

OBITUARIES

Glenn Lahti

Glenn Morris William Lahti, 69, of Drummond Island, was a retired professor of humanities and a veteran Great Lakes sailor and an "Old Goat" of the Mackinac Island yacht races. He was an active volunteer in many Drummond Island community organizations. Mr. Lahti died May 7, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Lahti was born January 26, 1939, to William and Emma (nee Heikkinen) Lahti in the Finnish farming community of Aura. He was born on a kitchen table under an oil lamp, which he kept for his whole life.

He spoke only Finnish when he first entered school, but was fluent in English a year later, and credited that intense learning experience for deepening his fascination with the written word. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Eastern Michigan University. While teaching literature and composition at Redford Union High School, Mr. Lahti became increasingly interested in interdisciplinary humanities, and took an unpaid sabbatical to earn a Master's Degree in the subject from Wayne State University. In 1968, he joined Macomb Community College (MCC) as it opened its new Center Campus, where he taught subjects in the humanities discipline. He continued to teach his favorite subject, mythology, after becoming Associate Dean of Humanities in 1988.

Thirty years after joining MCC, Mr. Lahti retired and moved to Drummond Island with his wife, Lynne Coulter.

He often said that he had no idea where his life would have led him if he hadn't joined the sailboat racing crew of skipper Irv Yackness in 1972. That year, on

the 54-foot custom sloop named *Gypsy*, they took first place in Class G of the Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron to Mackinac Island Race. This was the start of more than 30 years of racing on the Great Lakes with the same skipper on various boats through 1978, and then on an NA40 named *Caprice* starting in 1979. In 2001, he earned the distinctive title of "Old Goat" for participating in 25 Mackinac races. In 1990, Ms. Coulter joined the crew and two days after finishing the 1992 race, the couple were married in Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island, surrounded by family, friends, and crew.

They purchased a CS-36 sailboat in 1993 and christened her *ILMATAR*, meaning "daughter of the wind" from Finnish mythology. When not racing, and after retiring, the Lahtis and their two cats, Port and Starboard, enjoyed cruising the North Channel on *ILMATAR*.

Mr. Lahti became interested in stones and collected them from many of his sailing destinations. He built his own stone fireplace and became particularly interested in puddingstones, which are native to Drummond Island, and began tumbler polishing them for jewelry and cabinet knobs, cutting them into tiles, and ultimately photographing, designing, and producing Drummond Island Puddingstones, a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle.

He was a member of the Drummond Island Lions Club, Moose Lodge 2381, vice president of the Drummond Island Friends of the Library, secretary of the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society, and trustee of the Drummond Island Cross Country Club (DIXCC). Soon after moving

to Drummond Island, he helped establish a grassroots organization, Heritage Group, which developed the Heritage Trail for hiking and snow shoeing and the DIXCC Rainbow cross country ski trail.

Mr. Lahti joined the Eastern Upper Peninsula Nature Tourism Alliance, where he was an active member of the Great Waters Steering Committee and helped develop a Web site and the North Huron Scenic Pathway. In 2003, he was also a member of the Drummond Island Sesqui-centennial Committee and was instrumental in writing many articles for the commemorative booklet celebrating the Island's 150 years of history as a township.

He is survived by his wife, Lynne Ann Coulter of Drummond Island; his mother-in-law, Roberta Stanish of Waterford; and a niece and nephews, Alicia Kacel of Fort Worth, Texas, Richard Kacel of Waterford, Matthew Kacel of East Lansing, Sage Coulter of Truckee, California, and Nicholas Coulter of Roseville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother, Randy Lahti.

TeenServe Is Looking for Painting Jobs

Applications are still being taken for those in the Pickford area who want interior and exterior painting done by volunteers with TeenServe. A group of organizations and local churches will host TeenServe, a nonprofit corporation, for a one-week work camp in Pickford July 6 through July 12. Six-person crews will repair or paint homes for elderly residents or others who cannot complete the work themselves.

To apply, contact Pastor Paul Gruenberg at 647-6195.

Patricia Moraniec, 80, of Alganssee Township, died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at The Community Health Center of Branch County.

She was born April 2, 1928, in Detroit, to Robert and Elizabeth (nee Stencil) Kotrys.

She married Chester Moraniec October 8, 1949, in Livonia.

Ms. Moraniec lived in the Branch County area since 1975. She was a cook for many restaurants, most recently at the former Quality Inn Restaurant. She was a member of the Quincy American Legion Auxiliary. She loved gardening, fishing, and gambling. She especially loved to spend time at the family's home in the Upper Peninsula.

She is survived by four chil-

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dren and their families, Larry and Karen Moraniec of Canton, Georgia, Patrick Moraniec of Coldwater, Carrie and Sam Noel of Litchfield Park, Arizona, and

Linda Moraniec of Coldwater; three siblings and their families, Greg and Judy Kotrys of Inkster, Gene and Jessie Kotrys of Detroit, and Betty Solak of Coldwater; special cousins Leona Hurban of Cedarville, Dorothy Sadowski of East Tawas; and Delores Gordon of Brooklyn; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1977, her parents, and two brothers, George and Larry Kotrys.

No services will be held at this time. Interment will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Reading.

Memorials may be directed to The Maple Lawn Activity Fund.

Arrangements are being made by Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

James Green II

enjoyed golf, fishing, and spending time at the casino. He was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings.

Mr. Green is survived by his mother, Bertha Green of Mackinac Island; three sons and their families, Joseph James and Shayna Green of Manitou Beach, James L. and Christina Green III of Onsted, and Billy Kammers of St. Ignace; three daughters and their families, Linda and Edward Spencer of Kansas City, Missouri, Peggy Ann and John Snyder of Onsted, and Debra Vincent of Adrian; seven siblings, Russell of Detroit, Robert of Ohio, Stanley on Mackinac Island, Peggy Cowell of Mackinac Island, Lorna Livernois of Globe, Arizona,

Judy Aespenheide of Florida, and Kathleen Cowell of Wyandotte; 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jay Green, and five siblings, Stella, Jerry, Allen, Mary Wuest, and Patricia Gallagher.

Services were Saturday, May 17, at St. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island. Father Norman Dickson officiated.

Burial was in St. Anne's Cemetery on Mackinac Island, and graveside rites were conducted by the Mackinac Island American Legion.

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

Cecil Kerridge

from the position of maintenance foreman in 1987. He served in the United States Army during World War II until his honorable discharge October 28, 1945.

Mr. Kerridge was 84 when he died Saturday evening, May 17, 2008, at his home, surrounded by family members.

He was born July 24, 1923, in Levering, to Chester and Julia (nee Snyder) Kerridge.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8372 in Engadine, and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. His interests included hunting and gardening.

Mr. Kerridge is survived by his wife, Ethel (nee Weger), whom he married November 25, 1942; three children and their families, Michael and Kim of Garnet, Nancy and Ralph Godfrey of Gladstone, and Rick and Peggy of Newberry; 10 grand-

children; two step-grandsons; 13 great-grandchildren; four siblings, Chester of Flint, Donald of Fennville, Margie Weger of Garnet, and Harold of Garnet, and a daughter-in-law, Barbara Kerridge of Boyne City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two children, Cecil Jr. and Judy Kerridge, and two siblings, Tom and Kenny Kerridge.

Friends may call at Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry Thursday, May 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Services will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, and Pastor Tim Miller will officiate. Interment will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Garnet.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter of the Upper Peninsula Region, 710 Chippewa Square, Suite 201, Marquette, Michigan 49855.

State Retirees Will Meet June 2

Upper Peninsula Chapter 16 of the State Employee Retirees Association will host its spring luncheon Monday, June 2, at 1:30 p.m. at the conference room at the State Office Building in Escanaba. All members and their guests are encouraged to attend.

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**14496 M-48, Goetzville** - Priced to sell and room to roam. Great 4BR, 2.5 BA home on 1.37 acre lot with a 20 mile view. Full, unfinished basement with poured walls and a second furnace. 30'x50' garage and a paved drive...WOW! This is a must see and will not last long at this price! Home comes completely furnished. Motivated seller. \$115,000 08-30

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**2460 FOREST LANE, CEDARVILLE** - 300 ft. - Lake Huron - beautiful vacant wooded lot, located on island conveniently connected by country road. Premier location has south east exposure, high elevation, deep water and is somewhat protected from prevailing winds. Tall mature cedars, evergreens, and birch. Fantastic view and a great shoreline. \$820,000 (06-223)

**2085 S. HILL ISLAND ROAD, CEDARVILLE** - 110 ft. waterfront, spacious 4 BR, 3 BA home with guest cottage, heated double attached garage, 24'x24' detached garage. Siding, roof and heating system installed 2-3 years ago. Lovely decks overlook Lake Huron. Come and look at this quality built home. New privacy fence on east line. New stake dock with 7 ft. of water at end of dock. Motivated seller will consider all reasonable offers. \$385,000 (06-803)

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**384 E. M-134, CEDARVILLE** - Attractive commercial building on busy M-134. Multi-use is possible. Approx. 2,000 sq ft, black top parking lot, immediate occupancy. Priced to sell quickly. \$145,000 (07-531)

**1719 M-129, Cedarville** - Many updates both inside and out. Plenty of space in remodeled kitchen. 4 bedrooms for family. Really big garage and heated workshop. Plenty of space in back yard for everybody to play, work and have a great time together. \$148,000 (08-13)