

OBITUARIES

North Webster woman dies in shopping center crash

Mrs. Dennis (Patricia) Holmes, 21 of r 1 North Webster died from injuries sustained in a broadside collision with a semi-truck on Saturday afternoon at the entrance to the Lakes Village Shopping Center at Warsaw.

County coroner Kenneth Wyman pronounced the woman dead at the scene of the mishap at 4:30 p.m. with multiple internal injuries and a fracture of the neck.

Kosciusko county officers and state police investigated and reported Mrs. Holmes was driving west on U.S. 30 and turned her small compact car south to cross over the eastbound lane for entry to the shopping center. She was then struck broadside by the semi-truck driven by Charles J. Gera, 35, of Sharon, Pa., who was eastbound.

Brakes

Gera reported seeing that the Holmes woman was not going to stop and applied his brakes in an attempt to avoid the collision.

Mrs. Holmes' vehicle was a total loss estimated at \$2,000 with the entire right side demolished. Approximately \$500 was listed as

damage to the truck cab.

Webster Resident

Mrs. Holmes was born at Sweetser on December 5, 1954, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank and had resided at North Webster for the past year.

She was a member of the Sweetser United Methodist church. Funeral services were held Tuesday with burial at Marion.

Survivors include the husband; a five-week old daughter, Stephanie Brooke Holmes; her parents; a brother; and the maternal and paternal grandparents, all of Sweetser.

Mrs. Ishmael

Rookstool

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Elizabeth (Libby) Rookstool, 50, 201 North Huntington, Syracuse. Death came at 1:40 a.m. Sunday when she was pronounced dead on arrival at Goshen hospital of an apparent heart attack suffered while at the American Legion home in Syracuse.

Mrs. Rookstool was born at Syracuse on March 23, 1926, a daughter of Anderson and Ida (Bushong) Wogoman. She resided in the Syracuse area most of her life.

Her marriage to Ishmael Rookstool took place on March 24, 1945 and he preceded her in death July of 1972.

She was a member of the Syracuse Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include three sons, Terry of Syracuse, Gary, Goodland, Fla., and Bruce, at home; one daughter, Mrs. Jimmy (Carol) Boyer, Syracuse; five grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Reatha McDonald of Syracuse; and four brothers, Rolland of Syracuse, Marion of Elkhart, Nelson, Kimmell and Robert Inslay of Syracuse. A sister, Mrs. Roman Stutzman, preceded her in death.

Interment was in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Death came at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Murphy Medical Center at Warsaw. He had been a resident of the Prairie View rest home in that city for the past 3½ months.

Moore was the father of the late Mrs. Wilbur (Berneice) Baumgartner. He was retired from the Conn Band Instrument Company at Elkhart.

The deceased was born November 2, 1884 at Middlebury. He was united in marriage to the former Lola Allen. She preceded him in death on January 28, 1967.

He was a member of Saint Mark's United Methodist church at Goshen.

Surviving are the Milford son-in-law, one great-granddaughter and one great-great-grandchild.

Rev. Everett Owens, pastor of the Milford United Methodist church, officiated at the services. Burial was in Oak Ridge cemetery in Goshen.

Howard J. Steinmetz

Funeral services were held Thursday for Howard J. Steinmetz, 70, Phoenix, Ariz., brother of Mrs. Eldon (Marie) Lutes of Syracuse.

Death came on Monday of an apparent heart attack. He had resided in Arizona since 1930.

A native of New Paris, he was born to Elwood and Nellie Steinmetz on November 19, 1905. He was first married to the former Margaret Schlabau and she died in 1952. He later married Nora Forbes and she survives.

In addition to the widow and Syracuse sister, he is survived by two sons, Richard and John; four stepchildren; another sister, Mrs. Howard (Eva) Pletcher of Goshen; and two brothers Max of East Gary and Ray of Monon.

William H. McDonald

Funeral services were held Tuesday for William H. McDonald, 81, of Bloomington and father of Mrs. Jeanne Nelson of Syracuse. Death came on Saturday in the Bloomington hospital following an illness of several weeks.

Mr. McDonald was born October 26, 1894 at Coldwater, Ohio. He was a board member of the Saint Charles Catholic church at Bloomington, member of the Bloomington hospital board, and a veteran of World War I. He was retired as chairman of the board with the Muree Company at Bloomington.

In addition to the Syracuse daughter, he is survived by the wife, the former Mary Quinn; two other daughters; a son; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Rose Hill Mausoleum.

Orba Arthur Peffley

Orba Arthur Peffley, 85, of Elkhart, father of Mrs. Virgil (Nancy) Zimmerman of Milford, died Sunday, March 28, in the Fountainview Place, Elkhart. He had been a resident of Fountainview since last July after he suffered a stroke.

Born June 15, 1890 in Milford to Jacob and Louvina (Clay) Peffley, he lived in Elkhart for 60 years. He was united in marriage to Carrie Bell Groff on April 22, 1911.

A businish at the Buercher Instrument Co., Elkhart, for 35 years, Mr. Peffley retired as manager of the Shell bulk plant in 1950.

Mr. Peffley was a member of the Zion Missionary church in Elkhart for 42 years and was the last ordained deacon of the district.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, Carrie, and daughter, Nancy, are a son, Lewis Edward of Elkhart; two brothers, Nobel of Florida and Floyd of Elkhart; five grandchildren; and five

great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 30, in the Zion Missionary church, Elkhart. Officiating at the service was Rev. John Moran, Rev. Quinton Everest and Rev. Mark Burgess.

Pallbearers for the service were Jack Wise, Wayne Speicher, Don Speicher, Clarence Hartman, Bill Hartman, Vern Sailor and John Bredenstine.

Interment was in the Brown cemetery, Millersburg.

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Mrs. Louis Barth

Funeral services were held Thursday for Mrs. Mayme W. Barth, 85, of Little Chapman Lake, r 1 Warsaw. Death was on Tuesday in Millers Merry Manor nursing home at Warsaw following an extended illness of about seven years. She was a sister of Nellie Jones of Syracuse.

Born in Whitley county on May 30, 1890, she was a daughter of Charles and Ida Ann (Grimes) Wineland. She was a member of the Lake Lovers club of Chapman Lake and attended the North Webster Church of God.

Her husband, Louis Barth, to whom she was married August 29, 1937, preceded her in death in 1960.

She is also survived by one other sister and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

Webster daughter are a son, Gareth of Hanover, Mich.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Rev. Orvil R. Kilmer will officiate at the services. Interment will be in Stony Point cemetery.

John C. Hill

Funeral services for John C. Hill, 90, of r 1 North Webster were held today (Wednesday) with Father Thomas N. Sandy officiating. Death came Monday morning in Saint Joseph hospital at Fort Wayne and was due to complications following an illness of about three weeks.

A retired farmer, he was born at Mentone on March 24, 1886, a son of Stephen and Rene (Brown) Hill and was a lifetime resident of Kosciusko county.

His wife, the former Esther Auten, preceded him in death in May of 1967.

Survivors include three sons,

Floyd of North Webster, John, Fort Wayne, and Roy, Arcadia, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Gladys Prescott, Alaska; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Flo VanGilder of Pierceton and Mrs. William (Della) Botkin, Sarasota, Fla.

Interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

Syracuse

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Admissions

Charles Hewitt, Syracuse

MONDAY, MARCH 29

Admissions

Francis McDonald, r 4

Syracuse

Dismissals

Lois E. Reuter, 20348 CR 21, r 1

Milford

James E. Plummer, r 3

Syracuse

Murphy Medical Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Emergency Room

Don D. Adams, Milford

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Admissions

Mrs. Norma Gant, North Webster

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Admissions

Mrs. Maxine Gall, Leesburg

Dismissals

Hascal Grissom, Syracuse

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Emergency Room

Nancy Shafer, North Webster

Admissions

Marilyn Moore, North Webster

Dismissals

Mrs. Leota Summerlot,

Syracuse

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Emergency Room

Delores Moorehouse, Leesburg

Dismissals

Mrs. Maxine Gall, Leesburg

Mrs. Norma Gant, North Webster

Mrs. Peggy Rivera and infant daughter, Milford

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Emergency Room

Lonnie Tackett, Milford

Dismissals

Marilyn Moore, North Webster

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Admissions

Nelson Preston, Syracuse

OTHER HOSPITAL NEWS

Charles Hewitt, 66, r 3 Syracuse, was taken to Goshen hospital by the Syracuse emergency unit at 5:06 a.m. Saturday after becoming ill at his home.

Mrs. Fred Banta has returned to her rural Syracuse home for a recuperation period following a five week stay in Goshen hospital for a heart attack and two weeks at the home of a sister in Goshen after her release from the hospital.

TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL

The emergency unit at Syracuse responded to a call at 11:05 a.m. Sunday for Irvin Wogoman, 76, 712 S. Huntington street in Syracuse. Wogoman became ill at his home and was transported to Goshen hospital.

CARDS OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all of my neighbors and friends for their cards, flowers and other acts of kindness during my stay in the hospital and at home. A special thanks to Rev. J. Duane Beals and Rev. George Phillips for their visits and many prayers.

Mrs. Larry (Janice) Ryman

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends, neighbors, relatives, Dr. Robert Craig, Dr. Chandler, Goshen hospital, and the Milford Christian church for the cards, flowers, prayers and deeds of kindness during my hospitalization.

Velma M. LeCount

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my neighbors and friends for their prayers, cards, flowers and deeds of kindness during my recent hospitalization.

Ruth Banta

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Walter Graff wishes to express its deepest appreciation and thanks to pastor David Hailey, Grace Bible



ERWIN SPEAKS — Will Erwin, Republican party candidate for Congress, Indiana second district, addressed members of the Kiwanis club of Lakeland, North Webster, on March 29. Erwin is a lifelong farmer and former member of the Indiana State Senate and assistant secretary of agriculture under President Ford.

During his service to the federal government in Washington, D.C., Erwin felt it was unwise for the government to promote inflation by spending more than it takes in.

Pictured are A. C. Underwood, Bicentennial chairman who arranged the program; Charles Ker, campaign manager for Erwin in Kosciusko county; Erwin; Stuart Walker, president-elect and program director; and Sherman Bryant, president of Lakeland Kiwanis.

to the county jail by chief of police Ron Robinson on assault and battery charge with intent to gratify sexual desires.

ELKHART COUNTY

Small Claims

Elkhart Hospital vs Joseph Jacobucci, et al Meadowview Addition, Milford. Plaintiff asks judgment of \$6,000, \$1,270.66, plus interest and costs of action for forgery