

OBITUARIES

Theodore Aslin

Theodore "Ted" M. Aslin, 78, of Newberry, was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Mr. Aslin died Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids.

Born May 27, 1930, in St. Ignace, he was the son of Albert and Frances (nee Smith) Aslin.

Mr. Aslin served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War, attaining the rank of sergeant. Following his honorable discharge, he resided downstate and held various employments until he retired owing to declining health.

He married Irma J. Flemming November 19, 1977.

A resident of Newberry for the past 30 years, he was a member of American Legion Post 74 and life member of VFW Post 8372, both of Newberry, and member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. His hobbies

and interests included reading, watching Western movies, and spending time with his family and his companion dog, Ginger.

Survivors include his wife, Irma; four children and their families, Michelle and Tom Gendron of Newberry, David Tryon of Quincy, Ron Tryon of Minnesota, and Michael Tryon of California; grandchildren Matthew and Michelle McMurtrie, Matthew Gendron, and Sandy Tryon; several great-grandchildren, and siblings Doris Allen of Cleveland, Oklahoma, Eva Allen of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Fred Aslin of Newberry.

Besides his parents, Mr. Aslin was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan McMurtrie, and five siblings, Alberta Chippewa, John Aslin, George Aslin, Peter Aslin, and Violet Aslin.

A Traditional Native American service was held Friday, June 27, at 9 a.m. at Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry.

Gerald Harrison

session member and trustee.

Mr. Harrison is survived by his wife, Theora; four children and their families, Venitta and Gerald Hill of Cedarville, Gerald T. and Betty Jean Harrison of Pickford, Kathleen and Steven Gerrish of Sault Ste. Marie, and Kandice and David Huyck of Milford; 10 grandchildren and their families, Gregory Hill, Gretchen and William Schafer, Kurtis and Renee Hill, Rhonda and Dale Tallman, Michael and Sandra Harrison, Courtney Gerrish, Steven and Nicole Gerrish, Marcus and Susan Huyck, Christina and Adam Wiesley, and Michelle Huyck; 11 great-grandchildren, Kylie, Nicole and Katrina Schafer, Jessica and Megan Hill, Sara, Johathan and Emily Tallman, and Shane, Samantha and Sabrina Harrison, and one brother, Clifford Harrison of Pickford.

Mr. Harrison was preceded in

death by his parents; his stepfather, Robert Thompson; five brothers, Elwood, Maitland, Lewis, Howard, and Carlyle Harrison; a sister, Audrey Hill, and a granddaughter, Tracy Harrison.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 2, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford.

Services will be Thursday, July 3, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. The Reverend Ron Bown will conduct the service.

Burial will be in Cottle Cemetery in Marquette Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, at 225 North Michigan Avenue, Fl. 17, Chicago, Illinois 60601-7633, or to the Pickford United Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 266, Pickford, MI 49774.

John Wilson

of reserve service. For his service in Korea, Mr. Wilson received a Bronze Star, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, a National Defense Service Medal, and a United Nations Service Medal.

He was a member of the Catholic church.

For a time, Mr. Wilson drove a road commission plow truck. He worked for Floyd Paquin Sr. of St. Ignace in the commercial fishing industry for more than 10 years.

He lived in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for a time. Following the death of his wife, he moved back to St. Ignace to care for his aging

mother.

Mr. Wilson is survived by a nephew, Jerry Wilson of Lancaster, California, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Jerome, Gerald, and Donald, and a sister, Marian Derusha.

A graveside service will be held later this year at St. Ignace Cemetery in St. Ignace, and will be announced when scheduled.

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

Catherine Therrian

Catherine Therrian of St. Ignace, 85, died early Tuesday morning, July 1, 2008.

She was born January 15, 1923.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, and are being made by Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace.

Roberta

Montgomery

Roberta "Bert" A. Montgomery, 68, of Engadine, died Monday, June 23, 2008, at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique from complications of a stroke.

Born December 17, 1939, in Detroit, she was the daughter of Robert and Norma (nee Bigelow) Mhlader.

She was a 1958 graduate of South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores. She had been a resident of Engadine for more than 20 years.

Ms. Montgomery is survived by eight children and their families, John and Marie Montgomery of Utica, William and Suzanne Montgomery of Harbor Springs, Robert and Peggy Montgomery of St. Clair Shores, James and Danielle Montgomery of Shelby Township, Cynthia and Earl Stephenson of Manistique, Christopher Menominee, serving in the U.S. Army in Seoul, South Korea, Charles Menominee, and Daniel Menominee, both of Manistique; one sister and her family, Helen and John Lekki of Lapeer; 13 grandchildren, Heather Montgomery, Ian Montgomery, Jessica Montgomery, Ellen Montgomery, Jacob Montgomery, Andrew Montgomery, Benjamin Montgomery, Erik Montgomery, Julia Montgomery, Joshua Montgomery, Holly Montgomery, John Montgomery, and Michael Stephenson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Duane Mhlader.

Friends called at the Rexton Mennonite Church Friday, June 27, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Services followed at the church with Pastor Tim Miller officiating. Burial took place at Caffey Cemetery in Rexton.

Memorials may be made to the Rexton Mennonite Church.

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

Christopher Blosswick Sr.

Christopher D. Blosswick Sr., 51, of St. Ignace, had a lifelong interest in Great Lakes boats and established several local businesses. He passed away Tuesday morning, June 24, 2008, at Lacks Cancer Center in Grand Rapids following a seven-year illness with bone marrow cancer.

He was born September 7, 1956, in Petoskey, to John B. and Rudy (nee Smith) Blosswick of Mackinac Island. He grew up on Mackinac, and was graduated from high school in 1974.

Following graduation, Mr. Blosswick sailed on the *Paul H. Townsend* cement boat for three years as a watchman and deckhand. He then started Lakeside Bike Rental on Mackinac Island, and owned it for nine years. With his brother, Frank, and father, he owned LaChance Cottage on Mackinac. Mr. Blosswick and his brother, John, owned several Great Lakes boats, including the *Straits of Mackinac*, railroad ferry *Arthur K. Atkinson*, and the U.S. Coast Guard Buoy Tender *Maple*, which they brought to St. Ignace for a museum on the waterfront.

Mr. Blosswick also loved old cars, especially Lincoln sedans of the late 1970s, and he owned several.

He enjoyed history and especially liked collecting photographs and stories of the boats that sailed the Great Lakes.

He and his family lived in Lake Odessa for seven years, moving back to St. Ignace in 2001 because of his ill health.

He was a member of Faith Baptist Church in St. Ignace and of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He married Annette Meyers August 28, 1982, at Trinity Church on Mackinac Island, and she survives. Also surviving are three children, Christopher Dale Jr., John Wesley, and Hanna Mae; his mother, Ruby Blosswick of St. Ignace; three brothers and their families, John C. and Ann of Lansing, Frank and Alice of



Christopher Blosswick Sr.

Mackinac Island, and Clark of Mackinac Island, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, John, who died in 1994.

Visitation was Thursday, June 26, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace. Services were Friday, June 27, at 10 a.m. at Faith Baptist Church with Pastor Earl Bercot officiating. Burial will be in the Mackinac Island Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to a college fund for his children, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, or the Children's Leukemia Foundation, with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home.

Gerald Alexander Harrison of Pickford was a master plumber and owner of Gerald Harrison Plumbing and Heating for 30 years. He was also a former member of the Pickford Township Board, serving as a trustee and clerk.

Mr. Harrison was 90 when he died Saturday, June 28, 2008, in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was born August 30, 1917, in Pickford to Lewis Harrison and Gertrude (nee McDowell) Harrison Thompson.

A lifelong Pickford resident, Mr. Harrison married Theora Hughes more than 68 years ago, July 22, 1939. He then went on to serve in the United States Army Air Corps detached service in Hilo, Hawaii, from 1945 to 1946. He was a member of the American Legion.

Mr. Harrison was a member of the Pickford Presbyterian Church in Pickford, where he served as a

John G. Wilson of St. Ignace was a U.S. Army veteran who was decorated for his service in Korea. Mr. Wilson died at age 78 Monday morning, June 30, 2008, at Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace.

He was born in St. Ignace November 5, 1929, to George and Grace Mary (Albright) Wilson.

Following high school graduation, he joined the United States Army. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8372, having served in the United States Army from September 17, 1951, to September 2, 1953, plus eight years

Frederick Smith Memorial July 5

A family memorial service will be held Saturday, July 5, in Cedarville, for Frederick "Duane" Smith, 66, of Davenport, Oklahoma, who died October 28, 2006, in Meeker, Oklahoma.

Survivors include his nine children and their families, Debra and Jim Rogers of Kincheloe, Karen and Norman McBee of Northville, Duane and Rina Smith of Atwater, California, Robert and Kristina Smith of Grand Rapids, Elvern and BJ Smith of Winton, California, Kimberly White of Ada, Oklahoma, Samantha and Eric Elledge of Guthrie, Oklahoma, Alrick Smith of Davenport, and Amanda Smith of Davenport.

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