

obituaries

Frederick Durant

A funeral for Frederick Durant, 76, of R.D. 3, Potsdam, was held at 1 p.m. Friday (Jan. 23, 1987) at Seymour Funeral Home in Potsdam with the Rev. William Hart, pastor of Parishville United Methodist Church, officiating. Spring burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Parishville.

Mr. Durant died at his home on Tuesday (Jan. 20, 1987) after a long illness.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred; a daughter, Jewel Durant of R.D. 3, Potsdam; two sons, Alden J. Durant of Parishville and Lowell D. Durant of Sanfordville; a stepbrother, Daniel Durant of Ogdensburg; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was born on April 9, 1911, in Winchester, Ontario, son of John Wesley and Nancy Ravine Durant. He married Mildred Wood on April 25, 1931, in Gouverneur.

Since 1945 he resided in Parishville and was a self-employed farmer. He was the youngest of seven brothers and seven sisters.

In 1951, he became a naturalized United States citizen.

He was a member and past master of Parishville Grange and a member of Parishville United Methodist Church.

Helen M. Marion

MASSENA — A funeral for Helen M. Marion, 77, of 34 Grant St., Massena, was held at 10 a.m. Saturday (Jan. 24, 1987) at Sacred Heart Church in Massena with the Rev. Ted Monica officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

Arrangements were with Phillips Memorial Home in Massena.

Mrs. Marion died on Wednesday (Jan. 21, 1987) at 11:30 p.m. in the emergency room at Massena Memorial Hospital after she was stricken at her home.

Surviving are her husband, Rene; a son, Donald of Lancaster, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Joan Degon of Buffalo; a sister, Mrs. Irene "Peggy" Desbiens of Malone; a stepsister, Mrs. Howard (Marie) Ouimet of Massena; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1909, in Brasher Falls, daughter of William and Alice Rusaw Robideau. She married Rene Marion on Oct. 6, 1927, at the Sacred Heart Church with the Rev. Benjamin Staie officiating.

She was a member of the Massena senior citizens club.

Phyllis Clark

CANTON — A memorial service for Phyllis Clark, 95, a resident of Cedar's Nursing Home in Ogdensburg and formerly of 49 Park St., Canton, will be held March 21, 1987 in the Unitarian Universalist Church in Canton with the Rev. Max Coots officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Canton.

The Lawrence Funeral Home of Canton is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Clark died Jan. 19, 1987 at the nursing home, where she had been a resident since October 1982.

Surviving are a son, Frederick Clark of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; three grandchildren, Stephen of Oregon, Sarah of Connecticut and Peter of Illinois; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Henry Forbes, formerly a trustee of St. Lawrence University in Canton.

Mrs. Clark was born in Canton on Jan. 31, 1892, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Henry Prentice Forbes, former dean of the Theological School at St. Lawrence University, and Harriet Wood Forbes. Mrs. Clark graduated from schools in Canton and from St. Lawrence University in 1912 where she earned a bachelor of science degree in library science.

On June 25, 1919, she married Albert M. Clark in Park Ridge, N.J.

For three years she was employed as a teacher in Norwood, specializing in mathematics and Latin. In 1915 she accepted a teaching position in a larger school district in New Jersey.

She earned a master's degree in library science at St. Lawrence University in 1946.

Mrs. Clark was employed as head librarian for the Ogdensburg Public Library for 10 years, was representative for the small libraries and also worked on the Executive Council for the New York Librarians Association.

She returned to Canton where she was employed as director of the Canton Free Library for six years, retiring in 1958.

In 1958, Mrs. Clark was nominated for the office of councillor for the New York Librarians Association.

She was a very active in the Unitarian Universalist Church in Canton. She was a past officer in the New York Librarians Association and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at St. Lawrence University. She was active in the North Country Regional Librarians Association.

Memorial donations may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton.

Viola M. Rousaw

NORFOLK — A funeral for Viola M. Rousaw, 64, of Grantville Road, Raymondville, was held at 11 a.m. on Friday (Jan. 23, 1987) at Buck Funeral Home in Norfolk with the Rev. Henry Christian, brother of the deceased, officiating. Spring burial will be in Raymondville Cemetery.

Mrs. Rousaw died on Wednesday (Jan. 21, 1987) at Massena Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Francis; four sons, Gayland, Garry, Terry, all of Norfolk, and Joseph of Rochester; two daughters, Mrs. Napoleon (Lena) Martin of Sodus, N.Y. and Mrs. Harold (Mary) Martin of Norfolk; three brothers, James Christian of Rochester, Francis "Bud" Christian of Ogdensburg and Lloyd Christian of Massena; 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was predeceased by a son, Elwood.

She was born on Aug. 24, 1922 in Dickinson Center, daughter of Henry and Nellie Richaud Christian.

Mrs. Rousaw was a member of Raymondville United Methodist Church.

Helena M. Murphy

MADRID — A funeral for Helena M. Murphy, 81, of the Norfolk Road, Madrid, was held at 10 a.m. Monday (Jan. 26, 1987) at St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid with the Rev. Edward Wright officiating. Burial will be in Visitation Cemetery, Norfolk.

Arrangements were with Fay G. Mann Funeral Home in Madrid. Mrs. Murphy died at 3:35 p.m. Thursday (Jan. 22, 1987) at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, where she had been a patient 11 days.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Rose Sladoff of Potsdam, Mrs. Rose Sladoff of Potsdam, and Mrs. Rose Sladoff of Potsdam.

She was born on April 15, 1906, daughter of William and Mary Bushaw of Carthage; three sons, Robert of Cadillac, Mich., Gene of Madrid, Thomas of Schaumburg, Ill.; 35 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter. A son, Alfred Jr., died in 1975, and a daughter, Pauline Lancto, died in 1982.

She was born in Chase Mills on Jan. 8, 1906, daughter of George and Lettie Carr Burns. She was educated in local schools and married Alfred Murphy on July 19, 1920. He died in 1956.

Mrs. Murphy was a life-long resident of Madrid and was the assistant manager of the food service department at St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Ogdensburg. She retired in 1974.

She was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church and the church's Altar and Rosary Society.

Harold C. Crossman

CANTON — A funeral for Harold C. Crossman, 76, of 35 Riverside Drive, Canton, was held at 11 a.m. Saturday (Jan. 24, 1987) at Seymour Funeral Home in Potsdam with the Rev. Phillip Gausby, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Waddington, officiating. Spring burial will be in Bayside Cemetery, Potsdam.

Mr. Crossman died Thursday (Jan. 22, 1987) morning at Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Christy; three daughters, Mrs. Betty Travis of Potsdam, Mrs. Robert (Gloria) Newton of Winthrop, Mrs. Richard (Judith) Berger of Gloversville, N.Y.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Harold (Sharon) Meldrum of Massena and Mrs. Bernard (Mary) Weaver of West Potsdam; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister, Ruth Wetherling, and a stepson, Carl Christy.

He was born on July 21, 1911 in Potsdam, son of Culver and Mary Carroll Crossman. He graduated from Potsdam High School in 1929. In 1934, he graduated from Potsdam Normal School.

He married Julia Clough on Nov. 8, 1941. She predeceased him. He then married Helen Christy on Nov. 9, 1968 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Potsdam with the Rev. James Pennock officiating.

After graduating from Fitzsimons General Hospital Medical Technology School, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a medical technician for the 49th

Division Hospital in Manila, Philippines.

He was employed with the Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Mill as a shipping clerk for more than 30 years. He retired in 1974.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and the American Legion Post 74, Potsdam.

Mary Jane Garceau

MASSENA — A memorial service for Mary Jane Garceau, 50, of 9 Somerset Ave., Massena, was held at 11 a.m. Monday (Jan. 26, 1987) in the chapel of the First United Methodist Church in Massena with the Rev. Robert J. Notar officiating. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Norfolk.

The Donaldson Funeral Home of Massena is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Garceau died at 6:36 p.m. Friday (Jan. 23, 1987) at the Champlain Valley Physician's Hospital in Plattsburgh.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garceau; four sons, Richard Pruner of Connecticut, Jeremiah, Jamie Wayne and David Page Pruner, all of Massena; three sisters, Miss Elaine LaDue, Annette Garceau and Mrs. James (Barbara) Gadoway, all of Massena; one brother, Fred W. Garceau of Eastford, Conn.; and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Addie Mae Witherell

HEUVELTON — A funeral for Addie Mae Witherell, 62, of Star Lake and formerly of Heuvelton and West Potsdam, was held at 2 p.m. Monday (Jan. 26, 1987) at Fox Funeral Home in Heuvelton. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Heuvelton.

Mrs. Witherell died unexpectedly Friday evening (Jan. 23, 1987) at the Clifton-Fine Hospital where she had been a patient since Jan. 6.

Surviving are a son, Ronald Simmons of Star Lake; two sisters, Miss Ruth Hazelton of Ogdensburg and Mrs. Clifford (Laura) Chambers of Utica; two brothers, Clifford Hazelton of Ogdensburg and Leo Hazelton of Heuvelton; four grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by three brothers, Carl, Eugene and Bernard Hazelton.

She was born in West Potsdam on April 13, 1924, daughter of Bert and Amy Austin Hazelton. She had attended West Potsdam, Fine and Harrisville schools. She lived in Heuvelton for a number of years where she was employed as a waitress at the former Stewart Restaurant. She was employed at Standard Shade Roller Co. in Ogdensburg for 13 years.

On Oct. 15, 1960, she was married to Marvin N. Witherell in the United Church in Berwick, Pa. After their marriage the couple resided on the Witherell farm on the Pope Mills Road. Mr. Witherell died on Jan. 7, 1981. She moved to the Black Lake Road in 1982 where she resided until moving to Star Lake in 1984 where she resided with her son, Ronald.

Mrs. Witherell was a member of the Fine Home Bureau and a member of the St. Lawrence County Chapter of the Depeyster Order of the Eastern Star No. 60.

Lillian E. Storie

MASSENA — A funeral for Lillian E. Storie, 80, of 75 Nightengale Ave., Massena, was held at 2 p.m. Saturday (Jan. 24, 1987) at Donaldson Funeral Home in Massena with the Rev. Douglas G. Fowler, pastor of Emmanuel

Congregational Church, and Rev. Bruce R. Brown, officiating. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Massena.

Mrs. Storie died unexpectedly at around noon on Thursday (Jan. 22, 1987) at her home.

Surviving are a son, Merrill Storie of Gouverneur; three daughters, Mrs. John (Norma) Smith of Massena, Mrs. Joseph (Doris) Martino of Camillus, N.Y., and Mrs. Bruce (Shirley) Brown of Middleboro, Mass.; one brother, Arthur Robinson of Mass.; 12 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Storie was active in the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Bernard V. Smith

MADRID — A funeral for Bernard V. Smith, 69, of Coney Island Road, Hannawa Falls, was at noon today (Tuesday) at St. John the

Baptist Church, Madrid. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Arrangements were with Fay G. Mann Funeral Home, Madrid.

Mr. Smith died Saturday evening (Jan. 24, 1987) at 10:30 p.m. at his home. He had been in ill health since February.

Surviving are his wife, Hilda; a son, Gary V. of Cottonwood, Ariz.; a daughter, Mrs. Arthur (Rita) Alowitz, of Latham, N.Y.; three sisters, Margaret Wert, Potsdam, Mrs. Carl (Helen) Willard, Pensacola, Fla., and Mrs. Irvin (Anna) Simser, Binghamton; five grandchildren. A brother, Donald, died before him.

Mr. Smith was born Dec. 28, 1917 in Madrid, son of Patrick and Mary Clarkin Smith. He was graduated from Madrid High School in 1936 and is a 1938 graduate of Canton ATI. At one time he worked in farm management in Cape Vincent.

He served in World War II in the Army Air Corps in the Eighth Ar-

my Air Force. For 15 years he worked at Alcoa before purchasing and operating Bradley Fuel Service in Madrid. When he retired he was employed by Augsburg Corp. which purchased his business.

Mr. Smith was a member of American Legion Post 1513 and past commander. He was a charter member of the Potsdam Elks Lodge, BPOE, and member and past fire chief of the Madrid Fire Department.

Mr. Smith was a former member of St. John the Baptist's Bishop's Council and past Boy Scoutmaster and member of the Golden Arrow. He was past member of the Holy Name Society. Mr. Smith was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Colton. The couple had resided in Hannawa Falls for the past five years.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Potsdam-Canton or the St. Lawrence Council of the American Cancer Society.

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