

## OBITUARIES

## Charlotte 'Tootie' Goetz

Charlotte Ann "Tootie" Goetz, 80, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Cedarville, died Thursday, June 18, 2009, in Grand Rapids.

She was born November 26, 1928, in Cedarville to John and Charlotte (nee Watchorn) Chedister.

She lived most of her life in Cedarville and was a devoted mother and grandmother. Mrs. Goetz has lived for the last 10 years in Grand Rapids with Elizabeth Martin and under the care of her great-nieces, Jacky Dyer and Cindy Petrovich, and nephew, Lou Martin.

Mrs. Goetz is survived by two sons and their families, Kenneth and Nancy Goetz of Millersburg, and Rodney and Denise Goetz of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; five



Charlotte Goetz

grandchildren, Paul Goetz, Phillip Goetz, Eric Goetz, Gregory Goetz, Sheila Crawford, and Brianna Goetz; and four great-grandchild-

dren, Gavin Goetz, Myah Goetz, Jada Lee Marker, and Kaalin Goetz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Phillip J. Goetz; two sons, Donald Goetz and Ronald Goetz; and daughter, Christine Goetz; two granddaughters, Christine Goetz and Dawn Goetz; four sisters, Ina Dorgan, Olive Smith, Violet Borden, and Ida Richardson, and three brothers, William, Harvey, and Wilfred Chedister.

Visitation was held Monday, June 22, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford. Services were Tuesday, June 23, at 10 a.m., at the funeral home.

Burial was at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township.

Robert Charles St. Onge, 80, of Hessel, died Thursday, June 18, 2009, in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was born October 2, 1928, in Marquette Township, to Raymond John and Velma Viola (nee Lewis) St. Onge.

Mr. St. Onge grew up in Hessel and joined the United States Navy at the age of 17, serving for 20 years. He held the rank of Senior Chief when he retired.

After his Navy service, he studied forestry and worked for Hamermill Paper in Alabama. Later, he studied wastewater management, working in this field mostly in Texas.

In the early 1980s, Mr. St. Onge retired and made his home in Hessel.

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He enjoyed fishing in both the summer and winter, hunting, wood-working, and traveling in his motor

home. Mr. St. Onge is survived by two sisters and their families, Dorothy Nye of Hessel and Audrey and Paul Howells of Highland; two brothers and their families, Raymond and Pat St. Onge of Toledo, Ohio, and Gary and Sally St. Onge of Hastings; many nieces and nephews, and a dear friend, Laurel Tigner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Colleen Joan (nee Andrews) St. Onge; one sister, Leona Nordquist, and one brother, William St. Onge.

Inurnment will be in Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville.

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

## Agnes Lewis

Agnes Marie Lewis, 101, of Petoskey, died Saturday, June 13, 2009, at Bay Bluffs Medical Care Facility in Harbor Springs.

She was born November 20, 1907, to Knapp and Catherine (nee Kruskie) Koboski.

Mrs. Lewis was a life-long resident of Petoskey and attended St. Francis School. She worked as a sales clerk at JCPenney in Petoskey during the 1920s and 1930s.

After her family was grown, Mrs. Lewis went back to work at Faye's Dress Shop, and later at the Ottawa School lunch program.

She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish and the Altar Society. She enjoyed baking and cooking. Her family was always of great importance to her and she

enjoyed staying in contact with her entire family. Mrs. Lewis loved her many visits with her daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by three daughters and their families, Marian and Lloyd Steiner of St. Ignace, Ruth Lewis of Keshena, Wisconsin, and Jane and Phillip Goethals of Kalkaska; six grandchildren and their families, Jeanette and Fred O'Rourke, Wayne and Karen Steiner, Janice Steiner, Dean and Laurie Steiner, and Glen Steiner, all of St. Ignace, and Andrea and Harrison Tong of Clarkston; 14 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold;

four brothers, Louis, Andrew, John, and Thomas Koboski; and three sisters, Rose Fryczynski, Margaret Lund, and Josephine Nelson.

A funeral was held Thursday, June 18, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Visitation was at the Stone Funeral Home Wednesday, June 17, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with the rosary recited at 7:30 p.m.

Pallbearers were her great-grandsons, Thomas, Nicholas, Brendon, and Lewis Steiner, and her grandson-in-law, Dr. Harrison Tong.

Burial was in St. Francis Cemetery.

Donations may be directed to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay or any charity.

Jenny "Jingo" Vachon, 91, of Toivola, died Friday, June 19, 2009.

She was born in Toivola May 29, 1918, the youngest of 15 children of Erik and Elina (nee Makinen) Viitala, and she attended the Misery Bay School. The Finnish spelling of the family name was later changed to Wiitala.

She married Stanley Vachon December 23, 1939, in Hancock. The couple resided for a period of time in St. Ignace and New Mexico.

Devoted to her family, Mrs. Vachon was also an author, musician, artist, and local historian. For a time, she contributed a column to

## Jenny 'Jingo' Vachon

the *Les Cheneaux Islands Weekly Wave*.

She is survived by seven children and their families, Erik and Audrey Vachon of Baraga, Clara and Dave Braden of Marquette, John Vachon of Amarillo, Texas, Phillip Vachon of Brighton, Pamela and Peter Nault of Ishpeming, Victor and Debi Vachon of St. Petersburg, Florida, Helmi and Chris Courtade of Traverse City; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mrs. Vachon was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Stanley, who died December 3,

1993; a son, Stanley, Jr., who died in July 1954; 14 brothers and sisters, John, Erik, Otto, Harold, Wilho, Waino, Lauri, Eino, Kathrin, Anna Hauswirth, Susanna Leppanen, Ida Laurila, Miriam Lindgren, Helmi Taavola; and her St. Bernard dog, Captain Cosmo.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the Mountain View Mortuary in South Range, with Pastor Jay Weidner officiating. Visitation took place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, at the mortuary. Burial will be in the Toivola Cemetery.

Arrangements are being made by Antila Funeral Service.

## Benjamin Werkheiser

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Cynthia Ann Lohman; great-grandparents Ester and Phillip Belonga, Sheldon and Glad

Werkheiser, Suzie Tietje, and Albert Lohman.

Services will be held in Elton at a later date.

## Murray Palmer

Murray V. Palmer, 91, of East Lake, died Monday morning June 22, 2009, at the Luce County Annex in Newberry, where he had been residing since July 2006.

Born May 4, 1918, in Perry, he was the son of John and Garnet (nee Darling) Palmer. Mr. Palmer earned a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Mr. Palmer had been a resident of the Upper Peninsula since 1947 and resided on East Lake since the mid 1960s. He was employed at the former Newberry Regional Mental Health Center for several years until his retirement. His hobbies and interests included home construction, spending time out-

doors, and studying religion.

He is survived by five children, Michael Palmer of Curtis, William Palmer of Wyoming, John Palmer of Curtis, Kathleen Palmer of Phoenix, Arizona, and Carol Aldrich of Fowlerville; three stepchildren and their families, Donald and Judy Bjorkland of Newberry, Matthew Bjorkland of Rock Springs, Wyoming, and Vienna and Axel Bender of Greensboro, North Carolina; 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Murray is preceded in death by his first wife, Marjorie, in 1997, his second wife, Verna, in 2005, and

his sister, Jean Johnson.

Friends may call at Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry Wednesday, June 24, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Services will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, with Pastor Gary Penning officiating. Interment will take place at Forest Home Cemetery.

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