

OBITUARIES

Donna Ward

Donna J. Ward, 75, of St. Ignace, died early Saturday morning, October 25, 2008, at Mackinac Straits Hospital after suffering a stroke at her apartment.

She was born November 19, 1931, to Alfred and Eva (nee Sparks) Gillespie in Wyoming Township, Kent County.

Mrs. Ward was graduated from Boyne Falls High School and later married Robert D. Ward. He died in October 2004.

The couple lived in Cedarville and in Harbor Springs for several years, and Mrs. Ward had lived in St. Ignace for the past nine years.

Mrs. Ward was a member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She is survived by her two sons, Martin and Janelle Bester of Hessel and John and Cheryl Bester of Lansing, Kansas; her sister, Joyce Anderson of Boyne City; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Edwin Hohmann

ing trainer.

He was known as a historian of Mackinac and of the Civil War era. He applied his love and knowledge of history at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, working as a civil war guide for three years.

He later built a home on Mackinac Island and lived there with his children, who were graduated from Mackinac Island

Otto Flatt

Otto M. Flatt, 93, of Engadine, died at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette Sunday, October 26, 2008.

He was born to Adolf and Lydia (nee Matchinske) Flatt in Alpena May 4, 1915, and the family moved to Engadine when he was a youth.

Mr. Flatt is a former employee of Hudson Auto plant factory in Detroit. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1942, and following his honorable discharge in 1945, he moved back to Engadine, where he owned and operated a dairy farm for 31 years until he retired in 1976.

He married Clara Bisanz May 20, 1944.

With his brothers Leon and Ervin, Mr. Flatt received his high school diploma from Engadine Consolidated Schools May 7, 2005, under a program to recognize veterans of World War II and the Korean War.

Mr. Flatt was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Engadine, a life member and former post commander of the

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8372 of Engadine, and a long time volunteer of the post's weekly fish fry. He was also a recipient of numerous awards from the Mackinac-Luce Farm Bureau.

He was an avid deer hunter, enjoying the sport with his long-time friend, Donald Smith.

Mr. Flatt is preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, Edmund, Albert, Reinhart, and his great-grandchild, Hunter Flatt.

He is survived by his wife, his children, Darlene and John Barker of Germfask, Wayne and Donita of Engadine, Brenda and William Cashman of Sault Ste. Marie, Rose Belcher and friend Herbert Huber of Newberry, and Roger and Barbara Flatt of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; 12 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren; his siblings, Elsie Sellers, Leon and Margaret Flatt, and Ervin Flatt, all of Engadine, Gerhart and Ruth of Laguna Woods, California, and Alvin and Eldora Flatt of Newberry; and several nieces and nephews.

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She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert D. Ward, her son, Robert Ward of Pickford, and her siblings, Alfred Jr., Bob, Shirley, and Earl.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, October 31, at Boyne Valley Cemetery in Boyne Falls.

Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace is assisting the family with arrangements.

Public School.

He is survived by a son, Christopher, of Yorkville, a daughter and her family, Sarah and Michael Hohmann-Koester of Millington, Illinois, and three grandchildren.

A funeral will be held in Yorkville at a later date.

Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace is assisting the family with arrangements.

Friends may call the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Engadine between 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, October 30. Services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church, with Pastor Arthur Bode officiating.

Interment will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Building Fund in memory of Otto M. Flatt.

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

Honorable Thomas J. O'Dowd, 77, of Rochester Hills, died of natural causes Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

Born in Detroit, he was the son of Irish immigrant parents, Thomas and Helen O'Dowd.

Judge O'Dowd was graduated from St. Leo's High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Detroit in 1953 just prior to being drafted to the U.S. Army. He was graduated from University of Detroit Law School in 1959, where he served as class president, and practiced law in Detroit for several years before joining the city of Detroit Law Department. After nearly 10 years, he was appointed Administrative Law Judge with the US Federal

Thomas O'Dowd

Government and soon was elevated to the position of Chief Judge. He continued in that capacity until his death.

Jude O'Dowd was a skilled football player for St. Leo High School. While stationed in Germany, he also played for the US Army football team. He was an accomplished tennis player and played throughout his adult life up to and including the day of his death.

He enjoyed several years in Cedarville, studying wildlife and gardening, and wintered in Kissimmee, Florida.

He is survived by three children and their families, Thomas and Catherine O'Dowd, Kevin and Karen O'Dowd, and Maureen and Marc Muzzarelli; two stepchildren

and their families, David and Kay Hankus and Ann and Paul Jacobson; five grandchildren, Conor, Kyle, Casey, Micaela, and Shaun, and two stepgrandchildren, Nichole and Rachel. He is also survived by three siblings and their families, Marie and Jerry Crandon, Margaret O'Dowd, and Helen and Jack Regan; four nieces and a nephew and their families, Ann Marie and Jeff MacLean, Christine and John Rademacher, John Regan, and Colleen and Michael O'Brien; a sister-in-law, MaryAnn Spieles, and two brothers-in-law, Tom Spieles and Peter Spieles.

A memorial service was held at Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church in Rochester Hills, Monday, October 27, at noon.

Wilma Pudenz

Ignace, and their three children, Elizabeth, Andrew, and Thomas. Mrs. Pudenz had 30 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was the co-owner and secretary of Pudenz Popcorn Company, sang in the church choir, participated in County Chords Ecumenical Community

Choir, and was a member of the garden club. Mrs. Pudenz enjoyed music, painting, reading, and Native American culture.

Services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wall Lake, Iowa. One of the celebrants of the service was her grandson, Father Chris Rising.

Rephelia Taylor

She is survived by her daughters and families, Brenda and Robert Backie of Ortonville and Janice and Jerry Hooper of Prudenville, nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to

2 p.m. at Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace Saturday, November 8, with a prayer service at 2:30 p.m. Father Allen Mott and Deacon Don Olmstead will officiate.

Graveside services will follow at St. Ignace Cemetery.

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PICKFORD - Country home on 37 acres, with 4 BR & detached garage. Built in 2000, open floor plan, many windows & large living area w/wired oak flooring. (08-955) \$94,900

HESSEL - Harbor view restaurant, open deck bar, gift shop, 4 BR home across from Hessel Marina. Fantastic view of Hessel Bay & Islands. (07-171) Reduced! \$600,000

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