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Tributes

Area Deaths

BLICKENS DERFER, Dr. Robert J., 77, of Mineral Ridge; no calling hours; Lane Funeral Home, Mineral Ridge Chapel.

BOCK, Margaret K., 93, of Howland; calling hours Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at Otterbein United Methodist Church in Champion; Carl W. Hall Funeral Home in Warren.

DAVIDSON, Mary, 80, of North Jackson; calling hours today from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lane Funeral Home, Austintown Chapel.

DeGENARO, Ronald, 61, of Austintown; Fabrizio Funeral Home in Youngstown.

DICIANNO, Emilio, 89, of Boardman; calling hours Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rossi & Santucci Funeral Home.

GLAZE, Thelma D., 98, of Hendersonville, N.C., formerly of Warren; calling hours Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Carl W. Hall Funeral Home in Warren.

HANTULA, Neil Matt, 96, of Poland; calling hours Thursday from 5 to 6:45 p.m. at Cunningham-Becker Funeral Home, Poland Chapel.

HIGGINS, Juanita S., 85, of Boardman; no calling hours; Anstrom-Velker Chapel in Youngstown.

NEIL MATT HANTULA, 96

POLAND - Neil Matt Hantula, 96, died Sunday evening at his residence.

Neil was born April 4, 1915, in Aurora. He had been a lifelong area resident.

He was a mechanic at various Chevrolet dealerships. Neil was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during World War II, where he received a Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and five Bronze Stars. He also enjoyed gardening.

Neil is survived by three daughters, Sandra (Richard) Miller of Poland, Carol (Ken) Valiquette of Lakeland, Fla. and Patricia Hantula of Poland; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a sister, Ina MacGregor of Saginaw, Texas.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine Agnes Caddick; a son, Donald; a brother, Sulo Salmi "Whitey;" and a great-grandson, Dylan.

IAQUINTO, Audrey Lou DiFrangia, 70, of Youngstown; calling hours Thursday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church; Rossi Brothers & Lellio Funeral Home in Boardman.

KUCHARSKI, Patricia Jean "P.K.," 73, of Boardman; calling hours today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Rossi Brothers & Lellio Funeral Home.

MANNASMITH, Cynthia Marie Skoloda, 51, of Marysville; Underwood Funeral Home.

MATYI, Helen, 85, of Youngstown; calling hours Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kinnick Funeral Home in Youngstown.

McGARRY, Carmen J., 58, of Youngstown; calling hours Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Wasko Funeral Home in Campbell.

PARELLA, John Joseph, 94, of Austintown; calling hours Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Rossi & Santucci Funeral Home in Boardman.

TROMBACCO, Herman Raymond, 85, of New Springfield; Seederly-Mong & Beck Funeral Home in Columbiana.

VENNETTE, Ann White, 93, of Warren; calling hours Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at St. James Church in Warren; Peter Rossi & Son Memorial Chapel.



Funeral services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Cunningham-Becker Funeral Home, Poland.

Friends may call Thursday from 5 to 6:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank Southern Care Hospice and Dr. Mounir El-Hayek and staff for their care.

Visit www.beckerobits.com to send condolences.

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11-15-11

JUANITA HULSINGER, 76

YOUNGSTOWN - Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the New Beginnings Ministries, 2007 W. Schenley Ave., for Mrs. Juanita Hulsinger, 76, who departed this life Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, at Campus Health Care Center.

Mrs. Hulsinger was born May 18, 1935, in Augusta, Ga., a daughter of George and Dora Duncan Bush.

She was a dietician for the YM-CA and teacher's aide at Washington Elementary School.

She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church, its Nurses Guild, Usher Board, Choir and Kitchen Committee. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Her husband, Russell Hulsinger, whom she married in 1950, died in 1965.

She leaves four children, Doriska (Larry) Riley, William Bush and Linda Ford, all of Youngstown and



Charles (Pam) Bush Sr. of Liberty; a sister, Louise Moore of Campbell; 13 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Charles Bush Jr.

Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at the F.D. Mason Memorial Funeral Home Inc.

11-15-11

DENNIS CREGAN, 78

YOUNGSTOWN - Private services were held for Dennis Cregan, 78, who passed away on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, at St. Elizabeth Health Center.

Dennis was born Jan. 18, 1933, in Tacoma, Wash., the son of Joseph and Hazel Moore Cregan. He moved to Youngstown from Tacoma in 1935.

Dennis graduated from East High School in 1950 and enlisted in the Army in 1950, where he served until 1954 as a Staff Sergeant.

Dennis married Kathryn Daigle in Detroit on Oct. 25, 1954. They have three children, Denise (Tom) Bukovac, David Cregan, Scott (Merly) Cregan; five grandchildren, Sean and Jason Bukovac, Charity, Sharon and Joel Cregan; and 10 great-grandchildren. He worked at Republic Steel in



Youngstown from 1957 until 1965. Then he transferred to Warren Republic, until he retired in 1986. After retiring, he worked for Bryson Manor for 14 years, leaving in 2005.

Visit www.foxfuneralhome.org to send condolences.

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JOSEPH A. HAYEK, 59



CANFIELD - There will be a Divine Liturgy of Christian Burial held on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011,

at 10 a.m. at St. Maron Church, 1555 S. Meridian, Road, Youngstown, with Chorbishop Michael Kail officiating for Joseph A. Hayek, 59, who peacefully passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

Joe will always be remembered and loved by his family and friends as a beloved brother, uncle, great-uncle, godfather and friend.

Words alone cannot express what he meant to his family and friends. His presence, smile, laughter, storytelling of family stories and history, will always be treasured and a huge part of his legacy. He was and always will be larger than life. By his mentoring and guidance to his nieces and nephews and so many others, he knew how to inspire, propel and drive to be your best. Knowing Joey made us all better in the way we lived our lives. He always said "Do as I say not as I did" so we could learn from his life lessons.

At this time we will all celebrate who he was and what he means to those around him. He will be truly missed but will live on in each of all of us.

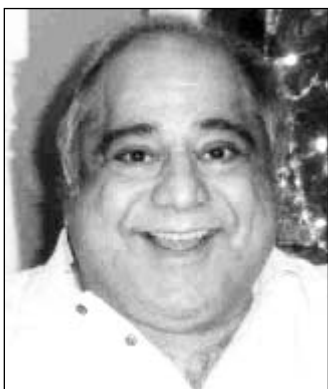
He was born April 18, 1952, in Youngstown, the son of Alex K. and Bessie Hayek.

Joe was a 1970 graduate of Ursuline High School, where he was a letterman on the football team and was a 1975 graduate of Youngstown State University, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with a minor in Accounting and Economics.

He started his employment career as a District Manager with Lanier Business Equipment, then moved onto being Vice President of THG Construction Management, made salesman of the year for Homewood Homes in Columbus from 1993 to 1998, was a Regional Manager for Urecoats, was a regional manager of Bardan Homes, and most recently was Director of National Accounts with Simon Roofing Company.

Joe was a member of St. Maron Church, its St. Tobias Society, the Knights of St. Maron, and the Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity at YSU.

He was an avid sports fan, especially watching football and enjoyed playing backgammon. He loved watching and cheering on



his nieces and nephews in their activities.

He leaves behind to hold on to his precious memories, his brothers and sisters, Anthony (Patricia) Hayek of Poland, Remon P. Hayek, Rosette (Joseph) Hayek, Berni (Gerald) Hamrock and Minnie (Patrick) Casey, all of Canfield; nieces and nephews, Anthony (Angela) Hayek, Renee (Jack) Jackintelle, Christopher Hayek (Jen Weaver), Cherie (John) Morgan, Susan (Howie) Chien, David J. Hayek, Phillip M. Hayek, Gerald (Barbara) Hamrock, Lori (Todd) Lesko, Kathy (Richard) Durlflinger, Patrick Casey and Michael Casey; and 19 great-nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas and Samuel Hayek.

Friends may call at the church on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., where the Prayers of Incense Prayer Service will be held at 7:45 p.m., and again on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011, from 9 a.m. until 9:50 a.m., all at St. Maron Church, 1555 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the professional care of the Rossi & Santucci Funeral Home, 4700 Market St., Boardman.

Burial will take place at Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown.

In lieu of flowers, material contributions may be made in Joe's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN, 38105 or the Antoinette Sisters, 2675 N. Lipkey Road, North Jackson, OH 44451.

Family and friends may visit www.rossisantuccifh.com to view this obituary, sign the guest book and send condolences to the Hayek family.

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11-15-11

ROBERT R. NICALEK JR., 40

CAMPBELL - Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Wasko Funeral Home and at 10 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church for Robert R. Nicalek Jr., 40, who passed away Saturday afternoon.

Robert was born July 7, 1971, in Youngstown, the son of Robert R. Sr. and Margaret Dill Nicalek.

He was a 1989 graduate of Struthers High School and a 1992 graduate of Golden West College in Huntington Beach, Calif. with an associates degree in the Arts.

He was a member of the church and a social member of the VFW Post 3538 in Struthers.

He loved the beach and was a huge Notre Dame fan. His favorite sports teams were the Cleveland Browns, Boston Celtics and the California Angels.

He was very loyal to his family and friends, but was most proud of his son, Justin. Robert's biggest heroes were his father, Robert Sr. and his uncle, Rick.

Robert will be sadly missed and his memory forever cherish, by

his son, Justin Zetts of Boardman; his mother, Maggie; his grandfather, Robert F. Nicalek of Campbell, with whom he lived and took care of; a sister and brother-in-law, Lynn and John DeSantis of Struthers; niece and nephew Ashley and John DeSantis; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, whom he loved very much, Robert R. Sr.; his maternal grandparents, Robert and Jean Dill; paternal grandmother Mary Elko Nicalek; and an aunt, Debbie Dill Tedrow.

The Nicalek family has entrusted their loved one to the care of the Wasko Funeral Home and will receive friends on Wednesday evening from 4 to 7 p.m.

Visit www.waskofamily.com to view this obituary and send the Nicalek family condolences.

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DR. ROBERT J. BLICKENS DERFER, 77

MINERAL RIDGE - Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Mineral Ridge Church of Christ for Dr. Robert J. Blickensderfer, 77, who passed away Sunday morning at Select Specialty Hospital in Warren.

Robert was born July 9, 1934, in Dover, a son of the late Russell and Nola (Sherman) Blickensderfer.

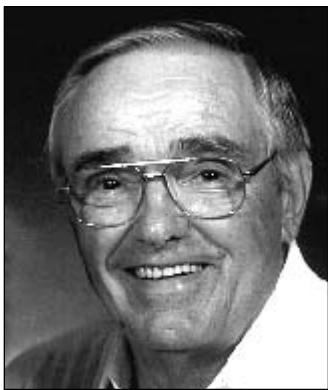
A U.S. Navy veteran, he served on the USS Yorktown during the Korean conflict.

Dr. Blickensderfer treated patients at his practice and taught at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, both in Kirksville, Mo.

He was a member of the Mineral Ridge Church of Christ, enjoyed numerous artistic activities, and was an avid gardener.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, the former Barbara Garris, whom he married Aug. 21, 1960; children, Dr. Scott (Dr. Janelle) Blickensderfer of South Bend, Ind., and their children, Jamie, Leah, and Eric, Sharon Blickensderfer of Fairway, Kan., Brian Blickensderfer of Austin, Texas and Dr. Amy (Dr. Chuck Dietrich) Blickensderfer of St. Louis and their daughter, Ashton; and his twin brother, John (Mary Lee) Blickensderfer of Dover.

Besides his parents, Robert was



preceded in death by a sister, Sue Klempner; and a brother, James.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Welfare League Shelter, 545 Brunstetter Road SW, Warren, OH 44481 or the church in Robert's name.

At the request of Robert, there are no calling hours.

The Lane Funeral Home, Mineral Ridge Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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

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AUDREY LOU DIFRANGIA IAQUINTO, 70

YOUNGSTOWN - There will be a memorial Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church for Audrey Lou DiFrangia Iaquinto, 70, who passed away on Sunday, Nov. 13.

She was born Oct. 31, 1941, in Youngstown, the daughter of John and Lucille (Piolata) DiFrangia.

Audrey graduated from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and began teaching in various schools in the area. She spent many years at St. Anthony School in Brier Hill becoming very involved with the Parish. While there she became the first female lector. Audrey enjoyed teaching, baking, cooking and traveling.

Audrey will always be remembered by her husband, Samuel Iaquinto, whom she married Sept. 7, 1968; a daughter, Marsia (Don) Ronyak of Denver; a son, John (Anna Granqvist) Iaquinto of Barcelona, Spain; four grandchildren, Max, Elliot, Ian and Everett Ronyak; and two beloved aunts, Mitzi Malvasi and Mary Grosshandler and their families.

Friends may call on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. until time of Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

The family would like to thank



the team of doctors at Case Western Reserve University Hospital, as well as the exceptional staff at Seidman Cancer Center in Cleveland.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of the Valley.

The Rossi Brothers & Lellio Funeral Home has been bestowed the honor and privilege of handling the arrangements for Audrey.

Family and friends may visit the Book of Memories at www.rossifunerals.com to view this tribute and to send condolences to Audrey's family.

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CYNTHIA MARIE SKOLODA MANNASMITH, 51

MARYSVILLE - Cynthia Marie Skoloda Mannasmith, 51, died unexpectedly Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, at her home.

For 30 years she worked in social services. Most recently, she was a case worker supervisor with Union County Job and Family Services and formerly was associated with the Mahoning County Court system in child support services for 12 years with Judge John Leskovansky in Youngstown.

She was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Poland, and was a 1978 graduate of Struthers High School. She enjoyed bowling, watching movies,

playing board games and loved to cook and entertain. She liked animals, especially Koala bears. She was also an avid shopper, antique collector and liked visiting Holmes County. She will be well remembered for being an extraordinary listener, but she also loved to talk.

She was born Dec. 4, 1959, in Youngstown to the late Edward and Marietta Vince Skoloda. She was also preceded in death by her grandparents, John and Helen Skoloda; and a good friend, Rose Tomko.

She is survived by her daughter, Carlye Rose Mannasmith and her husband, Bruce N. Mannasmith, both of Marysville; her brother, Edward (Nancy) Skoloda Jr. of Struthers; two nephews, Edward and James Skoloda, both of Struthers; her stepchildren, Jarrod, Devon and Aubri Mannasmith; a brother-in-law, Larry (Tammy) Mannasmith of Richwood; a sister-in-law, Colleen (Walter) Fiant of Caledonia; many aunts and uncles; and numerous loving friends, including Lynda and Nick Nietz, Janet and Sam Pitzulo and Mindy, Kaitlyn and Greg.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. today at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1033 West Fifth St. in Marysville. The Rev. Fr. David A. Poliafico will officiate.

Burial will be later at Oakdale Cemetery in Marysville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to FosterFriends.

Visit www.underwoodfuneralhome.com to express condolences may be to the family.

11-15-11

JUANITA S. HIGGINS, 85

BOARDMAN - Juanita S. Higgins, 85, died Sunday afternoon at Hospice House.

She was born Feb. 3, 1926, in Boardman, the daughter of Charles Lee and Helen Mae Barger Money.

Juanita was a payroll clerk for the U.S. Navy in Alameda, Calif. for 15 years. She was a 1944 graduate of South High School.

Juanita had been a volunteer for Hospice of the Valley and was a member of the Mother Singers Choral Group while living in California.

Her husband, Walter B. Higgins, whom she married May 2, 1953, died Oct. 2, 1989.

Juanita is survived by her daughters, Helene M. Higgins and Dawn (Tom) Bacha, both of Boardman; her brother, Don (Janet) Simmons of Yukon, Okla.; and her granddaughters, Siobhan and Katalin Bacha.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her step-daughter, Cheryl Higgins.

According to Juanita's wishes, there will be no services or visitation.



Material contributions may be given to Hospice House, 9803 Sharrott Road, Poland, OH 44514, Angels for Animals, 4750 W. South Range Road, Canfield, OH 44406, or to the Salvation Army, 1501 Glenwood Ave., Youngstown, OH 44511.

Arrangements are by the Anstrom-Velker Chapel, a Lane Family Funeral Home.

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HERMAN RAYMOND TROMBACCO, 85

NEW SPRINGFIELD - Herman Raymond Trombacco, 85, of Garfield Road, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at Parkside Health Care Center in Columbiana.

Mr. Trombacco, the son of Michael and Carina (Thomas) Trombacco, was born on Aug. 23, 1926, in Campbell.

Herman was a World War II veteran, where he served as a Sergeant in the 498th Quarter Masters Battalion as a supply clerk. He was a driver/salesman for Golden Age/Pepsi Cola, retiring in 1982 after 24 years of service. He also worked in the automotive department of Sears from 1965 to 1982.

Herman is survived by his wife, Norma Jane (Clay) Trombacco, whom he married May 9, 1949. He is survived by three daughters, Beth McKenrick of Smithfield, N.C., Pam (John) Pagac of Boardman and Valerie (Perry) Gillespie of Winfield, Ill.; and two sisters, Yolanda Parish of Boardman and Helen Shepas, of Struthers.

He is also survived by six

grandchildren, Dawn Bak of North Carolina, Matthew and Amy Pagac of Ohio, Shane Gillespie, Crystal (John) Sterrett and Britney Gillespie of Illinois and four great-grandchildren, Christopher, Erica and Matthew Bak and Aiden Fette.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary; a brother; an infant brother; and two half-brothers, Carl and Jack.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. at the New Springfield Trinity United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jon George officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the New Springfield Trinity United Methodist Church or Hospice of the Valley.

Arrangements being handled by the Seederly-Mong & Beck Funeral Home in Columbiana.

Friends may visit www.seederlymongandbeck.com to view this obituary, sign the guest register or send private condolences online.

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