

OBITUARIES

Richard Smith



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spending their winters in Florida and Texas as long as they were able.

He was a member of the Les Cheneaux Sportsmans Club. He was an active Democrat and served as a state delegate.

Mr. Smith is survived by three sons and their families, Richard and Betty Smith of Hessel, Doug-

las Smith of Cedarville, and Wayne Smith of Chicago, Illinois; one son-in-law, Ronald Bruning of Rogers City; eight grandchildren and their families, Lesa and Michael Hester, Jeffrey Bruning, Pamela and Timothy Swope, Gretchen and George Chapel, Richard and Amy Bruning, Katherine M. and Hal Faulk, Michael and Angie Smith, and Siobhan Smith; 12 great-grandchildren, David Malkowski, Dennis Malkowski, Thomas Swope, Luke Swope, Rita Chapel, John Chapel, Reed Faulk, Matthew Faulk, Lauren Faulk, Aidian Smith, Ivy Major, and Olivia Major.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen; a daughter, Rita Bruning; and two brothers, William Smith and James Smith.

There will be no services. Memorials may be made to the Les Cheneaux Ambulance Auxiliary, P.O. Box 453, Hessel, Michigan 49745.

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

Virginia Stevenson



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three daughters and their families, Sharon and Anthony Rastello of Laurium, Denise and Troy Talentino of Maple City, and Michelle and Kenneth LaJoie of Sault Ste. Marie; one daughter-in-law, Lori Stevenson of Hudsonville; 10 grandchildren and their families, Erik and Christine Rastello, Nicole Rastello, Matthew Rastello, Sean Stevenson, Andrew

Virginia Barbara Stevenson, 67, of Stalwart, died Friday, July 17, 2009, at the home of her daughter in Sault Ste. Marie.

She was born November 19, 1941, in Hamtramck, to Walter Leonard and Helen Michaeline (nee Ostaszewski) Mas.

She grew up in Hamtramck and moved to Stalwart at age 19 after her sister and mother had moved there. She met and married Edwin Warren Stevenson and they made their home in Stalwart.

Mrs. Stevenson was a member of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Goetzville, where for many years she served as head of the Liturgy Committee, reader, and Eucharistic Minister. She was a member of the basket guild.

She enjoyed both vegetable and flower gardening, watching birds, particularly, hummingbirds, oil painting, and most of all, caring for her grandchildren. She was a good care provider for anyone in need in her community, friends said.

Mrs. Stevenson is survived by

Stevenson, Nicholas Talentino, Kathleen Stevenson, Brandon LaJoie, Nathan LaJoie, and Adam LaJoie. She is also survived by a sister and her family, Stephanie and James LaVictor of Petoskey; her godchildren, including a nephew and his family, Ken and Michelle LaVictor, and a niece and her family, Sheryl and David Luttrull; a great-niece and nephew, Allison Luttrull and Aiden LaVictor, and her dear friends, Serena and James Forgrave.

Mrs. Stevenson was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Helen Mas; her husband, Edwin Stevenson, and her son, Duane Stevenson.

Visitation was Monday, July 20, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a prayer service at 8 p.m. at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford. Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, July 21, at 10 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Goetzville with Father Frank Lentz and Father George Vaniyepurackal as celebrants.

Burial was in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township.

Marc 'Marco' O'Connor



Marc O'Connor

been attending the Golf Academy of America in Carlsbad, California, working toward his goal of becoming a golf course pro.

Mr. O'Connor loved all sports

and was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers, the Detroit Pistons, Detroit Red Wings, and Detroit Tigers.

He is survived by two sons, Logan Thomas O'Connor of Sault Ste. Marie and Jayden Christopher O'Connor of Grand Rapids; his father, Daniel O'Connor of Kincheloe; his mother and stepfather, Anne and Dan Buhro of Sault Ste. Marie; a brother, Joshua Allen O'Connor of Kincheloe; a sister, Missy Buhro of Sault Ste. Marie; two grandmothers, Mary O'Connor and Eileen DePeel, both of Pickford, and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Kenneth "Zeke" O'Connor and Clifford DePeel.

Services will be private.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford is assisting the family with arrangements.

Arnold Lester Bell, 73, of Macomb Township, owned Naubinway Boat and Motor in the early 1970s. Mr. Bell passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, July 14, 2009, at his daughter's home in Naubinway. He was surrounded by his family and in the care of North Woods Hospice.

After his work with his Naubinway business, Mr. Bell went on to be sales manager at Sinelli Ford Tractor in Wixom. He then moved to Florida, where he spent many years before returning to Michigan in 2005, and building a new home. Mr. Bell enjoyed the last few years spending time with his children and grandchildren.

His interests included golf, baseball, and hunting. He was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers, never missing a game on televi-

Arnold Bell

sion. He was on a golf league up until last year, when his health started failing. He enjoyed hunting in Sand Lake with his sons, cousins, and buddies at deer camp. Mr. Bell belonged to the Screaming Oyster Society, where he became friends with many people, and the group went on numerous golf outings.

Mr. Bell is survived by six children and their families, Gloria and Todd Berger of Washington Township, Arnie and Julie Bell of Wolverine Lake, Cindy and Bob Hartwig, and Matt and Jennifer Bell, all of Naubinway, and Gary and James Bell, both of Florida; nine grandchildren, Sarah, Bryan, Brad, Michael, Daniel, Lindsey, Megan, Hunter, and Jacob; a brother-in-law, Carl Avery of Florida, and several nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Archibald and Ethel (nee Cabbell) Bell; two siblings, Gary Bell and Bethel Avery; a son-in-law, Dr. Jeffery Packer, and two children, Katherine and Judith.

Friends called at Naubinway Christian Fellowship Church in Naubinway Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. A memorial followed at 11 a.m. at the church with Pastor Tim Miller officiating. A luncheon followed the service.

Memorials may be directed to North Woods Home Health and Hospice.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family with arrangements.

Ann Van Horn

A memorial service for Ann Marie Van Horn, 78, of Cedarville, will be at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel Saturday, July 25, at 11 a.m.

Ms. Van Horn died January 28, 2009.

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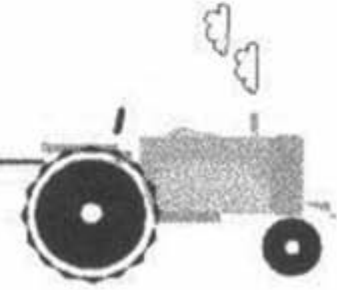
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