

Tributes

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Area Deaths

BAUN, Paul E., 102, of Boardman; calling hours today from 5 to 7 p.m. at Davis Funeral Home and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Good Hope Lutheran Church in North Lima.

BURNS, Daniel, 88, of North Lima; no calling hours; Sample-O'Donnell Funeral Home in Sharon.

DAVIS, Alta P., 89, of Salem; calling hours today from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Stark Memorial Funeral Home.

EDDY, Richard A., 77, of Poland; calling hours today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Youngstown.

FOY, John Henry, 76, of Girard; no calling hours; Stewart-Kyle Funeral Home in Hubbard.

FRANCIS, John William Sr., of Louisville, Ky.; Cremation Society of Kentucky.

GIOVANETTI, Dr. James T., 76, of Canfield; calling hours Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Lane Funeral Home, Canfield Chapel.

HAPELY, George, 83, of Liberty Township; arrangements pending; Blackstone Funeral Home.

HARBOL, Frank, 79, of Canfield; calling hours today from 7 to 9 p.m. at Higgins-Reardon Funeral Home, Boardman-Canfield, and Friday from 1 to 1:45 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

KING, Irene, 87, of Youngstown; arrangements pending; F.D. Mason Funeral Home.

MARINO, James, 84, of Lordstown; calling hours Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at James Funeral Home in Newton Falls.

PENWELL, Lena Ann, 80, of Bessemer, Pa.; calling hours Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Ed & Don DeCarbo Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. in New Castle.

REESE, Velma L., 92, of Canfield; calling hours Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Paradise United Church of Christ in Canfield; Seederly-Mong & Beck Funeral Home in North Lima.

SEITZINGER, Rose Marie, 77, of Youngstown; arrangements pending; Higgins-Reardon Funeral Home, Boardman-Canfield Chapel.

SUCH, Virginia R., 86, of Austintown; calling hours Saturday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Lane Funeral Home, Austintown Chapel.

SZELEST, Jane, 81, of Farrell, Pa.; calling hours Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at A.E. Pustinger Funeral Home.

Richard P. Patrick, 78

HUBBARD – Richard P. Patrick, 78, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, at Louis Stokes VA Medical Center in Cleveland.

He was born June 29, 1929 in Youngstown, a son of Philip and Ethel Patrick and was a lifelong area resident.

Mr. Patrick worked at the former Phar-Mor, retiring in 1992. He was a member of St. Patrick Church in Hubbard, the Hubbard VFW Post 3767 and the American Legion in West Middlesex, Pa. Richard had served in the U.S. Air Force.

He leaves his wife, the former Rose Marie Clark, whom he married in 1955; a son, Richard P. (Thonda) Patrick Jr. of Hays, Kan.; and a sister, Donna Morgan of Hubbard.

Preceding him death were his parents; a son, Philip Paul Patrick; and an infant daughter, Colleen Marie Patrick.

Burial was at Hubbard Union Cemetery.

There were no funeral services or calling hours.

Arrangements were handled by the Kelley-Robb Funeral Home in Hubbard.

Please visit www.kelley-robb.com to view this obituary and to send condolences to the family.

01-10-08

John Henry Foy, 76

GIRARD – John Henry Foy, 76, passed away Tuesday at Cleveland VA Medical Center, Brecksville Campus.

John was born May 19, 1931 in Youngstown, a son of John F. Sr. and Anna Will Foy and was a lifelong area resident.

He was a line walker at Eastco Aluminum in Austintown for 26 years and was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean Conflict.

He leaves a brother, Paul Griffin Sr. of Liberty; two sisters, Dorothy Crawford of Elkton and Ethel Foy of Youngstown.

There are no calling hours or funeral services.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Stewart-Kyle Funeral Home in Hubbard.

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01-10-08

Helen D. Vodhanel, 95



YOUNGSTOWN – Helen D. Vodhanel, 95, of Flo-Lor Drive and formerly of North Osborn Avenue, passed away Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, 2008 at Forum Health Northside Medical Center after a brief illness.

Helen was born Nov. 9, 1912 in Youngstown, a daughter of the late John and Mary Filip Gondol and was a lifelong area resident.

She was a homemaker and was a member of St. Brendan Church, its Altar & Rosary Society, and Sixty-Plus Club. She was also a member of the Senior Citizens of Holy Name Church, the Golden Pillars of St. Mary's, and of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Union.

Helen enjoyed playing bingo, celebrating the holidays, and most importantly, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Mrs. Vodhanel leaves her daughter, Loretta (George) Naples of Austintown; a daughter-in-law, Winifred Vodhanel of Boardman; five grandchildren, Kim (Henry) Budaker, Tammy (Tracy) Halker, Jeff (Vikki) Naples, Chad (Kim) Vodhanel, and Kevin (Karen) Naples; and eight great-grandchildren, Adriana, Taiton, Trevor, Landry, Zoe, Rylan, Dominic, and Ray.

Helen will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Her husband, Paul Vodhanel, whom she married June 6, 1938, died Aug. 2, 1967. Her son, Raymond Vodhanel; her sister, Mary Ganosky; and three brothers, Joseph, John, and Steve Gondol, are also deceased.

Family and friends may call Friday, Jan. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kinnick Funeral Home, 477 N. Meridian Rd., Youngstown, where the Altar & Rosary Society will have a prayer service at 3:30 p.m.

Funeral services will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home and continue at 10 a.m. at St. Brendan Church.

Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

This obituary may be viewed at kinnickfuneralhome.com and condolences may be sent.

01-10-08

Edna Louise Catley



YOUNGSTOWN – There will be services Saturday at 10 a.m. at the L.E. Black, Phillips & Holden Funeral Home for Mrs. Edna Louise Catley who entered eternal rest Sunday, Jan. 6.

Mrs. Catley was born March 23, 1923 in Mt. Morris, N.Y., a daughter of Harry and Caroline Bass Forrest Sr.

She was a high school graduate and a graduate of secretarial school. She was a restaurant cook for several restaurants and also worked for several day cares.

She was a member of the Centenary United Methodist Church since 1947 where she was a Communion Steward, member of the Senior Choir, the Kitchen Committee, served as a Sunday school teacher, the Esther Circle, and the United Methodist Women.

She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters, Nanette (Carl) Catley-Isom of Youngstown, Carolyn Catley Fort of Girard and Michelle Catley of San Antonio; two sons, Timothy Catley of Austintown and Ronald (Yvonne) Catley of El Paso, Texas; three sisters, Theresa Nickens of Elmyra, N.Y., Aletta Kieplengier of Youngstown and Ruth (Dr. Sibert) Douglas of Pittsford, N.Y.; a brother, John Forrest of Mt. Morris; a very special friend of 50 years, Azeeya Dukes; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; 12 step grandchildren; 11 step great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 20 years, Lloyd David Catley; a son, Benjamin Catley; a grandson, Carlson Isom; and a brother, Harry Forrest Jr.

Friends may call Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

01-10-08

Virginia R. Such, 86

AUSTINTOWN – There will be a Mass of Christian Burial at noon on Saturday at St. Brendan's Church in Youngstown for Virginia R. Such, 86, who passed away Wednesday morning at St. Elizabeth Health Center.

She was born Feb. 7, 1921 in Youngstown, a daughter of the late Phillip and Angelina Carfangia.

She was a former member of St. Brendan's Church and had worked for many years at Strouss' doing clerical work.

Virginia loved playing 500 with her grandsons and enjoyed crocheting and playing bingo.

Her former husband, Joseph Such, passed away.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Ann Bernat of Beltsville, Md. and Rosalie Gelardi of Pensacola, Fla.; two grandsons, Robert (Shirley) Gelardi of Dearborn, Mich. and Ryan (Deanna) Gelardi of Austintown; and a great-granddaughter, Brooklyn Rae Gelardi.

Besides her parents and former husband, she was preceded in death by four sisters, Dell Manglee, Jennie Haines, Annie Fetch, and Doris Magazine; and three brothers, Tutti, Alfred, and Carl Carfangia.

Memorial contributions may be made in Virginia's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale, Memphis, TN 38105.

Friends may call from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Lane Funeral Home, Austintown Chapel.

Family and friends may view this obituary at www.lanefuneralhomes.com and send condolences.



01-10-08

Frank Harbol, 79



CANFIELD – There will be services at 2 p.m. Friday at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Canfield for Frank Harbol, 79, who passed away early Wednesday morning at Hospice House.

Frank was born Sept. 6, 1928 in Austintown, the son of Frank and Jowdocha Smolak Harbol.

He was a 1946 graduate of Austintown Fitch High School where he played football and served as class president. He later graduated from Newberry College in Newberry, S.C. where he was president of the Letter Club and the Men's Council and was captain of the football team. He later received his master's degree from Westminster College.

Frank was a proud of his service with the Marine Corps where he had served during the Korean War.

Mr. Harbol taught Earth Science, coached football, and served as athletic director at Austintown Fitch High School for more than 22 years before retiring.

Frank could be found on area basketball courts working as a referee and on area baseball diamonds as an umpire. After his retirement he worked as a realtor, and along with his wife, managed the Canfield Fair's Box Office for more than 25 years.

He was a member of the Rotary Club of Canfield where he was a Paul Harris Fellow and former president, the Argus Masonic Lodge, Al Koran Temple, the Youngstown Shrine Club, the Marine Corps League, and the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Canfield.

A longtime Canfield resident, Mr. Harbol served as a member and president of the Parks, Cemetery, and Recreation Board for the City of Canfield for more than 16 years. In 2006, he was named Grand Marshall of the Canfield Fourth of July Parade.

He is survived by his wife, the former Frankie Joye, whom he married Aug. 2, 1954; a daughter, Kathryn (Scott) Lincoln of Auburn Township; two sons, Kevin (Margaret) Harbol of Bothell, Wash. and Keith (Karen Lewis) Harbol of Las Vegas; six grandchildren, Taylor and Andrew Lincoln, and Seth, Marcus, Orrin and Cooper Harbol; three sisters, Stella Modorcia of Austintown, Jeanette (James) Pollard of Austintown, and Sophie (Jack) Hart of Toledo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother; and four sisters.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Higgins-Reardon Funeral Home, Boardman-Canfield Chapel, and Friday from 1 to 1:45 p.m. at the church.

The family has requested that material tributes take the form of donations to Hospice of the Valley in Frank's memory.

Visit www.higgins-reardon.com to view this tribute and send condolences.



01-10-08

Jane Szelest, 81



FARRELL, PA. – Jane Szelest, 81, died Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 7:40 a.m. at the home of her daughter after an extended illness.

Jane graduated from New Castle High School in 1945 and worked as a cashier at the former Joseph Super Market in New Castle.

Her husband, Stanley Szelest, whom she married May 29, 1949, passed away May 31, 2001.

Of their marriage three children were born, Stan Szelest of Cincinnati, Mary Ann, wife of Robert Cashier of Liberty Township, and Raymond Szelest and his wife, Gina Fetko of Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Both Jane and her husband Stanley were very proud of their children, not only for their professional accomplishments, but also for their service to their respective communities.

She is also survived by four grandchildren, Eric, Jason, Nicole and Matthew Szelest; two sisters, Stella Calvert and Regina Shebeck and her husband, Ron, both of New Castle; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and their extended families.

Besides her parents and husband she was preceded in death by two sisters, Cecelia Garczewski and Helen Petro.

While a resident of Farrell, Mrs. Szelest was a very active member of St. Ann Parish. She was a member of the Altar Society, the former P.T.O., and numerous church committees.

While her children attended Kennedy Catholic High School in Hermitage, Pa. she was active in its P.T.O. She was also a member of the Polish Women's Alliance, Group 314.

Her friends and family knew her as a giving person who would always be the first to offer aid to those in need.

Jane was a great cook and often supplied families who were grief stricken with home cooked meals or baked goods. No one ever went hungry when in the presence of Jane. She had numerous friends with whom she often would play board or card games. She also loved to play bingo and visit the casinos.

Friends may call Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the A.E. Pustinger Funeral Home, Ltd., 1310 Idaho St. in Farrell, and also one hour prior to the funeral Mass from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday.

The St. Ann Altar Society will recite the Rosary at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Funeral Home.

There will be a funeral Mass celebrated at 10 a.m. with Rev. Msgr. Salvatore P. Mitchell as Celebrant.

Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Hermitage. Visit pustinger.verizon.net to e-mailed condolences.

01-10-08

Timothy J. Devine, 56

HUBBARD – Timothy J. Devine, 56, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 8, at his residence.

He was born Jan. 5, 1952 in Youngstown, a son of John J. Devine Jr. and Mary Alma Gross Devine, grandson of Dr. and Mrs. D.A. Gross and Mr. and Mrs. John Devine. He was a lifelong area resident.

Tim worked with his father at Devine Insurance Agency, Inc. for more than 30 years, assuming ownership of the agency after his father's death in 1998.

He was a member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Ohio and of Trumbull County, as well as the Professional Insurance Association. He was also a board member for Associates in Counseling and Child Guidance.

He leaves his wife, the former Gloria Totin, whom he married April 16, 1998; a stepdaughter, Gina (Bill) Goodyear of Hubbard; a brother, John Devine III of Hubbard; three sisters, Mary Suzanne (Bill) Conway of Wellesley, Mass., Katherine Ann (Paul) Kennedy of North Reading, Mass. and Kerry (Michael) Abbott of Stoneham, Mass.; six nieces and nephews, John, Mary and Donald Conway, Taylor and Lauren Abbott and Jack Kennedy; three stepgrandchildren, Billy, Anthony and Dominick Goodyear.

Preceding him in death were his parents and an infant brother, Donald Devine.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 9:15 a.m. at the Kelley-Robb Funeral Home and at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Church in Hubbard.

Family and friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association, Ohio Valley Affiliate, P.O. Box 182039, Dept. 013, Columbus, OH 43218-2039.

Please visit www.kelley-robb.com to view this obituary and to send condolences to the family.

01-10-08

John William Francis Sr.

LOUISVILLE, KY. – John William Sr. "Jack" Francis passed away from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, "Lou Gehrig's Disease", on the evening of January 8, 2008, at his home in Louisville, Kentucky.

He was born May 23, 1938 in Youngstown, the only child of Florence Adele (Jeffries) and Walter Reese Francis.

He attended McKinley Elementary School, Hayes Jr. High School, and graduated in 1956 from Rayen High School, where he was a member of the German Club, the Rifle Team, ranked No. 1 on the Tennis team, voted "Most Likely to Succeed," and was Valedictorian of his class. He received numerous scholarships including a four-year scholarship from the Union Workers of the United States Steel Corporation, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He attended Carnegie Institute of Technology, law school at Ohio State University and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Kent State University in September of 1960; and his Masters of Science in mathematics from Youngstown University in 1979.

He taught at Greenford High School for two years, was associated in business with his father at the John P. Francis Agency, which he sold in 1971, and taught mathematics at Jackson-Milton High School, where he also coached cross country and tennis.

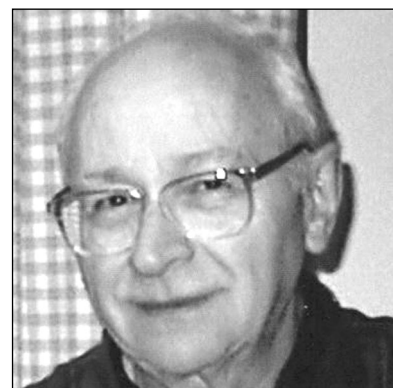
He married the former Rosemarie Stanislaw Oct. 8, 1960 and they have four children, Melissa Ann Thomas of Louisville, John William Francis Jr. of Bryan, Robert Reese Francis of Canfield, and Dr. Melinda Marie LaManna of Louisville. In addition to his wife and children, he also leaves three grandchildren, John George Thomas of Louisville, Rachel Marie Francis of Bryan, and John William Francis, III of Perrysburg; and an uncle, Donald Jeffries of Dover, Delaware.

Cremation will take place Friday, Jan. 11, and a memorial service will be held at his home at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

The family requests that material tributes be made in his memory to Hospice & Palliative Care of Louisville, PO Box 35425, Louisville, KY 40232-9892, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105-1942.

01-10-08

Richard A. Eddy, 77



POLAND – There will be funeral services at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the John Knox Presbyterian Church, 1806 Market St. in Youngstown for Richard A. Eddy, 77, of Shepherd of the Valley, formerly of Cascade Drive in Youngstown, who died Tuesday afternoon at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Boardman.

Richard, known as "Dick," was born Oct. 7, 1930 in Barnesville, a son of the late A. Earl and Cora Meeker Eddy.

He graduated from Barnesville High School in 1948 and attended Akron University. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp. during the Korean War and came to this area in 1956. Dick worked in the credit department for the General Fireproofing Co. for 30 years and then for the Stambaugh-Thompson Co company for 11 years.

He was a member of the John Knox Presbyterian Church where he had served as treasurer and deacon, the Wenefell Senior group of the church where he had served as treasurer, and was a former member of the John Knox Bowling League. Dick was also a member of the Hammond Organ Club where he served as treasurer.

He was an avid gardener and had won several blue ribbons for his flowers. He enjoyed reading and working with stained glass.

He leaves his wife, the former Ruth C. Taylor, whom he married July 18, 1959; two sons, Mark R. (Ginny) Eddy of Boardman and John G. (Jen) Eddy of Stow; a daughter, Christine R. (Mark) McKenna of Haymarket, Va.; six grandchildren, Britanny, Scott, Kayleigh and William Eddy and Drew and Kelsey McKenna; a brother, Donald Eddy of Akron; and two sisters, Esther Luyster and Dolores Lashley, both of Barnesville.

Besides his parents, Dick was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Eddy; and two sisters, Viola Gardner and Marlene Eddy.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Thompson Funeral Home, 4221 Market St. in Boardman and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, one hour prior to the services at the church.

The family requests that material tributes take the form of contributions to Hospice of the Valley, 5190 Market St., Boardman, OH 44512.

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Erma Jane Atwood, 84

NEW MIDDLETOWN – Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Zion Hill Church of the Brethren in Columbiana for Erma Jane Atwood, 84, who passed away Saturday evening at Hampton Woods.

Erma was born March 24, 1923 in Youngstown, the daughter of Thomas and Erma Herrmann Atwood.

She was a graduate of South High School. She was a secretary at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. and then worked as a receptionist at Park Vista Nursing Home. She was a member of the Zion Hill Church of Brethren in Columbiana and a former member of the Zion Lutheran Church in New Middletown and the Pilgrim Collegiate Church.

Erma leaves four nieces, Brenda (Cur) Jacobsen of Poland, Marilyn (Vincent) Dreher Miller of Oklahama, Susan Atwood (Steve) Foster and Mary Lou Atwood (Bill) Scott; two nephews, Frank (Jennifer) Dreher of Kansas and Tom (Loraine) Atwood; and 14 great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Thomas and Harry Atwood; two sisters, Mary Dreher and Eleanor Martin.

Friends may call Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church before the service at 11 a.m.

Material contributions can be made to the Zion Hill Church of the Brethren, 14550 New Buffalo Road, Columbiana, OH 44408.

Arrangements are by the Clemente Funeral Home in New Middletown.

01-10-08

Clarence Wilbur "Pat" Venable, 76



YOUNGSTOWN – Clarence Wilbur "Pat" Venable, 76, passed away Saturday, Dec. 29, at Danridge's Burghundi Manor.

Mr. Venable was born April 12, 1931, in Youngstown, a son of Emmett and Adrienne Wyant Venable.

He was a self employed roofer and spent time with the U.S. Air Force. He was an honorary member of the Youngstown Knight Riders Motorcycle Club where he was known as "Big Daddy." He was a musician of many instruments, mastering the piano, drums, and guitar. He was a Baptist by persuasion.

Mr. Venable leaves to cherish his beloved memory two sons, Kenneth (Tiffany) Venable of Youngstown and Joseph (Dianne) Harris Jr. of Katy, Texas; a daughter, Patricia Suttles of Youngstown; two sisters, Jessie Ford of Apple Valley, Calif. and Betty Towns of Cerritos, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his former wife, Pearl Mary Harris; a son, Carl Venable Sr.; four brothers, Russell, Ray, Harry, and Norman Venable; three sisters, Winifred Venable, Helen Ward, and Gertrude Wilson; and a son-in-law, Walter Suttles Sr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Howard-Rhoden Memorial Home where friends may call one hour prior to the service.

01-10-08

Paul E. Baun, 102

BOARDMAN – There will be services at 11 a.m. Friday at the Good Hope Lutheran Church in North Lima for Paul E. Baun, 102, of Commons at Greenbriar, formerly of Elva Avenue, who passed away Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Boardman Campus.

Mr. Baun was born Dec. 27, 1905 in Pittsburgh, a son of Jacob and Emma D. Beckert Baun.