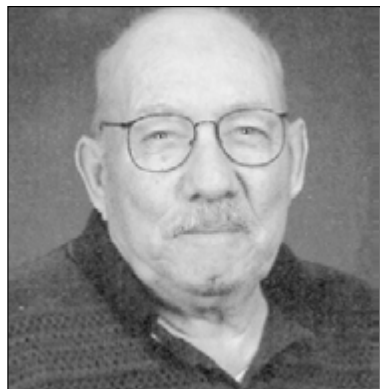


OBITUARIES

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Joseph Paul Clement, 83, of Pickford, was a U.S. Navy veteran and a cabinet maker who owned several businesses in the Dafter area. Mr. Clement died Friday, June 6, 2008, in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was born March 10, 1925, in Halfway, to Joseph Wayne and Margaret (nee Loman) Clement.

Mr. Clement spent the first 10 years of his life in the Detroit area helping his grandparents, before he joined his eight brothers and sisters and their parents in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. He was an energetic youth and a hard worker. As a young man, he worked for the Corps of Engineers and after work each day, he would walk out to 3 Mile Road to spend another shift as an apprentice cabinet maker.

In 1943, Mr. Clement joined the U.S. Navy and served in the South Pacific, where he saw action on the USS Mississippi as a Fireman First Class. Upon returning from the war, he worked for the Corps of Engineers and also built cabinets and did construction work in his spare time.

He married Donna Tobais, and they made their home in Sault Ste. Marie and later in Dafter, where they reared their family of four boys.

Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Clement had several businesses, including the Dafter Inn, Dafter Market, Kinross Café, and in 1974, with their sons, Clement's House and Building Movers and Mobile Home Service, which their sons continue to operate.

Following Mrs. Clement's death after a long illness in 1999, Mr.

Clement married a lifelong friend of the couple, Mary Sherman Caldwell, in 2000, and they spent eight happy years together.

Mr. Clement was always willing to help anyone, friends said; children and pets were special to him, and he enjoyed finding ways to have fun. He and his first wife organized and sponsored the rodeo and the demolition derby at Dafter. He built a miniature covered wagon for his children that was powered by a miniature team of Shetland ponies, and the family loved to ride this in area parades. He and his children also built miniature chariots to have chariot races with the ponies. He continued to be an active helper for his sons in the business, while still finding time to devote to family events on both sides of his expanding family. No matter how difficult times became, friends said, Mr. Clement kept the twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face.

He is survived by his wife, Mary (nee Sherman); four sons and their families, Terry and Mary Clement,

Vern and Patty Clement, Wayne and Rose Clement, and Marty and Eileen Clement, all of Dafter; 13 grandchildren and their families, Tammy Jo and Dave Rye, Terry Joseph and Lourdes Clement, Anthony Lewis and Tammy Lynn Clement, Brandon James Clement, Angela Clement, Jamie Mackanos, Jodie and Dave Downs, Kyle Joseph Clement, Brian Clement, Kurt and Wendy Clement, Carla and Mike Hank, Linda and Mike Baragwanath, and Dave and Tara Calder, and 28 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his stepchildren and their families, Judy Caldwell of Kalamazoo, Paul and Kathy Caldwell of Crescent City, Illinois, Ruth Caldwell and Rick of Flint, and Janice and Richard Harkless of Marshfield, Wisconsin; stepdaughters-in-law, Rebecca Caldwell and Rae Ann Caldwell; 17 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. His sister, Marjorie Yates of Antioch, Tennessee, also survives.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Donna Clement; four brothers, Leonard Clement, Burt Clement, Lewis Clement, and Bill Clement; three sisters, Lucille Forrest, Gloria Kirby, and Rosalie Faight, and two stepsons, Allen Caldwell and William Caldwell.

Visitation was Monday, June 9, at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford. Services were held Tuesday, June 10, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Reverend Craig Weihman and the Reverend Paul Caldwell conducting the service. Burial was in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township.

James 'Jim' Solon

James "Jim" Solon, 77, of Mackinaw City, was a Korean War veteran who was committed to his longtime involvement with the Fraternal Order of United Irishmen and to his charity work for St. Patrick's Parish in Detroit. Mr. Solon passed away May 31, 2008. He died 77 years from the date he was baptized in Detroit.

He was born May 9, 1931, to Francis and Bridget (nee O'Neil) Solon.

A Korean War veteran, Mr. Solon served his country from 1951 to 1953 as an engineer in Company B, 116th Engineer Combat Battalion.

Upon returning to Detroit in 1953, he met and married Genevieve Antoinette Danielczyk.

Mr. Solon was a volunteer in the food kitchen and newly formed St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Most who came to know him eventually ended up at his table, friends said, being treated to his great cooking skills. Whether it was Irish, Italian, or Chinese cuisine, he could turn an evening into a dining event.

After retiring to Northern Michigan in the early 1990s, Mr. Solon turned his hobby of golf into a full-time job, with overtime. He played every day, rain or shine, with his

best golf companion, Joe Zola of Cheboygan.

He is survived by two sons and their families, James Solon of Portland, Oregon, and Patrick and Lora Solon of Chicago, Illinois; three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Jack, and Chloe Solon; and a brother, John Solon of Ann Arbor. He also leaves behind his best friend of sev-

eral years, Sharon Torsky of Mackinaw City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve, who died in 1989.

An Irish wake will take place Saturday, June 14, at 5 p.m. at American Legion Post 159 in Mackinaw City. Friends are welcome to come and share food, drink, music, and memories of Mr. Solon.

Lucia Hagen



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Lucia Aline Francher Hagen, 89, once established and operated a church thrift store in St. Ignace, and worked for many years at the family business, the Fort Algonquin museum and store on Mackinac Trail in St. Ignace. She first worked there as a teenager in the 1930s, for her uncle, Vaughan Norton, then returned to work there 60 years later, and worked through her late 70s and early 80s. Her son and daughter-in-law, Warren and Kim Hagen of St. Ignace, now operate the business.

Mrs. Hagen passed away Saturday, June 7, 2008.

She was born August 1, 1918, in Mechanicsville, New York.

She married Percy Gudmunsen Hagen February 15, 1940. They retired to St. Ignace in 1980.

She is remembered as a vibrant individual, whom friends said lived her life full of accomplishments, travel, and devotion to church. She was one of the original employees at Park-Davis, which developed the polio vaccine. She loved working for Marshall Fields of Chicago, and restored artwork in their galleries. She was a volunteer with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Wheaton, Illinois.

An avid reader and traveler, Mrs. Hagen visited Italy for a month in 1986 and enjoyed trips to Europe, Acapulco, Mexico, and Hawaii. She owned and rode horses, showed dogs, and loved opera and doing crossword puzzles. She adored animals and had dogs, cats, and birds as companions throughout her life. Her bright intellect, inquisitive nature, sense of humor, and vivacious personality remained intact through her last days, family members said.

She is survived by two sons and their families, William Richard and Donna Hagen of Austin, Texas, and Warren Vaughan and Kimberly Hagen of St. Ignace; five grandchildren and their families, Vincent Hagen of St. Ignace, Michelle Dianne Hagen of Holly-

wood, Florida, Eve and George Monaghan of Lakeway, Texas, Gary and Pamela Hagen of Forney, Texas, and Janelle and Terrence Petersen of Fort Worth, Texas, and great-grandchildren Ciarra Canada, Jensen and Heather Hagen, and Nathan and Sarah Peterson. She is also survived by a sister and her family, Louise and Larry Turino of Pahrump, Nevada; many nieces and nephews; several dear friends and extended family members, Doris Bryll, Jamica Diamond, Anne Marie and Jerry Pudenz and their children, Kim Swanson and family, Steve Nobach, Sherrill Soblaskey, Dianne Hagen, and Linda (nee Barnhill) Scott.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Percy, who died in 1991.

A memorial service will be held September 6, and burial will be at Revort Cemetery, beside her husband.

She loved gardening and specifically requested that her friends remember her by planting a perennial plant in their home gardens in lieu of memorial flowers. Donations to any of her favorite interests may be given to Luce-Mackinac-Alger-Schoolcraft Hospice, Salvation Army, Daughters of the American Revolution Perrin-Wheaton Chapter, Church of the Good Shepherd in St. Ignace, or Mariners Church in Detroit.

Dodson's Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Touch of Craft Opens June 9

Touch of Craft Gift Shop opened Monday, June 9, at the Arnold Line Dock in St. Ignace. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The gift shop is operated by volunteers and features handmade crafts, local photography, baby clothes and blankets, greeting cards, towels, sweatshirts, clothes, handbags, holiday decorations, doll clothes, quilts, and woodwork.

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Group Seeks Used Books for Sale Fundraiser June 25

The Friends of the Les Cheneaux Community will accept donations of used books for an upcoming book sale through Wednesday, June 25, and they can be dropped off at the Les Cheneaux Community Library during open hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Magazines will not be accepted for the sale this year.

Donated items will join the many book and movie titles that will be sold at the Friends' annual book sale Tuesday, July 1, Wednesday, July 2, and Thursday, July 3. The sale is a fundraiser for the organization, which provides support and supplemental funding for library programs and special events, and other costs.

The sale will open early July 1 for a one hour pre-sale, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pre-sale participants can shop early for \$5 per person.

Free admission to the sale will be from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday the sale will be open from noon to 8 p.m.

Call the library at 484-3547 for information about the sale or book donations.



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