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace.

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Margaret Jackson

Mrs. Jackson is survived by her husband, Fred, several cousins, and a host of friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, August 9, at 8:30 a.m. at St.

Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church. Burial will be in Gros Cap Cemetery in Moran Township.

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

Rosa and Roger Bennin Sr.

A memorial service will be held for Roger Bennin Sr. and Rosa (nee Smith) Bennin of Chanute, Kansas, formerly of Pickford. Their ashes will be interred together at the Fairview Cemetery in Pickford Saturday, August 4, 2007, at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Bennin passed away January 9, 2004.

Mrs. Bennin passed away October 12, 2006.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford is serving the family.

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