

## OBITUARIES

## Olivia Chambers

Olivia Chambers passed away at the age of 11 Thursday, January 10, 2008, at her home on Mackinac Island.

She was born January 3, 1997, in Cheboygan to Jody and Mark Chambers. Since birth, she had suffered a neuromuscular disorder that limited her movement and prevented speech.

Nevertheless, she was an active fifth grade student at Mackinac Island Public School.

"Olivia delighted in school," said Karen Allen, a teacher and special education advisor. "She truly enjoyed the kids and staff. She loved to come to school. She loved the simplest of things. She loved music and books. She loved running her hands under water. Those are the things we will remember, and those are the things we will miss."

A cheerful child, Olivia Chambers was well liked and cared for by the community, her teachers said. The school was closed Tuesday, January 15, the day of her



Olivia Chambers

funeral.

"The few short years she was around," said school secretary Barb Fisher, "she still had an affect on many people because she helped us to see if you smile, the day can look brighter."

In addition to her parents, she is survived by three sisters, Emma, Maggie, and Clara; two brothers, Richard and Robert; her grand-

mother, Joyce Chambers of Crivitz, Wisconsin; her grandfather, Richard Johnson of Clarklake, and by many aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Pat Chambers, and grandmother, Jody Johnson.

Visitation was held at the family home in Stonecliffe Monday, January 14.

Father Jim Williams presided over services at St. Anne's Church on Mackinac Island at noon Tuesday, January 15. A luncheon followed at Community Hall.

Pallbearers were Richard Chambers, Robert Chambers, Daniel Johnson, and Mark Bradley.

Burial will be in St. Anne's Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

Memorials may be sent to the Olivia Chambers Fund for Chronic Diseases, Mackinac Island Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1933, Mackinac Island, MI 49757.

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

## Raymond VanZoeren

Raymond E. VanZoeren, 91, of Lakefield Township, was a U.S. Army World War II veteran who had also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Mr. VanZoeren died Saturday afternoon, January 5, 2008, at the Oceana County Medical Care Facility in Hart.

He was born March 15, 1916, in Grand Rapids to John and Nellie (nee Terpstra) VanZoeren.

He was a 1934 graduate of Lee High School. He served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged.

He enjoyed a career working in security with the state of Michigan.

Mr. VanZoeren married Kathleen Postma October 14, 1939.

He was a member of the Curtis Baptist Church and his interests included reading, especially his Bible, hunting, and fishing.

Mr. VanZoeren is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his children and their families, Judith of Grand Rapids, Raymond and Linda of Hart, Kathleen of Mount Pleasant, and Andrew and Brenda of Hart; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; his siblings, Harold

and Dorothy, both of Michigan, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Allan, Maurice, Roger, Marian, and Marlene.

A funeral was held Wednesday, January 9, at noon at the Curtis Baptist Church, with the Reverend Dave Chambers officiating.

Burial will be at East Lakefield Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Curtis Baptist Church.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family with arrangements.

## LaVerne Smith

LaVerne Louise Smith, 76, of DeTour Village, started DeTour Box Company with her husband, Leo, in 1960. The entire family worked at the company until they sold the business in 1974, when the name was changed to Nettleton Wood Products, although Mrs. Smith continued to work there.

She died Sunday, January 13, 2008, at her home.

Mr. Smith was born October 31, 1931, in Engadine to Albert Julius and Anna Louise Matchinski. She grew up in Engadine and married Leo Roland Smith November 27, 1949. They moved to DeTour in 1954.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the DeTour Union Presbyterian

Church and enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening.

She is survived by two daughters, Vickie Smith of Eugene, Oregon, and Penny Smith of Painesdale; two sons and their families, Roland and Paula Smith of Indian Trail, North Carolina, and Dale Smith of Ida; nine grandchildren and their families, Maria and Stacy Moore, Lucas and Toni Smith, Melissa and Boe Gaines, Tyler and Andrea Smith, Mitchell Smith, Sheldon Smith, Lindsey and Wyatt Gregory, Stacy Fountain, and Jesse Fountain; her mother, Anna Matchinski of Newberry; three sisters and their families, Alice and Al LeDuc of West Branch, Joyce and Earl

LeGault of Engadine, and Sandy and Frank Murray of Hesperia, and two brothers and their families, Ken and Sally Matchinski of Brutus and Dennis and Marge Matchinski of Hampshire, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her husband and father, a granddaughter, Leanne Smith, and a grandson, Travis Fountain.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, January 17, at 11 a.m. at the DeTour Union Presbyterian Church with The Reverend Judith Arnold officiating.

The family requests no flowers for the service.

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

## Sally Clark

Sally Clark, 53, of Newberry, died Thursday, January 10, 2008, at her residence, surrounded by her family.

Born December 25, 1954, in Newberry, she was the daughter of Virgil and Alice (nee Williams) Groh.

She was a 1973 graduate of Newberry High School and attended Central Michigan University for one year. She married Robert Clark September 22, 1979, in Newberry.

Over the years, Mrs. Clark was employed with the Intermediate School District, Sears catalog store, as a waitress at the Elks

Lodge and Spot Restaurant, and as a dental assistant for Eric LaRoue, D.D.S. Her interests included spending time with her grandchildren, casino gaming, sewing, shopping, knitting, and reading.

She is survived by her husband; her children and their families, Ed and Michelle Clark, and Michelle and Joe Teske, all of Newberry; her stepchildren, Christle Ollie of Newberry and John Clark of Trout Lake; six grandchildren; siblings and their families, Jim and Carolyn Groh of Mount Pleasant, Ed and Cindy Groh of Newberry, Gail "Snooks" and Leo Burgess of

Newberry, and Patricia and Dale Wiggins of Pensacola, Florida, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday, January 14, at 11 a.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newberry with Pastor LaVonne Stephenson officiating. Friends called at Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry Sunday, January 13, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Burial will take place at Forest Home Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to our Redeemer Lutheran Church or the Tahquamenon Education Foundation.

## Arthur Krause

Arthur H. Krause of Engadine worked as a dairy farmer for many years. Mr. Krause died suddenly Thursday, January 10, 2008, at the age of 85.

He was born April 18, 1922, to Adam and Julia (nee Kruger) Krause on the family farm in Garfield Township.

He attended school through the eighth grade. In 1946, he married Wanda Thompson.

Mr. Krause was a self-employed dairy farmer for more than 30 years. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and his interests included hunting, fishing, vegetable gardening, and woodworking.

He is survived by his children and their families, Gregory and Diane Krause, Kurt Krause, and Kay Urbshot, all of Engadine; five grandchildren; his sisters, Emma Feneley of Alma, and Helen Pool of Michigan; and his best friend, Ervin Flatt of Engadine.

death by his parents; his wife, Wanda, who died in 1976; a grandson, Aaron Urbshot; five siblings, Herbert, Anna, Lydia, Hildagard, and Luna, and a special friend, Lorraine Feigel.

Services were held Monday, January 14, at 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in

Engadine with Pastor Arthur Bode officiating. Burial will take place at Engadine Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Alirene 'Ali' Lewis

Alirene M. "Ali" Lewis, 8 months old, of Newberry, died of leukemia at Arbor House with her parents by her side Wednesday, January 9, 2008.

Born April 20, 2007, in Marquette, she was the daughter of Bennie and Sharon (nee Nelson) Lewis III.

She is survived by her parents and her older brother, Bennie IV, of Newberry; her grandparents,

Bennie and Carol Lewis Jr. of Sault Ste. Marie, and Ken and Alice Nelson of Newberry; great-grandparents, Bennie and Marcia Lewis Sr. of Rexton, Ruby Mayer of Engadine, and Maybelle Wilson of McMillan. She is also survived by several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by great-grandparents Larry Mayer, Shirley Gardner, Edward Wilson, and Joe and Edna Wilson.

Friends called Saturday, January 12, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Northstar Baptist Church in McMillan. Services were held at the church Saturday at 1 p.m. with Pastor Paul Williams officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Victoria Nelson



Victoria Nelson

Lutheran Church Women and the Luther League.

During World War II, Mrs. Nelson worked in an auto parts factory in Detroit. At that time, she was dating Robert F. "Mud" Nelson, who was serving overseas in the United States Army. When he returned from the war, the couple was married January 10, 1946, at Zion Lutheran Church in Allenville.

Mr. Nelson passed away

November 13, 1981 at the age of 62.

Surviving are five children and their families, Terry and Linda Nelson of Melrose Park, Illinois, Ronald and Brenda Nelson of Escanaba, Kenneth and Mary Nelson of Novi, Christine "Tina" Schlehuber of St. Ignace, and Debra and Les Therrian of St. Ignace; 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, with two more coming this August.

Preceding her in death were her siblings, Art Kaminsky, Raymond Kaminsky, Ernie Kaminsky, Fred Kaminsky, Emma Robbins, her twin Virginia Shipman, Grace Graham, and Joy Kaminsky, who died at birth.

Visitation was Monday, January 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Ignace. A funeral followed, with Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey officiating.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery with eight grandchildren serving as pallbearers.

Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

## Ralph Karr

Ralph D. Karr, 53, of Mackinac Island, died unexpectedly Monday evening, December 24, 2007, at the Mackinac Island Medical Center.

He was born July 28, 1954, in Detroit. His father was Ralph Karr Sr.

Mr. Karr worked for Mackinac Island Labor Service and was known to many Mackinac Island residents.

He is survived by a half brother, Mark Anthony Smith of Royal Oak.

A memorial service for Mr. Karr will be held next summer on Mackinac Island.

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

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Proceeds to Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable for prevention of child abuse and neglect

As I am getting ready to retire from the curator's job, I want to thank all of you for your support and caring over the many years.

The Historical Museum has come from the shed on Hossack's dock to the log cabin, and in 1987 to the roomy "hall" addition. We have offered free programs for the public each season, and changed displays to project different themes or subjects. We have featured different local artists with displays and recorded your comments in research. Many have generously helped to let all of this happen, and we thank you very much.

As I am not able to guide a new person into this job, I hope that you, as members, will give the same support and caring to this curator that you have given me for years.

I am concerned that some changes could bring a different look and feel to the museum and the Association. I hope that the Les Cheneaux Historical Association will remain a recognized and important institution in this community. Remembering the past and communicating open and honestly will give the future a solid base to work from, and help to hold onto that "quality of life" we enjoy and treasure so much here in Les Cheneaux.

**Thank You,  
Annegret Goehring**

## Child Abuse or Prosecutor Abuse: (You Decide)

Kathy Boynton vs. State of Michigan: File No. 07-6412-AR

On or about the 6th of December 2006, (one year ago), Kathy was attempting to get her nine year old out of bed to catch the school bus to Gros Cap School at 7:30 a.m. The child resisted and stalled and a confrontation ensued. It got physical. Kathy wound up pulling his hair, kicking him in the butt, and slapping him. The child got dressed and caught the school bus.

Kathy was upset and frustrated over the event and decided to go to Hiawatha Behavioral Health for advise and counseling. She advised HBH of the incident and the confrontation. HBH called DSS and in turn, they called the Michigan State Police. A state trooper and DSS case worker went to Gros Cap School and with the school's permission, they interviewed the nine year old boy. The police interview and report state that the child says he was not harmed or hurt in the incident and furthermore, he doubted that his mother could hurt him. The trooper also interviewed his seven year old brother, who is autistic. His interview was similar. The State Police report was given to the prosecutor for his review. The prosecutor decided to charge Kathy with fourth degree child abuse, a misdemeanor. Child abuse in the fourth degree requires that physical harm has to have occurred in order to comply with the elements of the law. Both the child and the police report state that no harm occurred. Furthermore, the child abuse law says, "Nothing in the law precludes the parents from using reasonable force and discipline in enforcing child discipline". (Michigan Penal Code as amended, Act 328-Definition of Child Abuse). Definition of Child Abuse: "A person is guilty of child abuse in the fourth degree if the person's omission or reckless acts causes physical harm to the child."

Kathy's employer, Mackinac Straits Hospital, suspended her from her job as an RN pending the outcome of the charge. (She was out of work for at least one year and the last nine months were without pay.) A trial date was set. As the trial proceeded, Kathy was asked by her attorney about her employment.

Q. Where are you currently employed? A. I am currently suspended from MSH.

Q. Is this because of the incident? A. Yes.

Q. Is this hospital policy? A. I assume so.

The prosecution did not object to these questions. As closing arguments were about to begin, the prosecutor asked the court to declare a mistrial because the answers to the questions about her employment were designed to influence the jury and gain sympathy for the defendant.

(To be continued)

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