

OBITUARIES

Mary Beth Paquin



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Mary Beth Paquin, 45, of Cedarville, died Thursday, December 18, 2008, at her home.

She was born January 1, 1963, in St. Ignace to Charles Gerald and Dorothy Aletta (nee Matson) Paquin.

Ms. Paquin was a lifelong Cedarville resident. She worked at local restaurants and did home cleaning. She assisted her sister, Sonja Duncan, in coaching the Cedarville High School girls varsity basketball team.

Ms. Paquin is survived by her mother, Dorothy Paquin of Cedarville; three sisters and their families, Judy and Lyle Landreville of Maple Lake, Minnesota, Sonja and David Duncan of Cedarville, and Nicole and Jeff Rolland of Clinton; two brothers and their families,

Jordan, Jessica, and Joey Duncan, and Jeffrey, Nicholas, and Alexia Rolland; great-nieces and nephews, Emma and Avery Adams, Chase Landreville, and Aidan Paquin; and her dear friends, Cheryl Waybrant and Pamela Paquin.

Ms. Paquin was preceded in death by her father, Charles G. Paquin Sr. and her grandparents, Bessie and Clarence Matson and Eugene and Mary Paquin.

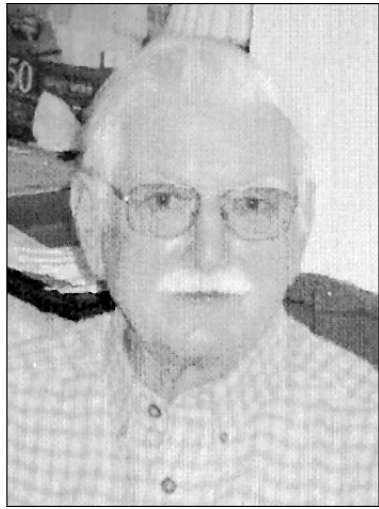
Services were held Monday, December 22, at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Cedarville, with visitation from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. A funeral was held at 4 p.m. Her final resting place will be Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville.

Memorials may be made to the Cedarville High School Basketball Program, P.O. Box 340, Cedarville, Michigan 49719.

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

Charles G. "Butch" Paquin Jr. of Cedarville and John and Candy Paquin of Clinton; 19 nieces and nephews, David, Angela, and Keith Landreville, Mark, Steven, Andrew, C.J., Trey, Erin, Erica, James, and Alex Paquin, Jason,

John Melvin



John Melvin

John Kenneth Melvin, 85, of Drummond Island, was a marine engineer who served his country during World War II. Mr. Melvin died Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was born January 20, 1923, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Ira and Mabel (nee Jones) Melvin.

Mr. Melvin was graduated from Fairview Park High School in 1941. In 1942 he was accepted to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. He was graduated with unlimited licenses in steam and diesel in Marine Engineering. In World War II, he served as an engineer on aviation gasoline tankers in the North Atlantic convoys.

He married Renee Ruelius in Flushing, New York, and the couple moved to Drummond Island in 1946. They were the parents of three sons, Jay Melvin, Dean Alan, and Dale Edward, and one adopted son, Kenneth Ira.

After moving to Drummond Island, Mr. Melvin worked as a purchasing agent for the Dolomite Quarry.

In 1977 he was remarried, to Judith Immel, who had twin daughters, Lynn and Laura.

He was a member of the Drummond Island Lutheran Church, where he served as a sub-

stitute organist. He was a life member of the Masonic Lodge 590 in Cedarville, where he was the organist for many years. He was a member of the Drummond Island Sportsman's Club. Mr. Melvin also served as president of the Board of Directors of the DeTour-Drummond Community Credit Union for 30 years.

Mr. Melvin enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, and camping. His greatest enjoyment was playing the organ and piano for many local functions over the years.

He is survived by his wife, Judith; two sons and their families, Dean Alan Melvin and Dale Edward and Kelly Melvin; two daughters and their families, Laura Melvin and Lynn and Thomas Dyal, all of Drummond Island; seven grandchildren, J.D. Melvin, Sarah Melvin, Zachary Melvin, Blake Melvin, Adian Gable, Samantha Dyal, and Andrew Dyal; and one great grandson, Wyatt Gable.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Jay Melvin and Kenneth Ira Melvin.

A memorial was held Thursday, December 18, at 11 a.m. at the Drummond Island Lutheran Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Drummond Island Lutheran Church.

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

After Christmas Sale advertisement for The Old Fish House. Includes text: 'HUGE Clearance SALE on', '20% to 70% OFF STOREWIDE', 'Saturday, December 27th 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.', and '1-Day Only!'.

Marian Hill



Marian Hill

Marian Florence Hill, 76, of Sault Ste. Marie, formerly of Rudyard, was a professional secretary and later a librarian, working locally for Cloverland Electric Cooperative and Rudyard Area Schools Public Library. Mrs. Hill died Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at War Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in Sault Ste. Marie, surrounded by her family.

She was born May 30, 1932, in Rudyard to Victor and Ottyl Jaana (nee Marjanen) Aho. She was reared by her parents and by Eino Henry Niemi and Ann Evelina (nee Aho) Niemi, living with her parents in the summer and with Mr. and Mrs. Niemi during the school year.

Following graduation from Rudyard High School, she attended Suomi College in Hancock, studying in the secretarial program. She worked as a secretary in Washington, D.C., and then returned to Sault Ste. Marie, where she worked for Cloverland Electric Cooperative.

She married Wesley Anselm Hill October 23, 1954, at St. James Lutheran Church in Rudyard. They made Rudyard their home while their four daughters grew up. After the girls were grown, Mrs. Hill worked as a librarian for Rudyard Area Schools Public Library, retiring in 1992.

Mrs. Hill has made Sault Ste. Marie her home since 1994.

She was a member of the St. James Lutheran Church, Suomi Circle, a Finnish Bible study group, Lutheran Church Women, and the church choir.

Mrs. Hill was an accomplished seamstress, sewing many of her daughters' clothes. She also enjoyed knitting and reading. She was known for her playful sense of humor, optimism, and faith.

She is survived by four daughters and their families, Pamela Ann Hill of Sault Ste. Marie, Vicky Lynn and Cecil Faircloth of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Jeanie May Richards of Sault Ste. Marie, and Brenda Inez Donnelly of North Conway, New Hampshire; three grandchildren and their fam-

ilies, Alyssa Jean and Eric Clingenpeel of Ithaca, Heather Nichole Hill, and Lakeisha Alexis Richards, and one great-grandchild, Evan Joseph Gravelle. Also surviving are four sisters, Hazel Engle of Negely, Ohio, Helga Slosarik of Los Gatos, California, Helvie Rachel Aho of Los Gatos, and Irene Lahja Mourufas of Sault Ste. Marie, and two brothers, Swen Felix Aho of Charlevoix and Arnie Walter Aho of Cle Elum, Washington.

Mrs. Hill was preceded in death by her husband, a great grandson, Bryce Anthony Gravelle, four siblings, Mauno Aho, Wilho Victor Aho, Elmer Aho, and Eino Ernest Aho; and a sister-in-law, Viola Eleanor (nee Hill) Hogle.

Services were held Saturday, December 20, at St. James Lutheran Church in Rudyard. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until noon with a Celebration of Life Service at noon.

Burial will be in Kinross Township Lakeview Cemetery in the spring.

Memorials may be directed to St. James Lutheran Church, 11112 Third Street, P.O. Box 156, Rudyard, Michigan 49780.

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

Holiday Greetings! advertisement for Everson's Home Furnishings. Includes text: 'What better time to THANK all our friends and customers for their valued business during the past year. Happy Holidays! Everson's Home Furnishings 20 First Street (Service Road), St. Ignace (906) 643-7751'.

The Holiest Season advertisement for Old Mission Bank. Includes text: 'The Holiest Season 'Tis the holiest season of the year. May you be touched by its magnificence. Merry Christmas & a Peaceful New Year. OLD MISSION BANK Sault Ste. Marie, MI 906-635-9910 Pickford, MI 906-647-9910 MEMBER FDIC'.

Rudyard Pool Project Begins Tile Fundraiser

The Rudyard Pool Renovation Committee is selling engraved quarry tiles to be placed in the lobby of the Rudyard swimming pool, as a fundraiser as part of its efforts to raise a minimum of \$50,000 while partnering with Rudyard Area Schools and Consolidated Community School Services to complete mandatory pool repairs to keep the pool open. Tiles can be engraved with the donor's name or in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

Donations of \$125 will purchase an engraved four-by-eight inch tile and a \$325 contribution will obtain an eight-by-eight inch tile. Quarry tiles in the 12-by-12 inch size will be available in three levels of giving: gold level for donations \$5,000 or higher, silver level for a donation of \$2,500 to \$4,999, and bronze level for a donation of \$1,000 to \$2,499.

Contributions are tax deductible and sale of the floor tiles will continue until the swimming pool renovations are completed.

Those wishing to make tax deductible donation or purchase of an engraved tile can send a check to: Rudyard Area Schools Pool Fund, Attention Heather Suggitt, P.O. Box 246, Rudyard, Michigan 49780. The committee will contact purchasers to confirm the engraving message. To receive a receipt, please include a self addressed, stamped envelope.

More information about the engraved quarry tile sales is available from Jamie Curtis at 478-4551 or Alicia Lawlor 478-6440.

Season's Greetings from Our Family to Yours! advertisement for Auto-Owners Insurance. Includes text: 'Join our family of satisfied customers. As an independent agency, we tailor the best insurance protection at competitive prices. We represent only the finest insurance companies, like Auto-Owners, The "No Problem" People®. Ask us about the many other advantages of doing business with an independent insurance agency. Auto-Owners Insurance Life Home Car Business The "No Problem" People®. D. Beacom Insurance 1-800-635-1218 • (906) 647-6435 7772 M-129, Pickford, MI beacom@beacominsurance.com Don Wilson Insurance Agency 1-877-286-9250 • (906) 635-5600 110 Dawson St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI don@wilson-ins-agency.com Hours: Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. thru 5 p.m. Closed at Noon December 24th, Closed December 25th - 26th Closed at Noon December 31st, Closed January 1st We Will Be Open January 2nd • 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.'

Like a Picture You Saw in The St. Ignace News? advertisement. Includes text: 'You can purchase it for as low as \$2.50 Call or stop in for more information 359 Reagon Street, St. Ignace • (906) 643-9150'.

The St. Ignace News Print Shop Advantage advertisement. Includes text: 'The St. Ignace News Print Shop Advantage Friendly Service Expert Design & Editing Quick Turn-around Economical Pricing The St. Ignace News 359 Reagon Street Saint Ignace, Michigan 49781 (906) 643-9150 sales@stignacenews.com'.