Obituaries for those Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island, Michigan

Revised March 5, 2023

Adams, David - David Adams, father, papa, brother and friend, passed away on October 15th, 2016 in Charlevoix, MI. He was 62.
David Wheeler Adams was born February 5th, 1954 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to John and Laurene Adams. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1977. David moved to Beaver Island in the early 1980s, where he raised his family. He worked in construction, was a long-time employee of the Charlevoix County Road Commission and a devoted member of the Beaver Island Fire Department. He also served many years as chairman of the St. James Zoning Board of Appeals. An avid wood worker, David enjoyed making many special pieces for his beloved children and grandchildren. David also loved to garden and share his veggies with neighbors and friends.
David is survived by his three children: Abigail (Chad) Hart of Charlevoix, MI, Joan (Christopher) Kolinski of Traverse City, MI and Emma (Bryant) Tuthill of Holland, MI; his six grandchildren, Caleb Hart, Braxton Hart, Ashton Hart, Molly Tuthill, Maxwell Kolinski, and brand-new baby Oliver David Kolinski; five siblings Connie Wojan, Mary Adams, Ann Adams, Molly Adams and John Adams; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Laurene and John Adams.
A wake will be held at the Holy Cross Church on November 11th, 2016 at from 5-7 pm. A funeral service will be on November 12th, 2016 at 11am at Holy Cross Church, with a luncheon to follow at Holy Cross Hall. All are welcome to attend and celebrate David's life. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Beaver Island Fire Department, PO Box 77, Beaver Island, MI 49782. Beaver Island Forum obituary on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.

Adams, Laurene W. (Wheeler) - Laurene W. Adams, 79, of Beaver Island, died at her home April 22, 2002. Mass of the Resurrection will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Rev. Patrick Cawley will officiate assisted by deacon Michael McGinnity. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Laurene was born April 7, 1923, in Kalamazoo, the daughter of Norbert and Mary (Basler) Wheeler. On Sept. 1, 1948, she married John S. Adams in Kalamazoo, where they lived until moving to Beaver Island in 1983. John preceded her in death on December 30, 1993. Laurene is a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. She is survived by her daughters, Connie (Ed) Wojan of Beaver Island, Mary Adams (Peter DeGroot) of Pacifica, CA, Ann Adams (William DeBiasi) of Allen Park, Molly Adams of San Martin, CA; sons, David (Kathy) Adams of Beaver Island, John (Denise) Adams of Grosse Pointe Woods; 14 grandchildren; sister, Marilyn (David) Reed of Belleville, IL; brother, Joseph Wheeler of Battle Creek. A wake will be held at the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island beginning at 3 p.m. Friday, where a Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center or to Hospice of the Straits, Cheboygan. The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Kalamazoo Gazette, April 24, 2002.

Antrim, Mary E. (Bonner) - Mary E. Antrim, 77, of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, December 17 at Emerald Meadows. A Funeral Mass will be 3 pm, Friday, May 16, 2014, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. The Reverend James Doherty is officiating.
Mary is survived by her husband of forty-seven years, Ronald E. Antrim; her children, Rose Antrim, Monty "Mike" Wunkel, Dan Wunkel all of Grand Rapids, Cathe Wunkel of Loveland Co.; many grandchildren; brother Robert (Nancy) Bonner of Lake Leelenau. Mary's son, Patrick, preceded her in death.
Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Church, Beaver Island, MI 49782.
Beaver Beacon Obituary August-September 2014.

Antrim, Ronald E. - Mr. Ronald E. Antrim, age 84, of Grand Rapids, passed away May 18, 2014. He worked and retired from MichCon after many years. He is survived by his children, Rose, Cathe, Mike, and Dan; and brother, Ed (Donna) Antrim. Ron was preceded in death by his wife, Mary on December 17, 2013; and son, Patrick. There will be no services according to Ron's wishes. Pederson Funeral Home. Obituary from MLive.com.

Arden, Glenn E. - Glenn E. Arden, 90, of Beaver Island, passed away Monday, February 25, 2013, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He was born February 21, 1923, in Detroit to Emanuel and Lydia (Kaupp) Arden. On September 1, 1950, he married Ruth Alice Plumb. Glenn and Ruth lived in Roseville, MI, where Glenn was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324, working as a heavy machine operator in road construction. Glenn retired in 1975, and he and Ruth moved permanently to Beaver Island. Glenn was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church, and he was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also served his country as a Sergeant in the 426th Army Air Forces Base Unit during WWII, and was deployed in both Europe and Africa.

Ruth preceded Glenn in death on December 19, 2002. He is survived by his daughters, Linda (Kevin) McDonough of Beaver Island, and Michelle (Timothy) Furness of Spokane, Wash.; grandchildren, Shane (Emily) McDonough of Pinckney, Erin (Rob) McPherson of Williamston, and Colleen McDonough of Howell; great-grandson, Charlie McDonough; brother, Milton (Rose) Arden of Roseville. Memorial contributions may be made to Beaver Island's 21st Century Learning Scholarship, Charlevoix County Community Foundation, 507 Water St., East Jordan 49727. A memorial service will be held later, and interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Beaver Beacon Obituary - March 2013

Arden, Ruth Alice (Plumb) – Ruth Arden, 77, of Beaver Island passed away December 19, 2002 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at Holy Cross Church, Beaver Island. The Rev. Patrick Cawley officiated, and interment took place in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Ruth was born on Oct. 30, 1925, in Grosse Pointe Woods to Everette and Dorothy (Wills) Plumb. On Sept. 1, 1950, she married Glenn E. Arden. They continued to live in the Detroit area until their retirement in 1975, when they moved to Beaver Island.
She was a member of Holy Cross Church and Holy Cross Altar Society. She was an active community member on Beaver Island who was known for the insight and wisdom she brought to such duties as her long-time role on the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals. She loved to help cook for various functions, such as the Homecoming Dinner and the Game Club dinners. She particularly took joy in her three grandchildren and family.
Ruth is survived by her husband, Glenn, of Beaver Island; her daughters, Linda (Kevin) McDonough of Beaver Island, Michelle (Timothy) Furness of Kona, Hawaii; and grandchildren, Shane, Erin and Colleen McDonough, of Beaver Island. Arrangements were handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, January 2003.

Armstrong, Robert - Robert (Papa Bob) Armstrong. Robert Armstrong, age 74, of Beaver Island, passed away on December 29, 2006 in Palmetto, Florida, after a long and courageous battle with prostate cancer. He was under the care of Hospice and surrounded by his wife and children. He was the eldest of three children. Bob was born on February 28, 1932 in Highland Park, Michigan, to Roy and Nancy (Blaney) Armstrong. Bob joined the US Coast Gua no rd at age 17 and became a mechanic. During his eight years in active duty, he was stationed on Beaver Island where he met and married his wife, Marjorie M. Martin on September 3, 1955. Bob served in the Coast Guard Reserves for 12 years and retired as a Chief Petty Officer. He also worked for United Parcel Service as a mechanic and later became a supervisor. He worked for UPS until his retirement in 1985. With UPS, Bob lived in the Fine Lake, Gladstone and Paw areas, working in Escanaba, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Mt. Pleasant. In his retirement, Bob actively enjoyed working with his brother-in-law at Bud Martin Excavating on Beaver Island. He was an avid story teller. He also enjoyed woodworking, tinkering with automobiles and boat engines (especially his son's). Bob was an ardent pilot and loved flying. He also prized wintering in Florida. He had a dry wit, enjoyed covert practical jokes and teasing, playing with cats, and getting a laugh out of those in his company. This earned him the name "Papa Pest" by his grandchildren. He was the family sage; his knowledge and wisdom were beyond his educational years. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Marjorie of Beaver Island; his children, daughters, Roselyn (Rocky) DeVogel of Grand Rapids, Jo Lynne Anderson of Traverse City; sons, Dr. Robert (Gerri Anne) Armstrong of Cheboygan, Clay (Dawn) Armstrong of Marshall, Michigan; his grandchildren, Calvin, Ryan and Erin DeVogel, Roger and Kayla Anderson, Monica and Paige Armstrong, Aleshia Sleight; his sister, Nancy Jean Spence of Garden City, Michigan; many wonderful brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and a vast number of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Nancy Armstrong; his sister, Margaret Jones; and son-in-law, Roger Anderson. There will be a memorial ceremony and gathering of family and friends in appreciation of Bob's life at a later date. Cremation has taken place and burial will occur on Beaver Island, MI in the spring. Friends may consider Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, 37860 Kings Hwy., Beaver Island, MI 49782 or Bishop Baraga Catholic School Campaign, PO Box 40, Cheboygan, MI 49721 for memorial contributions in Bob's name.
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Banghart, Mary M. "Peggy" (Baker) - BANGHART, Margaret M. (Peggy) May Baker Banghart, age 92 of Atlanta GA., passed away February 20, 2014 Lenbrook, Atlanta, GA. Peggy was born October 12, 1921 in Cambridge, MA to Fred Phelps Baker and Hyacinth Baker (nee Scott). As the oldest of three daughters, she was raised in Denver, CO. She married the love of her life, the late Dr. Norman Lee Banghart of Battle Creek, MI in July 1944 in Denver, CO. She obtained her B.A. degree in history and political science in 1942 from Oberlin College in Oberlin, OH. She followed her love of learning and books by obtaining a B.S. degree in Library Science at the University of Denver in 1944. During the past 50 years, Peggy and Norman's refuge of life was at their summer cabin on Sand Bay, Beaver Island, MI. They spent their summers raising their family, playing golf together and loving the natural beauty of their retirement community and

friends. Peggy and Norman are survived by their four sons and their loving daughter-in-laws: Donald (Laura) of Denver, CO, David (Susan) of Castle Rock, CO, Steven of Hinsdale, IL, and James (Barbara) of John's Creek, GA. She is survived by her nine grandchildren: Kirk (Arika) of Salida, CO, Eric (Katie) of Los Angeles, CA, Christopher of Myrtle Beach, SC, Kali Hurry (Jake) of Palm Coast, FL, Corey, Chad and Joe of Hinsdale, IL, Kate and Alex of Atlanta, GA. Peggy and Norman's four great-grandchildren are Kuper and Kalister of Salida, CO, Jacoby Hurry of Palm Coast, FL, and Ella of Los Angeles, CA. Peggy's life-long activities revolved around her family, music, books, her three P.E.O. sisterhood chapters, adult learning classes and travel, as well as her volunteer work with her Presbyterian Churches in Ann Arbor, MI, Salem SC, and Greenwood, SC. Her involvement with the Christian Church on Beaver Island MI, the Ann Arbor Women's City Club, St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary in Ann Arbor, the Washtenaw County Medical Society of Ann Arbor, and the Ann Arbor Auxiliary Thrift shop kept her active and loving of life. As a librarian by education, Peggy took pride in her financial support of the Beaver Island Library in support of the automation and digital reform of the library system. Interment will be at the Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island, MI this summer. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Beaver Island Library (www.bidl.org or P.O. Box 246 Beaver, Island, Michigan 49782). Online condolences may be expressed at www.crowellbrothers.com. Arrangements by Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel Funeral Home, 5051 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross, GA 30092. (770)448-5757.
Published by Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Feb. 28, 2014.

Banghart, Norman L. - A Memorial service for Dr. Norman Lee Banghart will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Wesley Commons, in Greenwood South Carolina. Dr Banghart, 85, husband of Margaret May Banghart, died Sunday June 17, 2007 at Self Regional Medical Center, Greenwood, SC. Born in Battle Creek, Michigan, he was one of four children of the late Lee Edward and Laura Coe Banghart. He attended Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, and obtained his M.D. degree in 1944 from the University of Michigan Medical School. Following service as an Army Doctor in World War II, he served his medical residency and began his 40 plus year Obstetrics/Gynecology private practice in Ann Arbor. Before retiring in 1987, Dr. Banghart served as Head of the Obstetrics Department and Chief of Staff at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Dr. Banghart also took great pride in the following personal achievements: Eagle Scout status as a Boy Scout, membership in the Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club, membership in Phi Rho Sigma medical fraternity, and membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor. He was an avid lifelong swimmer and golfer, beginning swimming at the age of eight and membership on swim teams from eighth grade through his college experience. As an avid golfer, he and his loving wife of 62 years, Peggy, were members of Ann Arbor Golf and Outing, where he instilled his love of golf in his four sons. Dr. Banghart was a dedicated Wolverine Sports Fan as season ticket holder for U of M football for over the past 63 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by four sons, who all attended school in Ann Arbor: Donald Banghart and his wife, Laura, of Evergreen, CO; David Banghart and his wife, Susan, of Myrtle Beach, SC; Steven Banghart of Hinsdale, IL; and James Banghart and his wife Barbara of Atlanta, GA; a sister (Barbara Norman of La Jolla, CA) a brother (Larry Banghart of San Diego, CA) nine grand-children; and two great grandchildren. He was proceeded in death by his older brother, Robert Banghart. Interment will occur in July, on Beaver Island, MI, where Dr. Banghart and his family have enjoyed for over 40 years of summer vacations and the beauty of northern Michigan. Memorials may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation, Inc. (Office of Development, 1501 NW 9th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136-1494: or (www.parkinson.org) Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.harleyfuneralhome.com
Published by Ann Arbor News on Jun. 28, 2007.

Banville, Robert M. - Robert Matthew Banville “Bondo Bob”, beloved husband, father, and grandfather passed away Friday morning April 15, 2016 at his home on Beaver Island.
Born February 23, 1942 in Elyria Ohio, Bob was full of life with a larger-than-life personality. “Can’t do” was not part of his vocabulary. He was always curious and eager to experience life. Bob completed the 1000-mile Iditarod, rode a camel in Saudi Arabia, drove race cars, and served in the US Army in Ethiopia where some of his favorite stories came from. He was passionate about his faith, his family, hunting on Garden Island, fishing, boating, flying, cooking and eating, and most of all storytelling or talking! Bob had a huge presence in so many lives. It is a void that could never be filled.
Bob started his career as a flight instructor, then a pilot for FedEx. He also was a Captain for Piedmont Airlines. Next, Bob opened RMB Automotive Body Shop. He retired in 1996 and moved to Beaver Island to fulfill his dream of building a log home and opening Shanoule B & B. In 2000 he married Joan LaFreniere and became a part of a family who loved him dearly. Bob was the president of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club, a member and usher at Holy Cross Parish, and served 10 years on the Board of Directors at the Beaver Island Community Center where he was instrumental in the reconstruction of the original façade of the building.
Bob was preceded in death by his father Robert Matthew Banville, sister Barbara Banville Acosta, mother Mary Louise (Bolly) Banville, and his beloved dogs Barney and Russell.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Joan LaFreniere of 16 years, son Ian (Holli) Becker, daughter Rachel Becker, grandchildren Rhiannon Becker and Brogan Becker, honorary grandchildren Nora and Hazel, sister Pat (Banville) Dick, nieces and nephews who were very special to him, countless friends that he loved spending time with, and his beloved cat, Bobbalou.
Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday April 23, 2016 at Holy Cross Catholic Church on his beloved Beaver Island. A vigil will be held at Holy Cross on Friday April 22, from 6 - 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's name to Forest View Retirement Community or the Beaver Island Community Center.
Beaver Beacon obituary, Late Spring 2016 Edition.

Bass, Mary Margaret (O'Donnell) - Today we celebrate the life of Mary Margaret Isabelle Bass, loving wife, mother, God-mother, aunt and friend to many. She went to be with the Lord March 11, 2016. Known by most as Muggs Bass, she was the daughter of Frank and Nellie O'Donnell and sister to Charlie, Richie, Ronnie, Beverly and Carol-Ann. She is survived by her loving husband Bob Bass to whom she was married for 48 years, four children, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; in addition to her sisters and spouses Bev and Gary Cantwell, Carol and Doug Bunting, and brother, Richie. Doug and Gary were known to poke fun with Muggs often and each claim to be the favorite brother-in-law. The family declined to comment in regards to the claim. Were we to mention all of her nieces, nephews, God-children (Brenda Vestian, Colleen Sellers, Amy Uhll and Pam Grassmick), cousins and friends, we'd have to add additional pages. Suffice it to say she was loved by more than many. She will be most remembered for her great Catholic faith in Jesus Christ. She sang and prayed for countless people during the hours of 3-4 a.m. She was also known to hold vigils by candlelight with her sisters, daughter-in-law and nieces before heading to town.
Vigil Service will be from 6-7 p.m., Friday, May 13, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m., Saturday, May 14, at Holy Cross Church. Mortenson Funeral Home obituary.

Bearss, Carole (Vertican) - Carole A Bearss 77 of Beaver Island, died January 26, 2022 at PineView Cottage Assisted Living in Harbor Springs.
Funeral services will be held in the spring at Beaver Island Christian Church with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery.
Carole A. Bearss August 2, 1944 - January 26, 2022 (77 years old) Obituary: We are sad to announce that on January 26, 2022 we had to say goodbye to Carole A. Bearss of Beaver Island, Michigan, born in Port Huron, Michigan.
She was predeceased by: her parents, Carl Vertican and Annette Vertican (Englert); her husband John Bearss; and her brother Scott Vertican. She is survived by: her children, Heidi Bearss of Harbor Springs and Jeremy Bearss (Genevieve) of New Market, MD; her grandchildren, Jonathan Bearss, Mikayla Lowell, Drew Lowell and Lorelei Bearss; her great grandchildren Aspyn Bearss; her brothers, Carl Vertican (JoAnne) of Huntington Beach, CA, Gary Vertican (Georgia) of Bedford, VA and David Vertican (Diane) of Gaylord; and her adoptive son Pierre Agbodenou (Lucie) of Luxembourg.
Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.
Mortensen Funeral Home

Bearss, John H. – John Henry Bearss, 68, of Beaver Island, passed away on June 27 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey. Pancreatic cancer took his body, but the Lord took his soul, and for that we rejoice.
He was born September 19, 1944, in Grayling to David W. and Elida G. (Johnson) Bearss. John graduated from Frederic High School in 1962, then he attended MSU and earned a BS in Mathematics in 1966. On August 20, 1966, he married Carole Annette Vertican of Gaylord. He taught at Traverse City High School for ten years, and in 1970, earned a Master's Degree in Mathematics from WMU. John went on to workboyle for the Department of Defense, teaching and serving as school administrator in Germany and in Washington, D.C., retiring in 2006. He and Carole have been long time summer residents of Beaver Island and in 2006 they made the Island their full-time home.
John loved the Lord, and he enjoyed worship and fellowship wherever he was. He was the founder of the Men's Breakfast Ministry on Beaver Island. He enjoyed fishing, boating, and camping in the Beaver Archipelago, as well as traveling extensively throughout Europe.
John is survived by his wife, Carole, daughter, Heidi J. Bearss of Petoskey; son, Jeremy J. (Genny L.) Bearss of Silver Spring, Md.; grandchildren, Jonathan Bearss, Mikayla and Drew Lowell, Lorelei Bearss; brothers, Richard W. (Donna) Bearss of Surprise, Ariz., Charles R. (Becky) Bearss of Palm Coast, Fla., David C. (Diane) Bearss of Saginaw. John's parents David and Elida preceded him in death.
Beaver Beacon obituary, August 2013.

Beaudoin, David Lyle - David Lyle Beaudoin, born December 20, 1944 in Charlevoix, Michigan and died October 7, 2009 in Spring Lake, Michigan. Son of Lyle C. Beaudoin and Edith Rey Cooper. Was in the U.S. Air Force. Petoskey News Obituary, Oct 9, 2009.

Becker, Philip C. - Philip was born on March 26, 1954 and passed away on Sunday, December 16, 2018.
Philip was a resident of Beaver, Michigan at the time of passing. Tributes.com obituary.
Philip C. Becker, age 64 of Beaver Island passed away on December 16, 2018 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital. Memorial service will be held in the Summer of 2019. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Our most sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Philip C Becker March 26 1954 December 16 2018 (age 64). Beaver Island Forum

Bonadeo, Eugene - Eugene "Gene" Massimo Bonadeo, 91, passed away peacefully October 14, 2012 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Gene was born on September 16, 1921 in Detroit, MI, the oldest son of Dominic and Faustina Bonadeo of Vigaponzo, Italy. He served in the U.S. Army Combat Engineers Battalion during WWII. After his service, Gene returned to Detroit and graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology. He was a certified professional civil engineer, and enjoyed a 32-year career as Head Engineer for the City of Detroit Water Board, retiring in 1979. Gene also served as past president of the Piemontese Italian Club in Northville, MI.
In 1971, Gene and his family began what would be a life-long love of the beautiful "Emerald Isle," Beaver Island, where they would summer each year in the home they built on Sand Bay. Gene loved to learn, lead, and teach. He enjoyed reading, mushroom hunting, baking bread, playing cards, solving puzzles, playing bocce ball, fishing, and Lake Michigan. He was a devout Catholic.
Gene was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 58 years, Josephine Mary Picelli. Left to honor Gene are his brother, Henry Bonadeo (Vivian) of Tarpon Springs, FL; his son, Patrick Bonadeo of Beaver Island, his son, Jon Bonadeo (Suze) of Beaver Island; and daughter, Teresa Bonadeo Charnell (Ray) of Asheville, NC. Gene is also survived by his grandson, Spencer Bonadeo of Ann Arbor. The immediate family would like to extend their sincere thanks and gratitude to all of the family, friends and caregivers who lifted us during this time of need. A memorial and celebration of life is planned for a later date on Beaver Island. In Gene's memory, donations may be made to the Preservation Association of Beaver Island for the Beaver Island Community Center, 26215 Main Street, Beaver Island 49782. Obituary: Beaver Beacon, November 2012.

Bonadeo, Josephine (Picelli) - JOSEPHINE BONADEO Age 79, of Beaver Island, Michigan, died July 11, 2003. Wife of Eugene. Funeral service will be Tuesday 11:30 a.m. Visitation will be 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Monday, July 14, 2003 at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. Winchester Funeral Home, 231-547-2881, Charlevoix, MI.
Published by The Detroit News on Jul. 14, 2003.

Bonner, Patrick J. – Patrick J. Bonner, Beaver Island's celebrated Irish fiddler, died October 26th at Leelanau Memorial Hospital in Northport where he had been a patient for 10 days. Funeral services were held Monday, October 29th, at Holy Cross Church, the Rev. Herbert Graf, OFM, officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Mr. Bonner was born on Beaver Island on November 7th, 1882, and learned to play the fiddle as a boy, picking up and memorizing the Irish tunes brought to the New World by his forebears and his friends and neighbors on the Island. His ear for the lilting Irish melodies was so acute that the Music Department at the University of Michigan invited him to come to Ann Arbor several years ago to make tapes of his Irish music for the University's archives. Mr. Bonner played on an ancient violin dating from the early 1700's with a Stradivari label pasted inside the case. However, the instrument was never verified as a genuine Stradivarius.
As a young man, Mr. Bonner became good friends with the late "Dr. Feodor Protar", the Russian nobleman who migrated to Beaver Island about the turn of the century by way of Chicago. Although Dr. Protar had no formal medical training he was interested in the healing arts and served as the Island's doctor until his death in 1927. Mr. Bonner, who farmed across the road from the Protar home, became the unofficial custodian of the doctor's property, taking Island visitors through the log home – which has been kept just as it was when the doctor was alive – and escorting them to Dr. Protar's fieldstone tomb nearby.
In 1916, Mr. Bonner was married to the former Rose Boyle. Although the Bonners spent several winters in Charlevoix in recent years, they always returned to their Island home on the first boat every spring. Mr. Bonner retained a lively interest in music until recent years, playing the fiddle for weddings, anniversaries and celebration of all kinds.
He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Mary) Antrim of Grand Rapids; two sons, John P. of Milford, Conn., and Robert H. of Lansing; nine grand-children; and 12 great-grandchildren.
The rosary service was held at the Bonner home Sunday evening, October 28th. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix was in charge of arrangements.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, November 1973.

Bonner, Rose L. (Boyle) - St. James, Beaver Island - Funeral services for Mrs. Patrick (Rose L.) Bonner, 80, who died Oct. 24 in a Grand Rapids Nursing Home, were held Oct. 26 at Holy Cross Church. The Rev. Alvin Yard, O.F.M. officiated. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Mrs. Bonner, the former Rose L. Boyle was born in Escanaba Sept. 3 1897 and came to Beaver Island with her parents as a child. In 1916, she was married to Patrick Bonner. They always made their home on Beaver Island. Mr. Bonner preceded her in death in October 1973. She was a member of Holy Cross Church.
Surviving are two sons, John P. of Milford, Conn., and Robert H. of Lansing; one daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Mary) Antrim of Grand Rapids; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Obituary: Charlevoix Courier November 2 1977.

Boyle, Bea (O'Donnell) – Beatrice Boyle, 89, of Beaver Island, died Sept. 29, 2008, at her daughter's home in Scottsdale, Ariz.
Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island.
Bea was born Jan. 25, 1919, in Manistique to James and Elsie (Schmidt) O'Donnell. She moved to Beaver Island at the age of one, and attended the Beaver Island Schools. Bea married Jack Boyle on Beaver Island Feb. 24, 1936. They lived in the Chicago area from 1941 until returning to the Island in 1984. Jack preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 1990. Bea was a member of Holy Cross Church.
She is survived by her children, Daniel Morris (Sally) Boyle, John (Marge) Boyle, Jean (Gary) McDonough, Bernie (Kathy) Boyle, Donald (Chris) Boyle, Theresa Gacek, Steve Boyle, Tim Boyle, Susan (Doug) Heynig, Neal (Connie) Boyle, and Patrick Boyle; son-in-law, Ray Matela; grandchildren, Dan, Jim, Vicki, Joan, Tom, John, Liz, Mike, Stacey, Dave, Renee, Cindy, Jennifer, Melissa, Matt, Jay, Sam, Rob, Tess, Will, and Caitlin; many great and great-great grandchildren; sisters, Theresa (Chuck) Archer, Patricia Hooker; brother, Ray (Marianne) O'Donnell. Bea was also preceded in death by her daughters, Grace Matela, and M. Sharon and her husband, Neil Simpson; granddaughter, Christine Matela; brother, Bernard and his wife Kay O'Donnell; sisters, Elizabeth O'Donnell, and Katherine and her husband Clifford White. Obituary: Petoskey News October 1, 2008

Boyle, Daniel Morris "Mo" - It is with a very heavy heart we need to let you know that Daniel Morris Boyle (Mo) passed away on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Mo is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Sally and his sons Dan (JoAnn) Boyle and Jim (Mary) Boyle. He was a loving grandfather to Katie, Sean, Christopher and Bobby in addition to eight siblings and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Mo is proceeded in death by his parents Jack "Turner" and Beatrice (O'Donnell) Boyle; his sisters Grace Matela and Sharron Simpson and his brothers John and Pat Boyle; his nephew Tom Matela, and most recently and sadly by his beloved niece Caitlin Boyle. Mo loved Beaver Island. He was born here on his grandparent's - Dan "Turner" and Maggie Boyle - farm on September 7th, 1936. Little did he know that he was to be the eldest of 13 children (8 boys and 5 girls) born to Jack and Bea. He laughingly referred to himself as "Number One Son". And he was. Number One Son and Brother. Mo was a carpenter in the Chicago area for many years working originally for our dad, alongside his late brother-in-law Ray Matela, at Matela Boyle Construction Company on the south side of the city. When he retired, he built his log cabin home on the farm where he was born. He loved coming up in the Spring and staying through to the Fall whenever he could. Mo will be greatly missed by us. There is no replacing a Number One Son.
There will be a visitation end of this week. Friday March 19, 2021, 3:00 - 7:00 pm; Prayer Service at 7:00 pm. Crete Funeral Home, 1182 Main Street, Crete, IL 60417
Burial will be on Beaver Island later this summer. In lieu of flowers family asked for donations to the American Cancer society. Posted on Facebook's Beaver Island This and That on Mar 14, 2021.

Boyle, Elizabeth A. (O'Connor) - Funeral services were held Monday at Holy Cross Church, Beaver Island, for Mrs. Elizabeth O'Conner Boyle, 73, who died Friday at her home on Beaver Island after an extended illness. Interment was in Holy Cross cemetery. She was born in Pellston, March 7, 1889 and was raised by Sisters of Notre Dame at Holy Childhood Mission, Harbor Springs. Her husband, William Boyle preceded her in death in July, 1955.
Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Jack Gallagher of Manistee, Mrs. Willard Pischner of Charlevoix and Mrs. Clarence Palmer of Beaver Island; two sons, Edward Boyle of Manistee and Patrick Boyle of Fairport Harbor, Ohio; 25 grandchildren and three great grandchildren; four brothers, Edward O'Connor of Harbor Springs, Jim of Detroit, Joseph of Grand Rapids and Harry of New Jersey; a sister, Sister Mary Alfred, S. F. N. D. of Elmgrove, Wis.
Petoskey News-Review, Wednesday, October 10, 1962.

Boyle, Ellen (Boyle) - Ellen Boyle (nee Boyle), 8450 S. Sangamon Street, beloved wife of the late Owen Boyle, fond mother of Hugh, Mrs. Emma Susanka, Mrs. Norma Murray, Mrs. Annabelle Collins, Joseph, and the late Mrs. Sophia

Janoski, and Mrs. Mae Nixon. Resting at funeral home, 6915 Wentworth Avenue, until 10 pm Friday. Interment Beaver Island, St. James, Mich. Chicago Tribune Obituary April 5 1940

Boyle, John James - John James Boyle, 74, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully at his home in Bloomington, Minnesota on October 19th of natural causes. John is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Marge, of Bloomington. He also leaves behind his children Michael Boyle, Stacey Boyle Ng (Ben), and David Boyle (Donna), and his five beloved grandchildren, Isabella and Aidan Boyle, and Griffin, Connor and Charlotte Ng., all of California.
John came from a large family. His parents Jack and Bea Boyle predeceased him, as well as his sisters Sharron Simpson (Neil) and Grace Matela (Ray). John's remaining ten siblings survived him as well: Morris Boyle (Sally), Don Boyle (Chris), Neal Boyle (Connie), Bernie Boyle (late wife Kathy), Steve Boyle, Tim Boyle, Pat Boyle, Theresa Gacek, Jean McDonough (Gary), and Susan Heynig (Doug). John is also survived by many cousins and other extended family.
John was born on Beaver Island February 23, 1939. In the early 1940's, he moved to Chicago with his family, and in his youth, he worked alongside his father Jack in his construction company. John attended Mt. Carmel and Breman high schools, and Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, where he graduated with a degree in engineering in 1961. Upon graduating, he took his new bride Marge and their baby Mike across country to Los Angeles to work in the aerospace industry in the 1960s. Children Stacey and Dave followed. John worked at Douglas Aircraft, later McDonnell Douglas, as an aerospace engineer for many years, including many seminal aerospace projects such as the Apollo rockets to the moon. In the 1980s John went to Hughes Helicopters. He and Marge remained in Los Angeles until 1990. With the kids in college, John and Marge relocated to Minneapolis for a job at Honeywell. They remained in Minneapolis thereafter. John worked at Honeywell where he was Director of Precision Weapons. He also worked at Alliant Tech Systems, and then SAIC until his retirement in 2009. John was an accomplished man in many areas. From home repairs and improvements, to coaching his kids' basketball and football teams, John was a great husband and father, always devoted to his family. He was an insatiable reader, and a dedicated follower of his Chicago home teams, from the Cubs and the Bears. Coming from a large and enthusiastic Irish family, John loved a good argument and a spirited debate. In his younger years, he enjoyed golf and was hoping to be able to get back onto the course. John cherished his Irish heritage, and had deep ties to Beaver Island, He loved the water and could sit all day enjoying the view, whether bay, lake, or ocean, despite never learning to swim. Most of all, the great love of his life was Marge, together 53 years, who was selflessly dedicated to caring for him through a series of health setbacks in the last few years. John was a towering figure to family and friends, and a good man of deep integrity. He will be dearly missed. Obituary: Beaver Beacon, November 2013

Boyle, Kathleen M. (Campbell) - Kathleen Boyle, wife of Bernard Boyle, passed away October 17, 2009 in her Reno, NV home surrounded by her family. She was 64 years of age. Kathy is survived by her husband and two daughters, Jennifer (Thurn) August and Melissa (Patrick) Walker and a granddaughter, Bronwyn Kathleen August; her sister, Jeanine Campbell, niece and nephew Karen and Stephen Bridges; and, the whole of the Boyle clan.
After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1967, Kathy taught English and Drama at several Chicago area high schools. In 1972, she married Bernard Boyle, son of Jack and Beatrice (O'Donnell) Boyle. In 1977, the couple moved to Reno, Nevada where they raised their family and worked for the next 30 years side-by-side creating and building Western Money Systems into a thriving business.
Kathy and Bernie spent many vacations on the Island and loved it as their second home. Kathy will best be remembered for her wonderful smile and laughter, her love of life, her sage advice and counsel, and her love of the arts. Given her always positive view of life, when you were in her presence, everything felt right with the world. She will be deeply missed.
In lieu of gifts, the Boyle and Campbell families would encourage anyone wishing to make a contribution in Kathy's name to consider one of the Beaver Island non-profit organizations of their choice. Obituary: BeaverIsland.net

Boyle, Margaret “Maggie” (Gallagher) - OBITUARY..."Aunt Maggie" Boyle, wife of Dan P. (Turner) Boyle, Feb. 13th. At the venerable age of 91 1/2 yrs., Aunt Maggie as she was known to Islanders, was born on the Island at the location now occupied by the Willie John Gallagher residence. She attended school at Sand Bay on the east shore. At 19 she went to Chicago where she married William Quinlan. Following his death 15 yrs. later she returned to live on the Island where she married Turner Boyle. They lived on a farm near Pat Bonner's corner on the road to the airport and moved to the village only in recent years after fire destroyed the farm house. Aunt Maggie figured in many prominent affairs on the Island, being present at the death of Dr. Protar after having ministered to him in his last illness. She christened the new ferry "Emerald Isle" when it was commissioned in April 1955. She was a lifetime member of Holy Cross Altar Society. She is survived by her husband, two sons John Quinlan of Frankfort & Jack Boyle of Chicago; two daughters Mrs. Bert

McDonough & Mrs. James W. Gallagher of B.I.; 19 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren & 2 brothers, Captain Owen Gallagher & Peter Gallagher of Grand Rapids. Obituary: March 1957 Beaver Beacon

Boyle, Patrick Andrew - Patrick Andrew Boyle was born on Wednesday, January 22, 1958 and passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Patrick Andrew Boyle was a resident of Petoskey, Michigan at the time of passing.
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Brown, Stella (Green) - Brown, Stella (nee Green), born on October 21, 1914, in Beaver Island, MI, died peacefully at home on April 15, 2003. Stella was married for 62 years to the late Francis Brown, loving mother of Terry, Athleen, Peter (Teresa), Sheila, Dale (Jeanne), Linda (Neal St. John), Barbara (James) Skala and Bernard (Monica), dear grandmother of 30, dearest great-grandmother of 20, devoted companion of Buster. Visitation Sunday, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Monday, 9:15 a.m. from Lawn Funeral Home, 7909 State Road (5500W), to Our Lady of the Ridge Church. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulcher. Chicago Sun Times Obituary.

Burke, Anna Bernell (Greene) - Anna Bernell (Greene) Burke, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, caregiver, bread-baker and quilt-maker extraordinaire died June 26, 2013, after battling the effects of Parkinson's disease for several years. Bernell was born on December 20. 1922, on Beaver Island, Michigan, to Anthony and Mary Greene. She married her childhood next door neighbor, Patrick Burke, on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7, 1950, in Chicago. They left city life and purchased a farm in Breedsville, Michigan, in 1963. "The Farm" was the site of many lively gatherings of family and friends. In 1976 they moved to Ludington, Michigan. The light and laughter in Bernell's eyes dimmed when Pat preceded her in death in 2000, one day after celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. In 2005 Bernell moved to the noisy home of her daughter Mary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Bernell is survived by her children, Donna (Kim) Harvey and Mary (Mike) Faber; her grandchildren, Lee (Tara) Coy, Jessica Coy, Douglas Coy, Jason (Alisha) Coy, Hannah Faber, Nick Faber, Moriah Faber, Michaela Faber, Clare Faber, and Burke Faber; six great-grandchildren; her brother, Anthony (Betty) Greene; her sisters, Rose Connaghan, Lill Left, and Mary Margaret (Ed) Breden; her sister-in-law Pat Greene; and many nieces and nephews, including very special goddaughter Mary Beth Nelson. Bernell's brothers, Dan, Hubert, Russell, and Peter, and sister Francis, preceded her in death. A Mass of Christian Burial and Committal Service will be celebrated Monday 10:30 am at St. Anthony Of Padua Church where she will repose one hour prior to the Mass. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. Her family will receive visitors Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 pm at the Arsulowicz Brothers Remembrance Mortuary, 3525 Remembrance NW where a Rosary will be prayed Sunday at 8:30 pm. Masses in Bernell's memory or memorials to St. Anthony of Padua Church will be appreciated. Beaver Beacon Obituary.

Burke, Emma (Tetsloff) - Mrs. Edw. Burke Dies Wednesday. Mrs. Edward Burke, 49, of Beaver Island, who had been spending a few weeks with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cross of 16 North Rowe Street, died Wednesday afternoon at Paulina Stearns hospital.
Emma Catherine Tetsloff was born Oct. 16, 1907, in White Plains, N.Y.
She leaves her widower; one daughter, Mrs. Cross of Ludington; three sons, John, Douglas and Edward; three sisters, Mrs. Francis Mooney of Beaver Island, Mrs. Mae Gasteiger of Port Chester, N.Y., and Mrs. Irene Sargent of Greenwich, Conn., and five grandchildren.
Friends may call at Butler funeral home today. The body will be taken Friday morning to Beaver Island, where funeral services are schedule at 9 a.m. Monday from Holy Cross church at St. James on the Island. Burial will be at Holy Cross cemetery. The Rev. Fr. Joseph Herp, pastor of the parish, will officiate. Ludington Daily News Obituary, May 1, 1957.

Burns, Marion Eleanor (Gregoire) - Marion Eleanor Gregoire Burns, 1921-2001. Former Beaver Island resident, Marion Burns passed away Sunday, August 5th in Harold, Kentucky where she had resided since leaving the island. Funeral services for Marion were held August 9th at Holy Cross Catholic Church on the island, interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. Marion was preceded in death by her husband, William (Bill) Burns. She is survived by daughters Janet Ueoka and Marilou Spears; son Thomas William Burns; one brother, Dennis Gregoire; five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Our condolences to Marion's family. She was a great lady and is still remembered by many on the island. Beaver Beacon obituary.

Cashman, William - William Cashman, 74, of Beaver Island, died Aug. 29, 2014, at his home. Burial took place Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Petoskey News-Review Obituary.

Chandler, David Lee, Beaver Island - David Lee Chandler, age 70, passed away the morning of Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He left this world peacefully surrounded by his wife Trisha and Sister-in-law Mary. David was born February 11, 1948 in Detroit, MI to James Keenan and Marie Teresa (Gonzales/Weeks-Capron) Chandler who predeceased him. David grew up in Detroit and moved with his family to Dimondale, MI and Lansing, MI. In 1966 he was drafted into the United States Army and spent two years in the Vietnam Campaign defending his country with honor. After the war, David created various successful businesses which brought him to Northern Michigan. In 1986 he met his wife Trisha in Florida and they were married the following year in Switzerland. David and Trisha moved to Gaylord, MI where he worked as a Sales Representative for Home Health Care Services. David was very passionate about his job and enjoyed supporting patients and their families with health care equipment. After the onset of his illness, David and Trisha decided to build their retirement home at their treasured place of Beaver Island, MI.
David was well known for his outgoing personality and for always having a special story to tell. He enjoyed boating trips with family and friends on the Great Lakes, family vacations abroad, golfing, and supporting the local community by joining the Gaylord Elks Organization. A few of his cherished community services included building the "Elk Float" for local parades, growing pumpkins for the Gaylord Elk's Pumpkin Patch, and the Elk's food stand during Alpenfest week. David's charisma and charm made him larger than life and we will all carry his special touch deep in our hearts.
David is survived by his wife Trisha, his sons Jason (Jamie) Gooding. Christopher (Kelly) Chandler, Severin and Marcell Chandler, his siblings Carol Telford-Stahlmann, James (Mary) Chandler, Jeff (Tracy) Weeks, 5 grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, his extended family of his wife in Switzerland and countless friends.
Upon David's wishes, he was cremated and will be honored with a Memorial Mass on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Cathedral, 606 N. Ohio, Gaylord, MI. Burial will take place on Memorial Weekend 2019 on Beaver Island MI. Further details will follow for this event. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to AMVETS Post 46, P.O. Box 319, Beaver Island MI 49782 or Beaver Island Rural Health Center (BIRHC), 37304 King's Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782.
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Cole, Lillian I. (Connaghan) - April 14, 2002**.** Lillian I. Cole, 76, of Beaver Island, died April 14, 2002, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Arrangements are pending and a complete obituary will follow from Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Connaghan, John Edward "Jack" Connaghan - John Edward "Jack" Connaghan, 83, of Charlevoix, died Jan. 18, 2002. No services are planned. Burial will take place in the spring at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Arrangements are being handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Obituary notice January 24, 2002.

Connaghan, Lester Daniel - Lester D. Connaghan, born Daniel Lester on September 25, 1922, passed away peacefully in his sleep from natural causes at the Evergreen Health Center, outside Billings, Montana at age 93 on January 4, 2005. Lester was the eldest of 14 children born to his Irish Catholic parents, Hugh and Catherine "Katie" Malloy Connaghan of Beaver Island. His last home here was on Darkeytown Road. He was the son of a fisherman, whose grandparents, Hugh Connaghan (b. 1834) and Bridget O'Donnell (b. 1854) were from Arranmore Island, County Donegal, Ireland. Prior to his death, he was the oldest living member of the Connaghan family that had their ancestral heritage from Arranmore Island. He married Victoria Pociask on November 4, 1934 in Chicago. Vickie gave him two sons, but preceded him in death on November 23, 1978.
Lester is survived by his sons, Robert Connaghan of Billings, MT., and Reverend Daniel Connaghan of Milford, CT., his grandson, Todd and great-grandsons Brice and Hunter Connaghan of Denver, CO. Lester was also survived by his four remaining sisters Anna May Maxwell, Catherine Theresa Gatliff, Lila Lee Selfridge, and Jessica Marguerite Welsh, and his longtime friend of 25 years, Shirley Armstrong of Albuquerque, NM.
Cremation has taken place and funeral service will be held Saturday, June 11, 2005 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Beaver Island, Michigan. Burial service will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, Feb. 2005.

Connaghan, Rose Josephine (Greene) - Rose Connaghan January 28, 1926 ~ June 20, 2020 (age 94).
Rose Josephine (Greene) Connaghan, 94, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2020, at The Villa in Petoskey, Mich. Rose was born on Beaver Island, Mich., on January 28, 1926, the daughter of Anthony and Mary (Boyle) Greene.
Rose spent most of her life on Beaver Island, where she was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. She served as Peaine Township Treasurer for 45 years and as a rural route mail carrier for 29 years. She welcomed many visitors to her home on Kings Highway over the years.

Rose is survived by her children, Eddie of Beaver Island, Tony (Ann) of Beaver Island, Steve of Beaver Island and Gerald (Mary Lou) of Kentwood; her grandchildren Tony (Angie), Joe, Sean (Janelle), Gus (Shaniese), McCauley, Megan (Daniel), Tim (Katie), and Kathleen (Hunter); her five great-grandchildren, Noah, Ivy, Hans, Ronan, and Scarlett; and her sister Lill Left.
Rose was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Dan, Anthony, Hubert, Russell and Peter, and her sisters Bernell, Frances and Mary Margaret.
The family would like to thank the many people who helped Rose in her final years, including the caring staff at The Villa, her sister Lill Left and her niece Kathleen Dvoracek.
Service information will be announced in the near future. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Altar Society of Beaver Island.
Obituary from Mortensen Funeral Home

Crown, David - Crown, David Edward, May 1, 1931 - Apr 26, 2020
David Edward Crown, 88, of Sarasota, Florida, died on Apr 26, 2020. Funeral arrangements by: Your Traditions Cremation and Funeral Chapel. Published by Herald Tribune from Apr. 30 to May 3, 2020.

Cull, Anne "Nancy" (Roche) – Anne "Nancy" Cull, 87, of Beaver Island, passed away Friday, May 6, 2016, in Dyer, Indiana. She was born November 27, 1928 in County Kilkenny, Ireland. She attended school leaving Ireland at age 19, and moving to London, England where she worked at St. George's Hospital. When an opportunity came up to come to America, she moved on January 5, 1953, to Grand Rapids. She worked for Mr. and Mrs. Bissell (of Bissell carpet sweepers), then at Blodgett Hospital. From there she was accepted into Saint Mary's nurse's training program and became a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1955.
Nancy's plans to return to Ireland changed when she met "The Nicest Man" and so begins the story of Larry and Nancy. They were wed July 21, 1956 on Beaver Island. A day her whole family remembers – January 19, 1971 – when Nancy became an American Citizen, or as Larry put it, "She became a Yankee."
Nancy and Larry made their home in Hazel Crest, Ill., and following retirement made their summer home on Beaver Island, and their winter home in Port Charlotte, Fla. Larry preceded Nancy in death on March 9, 1999.
She is survived by her children, Maureen Cull of Beaver Island; Brian and Alyse Cull of New Lenox, Ill., Ellen and Mark Newman of Crete, Ill., Bruce and Patricia Cull of Beaver Island; grandchildren, Michael, Ceile, Brittany, Patrick and Matthew Cull.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Beaver Island EMS, the Beaver Island Rural Health Center, or to Forest View Community on Beaver Island.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, Late Spring 2016 Edition.

Cull, Lawrence J. "Larry" - Lawrence J. Cull, 72, died March 9, 1999, at his home on Beaver Island. Scripture service will be 4 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, with visitation from 2-4 p.m. The Rev. Patrick Cawley will officiate. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Beaver Island. The Rev. Patrick Cawley will officiate. Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery.
Larry was born July 25, 1926, on Beaver Island, son of Michael and Mabel (Connaghan) Cull. He graduated from Beaver Island High School in 1943, then worked as a commercial fisherman off the island. From 1950-52, he served as a U.S. Army corporal during the Korean conflict. He sailed the Great Lakes, working in shipping from 1952-56. On July 21, 1956, he married Anne Nancy Roche on Beaver Island. Larry worked for Yellow Freight, retiring in 1986. He moved from Hazel Crest, Ill., to Beaver Island and wintered in Port Charlotte, Fla. Larry was a member of Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island, serving as altar boy for many years. He was a member of American Legion Post 398 in Hazel Crest, Ill., and Teamsters Local 710 in Chicago.
Survivors include his wife, Nancy, of Beaver Island; two sons, Bruce Cull and wife, Patricia, of Beaver Island, Brian Cull and wife, Alyse, of New Lenox, Ill.; two daughters, Maureen Christal and husband, Hal, of Chicago, Ellen Newman and husband, Mark, of Crete, Ill.; grandchildren, Michael, Ceile and Brittany Cull of New Lenox, Patrick and Matthew Cull of Beaver Island; brothers, Ray Cull and wife, Claire, and Rolland Cull, all of Beaver Island; sisters, Betty Lockton of Monee, Ill., Sally Hammermeister of Dyer, Ind.; many nieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his brother, Jack Cull, in 1997.
Memorials may be made to Beaver Island Fire Department and EMS or Beaver Island Medical Center.

Cull, Michael - Michael Carl "Captain" Cull of Bay City, Michigan, age 64, passed away Monday, January 23, 2012 at Bay Regional Medical Center following a lingering illness. He is survived by his mother Claire Cull; two children, Mike

Cull and Molly Cull; and their mother Kitty Cull; two grandchildren Madysen and Bayou; nine brothers and sisters. He and Kitty lived in the family home on Beaver Island briefly in the early 1970's. Beaver Beacon Obituary, Feb. 2012

Cull, Raymond J. - Beaver Island, Michigan formerly of Bay City, Michigan
Mr. Cull died Sunday evening, January 30, 2000 at Brian's House. Age 77 years. The son of the late Michael and Mable (Connaghan) Cull was born on September 9, 1922 on Beaver Island, MI. He served with the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a member of the American Legion in Port Charlotte, FL. He retired in 1985 as a Ship Captain from the American Steamship Company after 40 years of service. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Claire Cull; 10 children: R. Dale (Nancy) Cull, Michael (Kitty) Cull, Dennis Cull, Carly (William) Bell, Bonnie Rice, Mary (Dave) VanDenBosch, Jim (Cissy) Cull, Julie (Mike) Cherry, Peggy (Gary) Bowersock and John Cull; 23 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Betty Lockton of Monee, IL and Sally Hammermeister of Dyer, IN; a brother, Roland Cull of Beaver Island; and a sister-in-law, Nancy Cull of Beaver Island. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Jack and Larry Cull. The Funeral Service will take place at 8:00 P.M. Thursday evening, February 3, 2000 at the Gephart Funeral Home, Inc. with Rev. Fr. Patrick O'Connor officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. and on Thursday from 3:00 P.M. until the time of service at 8:00 P.M. The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island at a time to be announced later this spring. Burial will be in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Beaver Island. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Brian's House or the Beaver Island Historical Society. Gephart Funeral Home, Inc. 201 W. Midland Street .

Cull, Roberta "Claire" (Left) - Roberta "Claire" Cull, Beaver Island, formerly of Bay City. Mrs. Cull died on September 26, 2012 at her daughter's home in Bay City.
She was born on Beaver Island on March 23, 1926, the daughter of the late Carl and Consuella Left. Mrs. Cull is survived by 9 of her 10 children: R. Dale (Nancy) Cull, R. Dennis Cull and his special friend Noel Eichorn, Carly (Bill) Bell, Bonnie Rice, Mary (Dave) VanDenBosch, Jim (Cissy) Cull, Julie (Mike) Cherry, Peggy (Gary) Bowersock, and John Cull and his special friend Linda Serva; one brother Francis "Bud" Left; three sisters-in-law, Nancy Cull, Sally Hammermeister, and Lillian Left; one brother-in-law, Roland Cull; 23 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and a loving best friend, Lorraine Helmick who cared for her in her final years.
In addition to her parents, Mrs. Cull was also preceded in death by her husband, Captain Raymond Cull; a son, Captain Michael Cull; three sisters, Ann Driggers, Carlene Runberg, and Sue Hogan; and one brother, Butch Left.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, October 2012.

Cull, Roland - Roland Cull passed away today after a short hospital stay. He will be sorely missed. Beaver Island Forum, February 22, 2021.
We will have a Funeral mass on July 26th at 11am. We will meet around 10:45 for a few memories and songs before the start of mass. Following mass, we will drive to the Point before dad's internment at Holy Cross Cemetery. There is a luncheon at the Hall following the cemetery. Beaver Island Forum July 25, 2021.

Currier, Charlotte E. - Charlotte E. Currier of Royal Oak died August 24, 2015 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was 64 years old. Charlotte was born November 23, 1950, in Detroit to Margaret (nee Left) and Desmond Currier.
Charlotte graduated from Marian High School in 1968 and received her Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University in 1972. She earned her Master's Degree from University of Detroit Mercy in 1991. After college Charlotte enjoyed traveling the world before becoming a teacher at Phoenix Multicultural Academy where she taught for 20 years until her retirement in 2013.
Charlotte enjoyed reading, baking, and teaching but especially enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was deeply loved and will be sorely missed.
Charlotte is survived by her daughters, Marnie (Paul) Smith and Kristy (Zach Blagg) Currier and grandchildren, Nolan, Eloise, and Adelaide Smith and Bryn Currier-Blagg. She is also survived by her siblings, Irene (Rick) Tanghe, Maureen (Paul) Court, Joe Currier, Bill (Maggie) Currier, and Vincent (Kim) Currier and several nieces and nephews. Charlotte is preceded in death by her parents, Desmond and Margaret Currier, and sister, Colleen Currier.
Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road Wednesday 3-8pm, Rosary at 7pm. A funeral mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham, Thursday 10am. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island.
Lynchandclawson.com obituary.

Currier, Colleen Sue - Colleen Sue Currier, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, September 30, 2012, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix. She was born April 21, 1961, in Detroit and was raised by her parents, Desmond P. and Margaret "Peggy" I. (Left) Currier in Birmingham. She graduated from Seaholm High School in 1979. She moved with her family to Charlevoix, and attended Northern Michigan University. After college, Colleen lived in Saint Petersburg, FL, for a short time before returning home to Charlevoix. Colleen worked in several flower shops before opening her own shop in Charlevoix, Floral Designs by Colleen. She was a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.
Colleen is survived by her siblings, Irene (Richard) Tanghe, Charlotte Currier, Maureen (Paul) Court, Joseph Currier, William (Maggie) Currier, and Vincent (Kim) Currier; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Colleen's longtime boyfriend, Gary Cross, preceded her in death in March, 2011. Burial took place at Holy Cross Cemetery. Beaver Beacon, November 2012.

Currier, Desmond P. - Desmond Patrick Currier, 82, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Bloomfield Village, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Desmond was born June 11, 1924, in Detroit, to Patrick James and Charlotte (O'Connor) Currier. He graduated from Campion Jesuit High School in Wisconsin in 1942. He served as an ensign in the US Navy during World War II.
On April 19, 1949, he married Margaret I. "Peggy" Left in Petoskey. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, of Charlevoix; children, Margaret Irene (Richard) Tanghe of Troy, Charlotte Currier of Royal Oak, Maureen (Paul) Court of Chicago, Joseph Currier of Berkley, William (Maggie) Currier of Beverly Hills, Colleen Currier-Hart and Vincent (Kim) Currier, all of Charlevoix, 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, sisters, Colette Walsh of Beverly Hills, Clare (John) Schneider of Troy. Desmond's brothers, Don, Vincent and Gerald, preceded him in death. Beaver Island News Obituary.

Currier, Joseph "Joe" Patrick: Obituary: January 31, 1957 – October 3, 2021
Joe passed away on October 3, 2021 at the age of 64. Joe started driving a truck upon graduation from Brother Rice High School for the family business and then continued to drive for various companies. Joe is survived by his daughter, Cheryl Burnside (Jason), and son, Sean Currier; two grandsons, Samuel and David. He is also survived by sisters, Irene (Rick) Tanghe, Maureen (Paul) Court, and brothers William (Maggie) Currier, Vincent (Kim) Currier. He is predeceased by his sisters, the late Charlotte Currier and Colleen Currier-Hart. Joe is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends Friday, October 8, 2021 from 10 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of LaSalette, 2600 Harvard Rd., Berkley. Obituary from The Detroit Free Press, October 4, 2021.

Currier, Margaret "Peggy" (Left) - Margaret I. 'Peggy' Currier, 82, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, April 3 (2008) at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Peggy was born Sept. 26, 1925 in Petoskey to Joseph and Veronica (Gallagher) Left. She grew up on Beaver Island and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1944, then earned a Bachelor of Arts in education from Michigan State University in 1948. On April 19, 1949, she married Desmond Patrick Currier in Petoskey. They made their home in Bloomfield Village where Peggy taught physical education at Berkley Elementary and St. Mary's School in Royal Oak. After retirement, she and Des moved permanently to their summer home in Charlevoix. Desmond preceded her in death on November 12, 2006. Peggy is survived by her children Margaret Irene (Richard) Tanghe of Troy, Charlotte Currier of Royal Oak, Maureen (Paul) Court of Chicago, Ill., Joseph Currier of Berkley, William (Maggie) Currier of Beverly Hills, Colleen Currier-Hart, and Vincent (Kim) Currier all of Charlevoix; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Peggy's brother Bill Left also preceded her in death. Petoskey News Obituary.

Custer, Violet (McCafferty) - On September 11th Island-born Violet McCafferty Custer celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family in St. Petersburg, Florida. The champagne flowed and the Irish tunes played as she sat in her wheelchair or waltzed around the floor with her regal hand wave to all. The 2nd of 11 children born to Francie and Nellie McCafferty in their Beaver Island home on Sloptown Road, she shared lots of memories with her baby brother Peter, her only remaining sibling.
Violet met her husband to be, James Custer. He was vacationing on Beaver Island from Detroit, Michigan. They fell in love and were married. Violet McCafferty Custer passed away Thursday, October 14, 2004, one month after her 100th Birthday.
On September 11 Island-born Violet McCafferty Custer celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family in St. Petersburg, Florida. The champagne flowed and the Irish tunes played as she sat in her wheelchair or waltzed around the floor with her regal hand wave to all. The second of 11 children born to Francie and Nellie McCafferty in their Beaver Island home on Sloptown Road, she shared lots of memories with her baby brother Peter, her only remaining

sibling–such as about teaching school on High Island (the year before Lucille Gillespie), trapping, crossing the ice to Cross Village, and going to school at Sunnyside on the King's Highway and had a crystal-clear recollection of every moment. At her birthday, she was presented the Key to St. Pete, and received letters from the President and the Governor (she had a great love of politics, possibly inherited from her grandfather, St. James Supervisor Sam Dunleavy, and was very active.) Her brother Peter visited her daily; she was still the one consulted by her family whenever they had a problem. Known for her great wisdom and common sense, she never complained; her positive attitude was an inspiration to all those she meets.

Violet McCafferty was born the fourteenth day of September 1904, to Francis and Nellie McCafferty on their farm. At the age of sixteen, she graduated with three others in her class, then went off to a school on the mainland, called Normal School in Charlevoix.

After one year she received her teaching certificate. Her first job was on a nearby island teaching the American Indians in a one room school – all through the eighth grades, there were about twenty Indians in the school. She later moved to Chicago, where she was a secretary for an international bakery.

When she was at home for Christmas she returned to the mainland, with the closest point of land an Indian settlement called Cross Village. When Violet was about to leave the Island, her cousin, Carl Left, who happened to be sick the day she was leaving, lent his horse Star to her older brother and another man. They got Carl's horse and cutter to take the mail from the Island to the mainland; Violet was the only passenger. She had on a big sheepskin coat that belonged to her cousin, plus blankets and heated bricks at Violet's feet to keep her warm.

Well, they were clipping along pretty good when the horse stepped in a crack in the cracked ice, and broke his leg. They had to put the horse out of its misery, and start walking. They had six or seven miles to go when the Indians knew something was wrong because the horse could find his own way, as he carried the mail every week. The Indians started out with their horses to look for them. They finally found them and took them and the mail to the Village. They were on land about an hour when a blizzard came up; without the Indians, it could have been a real disaster.

In 1930, while home for a visit, Violet met her husband to be, James Custer. He was vacationing on Beaver Island from Detroit, Michigan. They fell in love and were married the next year.

They lived in Detroit several years, then moved to the Philadelphia area, where her husband was the President of the Automotive Aeronautical Engineers, a monthly paper consisting of several hundred pages.

They moved to Saint Petersburg in 1957, and bought an apartment complex at Seventh Street and Seventh Avenue. They named it the Topaz Apartments. Her husband Jim died over 20 years ago and Violet took over running the apartments until she moved into the Princess Martha Hotel three years ago.

Violet had a son, James, who passed away two years ago.

Violet also had two granddaughters, Dawn, Dunedin, Florida and Cindy of Jacksonville and Tallahassee. Cindy has two children, Kurt and Mary Shannon. She also has, daughter-in-law Mary of New Jersey, plus a brother Peter of St. Petersburg and Ashtabula, Ohio and several nieces and nephews.

Violet was very active in the Republican Party both in St. Petersburg and also in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

Violet McCafferty Custer passed away Thursday, October 14, 2004, one month after her 100th birthday. She was truly a "special person" and will be greatly missed by all.

Beaver Beacon, December 2004.

Delia, Sarah "Sally" (Martin) - Sally Martin Delia, age 68, of Hesperia, passed away Sunday, May 23, 2010 at the Gerber Memorial Health Services in Fremont. Sally was born on Sept. 4, 1941, on Beaver Island. Her parents were Charles and Marion (McGuiness) Martin. She later married Michael Delia on Sept. 2, 1961, on Beaver Island. Michael preceded her in death on March 3, 2004. Sally has been a longtime resident of the Hesperia area where she was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church and enjoyed visiting and traveling with her friends and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She had worked at Howmet Misco/Alcoa for 29 years until her retirement.

Sally is survived by her children, Rosemary (Tony) Moon of Saranac, Michele (Dave) Thomas of Holton, Theresa Delia of San Diego, CA, David Delia of Hesperia; her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren; her sisters, Margie (Bob) Armstrong of Beaver Island, Mary Jane Martin of Gaylord; her brothers, Bud (Colleen) Martin of Beaver Island, Michael Martin of Sparta; brother-in-law, Don (Gloria) Delia of Newaygo; many nieces, nephews, and special friends. Preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Erwin, Emmett, Ernie and James Martin. Visitation will be Tuesday, May 25, 2010, from 4-7 pm. Rosary will be at 7 pm on the same day at the Crandell Funeral Home - Fremont Chapel. The Mass of Resurrection will be May 26, 2010, at 2 pm at Christ the King Catholic Church and Saturday, May 29, 2010, at 11 am at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island.

Beaver Island News on the Net, May 24, 2010

Dennis, Charles "Chuck" - On Monday, October 22, 2018, Charles Cranston Dennis, beloved husband and amazing father left this earth too soon as a result of a fatal car accident. Charles was born November 2, 1969, in Anderson, Indiana. He resided on Daniel Island, South Carolina with his beautiful wife and four incredible boys. Although he was a dedicated visionary and entrepreneur, the job he cherished most was being a dear husband, devoted father, son, brother, family man, fantastic friend, ad soccer dad to many.
Chuck chose Theresa his lifelong girlfriend and mother to his four boys, Alex (18 yrs.), Thad (16 yrs.), Charlie (14 yrs.) and Mattie (12 yrs.). They just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, eating their way through Europe and watching their older sons play soccer in Italy. A few weeks ago, Alex and Thad came home to celebrate their youngest brother, Mattie's 12th birthday, as their third son, Charlie, organized the party for friends and family. Their greatest treasures in life, and their four beautiful sons; family is what they cherished most.
Family and friends will remember "Chuck's" relentless energy, hard work, honesty, and his smiley grin; that is seen in Mattie. Chuck's memory will be carried on thru his four boys, Alexander, Thaddeus, Charlie, and Mattie as he poured into them to be courageous, adventurous, faithful, honest, smart and independent men.
Chuck will be greeted by the saints who have gone before him including Robert Freeman (Chuck's stepfather), Alexander Nicholas Walgus (Theresa's Father), Charles and Martha Classman (grandparents) and Frank and Nellie O'Donnell (grandparents).
He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Theresa Marie Dennis; four sons, Alexander Nicholas Dennis, Thaddeus Michael Dennis, Charles Augustus Dennis and Mathis Cranston Dennis; father John L. Dennis; mother, Marti Enema and her husband Bob; sister, Jennifer Lynn Robinette and her husband Thorpe; two sisters-in-law, Brenda Jean Vistain and her husband Bradley and Lisa Ann Sladeck and her husband Jerry; brother-in-law, Stephen Michael Walgus; and mother-in-law, Beverly Walgus Cantwell and her husband Gary.
A funeral Mass will be held Friday, October 26, 2018 in Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church, 1204 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island at 11:00 am. The family will receive friends Friday, October 26, 2018 in J Henry Stuhr, Inc, Mount Pleasant Chapel from 5:00 until 7:00 pm. The Rosary will be recited at 5:00 pm.
Tributes.com obituary.

Dorais, Mary C. (Dilworth) - MIDDLETON - Mary Catherine Dorais, age 95, devoted and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017, at Attic Angel Place. She was born on Dec. 23, 1921, daughter of the late John and Mary (Sullivan) Dilworth in Detroit, Mich.
Mary Kay graduated from Visitation High School and then went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit. On Sept. 2, 1944, she married Thomas Dorais and they remained sweethearts for nearly 60 years and together they raised a loving family of seven daughters and three sons. Mary Kay was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and volunteered for many church and civic organizations. She had a variety of interests including gardening, bridge, golf, tennis, reading, movies, worldwide travel and was an avid sports fan, especially of Notre Dame football. She cherished spending time with her beautiful family.
Mary Kay is survived by nine of her children, Susan (Mike) Zerafa, Diane Broome, Thomas (Terri) Dorais, Nancy (Jim) McDonald, Mary Grace Dorais, Patricia Adolphs, Robert Dorais, Kathleen (Steve) Klei, and Karen Dorais; 28 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. In addition to her loving husband, Thomas, Mary Catherine was preceded in death by two sons, Charles and Jimmy (in infancy); four loving brothers, Jack, Phillip, Robert and David Dilworth; and a loving sister, Rosemary VanGoethem.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 602 Everglade Drive, Madison, at 11 a.m., on Friday, March 3, 2017, with Father Bart Timmerman presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass. Following the service there will be a luncheon in the church social hall.
The family would like to extend a very special "thank you" to the compassionate and loving staff at Attic Angel for their devoted care of Mary Kay. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church or Agrace Hospice Care, Inc. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.
Beaver Beacon obituary, Late Summer 2017.

Dorais, Thomas C. - 1921–2003,Tom Dorais, 82, beloved husband, dad, grandpa and friend died on Thursday, August 7, 2003 in Madison, Wisconsin, after a brief illness with cancer. He was surrounded by his family.
Tom was born January 25, 1921 in Spokane, Washington. He attended the University of Notre Dame and the University of Detroit. He married the former Mary Kay Dilworth on September 2, 1944 in Detroit, Michigan. Tom was a lieutenant in the Marine Corps in World War II and served in the Battle of Okinawa. He was personnel director for the Pontiac

Division of General Motors. Tom was a longtime and avid Detroit Lions fan. He was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Middleton.
Tom is survived by his wife, Mary Kay; children, Susan (Mike) Serafa of Schaumburg, Illinois, Diane Broome of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Tom (Terri) Dorais of Kingston, Arkansas, Nancy (Jim) McDonald of Thousand Oaks, California, Mary Dorais of Tucson, Arizona, Patty Adolphs of Madison, Wisconsin, Bob (Molly) Dorais of Malvern, Pennsylvania, Kathleen (Steve) Klei of Pleasanton, California, and Karen Dorais of Madison, Wisconsin; 28 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons, Jimmy and Chuckie. He is further survived by a brother, Bill (Helen) Dorais of Wabash, Indiana; and a sister, Joan Robinson of Bozeman, Montana.
A memorial service will be held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Middleton, Wisconsin on Monday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m., with Monsignor Douglas Dushack presiding. There will also be a memorial service at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island Thursday, August 14 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Don and Marilyn Anderson Hospice Care Center.
Tom was a long-time summer resident of the island, and much loved. Always willing to lend a hand, he was a huge help at the island post office during the remodeling of the interior. He had a ready smile for all. Although his voice is now silent, his spirit will echo for years to come. Our sincere sympathy goes to Mary Kay and family.
Beaver Beacon, Sept. 2003

Drescher, Ann (Greene) - Mrs. A. M. Drescher, 84, passed away Monday, March 10th at the Charlevoix Hospital where she had been a patient for two weeks. She was born Anna Greene on Beaver Island, September 30, 1884 and went to Chicago, Ill as a young woman. She married Paul Drescher there in 1926. He preceded her in death in 1957, in Chicago and she returned to Charlevoix to make her home. Mrs. Drescher was a member of St. Mary's Church. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Andrew Gallagher, of St. James and a brother, Edwin Greene, of Charlevoix. Funeral services were held at the Winchester Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 12th. Burial will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery, St. James, in the spring. Beaver Beacon March 1969 Obituary.

Dudley, Elmer Charles - Elmer G. Dudley, St. James, Michigan, age 56, wife Victoria, died Oct 10 1959 from cancer. Burial Oct 14 1959 Holy Cross Cemetery.
Coast Guard Vet Dies: CHARLEVOIX, MICH., Oct. 13: Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Elmer G. Dudley, 56, former commanding officer of the coast guard lifeboat station on Beaver Island. Dudley died in a Charlevoix hospital during the weekend.
Application for Headstone or Marker: Elmer C. Dudley, enlistment Nov 7 1924 to Nov 1 1952 in Michigan, grade BMC, chief boatsman mate, USCG. Born May 8 1899, died Oct 10 1959. Ship to Victoria Dudley, St. James, Mich. Holy Cross Cemetery, St. James, Michigan.

Dudzik, Helen (Lucas) - Helen Dudzik, 95, of Swartz Creek and formerly of Beaver Island, died June 15, 2012, at Genesys Hospice in Goodrich. Funeral Mass will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 19, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island with the Rev. Joseph Blasko officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. Petoskey News Obituary.

Dugan, Gloria Marie - Gloria M. Dugan, 97, of Beaver Island, passed away on August 21, 2021 at her home.
Gloria was born on December 28, 1923, in Huron Township, Michigan, the daughter of Alpheus and Dorothy (O'Brien) Dugan. She was a longtime math professor at Ball State University. Following retirement, she went on to teach at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. When she was not teaching there, she would travel back to spend time on her beloved Beaver Island. Gloria enjoyed reading, going on walks with her friends on the Island, bird watching, and tutoring children in math. Surviving are 3 nieces, Mary Clare Saxon of MO, Ann (Bill) Gonczy of Hassel, MI, Mary Therese Ortner of Detroit, MI, 2 nephews, William (Michele) Ortner of Dearborn, MI, Christopher Ortner of Lynn, MA. In addition, Gloria had 7 great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother Ralph "Bud" and sister-in-law Pauline Dugan; a sister, Delphene and brother-in-law Richard Ortner; and her parents. A mass to celebrate Gloria's life is planned for Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 11:00am at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Beaver Island with internment following the funeral mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. Fr Pat Cawley officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 8, 2021 from 5:00pm until 7:00pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Beaver Island with a rosary at 6:30pm. Memorial contributions may be made to either Beaver Island Rural Health Care or Beaver Island Library.

Elms, Buster - Percy James (Jim) W. Elms, age 92, of Holland passed away on Friday, December 30, 2011, at Oak Crest Manor of Holland. He was born on November 1, 1919 to Frank and Bertha (Staggs) Elms in the small town of Tulip, Arkansas. He graduated from Malvern High School and soon joined the United States Coast Guard. This eventually

became the turning point of his life as he was stationed on Beaver Island, Michigan during WWII. It was there that he met his wife Rita LaFreniere and the two married on July 23, 1942 on Beaver Island. After his enlistment was over, he and Rita started up a restaurant called Shillelagh and lived on the Island for several years. He sailed the Great Lakes on the lower lakes, he sailed the car ferries out of Ludington and eventually became a telegrapher for the C & O Railroad, the job from which he retired. He and Rita raised their family and spent most of their lives in Ludington.
He was preceded in death by his wife Rita, granddaughter Theresa Elms of Kansas, his parents Frank and Bertha Elms, five sisters Beatrice, Jessie May, Alene, Trudie, Doris and one brother Lawrence all of Arkansas.
He is survived by his children: Michael and June Elms of Holland; Richard and Mary Elms of Houston; Thomas and Barbara Elms of Grand Ledge; and Nancy and Don Tritsch of Beaver Island. The family will have a memorial service this summer on Beaver Island. Beaver Beacon Feb. 2012.

Elms, Rita (LaFreniere) - Rita Elms 1922-2005. Dorothy "Rita" Elms, 83, died at her home on Beaver Island on August 28, 2005, surrounded by her family. Rita was born on Beaver Island on August 30, 1922, to Nels and Sophia (Boyle) LaFreniere. She was the youngest of eight children in the family. After graduating from Beaver Island High School, Rita attended Davenport Business College in Grand Rapids. She met the love of her life in Percy James "Buster" Elms, who was serving at the Coast Guard Station on Beaver Island. They were married on the Island on July 23, 1942 and their four children were born on Beaver Island.
The Elms family moved to Ludington, MI in 1951, where Rita worked in the business office of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. The couple returned to live on Beaver Island in 2003. Rita was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Theresa Elms. She is survived by her husband, James "Buster" Elms; sons Michael (June) Elms, Richard (Mary Kay) Elms, Thomas (Barbara) Elms; a daughter Nancy (Don) Tritsch; 14 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.
Beaver Beacon Obituary Oct. 2005.

Evans, Margaret (Ricksgers) - Margaret Mary (Ricksgers) Evans was born on Beaver Island, Michigan on September 9, 1930. She passed away on March 28, 2019 at home in Alger, Michigan.
Margaret was one of six children born to George and Otelia (Schmidt) Ricksgers. She was born and raised on Beaver Island in the same farm house that belongs to the family.
Margaret moved to Pontiac, Michigan and worked at GM till she met her husband (Donald Evans). Margaret and Donald had eight children, Barry James, Kim Richard, Robert Allen, Shirley Yvonne, Gregg Michael, Gail Ann, Mary Jean and Joan Maureen (William). She has 16 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.
Her children were her life after she became a single Mom of eight. She moved to Pontiac, where she raised her family. Margaret didn't drive or have a vehicle for several years so she relied on her sister Katherine and walked everywhere. Once she got her driver's license and vehicle, she went back to work at GM where she retired from.
Margaret is preceded in death by her son Kim Richard, her parents George and Otelia, her step-mother Florence, sister Katherine and brothers Henry, Alfred, Robert and Kenneth.
A funeral mass will be held Saturday, May 4 at noon, at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Fr. Jim Siler officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will follow in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Beaver Island. Mortensen Funeral Homes Obituary.

Ferguson, Mary Ann (Palmer) - Mary Anne Ferguson, 63, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at McLaren Northern Michigan hospital in Petoskey.
Mary Anne was born in 1951 to the late Clarence and Lorraine (Boyle) Palmer of Beaver Island.
She graduated from high school on Beaver Island in 1970. That same year she joined “The Ghost Riders” band as their drummer. In 1976, she attended National Beauty College in Canton, Ohio, and became a licensed cosmetologist.
In 1978, she started her own licensed home cleaning service, working in the Petoskey and Harbor Springs area.
Mary Anne is survived by her ex-husband, Roger Ferguson; son, Eric Ferguson (Marilyn) and three grandchildren, Eric Jr., Alex and Aaron of Murrieta, Calif.; daughter, Traci of Lansing; three sisters, Virginia Palmer of Hayward, Calif., Evelyn Olesky (Tom) of Charlevoix and Roberta Palmer of Traverse City; brother, Edward Palmer (Mary) of Beaver Island; many nieces and nephews; and very close friend, Ruthie Gregg of Petoskey.
Mary Anne loved and enjoyed all things related to nature. Two of her favorite pastimes were mushroom hunting and collecting a variety of stones, especially Petoskey and pudding stones, with her friend, Ruthie. Mary Anne also enjoyed all kinds of music, especially Irish and old traditional music. She was a very kind, humble, loving person with a great sense of humor. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.
Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 23, at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Beaver Beacon Forum Obituary.

Fisher, Dennis - 1942 – 2004, Dennis E. Fisher, 62, of Beaver Island, and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, in Petoskey. He was born August 24, 1942, in Ft. Wayne, the son of Dale E. and Dorothy K. (Aumann) Fisher. Denny worked mainly as a corporate pilot, and spent the last five years working for the Beaver Island Boat Company. He was a member of the Beaver Island Christian Church, the American Legion Post in Waynedale, FAA, QB Club, served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam War, and in the Air National Guard. He loved flying and adored his family, especially his grandchildren. Surviving family include wife Susie; children, Danielle Saalfrank, Cynthia Black, Sherrie Shade, Timothy (Jennifer) Tellman, Thomas Smith, Patrick Smith, Sarah Smith, Michael Smith; grandchildren, Edison, Juliet, Marcie, James Phillip, Lillian; mother, Dorothy K. Fisher; siblings, Douglas E. Fisher, Deborah K. Fisher, David E. Fisher. He was preceded in death by his father.
The funeral was at the Beaver Island Christian Church, and interment took place at Holy Cross Cemetery. A service was also held in Fort Wayne. Beaver Beacon Obituary, December 2004.

Fitzpatrick, Doyle C. - Doyle C. Fitzpatrick, 81, of Beaver Island and formerly of Lansing, retired Oldsmobile employee, died Sunday. Graveside service 3 pm Saturday at Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. Arrangements by Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix. Lansing State Journal, Oct. 17 1989 Obituary.

Fitzpatrick, Phyllis Jean (Millward) – Phyllis Jean Fitzpatrick was born May 24, 1919 to Phillip and Jean Millward of Lansing. As a child, she learned to play cards and fish with her father and grandfather who lived with her family. Her mother taught her the art of cooking and a love of flowers. After attending Lansing Community College, Phyllis worked as a secretary at Oldsmobile.
On October 7, 1961, she married Doyle Fitzpatrick, author of a well-researched book on James Strang. They built a home on Beaver Island and in 1968, it became their permanent residence after she and Doyle retired. Phyllis' greatest loss was the death of Doyle on October 15, 1989.
Phyllis enjoyed traveling, gardening, photography, fishing, reading and assisting at the Beaver Island Library, and working to protect Beaver Island's natural habitat. She was a cancer survivor and gave generously to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.
Phyllis is survived by Doyle's children, Leland (Kay) Fitzpatrick, Colleen (Donald) Lackey, Marsha (Robert) Huston and Susan Fitzpatrick; grandchildren, Mark (Jennifer) Alverson, Matt Alverson, Sarah (Josh) Paulk, Andrew (Alison) Lackey, Shannon (Adam) Riegle; eight great-grandchildren.
There will be a graveside memorial service at 2:00 pm, Saturday, June 16, at the Holy Cross Cemetery here.
Beaver Beacon obituary, May 2012.

Flynn, Edith Eileen "Jug" (Gatliff) –2/6/1933-8/9/2005 . It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our dear "Jug". She was a beautiful spirit who truly personified the lilt of Irish laughter. Edith Eileen Flynn was born on Beaver Island, the loving daughter of Mary (Tom) Gatliff, and beloved wife for nearly 50 years to husband Tom Flynn (49 years, 7 months, and 15 days to be exact). Her dear daughters Mary Pat (Joseph) Pena and Barbara Flynn will miss her terribly, as will their children: Molly, Kyle, Matthew, Amanda and Brian. Jug was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Bob, Corneil, Perry and Danny Gatliff; and her sisters Margie (Tom) Zank, Dorothy Licavoli, Mary Ruth (Ken) Robbins, and Ellen Gatliff. She is survived by sisters Audrey Smallwood Driscoll, Grace Doig, Kathleen (Glenn) Wood, and Ann (Bayard) Kurth; sister-in-law's Jeannie, Georgie, and Ruth Gatliff; brother-in-law Buster Licavoli; and many (many!) loving nieces and nephews. While she was unable to make the Gatliff family reunion last month due to her failing health, we take comfort knowing that she will enjoy a very special homecoming. The funeral mass will be held in Torrance, California, where Jug raised her family and spent many happy years. Memorial arrangements have been tentatively scheduled for an evening rosary on August 15th at Rice Mortuary, 5310 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503 (310) 379-2446, and funeral mass on August 16th at 1:30pm (with reception immediately following) at St. James Catholic Church, 415 Vincent Street, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 (310) 372-5228. May God bless and keep her family during this difficult time. BI Forum Obituary.

Flynn, Thomas M., a Torrance California resident of 45 years, passed away on February 23, 2010, after a hard-fought battle with lung cancer. He was born in Chicago, IL on July 10, 1931, to Michael and Helen (Schafer) Flynn and was the younger brother to Mary Lou. After his father passed way, his mother married Charles Kieran and he became an older brother to sisters Mary Ann and Patricia "Tishie". He attended grade school at Our Lady of Peace and was an extremely proud graduate of Mt. Carmel High School. He attended the University of Notre Dame and was a lifelong Fighting Irish fan. He finished his education at De Paul University and Loyola University of Chicago. Tom joined the United States Marine Corps in 1952 and served with the 1st Marine division during the Korean War. He truly was one of The Few and The Proud. After the 9/11 attacks, he began to wear his globe and anchor pins in honor of his fellow Marines.

Tom married Eileen Gatliff on December 26, 1955. They were married almost 50 years, until her death in 2005. They lived in Chicago until they moved to California in 1960, eventually settling to Torrance in 1965. Tom spent his career working in the drywall contracting business, beginning as an accountant for USG and went on to own and operate Specialty Contractors. After his retirement, Tom became a dedicated blood and platelet donor and made over 200 aphaeresis donations to the American Red Cross. He said about his many donations "It's better to give than to receive!" Tom loved to travel, visiting many countries and several continents. He was also an active member of St. James Catholic Church and the Catholic Golden Age Group.
Tom is survived by his heartbroken family. He was a loving father to Barbara Flynn & Claude Posilovich of Nokomis, FL, and Mary Pat & Joseph Peña of Burbank, CA. He was a proud "Pop Pop" to his grandchildren Matthew, Amanda & Brian Basnight and Kyle & Molly Peña. He was the "one and only" brother to his sisters Mary Ann Gorman of Chicago, IL and Tishie Haavig, of Orland Park, IL. He was preceded in death by his sister Mary Lou Brosch of Excelsior, MN. Tom was also brother-in-law to Ernie Brosch, Ed Haavig, Jeanne Gatliff, Grace Doig, Audrey Smallwood, Kathleen Wood and Anne & Bayard Kurth. He was also "Uncle Tom" to over 50 nieces and nephews. Services will be held on Wednesday, March 3rd with a viewing at 4 p.m. and a Rosary 7 p.m. at Rice Mortuary. If you can join us, feel free to wear Notre Dame apparel in Tom's honor. A funeral mass will be held at St. James Church in Redondo Beach on Thursday, March 4th at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island, MI. In lieu of gifts or flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society for lung cancer research or to Mt. Carmel High School, Chicago, IL.
An interment service will take place at the Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island this summer. Times will be announced at a later date. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family. Beaver Beacon Obituary, April 2010.

Gallagher, Charles A. "Harlem" – Mr. Charles Philip Gallagher, age 91 years, formerly of Beaver Island, Manistee and Baywood Nursing Home of Ludington, where he lived since March 3, 1970, died after a short illness on February 19, 1974. Born on Beaver Island, December 19, 1882, the son of Philip Gallagher and Mary (Gillespie) Gallagher, he married Catherine Malloy on November 18, 1908 and she preceded him in death on July 21, 1939.
He was the father of Mrs. Hubert (Mary) Aultman of Manistee and Mrs. Joseph (Helen) Idalski of Manistee, Philip of Wyoming, Thomas, who preceded him in death, James of Pontiac, John of Manistee, Edward and Francis of Pontiac. He was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Mrs. Mary Sterling and Catherine Ries; two brothers, John and Neil. Surviving are 3 brothers; James of Newberry, Dominic Patrick of Manitowoc, Wisconsin and Daniel J. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
He has 20 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 9:00 am at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee, Michigan with Rev. Msg. Gerald Guzikowski officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island in the spring.
The family was at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee after 4:00 pm on Thursday February 21st, and the Rosary was at 9:00 pm on Friday evening.
Mr. Gallagher had a farm on the Island and carried mail across Lake Michigan by a team of horses and sleigh from 1925 to 1928. He brought his daughter, Mary and 2 Mercy Nuns to the Island in 1929 due to his wife's and aunt's illness. He made many mail and Mercy trips from Cross Village to the Island.
Besides farming, he sailed as fireman on the Beaver Island ferry and worked on the lower laker ferries until his retirement in 1956. Beaver Beacon Obituary, March 1974.
Charles Philip (Harlem) Gallagher: Graveside services were held on Saturday, May 18th for Charles Philip Gallagher at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Mr. Gallagher passed away on February 19th in the Baywood Nursing Home in Ludington after a short illness. The complete obituary for Mr. Gallagher is in the March 1974 Beacon. Beaver Beacon, July 1974.

Gallagher, Cornelius – The deeply regretted death of Cornelius Gallagher at the age of 88 years, which occurred Saturday morning at 6:20 March 18, robs the Island of its oldest resident. He was born in Co. Donegal, Ireland, which he left for the U.S. first settling in Mauch Chunk, Penn., leaving there over fifty years ago arriving at St. James. He has lived at St. James ever since becoming one of the first settlers. He is survived by one brother, C. H. Gallagher, of Juneau, Alaska, three sons and two daughters: C. C. Gallagher of Escanaba; C. A. Gallagher of Cheboygan; J. A. Gallagher of Beaver Island; Mrs. Thomas Bonner Beaver Island; about twenty-five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was greatly respected throughout the Island as was shown by what was the largest funeral held on Beaver Island. He was buried at 9 a.m. Monday morning from Holy Cross Church.
Charlevoix Sentinel, Thursday, March 23, 1916. Taken from the Beaver Beacon, Early Spring 2016 in the One Hundred Years Ago Section.

Gallagher, Daniel "Doney" - Daniel Peter (Doney) Gallagher, who for years has been known as the oldest man on the Island, died the evening of April 27th. After a careful check of the family records, Mr. Pontius, Charlevoix Mortician,

estimated Mr. Gallagher's age at 92 or 93 years. He came to the Island in 1884 from Ireland and engaged in the fishing industry. Twenty years later, he returned to Ireland and brought back his wife, Mary, who survives him. He also leaves three sons - Patsy, Lester and Peter, and a daughter Anne. Another son, Hubert, is deceased. The sympathy of the Island residents is extended to the family. May 1955 Beaver Beacon.

Gallagher, Daniel Lester - Daniel Lester Gallagher, 84, passed away on April 1st at the Marlette Community Hospital. He was born June 28, 1918 on Beaver Island to the late Daniel and Mary Gallagher. He married Jacqueline O'Donnell on April 4, 1959 in Marlette. He served his country in the United States Army during WWII. He worked as a plumber, and later retired from Grady Foundry in Vassar, in 1981. He is survived by his wife Jacqueline of Marlette; five sons (Paul of White Lake; Daniel of Carsonville; John and Laurie of Escanaba; Tony and Candace of Melbourne, FL; and Chris and Angie of Viera, FL); two daughters (Gloria and Dan Korte; and Rosemarie, all of Marlette); and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, three brothers (Hubert, Patrick and Peter), and one sister, Anna Williams. Beaver Beacon May 2003.

Gallagher, Dolores J. (Kraai) - Delores J. Gallagher, 77, died Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at Covenant Medical Center - Cooper in Saginaw. She was born October 2, 1931 in Lansing, Michigan, daughter to the late Frank and Mary (Chambers) Kraai. She attended Everett High School in Lansing. She married Peter Gallagher on Beaver Island on April 23, 1949. They later moved to Marlette and then to Clifford. She worked at Metal Craft Industries as a press operator for 29 years and 4 years at Ligon Factory in Almont until her retirement. She was a long-time member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Clifford.
Surviving are 2 daughters Sharon & Kenneth Wilcox and Vickie & Alan Gould both of Marlette; 5 grandchildren, Michael & Loni Gass of Lapeer, Rodney & Brandy (Gass) Fernandez of Middleburg, FL, Jason Gallagher of Clifford, Nicholas Gould of Cleveland, OH, and Trevor and Liberty Gould of Caro; 8 great grandchildren, Chelsea Gass, Dorothy and Mary Fernandez, Mackenzie and Kody Gould, Lakyn and Maisy Biglow and Alecsis Gould.
She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Peter of 48 years on May 23, 1997, daughter Dorothy Gass Fox on September 30, 1996 and brothers Herbert Wheeler and Bernard Kraai. Funeral services will be held Monday, December 8, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Marsh Funeral Chapel with Fr. Richard Treml officiating. Burial will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island next spring. Beaver Beacon Obituary, January 2009.

Gallagher, Earl E. - Earl E. Gallagher, 94, Traverse City, formerly of Chicago and Carpentersville, retired Civil Engineer from Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004. Surviving: son Patrick (Eileen) Gallagher, Glenmont, NY; daughter Elizabeth (James) Whelan, Traverse City; grandchildren, Megan and James Gallagher of Glenmont, NY, Sean Whelan of Traverse City; numerous loving nieces and nephews; last of 10 siblings. Mass 11 a.m., Oct. 4, 2004 at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. Obituary from the Chicago Tribune dated October 05, 2004.
Earl Gallagher 1910-2004. Earl Gallagher, the last of the ten children of James and Kitty (Allers), passed away at age 94 on September 30th. His wife, Chicagoan Mary Messenger, died in late June. Earl left the Island to take an engineering degree at the University of Detroit. He served in the Army during WWII, and worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, retiring to Traverse City in 1996. After assiduously following the development of Beaver Island all his life, and letting his memories to be recorded, he was brought home for early October burial in Holy Cross Cemetery. Beaver Beacon Obituary. November 2004.

Gallagher, James O. - "Well known resident of the Beaver Islands died in Chicago Friday. James Gallagher, aged 35, first mate of the steamer Missouri, died in Chicago last Friday. Mr. Gallagher was the son of Owen and Hannah Gallagher of St. James, and leaves besides his parents, two sisters, Nellie and Annie Gallagher and three brothers, Peter, Will and Frank Gallagher, all of St. James. The body, accompanied by Miss Nellie Gallagher, was brought home for burial arriving in this city Saturday night and was taken to the Beaver Islands Monday."
Beaver Beacon February 2013 (One Hundred Years Ago)- article from Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, February 5, 1913.

Gallagher, Lillian Bridget (Green) - Lillian Bridget (Green) Gallagher, 88, of Charlevoix, formerly of Beaver Island, died Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at Boulder Park Terrace, where she had been a resident for four years. Funeral Mass was at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island, with a prayer service recited at Holy Cross Catholic Church beforehand.
Lillian was born on Beaver Island, and graduated from Beaver Island Community School. She was a faithful member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. In later years, she and her husband John lived in Charlevoix, and were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Lillian was active in church and community activities. She was a member of Holy Cross Altar

Society and served as treasurer of Beaver Island School Board. She was a woman of great faith, and a loving, caring wife and mother with a genuine gift for serving and nurturing others.
Surviving are her husband of 63 years, John A. "Johnny Andy" Gallagher, three sons, Ronald (Linda Roath) Gallagher of Beaver Island, Daniel (Mary) Gallagher of Sault Ste. Marie, Arthur (Patti) Gallagher of Redford; one daughter, Mary (Don) Heilig of Grand Haven; daughter-in-law Kris Gallagher of Detroit, 13 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; sister Stella (Francis) Brown of Chicago; many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who loved her deeply. She was proceeded in death by her son Andrew John "A.J.", her parents, John W. and Elizabeth (Roddy) Green, and three brothers, Peter, Andrew, and Dan; and three sisters, Erin, Catherine and Mary. Memorial contributions may be directed to Holy Cross Catholic Church. Beaver Beacon Obituary.

Gallagher, Maria (Malloy) - Mrs. H. Maria Gallagher, 84, died Monday, July 29th at Berwin, Ill. Services were held in the Holy Cross Church Saturday morning, August 3rd. Rev. Father Herbert Graf, OFM officiated and interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery. The Rosary was recited on Friday evening at the Archie LaFreniere home. The former Hannah Maria Malloy was born on Beaver Island November 16, 1889. She married Hugh R. Gallagher November 24, 1913 and except for a short time following their marriage when they lived in Chicago, they always lived on the island. He preceded her in death about 30 years ago. For the past five years, Mrs. Gallagher has lived in the Chicago area with her family. She was a member of Holy Cross Church. Survivors include one son, Durward, two daughters, Mrs. Juanita Sauber and Mrs. Camillia Bergeron, all of the Chicago area; two grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Katherine Connaghan of St. James. Beaver Beacon Obituary, July 1974.

Gallagher, Mary E. (Messenger) - Mary Elizabeth Gallagher, age 94, of Traverse City MI, formerly of Chicago died Saturday June 5, 2004. Survived by loving husband Earl; devoted mother of Patrick (Eileen) Gallagher, Elizabeth (James) Whelan; grandmother of Sean Whelan, Megan and James Gallagher; niece, Lorraine (Cy) Messenger Cypher; numerous loving nieces and nephews. 1926 Graduate of Immaculata High School. Mass 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Francis Church, Traverse City. Burial 1 p.m. Wednesday, Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. Contributions to Father Fred Foundation, PO Box 2260 Traverse City MI, 49685. Winchester Funeral Home. The Chicago Tribune Obituary, June 08, 2004.

Gallagher, Mary (Gillespie) –Mary Gallagher, wife of Phil C. Gallagher, died at her home in Peaine township Saturday afternoon of heart disease. She was born on the Island in 1862. She leaves a large family to mourn her. Beaver Beacon Obituary, December 1910.

Gallagher, Neil D. - Charlevoix Sentinel, Thursday, July 10, 1913, Beaver Island News: The remains of Neil D. Gallagher, first officer on Car Ferry No 18, who was drowned at Ludington on the night of June 20, arrived here last week for burial.
The funeral was held from Holy Cross Church, where, on account of the popularity of the young man, a large concourse of people had gathered to witness the ceremonies.
It is not known how the accident occurred, but the supposition is that after the car ferry had finished loading that night, Mr. Gallagher, who had been ashore, returned to the boat, and in some manner slipped and fell into the water while going aboard. He was not missed until the boat was well on her way to Milwaukee.
The fact did not worry the captain any, imagining that the boat had pulled out without Gallagher, and that he would show up again on his return to Ludington. On making inquiries the captain found that nobody had seen or heard of Gallagher since Thursday night. Early Monday morning some fishermen found his body floating in the water.
The deceased was born on Beaver Island about thirty-eight years ago, and for the past fifteen years has followed the lakes, holding numerous responsible positions on different boats, and at the time of his death held first-class pilot's papers for all the lakes.
In June 1910 he was married to Miss Mamie Gallagher, daughter of Capt. John C. Gallagher, and one of the island's most popular young ladies. Two children were the result of this union. The youngest being less than a year old.
Besides his widow and two children he is survived by four sisters and two brothers; one of the brothers, Owen, first officer on the steamer Racine, who accompanied the remains to the Island, received a message the next day after his arrival announcing the death of his oldest son at Milwaukee. He left at once on the first boat for the above city.
The self-sacrificing nature that characterized our deceased friend is shown by the following incident: 'A few years ago while acting as mate on one of the lake boats, the boat ran aground on the captain's watch, knowing that a real hardship would befall the captain and his family if he was compelled to give up his position, he shouldered all the blame, resigned his position as mate and left the boat'.
Beaver Beacon article in the One Hundred Years Ago section, July, 2013.

Gallagher, Norman M. - Norman M. Gallagher, 56, died Sunday, July 21st in Port Huron General Hospital following a long illness. Services were held on Thursday, July 25th at Holy Cross Church with Father Herbert Graf officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery. The Rosary was recited on Wednesday, July 24th, at the W.J. Gallagher residence.
Mr. Gallagher was born on Beaver Island, March 14, 1917. He attended St. Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids. He obtained a Master's Degree and taught school in Charlevoix, Chicago, IL, South Lyons, Linden, and had taught in Port Huron district since 1963. He was the son of W.J. and Mary Gallagher. He was a member of St. Stephen's Church, in Port Huron. Survivors include his wife, the former Eleanor Herington, who he married November 27, 1947 at St. James; two daughters, Mrs. Danny (Celeste) Mills and Mrs. Mark (Colleen) Johnson, both of Port Huron; two grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. John Peternard, of Chicago, IL. Beaver Beacon Obituary, July 1974.

Gatliff, Catherine T. (Connaghan) - Born in Beaver Island, MI on Jan. 8, 1923. Departed on Jan. 21, 2009 and resided in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. Catherine Gatliff "Georgie" (nee Connaghan) age 86, died January 21, 2009.
Wife of the late Paul "Danny". Loving mother of Linda (the late Michael) Wearn, Gail (John) Craig, James, Carol Gillespie, Anthony (Margaret), and Perry. Beloved grandmother of Patrick, Thomas, Anthony, Timothy, Daniel, Bridget, and Brian. Dear great-grandmother of Mackenzie and Alyssa.
Visitation Sunday 2-9 pm at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Avenue at Vernier Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods. Rosary 7:00 pm. Instate Monday 10:00 am until funeral Mass 10:30 am at St. Philomena Catholic Church, 4281 Marseilles, Detroit. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island, MI in the spring.
Additional obituary: Catherine (Connaghan) Gatliff, "Georgie," passed away at age 86. Georgie was born on Beaver Island on January 8, 1923, one of the "dancing Connaghan girls," and died on January 21, 2009. Georgie resided in Grosse Pointe Woods and was the wife of the late Paul "Danny," loving mother of Linda (the late Michael) Wearn, Gail (John) Craig, James, Carol Gillespie, Anthony (Margaret), and Perry. She was the beloved grandmother of Patrick, Thomas, Anthony, Timothy, Daniel, Bridget, and Brian. She was the great-grandmother of Mackenzie and Alyssa. She never forgot her Beaver Island roots, returning as often as she could. Beaver Beacon, February 2009.

Gatliff, Joseph Corneil , 82, of St. Clair Shores and formerly of Beaver Island, died of congestive heart failure Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000, at St. John's Hospital in Detroit.
Funeral Mass will be noon Monday, Nov. 13, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island.
Corneil was born June 7, 1918, on Beaver Island, the son of Thomas and Mary (McDonough) Gatliff.
Corneil worked at the lumber mill on Beaver Island and fished the waters of Lake Michigan before entering the service. He was a World War II veteran having served in Burma, China and India. After his discharge in 1945, he relocated to the Detroit area, where he worked for Chrysler Corp. for four years and Ready Power Co. for 32 years. He continued his education at Cass Tech and obtained his journeyman's card in air conditioning and refrigeration, which he worked at up until the time of his passing.
He was a member of the James Francis Neer Post, and a 35-year member of the International Association of Machinists.
He was married to Ruth Ann Hinman on Jan. 5, 1946, and was the father of seven children.
His wife, Ruth Ann, of St. Clair Shores, survives him. Also, a son, Thomas (Gina) Gatliff, of Mons, Belgium; daughters, Barbara (Walt) Haag of Mount Clemens, Mary (Robert) Ferenc of Allen Park, JoAnn Gatliff of Detroit, Connie (Chris) deRuiter of St. Clair Shores, Shirley (Paul) Cole of St. Clair Shores; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Robert (Jean) Gatliff, of Calumet City, Ill.; five sisters, Eileen (Tom) Flynn of Torrance, Calif., Grace Alice Doig of Alsip, Ill., Audrey (Ron) Driscoll of Cheboygan, Kathleen (Glenn) Wood of Six Lakes, Anne (Bayard) Kurth of St. Clair Shores.
His son, Robert Paul Gatliff, preceded Corneil in death as well as two brothers, Paul (Danny) Gatliff and Perry Gatliff; and four sisters, Anna Margaret Zank, Dorothy Licavoli, Mary Ruth Robbins and Ellen Gatliff.
Transcribed from the web edition of the "Petoskey News-Review ", a newspaper serving the Emmet Co., MI area.

Gatliff, Mary E. "Mary Pat" (McDonough) - Mary E. Gatliff, 96, of Beaver Island, died May 18 1994 at her daughter's home in Cheboygan. Funeral is tentatively scheduled for 11 am Monday, May 23, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Rev. Joseph Scallon, S.J., will officiate. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island.
She was born June 26 1897 on Beaver Island, the daughter of Patrick and Ellen (O'Donnell) McDonough. She attended Beaver Island school, and was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. She was a life resident of Beaver Island. In June 1916, she married Thomas C. Gatliff, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 11, 1954.
Survivors include two sons, Joseph C. and his wife, Ruth of St. Clair Shores, and Robert O. and his wife Jean, of Calumet City, Ill.; six daughters, Anna Margaret Zank and her husband Tom of Portland, Ore., Eileen Flynn and her husband Tom of Torrance CA, Grace Alice Doig of Alsip, IL., Audrey Smallwood of Cheboygan, Kathleen Wood and her husband, Glenn, of Six Lakes, and Anne Kurth and her husband, Bayard of Harper Woods. In addition to her husband, Thomas,

Mrs. Gatliff was preceded in death by two sons, Paul Patrick "Danny" and Perry, and by three daughters, Ellen Gatliff, Dorothy Licavoli, and Mary Ruth Robbins.
The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Hospice of the Straits, 520 N. Main St., Suite 102, Cheboygan, Mich. 49721. Visitation will be held 6-8 pm Friday, May 20 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Friends may also call at the family home on Beaver Island on Saturday and Sunday.

Gatliff, Ruth Ann (Hinman) - Ruth Ann Gatliff (nee Hinman) was born October 28, 1926 in Chicago and entered into rest August 26, 2012 in Warren at the age of 85. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph and loving mother of Barbara (Walt) Haag, Thomas (Gina), Mary (Robert) Ferenc, JoAnn, Connie (Chris) deRuiter, Shirley (Paul) Cole and the late Robert. Ruth will be missed by her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral was held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Saint Clair Shores. She was interred at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Beaver Beacon Obituary, September 2012.

Germolec, Joseph "Butch" - Obituary: Joseph E. Germolec, Lynwood, IL, age 76, passed away Saturday, May 30, 2015. He is survived by his beloved wife Iris (nee Blount); cherished children Steve Morris, Paul (Renee) Morris, Donna (Jamie) Keen and Joe (Lori) Germolec; numerous adored grandchildren. Family and friends will gather for a Memorial Service on Friday, June 5, 2015 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. at Castle Hill Funeral Home, 1219 Sheffield Avenue, Dyer, IN. Joseph worked in the Welding and Maintenance Department of Verson Allsteel Press.

Gillespie, Francis "Ket" - Francis (Ket) Gillespie, 89, Beaver Island's oldest resident, died late Wednesday, November 20, at his home. Mr. Gillespie had been bedfast for several years. Burial took place from Holy Cross Church the following Saturday. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery. Ket, a lifelong resident, was born here July 26, 1868. He married the former Mary Ann Boyle in 1900. His wife preceded him in death two years ago. Ket spent the last years with his daughter Grace. Surviving are four daughters, four sons, twenty-eight grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren. Beaver Beacon December 1957.

Gillespie, Jewell F. - Jewell Gillespie, 78, of Beaver Island, died Oct. 21, 1995, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Funeral at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. The Rev. Joseph Scallon, S.J. officiated. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Mr. Gillespie was born Jan 9, 1917 on Beaver Island, the son of Francis and Mary Ann (Boyle) Gillespie. He spent his entire life on Beaver Island. Two years ago, he received the Michigan Heritage Award as Outstanding Citizen of the Year for his contributions to the cultural diversity of the people of Michigan. On May 2, 1945, he married Rita Mae O'Donnell on Beaver Island. She preceded him in death on April 15, 1988. Survivors include five sons, John W. Gillespie and his wife Jeanne, of Beaver Island, William "Billy" F. Gillespie and his wife Janice of Bartlett, Ill., Robert J. Gillespie and his wife Lisa of Beaver Island, Daniel G. Gillespie and his wife Tammie of Charlevoix, and Richard L. Gillespie and his wife Laura, of Beaver Island; four daughters, Mary T. Palmer and her husband Edward of Beaver Island, Julie A. Gillespie of Charlevoix, Kathleen M. Maudrie of Beaver Island, and Cynthia Rose Brown and her husband Kevin of Beaver Island; one brother, Norman "Speck" Gillespie of Gaylord; two sisters, Lucille Osborn of Wilmington Iowa, and Grace Cole of Beaver Island; 22 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Gillespie was preceded in death by four children, Mary Sue, Bridget A., Gerald T., and James M.; one grandson, Jewell Perry Gillespie; and a son-in-law, Edward W. Maudrie. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Beaver Island Medical Center. Beaver Beacon Obituary.

Gillespie, John – By the death of Mr. John Gillespie in his 79th year, which occurred on the 22nd inst. after a prolonged illness, the Island loses another of its pioneer inhabitants.
Born in Ireland, he came to America in the early fifties and settled in Toronto, Canada where he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Donlevy, sister of John of Chicago and James and Francis Donlevy of this place, coming to Beaver Island in 1858, taking up a homestead upon which he has resided up to the time of his death. Besides the widow, Mr. Gillespie leaves twelve children and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.
Charlevoix Sentinel, Thursday, April 28, 1910, Beaver Island as found in April 2010 Beaver Beacon, One Hundred Years Ago section.

Gillespie, Robert Jewell - Robert Jewell Gillespie, 65, of Beaver Island, died Thursday, July 9, 2015, at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey. He was born January 14, 1950, on Beaver Island to Jewell Francis and Rita Mae (O'Donnell) Gillespie. Robert graduated from the Beaver Island School in 1968.
He worked as a diver and dock builder and commercial builder. He was an expert at building shipwreck furniture. He built the Beaver Island Community Center, and the Beaver Island Medical Center, the CMU Biological Center, the fire-hall,

school, car wash, yacht club, and the Beaver Island Boat Dock. Robert was a member of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club, a life member of the NRA, and enjoyed golfing, boating, and hunting.
On May 25, 1991, he married Lisa L. Vance on Beaver Island. He is survived by Lisa, and their son, Cody of Traverse City. Robert is also survived by his brothers and sisters, John (Jeanne) of Beaver Island, Billy (Jan) of Chicago, Mary (Edward) Palmer of Beaver Island, Danny (Tammy) of Charlevoix, Richie (Laura) of Beaver Island, Julie Gillespie of Charlevoix, Kathy Maudrie, and Cindy (Dusty) Cushman of Beaver Island.
One of Robert's favorite sayings is a quote from John Wayne: "Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway."
The wake will be 6-8 pm Friday, July 17, at the Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island where the Rosary will be recited at 7 pm. Funeral mass will be 11 am, Saturday, July 18, at Holy Cross Church, the Reverend Patrick Cawley officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. A luncheon will be served at the Holy Cross Hall following the services. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the Beaver Island Medical Center, or to the Rita Gillespie Memorial Blood Drive. Obituary from Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, MI.

Green, Alice Joy (McDonough) - 74. Alice Joy Green, 74, of Beaver Island, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at her home on Beaver Island. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island, where a rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Holy Cross Church with the Rev. Patrick Cawley officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements. Beaver Beacon Obituary dated November 1, 2007.

Green, John W. "Johnny" - OLD FRIEND PASSES: John W. Green passed away Sept. 26th ending a colorful life that spanned 92 years. The oldest citizen on Beaver Island, where he was born December 1, 1870 and raised by sturdy parents who immigrated from the Island of Aranmore, on the coast of Donegal Ireland. Y.p
Johnny was the eldest of twelve children, all of whom preceded him in death with the exception of one sister, Lillian Green, of Chicago. As a young man, he was actively engaged in sailing, farming, lumbering, fishing, real estate and politics. The passing of John Green marks the end of a life that began shortly after the reign of King Strang. He had a keen interest and vast knowledge of boats and sailing and spent many hours delving into the histories and mysteries, surrounding shipwrecks on the Great Lakes. During the intervening years he witnessed many changes, the first of which was the passing of the sailing vessels, on which he served as a boy under the able ownership and management of the Bonner brothers, who were pioneers in that era. His brothers, Daniel, Peter, Frank and William were all Masters of Steamships during the development and the peak of the Iron Ore Age in the Great Lakes region. As he watched the years pass, he saw the Marine Industry grow and the development of the motor ship. His sons, Andrew and Daniel mastered this type of ship.
Now, in the Atomic Age, he saw his grandson, Andrew Gallagher, a crew member of the Coast Guard Cutter, Storis, cross the top of the world, a feat never before accomplished by a surface vessel. His remarkable memory had been a fountain of information to those interested in history and development of the Island and its inhabitants. He had over 200 recorded folk songs and almost as many stories. His strong religious faith, a heritage of the Irish, had sustained him in time of deep sorrow when death claimed his wife, the former Elizabeth Roddy, a son and two daughters. His kind and gentle manner won the love, respect and admiration of those who survive him; Andrew of Fort Lauderdale, Daniel and Mary of Chicago, Mrs. John (Lillian) Gallagher, and Mrs. Francis (Stella) Brown of Chicago. Sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandson. All who knew Johnny Green will miss his passing and cherish his memory. Our deepest sympathy to his family. October 1963 Beaver Beacon Obituary.

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Green, Russell - Russell J. Green, age 81 of Beaver Island, died Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at his home surrounded by his eight loving children.
He was born on Beaver Island on December 24, 1928, to Mary (Boyle) and Anthony Greene on the family farm where he spent his childhood. Russell was very proud of his Irish heritage; all four of his grandparents came to Beaver Island from Ireland. Over the years, Russell became a storehouse of island traditions and family connections. He was one of the last of the Islanders to grow up on the numerous self-sufficient farms on the Island.
On September 15, 1956, Russell married the love of his life, Joy McDonough, who preceded him in death October 30th, 2007.
He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the 25th Infantry Division. He worked on Great Lakes freighters for several years before returning to Beaver Island to work for the boat company, captaining the Beaver Islander for many years. Russell often joked about how he spent 40 years on ships in the Great Lakes, but he never did learn to swim.
Russell is survived by his 8 children; Mike (Kitty) Green of Beaver Island, Mary T. Delamater, Bernadette (Dave) Cole, Rose Peters, and Kathleen (Dana) Dvoracek, all of Charlevoix, Beth Anne (Steve) Lucas of Blanchard, Kevin (Snowe)

Green of Chattanooga, TN, and Amy Bair of Chesterfield; 17 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Also surviving are his siblings, Bernell Burke, Rose Connaghan, Anthony (Betty) Greene, Lill Left, and Mary Margaret (Ed) Breden, his great friend and sister-in-law, Skip McDonough, and countless nieces and nephews. Russell was preceded in death by brothers Dan, Peter, Hubert, and infant sister Francis.
Visitation will take place at the Beaver Island Holy Cross Catholic Church on Saturday May 15, 2010 from 7-9 PM with a rosary at 7:30 PM. The funeral mass will take place at 1PM Sunday May 16th, also at the Holy Cross Church. Interment will follow at the Holy Cross Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Winchester funeral home of Charlevoix. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ellen Welke Memorial Fund c/o Holy Cross Church, or Holy Cross Cemetery.
Beaver Island News on the Net, May 10-16, 2010.

Green, William M. "Young Bill" - Rites Today for Islander, St. James, Beaver Island. Funeral services for William Green, 80, retired painter, were held at Holy Cross Church here Saturday morning with the Rev. Fr. Louis Wren O.F.M. (Conv.) officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross cemetery.
Mr. Green died late Thursday at Grandvue Medical Facility near East Jordan where he had been a patient since 1958. Born in Chicago, Oct. 31, 1882, Mr. Green came to Beaver Island with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John (Elizabeth Gallagher) Green in 1887. He left here in 1915 and spent two years in Chicago before going to Indiana Harbor, Ind. where he was employed by the Standard Oil Co. plant for several years before returning here in 1930. He was a painter until retiring because of ill health. He was a member of Holy Cross Church. He never married.
His only survivors are cousins, nieces and nephews. Obituary Petoskey News-Review on August 3, 1963.
NOTE by Mary Beth (Greene) Nelson - William Green's parents were not John and Elizabeth Gallagher Green (John was born in 1870 or 1871, and William born in 1882). William's mother was Bridget Gallagher who passed away in the sinking of the Vernon in 1887. His father was possibly Owen Green.

Greene, Daniel "McGinty" - Daniel Green, of this place, who was mate of a Goodrich boat the past season, disappeared from the boat about Christmas, and a search failed to locate him. His body was found last Sunday in the Chicago River. His mother, who is a widow, is a resident of the Island.
Charlevoix Sentinel, Thursday, February 22, 1912, Beaver Island News:
The body of Daniel Green, who was drowned in the Chicago River Dec. 10th, arrived at the Island the 23rd, via Manistique and the funeral occurred from Holy Cross Church on Saturday last. Mr. and Mrs. P. D. McCauley of Manistique, were here to attend the funeral. The K. of C. Officiated as pallbearers.
Charlevoix Sentinel, Thursday, February 29, 1912, Beaver Island News:
The above articles were found in the February 2012 Beaver Beacon, under the One Hundred Years Ago section.

Greene, Daniel J. - Daniel J. Greene, 82, formerly of Detroit, died Monday, May 19, 2003, at Penfold Adult Foster Care Home in Charlevoix. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at noon Thursday, May 22, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Rev. Patrick Cawley will officiate and burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Daniel was born on April 2, 1921, on Beaver Island, the son of Anthony and Mary (Boyle) Greene. He served with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II from 1942 to 1945. May 20, 2003 Obituary.

Greene, Daniel R. "Red Dan" - Died June 19th. Daniel R. Greene, 76 years old, leaves a wife, two sons, Daniel and Edward and three daughters, Mrs. Sarah Boyle of Chicago, Mrs. Andrew Gallagher and Miss Annie of St. James. Beaver Beacon June/July 2015, in the One Hundred Years Ago section, originally from Charlevoix Sentinel, Thursday, July 1, 1915.

Greene, Mary (Boyle) - Mary K. Greene - Funeral services for Mary K. Greene, 76, were held August 4th at Holy Cross Church in St. James. Rev. Herbert Graf, OFM officiated and interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery. The rosary was recited Friday, August 3rd at 8:30 p.m. in the family home on the Island.
She was born the former Mary K. Boyle, June 11 1897 at St. James. In 1920 she married Anthony Greene at St. James and had always lived there until two years ago when she moved to Ludington. Mr. Greene died in 1950. She was a member of Holy Cross Church and its Alter Society.
Survivors include four sons; Daniel of Detroit, Anthony of Ludington, Russell of St. James, and Peter of Grand Rapids; four daughters, Mrs. Patrick (Bernell) Burke of Grand Junction, Mrs. Rose Connaghan of St. James, Mrs. Ed (Mary Margaret) Breden of Chicago, and Mrs. Francis (Lillian) Left of Charlevoix, and 32 grandchildren.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, August 1973.

Hallaghan, Ruth (Schuenemann) – Ruth Catherine Hallahan, 1919-2010. Ruth died peacefully on September 19th, surrounded by her family. She was born in Park Ridge Illinois on February 16, 1919, the daughter of Charles and Maude (Moulton) Scheunemann. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Betty and Mickey, and her husband John, and is survived by her three children, Eileen (Ron) Perry, Jack (Sandy) Hallahan, and Jacquelyn Martin, as well as 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and 2 great great-grandchildren.
She married Jack Hallahan on December 7, 1937 after attending Bowen High School in Chicago. She worked for 11 years as a nurse's aide at Community Memorial Hospital in LaGrange, and retired to Beaver Island 1985. She had been a Lutheran early in life, but converted to Catholicism upon her marriage.
She was always active and hardworking. She loved gardening, reading, sewing, bowling and swimming. Her most memorable experience was saving a teenage boy from drowning in Lake Michigan. She was quite resilient, able to bounce back from ill fortune - such as the complete loss of her uninsured Island home to fire. She had a great sense of humor, and was generous and caring. She loved her family and friends deeply, and will be missed.
Her family wishes to express their thanks and gratitude to all those who helped them through this difficult time. -Jack, Jackie, and Eileen.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, November 2010.

Hanley, Margaret A. (Riorden) - Obituary: Margaret Ann Hanley, 94, of Milan, a retired first-grade teacher at Paddock Elementary School, died Monday at Saline Community Hospital, Saline. Burial will be on Beaver Island. Born April 8, 1905 in Atlanta, GA, she was the daughter of William and Louise (Stokes) Riordan. She married Joseph Hanley in 1930; he preceded her in death. She lived on Beaver Island from 1945 to 1951. While there, she wrote for the island newspaper and had stories published in the Charlevoix Courier and through The Associated Press. She moved to Milan with her children in 1951. Surviving are two sons, two daughters, a brother, five sisters, 12 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, John.

Hanley, Mary Catherine - Milan, Michigan. Mary Catherine Hanley, age, 79, passed away December 9, 2016 at Superior Woods Nursing Home. She was born January 26, 1937 in Louisville, Kentucky, after birth she was adopted at age 6 by Joseph and Margaret Hanley (Riordan). Mary lived in Milan most of her life and attended Milan High School; class of 1952. Her senior year she was crowned homecoming queen and she was a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.
Survivors include her brother Gerald (Pat) Hanley, sister Ann Marie Hanley and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, John and Terry.
Cremation has taken place and a memorial mass will be held Tuesday, December 13th at the Immaculate Conception Church, Milan at 11:00am with a memorial gathering beginning at 10:30am. Donations can be made to the Schizophrenia Foundation, Lansing, MI. Obituary from www.ochalekstark.com

Hannon, James - Obituary: James M. Hannon, age 60, of Lombard, beloved husband of Nancy, nee Madiol; dear father of Matthew and Kevin; loving brother of John "Jack", Janet (Patrick) O'Callahan, Mary Beth (Michael) Lyons and the late William E. (Janice) and Robert J.; many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service Saturday, 9:30 a.m. from Brust Funeral Home, 135 S. Main St., Lombard to Sacred Heart Church, Mass 10 a.m. Interment private. Please omit flowers. Visitation Friday 3 to 9 p.m. Memorials in Honor of James Hannon to Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research - Ironman Florida 2007 for Alzheimer's or Vitas Hospice appreciated. Info toll-free 888-629-0094. The Chicago Tribune Obituary on Sept. 14, 2007.

Hannon, John "Jack" - John W. "Jack" Hannon, Jr., 63, of Indianapolis, IN died on July 26, 2008. Jack was born on October 28, 1944 in Oak Park, IL to his parents, John W. and Rose (McClory) Hannon, Sr. Jack graduated from Loyola University, enjoyed a successful career in the insurance industry and went on to run an international cosmetic import business with trusted friend, Jim Klosterman. Jack was preceded in death by brothers, William E. Hannon, James M. Hannon and Robert J. Hannon. He is survived by daughter, Kathleen (David) Gullott; son, John W. (Carroll) Hannon, III; son, Mark M. (Alice) Hannon; daughter, Meghan (Jeremy) Stone; sister, Janet H. (Patrick) O'Callaghan; sister, Mary Elizabeth (Michael) Lyons. Jack was also the loving Grandad of 13 wonderful grandchildren. The Indianapolis Star Obituary on July 27, 2008.

Hannon, Robert J. - Robert J. Hannon of Arlington Heights. A funeral Mass for Robert J. Hannon, 53, will be celebrated at 10 am Friday at St. John the Evangelist Church, 427 Cedar Crest Drive, Streamwood. Born July 2, 1949 in Oak Park, the beloved son of John W. and Rose McClory-Hannon, he died suddenly Tuesday, April 22, 2003 in Hoffman Estates. Interment will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island, Mich. Mr. Hannon was an educator at John Hersey High

School for more than 30 years and he currently was the assistant principal, a position he held for the past nine years. Mr. Hannon received many awards during his career, including the Heart of Gold Award for Excellence in Education by the Village of Arlington Heights in 2003. Robert was the loving brother of William E. (Janice), John W. Jr., James M. (Nancy), Janet H. (Patrick) O'Callahan and Mary Beth (Michael) Lyons; dear uncle of many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and -nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 pm today at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral Home, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. In lieu of flowers, memorials made to the John Hersey High School Scholarship Fund or the Beaver Island Medical Center would be appreciated. Daily Herald Obituary on April 24, 2003.
Bob Hannon 1950-2003 On April 24th 53-year-old long time Beaver Island resident Bob Hannon checked into the hospital for what seemed like a minor complaint. Eight hours later he was pronounced dead. He was known as a warm-hearted educator from Arlington Heights who enjoyed hosting gatherings at his Font Lake home. He taught at John Hershey High School for over thirty years. Bob was brought to Beaver Island for a memorial mass on April 27th, officiated by Father Pat Crawley. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Rose Hannon, and is survived by brothers William (Janice), James (Nancy), and John, and sisters Janet (Patrick) O'Callahan and Mary Beth (Michael) Lyons. Beaver Beacon Obituary, July 2003.

Hannon, William E. M.D. - Dr. William E. Hannon, age 60, of N2093 S. Tower Rd., Chilton, died on Sunday December 28, 2003, at his home surrounded by his family and friends, following a brief battle with cancer. He was born on January 16, 1943 in Chicago, son of the late John W. and Rose (McClory) Hannon. He married Janice N. Hogan of Peabody, MA on July 25 1985 in Milwaukee. Dr. Hannon served in the US Navy and went on to receive his degree at Loyola Medical School, serving his residency at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, IL. He served as a pathologist at several hospitals in the Rockport, MA area before moving to Chilton in 1984, when he began in career with the Calumet Medical Center. Bill loved sailing and spending summers at their home on Beaver Island, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Janice of Chilton; six children: Julie Ann (Philip) Abrams of Lexington, MA; Sharon (Scott) Trefry of Danvers, MA; Sheila J. Hannon of Elgin, IL; Christopher William, Colleen, and Noelle Hannon of Chilton, six grandchildren; Curtis, Brian, Jason William, Gina Rose Trefry and Samuel and Gino Abrams; two brothers; John W. Hannon of Indianapolis, IN; James (Nancy) Hannon of Lombard, IL; two sisters: Janet (Patrick) O'Callaghan of Algonquin, IL and Mary Beth (Michael) Lyons of Wheaton, IL. He was preceded in death by his brother Robert J. Hannon. Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island, MI. Beaver Beacon Obituary, February 2004.

Heflin, Arnold P. - Memorial services and burial for Arnold P. Heflin, 88, a physics teacher at Lane Technical High School from 1929 to 1963, will be held in July at St. James on Beaver Island in Lake Michigan. Mr. Heflin died June 10 in his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Mr. Heflin was a native of Calmar, Ia. He and his late wife, Helen, a former teacher at Amundsen High School, had maintained a summer home on the island for 60 years. There are no immediate survivors. Chicago Tribune Obituary, June 19, 1985.

Henize, Irene (Palmer) - Irene Henize, 54, of Charlevoix and Beaver Island, died Sept. 12, 2002, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Hetherington, Alice (Layman) - Alice Hetherington, 83, died June 21, 2001, at her home on Beaver Island. Funeral service will be held at noon Friday, June 22, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Rev. Pat Cawley will officiate. Burial will take place in Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Hill, Henry L. - Henry L. Hill, a resident of Glenview, Illinois, died peacefully at his home on June 29th, at the age of 103. He was a retired partner of the law firm of Mayer Brown. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Hill graduated from the University of Chicago and the University of Law School, graduating from the latter in 1938. He was one of the original lawyers employed in the General Counsel's Office of the Civil Aeronautics Board; a federal agency created in 1938 for the economic regulation of the air transport industry. While with the Board he participated in a number of cases involving the routes and rates of various air carriers. At the end of 1944, Mr. Hill left the Civil Aeronautics Board and moved to New York where he was invited to join the firm of Mayer Brown as a member of the group representing United Air Lines in matters before the Civil Aeronautics Board. He continued in this area of practice until the deregulation of the air transport industry in 1977 and retired from the Firm in June 1980. After moving to Glenview with his family in 1950, Mr. Hill became active in various civic matters and served on the Board of Education of District 34 from 1956 to 1969, serving as President for 6 years.

Mr. Hill is survived by a daughter, Melinda, and two sons, Howard and Richard, as well as by five grandchildren. Mr. Hill's wife Mary Margaret, to whom he was married for 64 years, predeceased him in 2005. Mr. Hill will be interred on Beaver Island next to his wife. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Beaver Island Rural Health Center, 37304 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782. Chicago Tribune Obituary.

Hooker, Patricia (O'Donnell) – Patricia Hooker, "Pat" – March 4, 2017. Pat Hooker, age 85, late of Downers Grove and formerly of the East Side passed away March 4, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Leroy Hooker, loving mother of Joe (Mary Jane) Hooker, Jim (Marcy) Hooker, John (Barbara) Hooker, Ed (Beth) Hooker, Grace Hooker, the late Sandy Ryan and the late Jeff Hooker. Devoted grandmother of 14 and cherished great grandmother of 8. Dear sister of Theresa Archer and Raymond O'Donnell. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Pat was a longtime employee of Jewel Foods on 106th Street. A Memorial Visitation was held Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Elmwood Chapel in Chicago.
In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital would be preferred.
Beaver Beacon obituary, Early Spring 2017.

Howard, Jacqueline A. (Verduin) - Jacqueline Ann Howard, 82, of Charlevoix, formerly of Beaver Island and Grattan, passed away on April 9, 2014, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. She was born September 13, 1931, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Russell and Gertrude (Barry) Verduin. She married Martin L. "Lew" Howard on August 29, 1953 in Parnell. They made their home in Grattan and owned and operated Greenville Farm and Garden. They moved to Beaver Island in 1991, where they had vacationed since the late 1950's. Lew died on December 22, 1997, and Jacqueline moved to Charlevoix in 2007. She is survived by her children, Susan Howard of Charlevoix, Patricia A. (Bruce) Cull of Beaver Island, Robert Howard of Charlevoix; grandsons, Patrick and Matthew Cull, and Bobby Wilson. A graveside service was held at Holy Cross Cemetery. Beaver Beacon Obituary October-November 2014.

Howing, Thomas - Howing, Thomas 6/30/1961 - 4/7/2021, Grand Rapids. Thomas Nickolas Howing of Grand Rapids, MI died Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at the age of 59. He was born June 30, 1961 in Kalamazoo MI. He was the son of Frederick and Ellen (Siemsen) Howing. Tom's love for gardening and nature started at age 15 with his first job at Wedel's Nursery. His green thumb continued as he went on to become a MSU Certified Nurseryman in 1982. He was a graduate of Kalamazoo Christian High School with the class of 1979. He attended Calvin College and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1983. Tom enjoyed making large meals for his family during summer trips to Beaver Island and he always ensured everyone had a hearty breakfast before early morning fishing trips on Lake Geneserath. On September 12, 1992, he married Mary McGuire who survives him. He was preceded in death by his father in 2009. Surviving to mourn his passing is his wife, Mary; his sons, Nick (Colleen) Howing of Kalamazoo, Andrew and Matthew Howing of Grand Rapids; mother, Ellen Howing; sister, Deb (Steve) Terpstra; nephew, Jeff (Kelly) Terpstra; niece, Stephanie (Andrew Brinkert) Gernaat, and his beloved great nieces and nephews all of Kalamazoo. Visitation will be held at the Second Christian Reformed Church, 3015 Nichols Rd, Kalamazoo on Sunday, April 25th from 2 pm to 4 pm. A private funeral will be held this summer on Tom's beloved Beaver Island. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the organization that sponsored Tom's experimental cancer treatment trial: California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) at 1776 Sacramento Street #601, San Francisco CA, 94109. Published by Kalamazoo Gazette from Apr. 10 to Apr. 18, 2021.

Huston, Barbara T. (Nackerman) - Barbara Huston May 19, 1928 - April 10, 2014. Barbara Huston passed away April 10, 2014. Barbara was raised on Beaver Island by her parents Frank and Grace Nackerman. She is survived by her loving children James (Kathleen), Kenneth (Frances), SharAnn Chesshire, and their father Arthur Huston; her grandchildren Kimberly Huston, Rebecca (Mark) Allen, Stephen (Ashley), Nicholas (Krystal), and Andrew Chesshire; great-grandchildren, Julia, Elena, Luke, and Gavin; her siblings Rodney Nackerman, Rose (Harold) Smith, Ellen (Richard) Verduyn, Colleen Krusky, and many nieces and nephews. She was employed by Republic Die & Tool for over five decades. She enjoyed reading, traveling, fishing and the outdoors; walking, feeding the deer and birds and tending the flowers. Private family services will be held at Schrader-Howell in Plymouth on April 15 with graveside services later in the spring on Beaver Island. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center through Schrader-Howell.com. Schrader-Howell Funeral Home Obituary.

Johnson, Marie (Northcott) - Marie Johnson, 71, of Beaver Island, passed away Thursday, June 10, at American House Assisted Living Charlevoix. She was born April 24, 1943, in Saint John's, Newfoundland, Canada, to Obekiahi and Marjorie (Organ) Northcott, and grew up in Glenwood, Newfoundland. She made her home in Roswell, Ga., for thirty years, where she was owner/manager of M&W Lauck Motors. She later moved to Big Canoe, Ga., where she married Elling Z. Johnson on March 14, 1998. After marrying, they made their home on Beaver Island, and continued to winter in Big Canoe.

Marie was a member of the United Methodist Church in Roswell, Ga., and was active in the Balalaika Orchestra Society in Atlanta, Ga. The Hope Lutheran Church in Ellijay, Ga., and its Pastor, David Smedley played an important role in Marie and E.Z.'s lives, having married them and performed several baptisms within their family. Most recently, she has been a member of the Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island.
Marie is survived by her husband, Elling Z. Johnson of Beaver Island; son, Russell (Jessica) Lauck of Dahlonega, Ga., and daughter, Angie (Joseph) Peters of Cumming, Ga.; grandchildren, Jenny, and Joseph Peters; stepson, Elling Z. Johnson, III, of Big Canoe, Ga.; step-grandchildren, Lauren Marie, Sarah Joanne, and Brian Kenneth Peet; brothers, Gus (Olive) Northcott, Ted (Glynnis) Northcott of Glenwood, Newfoundland. Marie was preceded in death by her step-daughter, Tonya Lynn Johnson, and sister, Myra Powell.
Visitation will be from 6-8 pm, Thursday, July 17, at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. Funeral mass will be 11 am, Friday, July 18, at Holy Cross Church, the Reverend Jim Doherty officiating. Cremation will follow, and interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island.
Memorial contributions may be made to The Blood and Marrow Transplant Group of Georgia, 5670 Peachtree Dunwoody Road Suite 1000, Atlanta, GA 30342, or to Holy Cross Church, Beaver Island, MI 49782.
Beaver Beacon, Aug.-Sept. 2014.

Johnston, Peter – Peter Johnson, 93, died January 22nd at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan where he had been a patient for 10 years. Services will be held at St. Mary's Church, Charlevoix and burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island.
Mr. Johnson was born August 3rd, 1879 on Beaver Island and was a Great Lakes Sailor. He never married. He was a member of Holy Cross Parish. He is survived by nieces and nephews.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, January 1973.

Jones, Helen I "Lila" (Connaghan) Selfridge - Helen "Lila" I. Selfridge, 76, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, June 9, 2007 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. A rosary will be recited at the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island at 8 pm. Friday, June 15, followed by a memorial Mass at 11:30 am. Saturday, June 16. The Rev. Patrick Cawley will officiate, and interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.
Helen was born Jan. 10, 1931 on Beaver Island, the daughter of Hugh and Catherine (Malloy) Connaghan, and grew up on Beaver Island. On Nov. 3, 1950, she married Cyril Joseph Jones in Charlevoix. Stationed with the U.S. Coast Guard, they lived in several places before returning to Charlevoix, raising their daughter and sons until Cyril's untimely death on Sept. 3, 1959. On April 5, 1963, Helen married Max F. Selfridge, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1976. Helen worked in housekeeping for Charlevoix Area Hospital for more than 20 years, and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. She is survived by her children, Raymond D. (Kim Marie) Jones, and Catherine Livingston, all of Charlevoix, Joseph L. (Julie) Jones of Ellsworth, Clayton W. Jones and Thomas L. (Terri L.) Jones all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Dean, Chelsi, and Cyril, Brian and Aimee, Dalton and Travis; sisters, Marguerite "Mugs" Welsh of Willingboro, N.J., Catherine "Georgie" Gatliff of Detroit and Anna Mae Maxwell of Wheaton, Ill. Helen's grandson, Brandon, preceded her in death, as did 10 brothers and sisters. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. Beaver Beacon Obituary, July 2007. Petoskey News Review Obituary.

Jouzapaitis, Catherine "Bernadine" (McCauley), age 92, of Beaver Island, MI, and member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, passed away February 15, 2005 in Winter Park, FL. She was born May 11, 1912 in Smyrna, Michigan. Bernardine is survived by her daughter, Catherine Bauman, Winter Park, FL; grandchildren, Christina Cranford, Orlando, FL, Jason Bauman, Four Oaks, NC, Steve Jouzapaitis and Mark Jouzapaitis, both of Chicago, IL, John Joseph and Matthew Jouzapaitis, both of Naples, FL; great-grandchildren, Stephen Jouzapaitis, Lauren, Evan and Sara Jouzapaitis, all of Chicago, IL, Tabor and Madison Joseph, Naples, FL, Matthew and Sarah Cranford, Orlando, FL; brother-in-law, Arnold Joseph Woodbine, MD. Bernardine was preceded in death by her brother, John F. McCauley; loving husband, Edward J. Jouzapaitis; sons, Robert Lee, Edward Barry and Charles R. Jouzapaitis. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11AM, Saturday, February 26, 2005 in the chapel of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 5300 Old Howell Branch Rd., Winter Park, FL. Refreshments afterwards. Beaver Beacon Obituary, March 2005.

Kenwabikise, Aleta Doris - Aleta Doris Kenwabikise: 1955-2003. Doris has peacefully passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2003 in Houston TX. She was born and raised on Beaver Island and is survived by her children, Rebecca (Mike) Trester of Chelsea, MI; Roland Hachey of Charlevoix, MI; Rachel Davis of Muskegon, MI; Randi Davis of Boyne City, MI; and Regina Davis of Boyne City. She also has four surviving grandchildren; Devyn, Mackenzie, and Zachary Trester of Chelsea, MI; and Justin Hachey of Charlevoix, MI. There are many surviving nieces and nephews as well. Doris was the sister of John, Caroline, Nancy, Pauline, Sarah, Robert, Leonard, Joey, Diane, Mary, and James. She is preceded in

death by her parents, Isabelle (Wabinimkee) and Paul Kenwabikise, by her sister Margret and brother Steven, and by several nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at Holy Cross Church on July 22, 2003. Beaver Beacon Obituary.

Kenwabikise, John Paul - John Paul Kenwabikise, 74, of Beaver Island died Wednesday, December 5, 2012, in Charlevoix, where he had spent the previous two weeks because of poor health. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, December 11, at the Holy Cross Church, followed by burial in Holy Cross Cemetery. He was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and he attended Holy Cross Church.
John was born July 6, 1938, on High Island to Paul David and Isabelle (Shabageshikoqua) Kenwabikise. He worked as a commercial fisherman, and with the exception of living on High Island for two winters when he was 14 taking care of free-range horses, lived on Beaver Island his entire life. He was also an accomplished carpenter, plumber, welder, and mechanic who built his own motorized vehicles.
John is survived by his children, Erick (Ardis) Kenwabikise of Cheboygan, Simon Kenwabikise of Alanson, Rose Kenwabikise, Katheryn (Lee Fisher) Kenwabikise all of Petoskey, Patrick Kenwabikise of Empire; nineteen grandchildren; sisters and brothers, Caroline (Orville) Ramey of Benzonia, Nancy (Denny) Harris, Leonard (Peggy) Kenwabikise all of South Haven, Pauline (George) Anthony of Traverse City, Sarah (Jack) Bray of Pulman, Joey Kenwabikise, Diane (Steve 'Sonic') Smith, James (Barbara) Kenwabikise all of Charlevoix, and Mary Kenwabikise-Haplin of Beaver Island. John was preceded in death by his sons, John, Kenny, Dennis, and Jesse and daughter, Wendy; his sisters Margaret and Doris, and brothers, Steve and Robbie.
Beaver Beacon, January 2013 .

Kenwabikise, Joseph "Little Joe" - The passing of "Little Joe" Kenwabikise was noted. The uncle of "Young Paul" (Johnny Kenwabikise's father), he was born on High Island in 1890, and lived there, fishing, until 1936, when he came to Beaver to work for Joe M'Fro. June 1958 Beaver Beacon.

Kenwabikise, Paul David - Paul D. Kenwabikise, 69, hereditary chief of the Beaver Island band of Chippewa Indians, died Feb. 7, 1987, at Little Traverse Division, Northern Michigan Hospital. Funeral was Feb. 10 at St. Marys Church, Charlevoix. The Rev. Mathias Kiemen, OFM, of Harbor Springs, was the celebrant. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. Mr. Kenwabikise was born Sept. 25, 1917, on High Island. He was a resident of the islands in the Beaver Island group until moving to Charlevoix in 1985. Mr. Kenwabikise, a commercial fishermen, operated the fish tug "Sunny Don." On Jan. 8, 1939, he married the former 'Isabella A. Wabanimke at St. James, Beaver Island. She preceded him in death on Aug. 27, 1983. Mr. Kenwabikise was a member of Holy Cross Chruch and the Michigan Fish Producers Association. Survivors include: six sons, John P. of Oden, Joseph K. of Pellston, Leonard M. of South Haven, Stephen Q. of Detroit, Robert A. and James D. , both of Charlevoix: eight daughters, Mrs. Orville (Caroline S.) Ramey of Benzonia, Mrs. Albert (Margaret L.) Bolton of Kewadin, Mrs. George (Pauline M.) Anthony of Traverse City, Mrs. Michael (Mary A) Haplin of Cedar, Mrs. Dennis (Nancy A.) Harris and Mrs. Leonard (Sara M.) Young, both of South Haven, A. Doris Kenwabikise of St. James and Diane S. Kenwabikise of Bay Shores; 41 grandchildren: two great-grandchildren.

Kenwabikise, Robert A. - Robert Allen Kenwabikise, 56, of Beaver Island, died Monday, June 11, 2007, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. A mass will be Friday, June 15, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, interment following at Holy Cross Cemetery. Robert was born on Oct. 27, 1950, on Beaver Island, the son of Paul D. and Isabella A. (Wabinimkee) Kenwabikise. He had worked as a commercial fisherman and carpenter for many years. He was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa/Chippewa Indians and Holy Cross Catholic Church. He is survived by six children; Austin, Ryan, Roberta (Migual), Robert (Molly), Patrick and Nicole; five grandchildren; 10 siblings, John P. Kenwabikise, Caroline (Orville) Ramey, Nancy (Dennis) Harris, Pauline (George) Anthony, Sarah (Jack) Bray, Leonard (Peggy) Kenwabikise, Joey Kenwabikise, Diane (Sonic) Smith, Mary Kenwabikise-Halpin and James (Barbara) Kenwabikise; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul D. and Isabella A. Kenwabikise; one brother Stephen; and two sisters, Margaret and Aleta.
Visitation will be 6-9 pm. on Wednesday, June 13, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix with a rosary service at 7 p.m. On Thursday, Robert will lie in state at Holy Cross Catholic Church from 2 p.m. until service time on Friday.
Beaver Island Forum Obit on June 12, 2007.

Kenwabikise, Stephen D. - Stephen Douglas Kenwabikise, 41, of Beaver Island, died Thursday, July 16, 1998, on Garden Island. Funeral Mass will be 11:30 am, Tuesday, July 21, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery. Stephen was born Nov. 17, 1956 on Beaver Island, the son of Paul D. and

Isabelle (Wabanimkee) Kenwabikise. He was raised on Beaver Island and graduated from Beaver Island High School. He is survived by two sons, Patrick Burris of Beaver Island, and Tyson Masta of Detroit; five brothers, John P. and Robert A. both of Beaver Island, Leonard M and his wife Peggy of South Haven; Joseph K. and his wife Cheryl of East Jordan, and James D. and his wife Barbara of Charlevoix; eight sisters, Caroline Ramey and her husband Orville of Benzonia; Nancy Harris and her husband Dennis of South Haven, Margaret Way and her husband Daniel of Kewadin, Pauline Anthony and her husband George of Traverse City, Sara Bray and her husband John of Pullman MI, Aleta Doris Gowton and her husband James of Houston TX, Diane Kenwabikise of Charlevoix and Mary Kenwabikise of Cedar. Stephen was preceded in death by his parents, five nephews, John, Dennis, Kenny, Jesse and Max Jordan. Petoskey News Obit July 1998.

Kenwabikise, Trinity Grace - Trinity Grace Kenwabikise, infant daughter of Patrick John and Rachel Nicole Burger Kenwabikise, passed away Saturday, October 18, 2014, at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Friday, October 24, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Friday at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Matthew Wigton officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island, at 2:15 p.m., Saturday, October 25, the Reverend James Doherty will officiate. Beaver Beacon Oct. 22, 2014.

Kilmartin, Sandra (Inman) – Sandra Lee Kilmartin, 79, of Charlevoix, passed away on Friday, November 4, 2022 at Boulder Park Terrace with her family at her side. She was born on June 28, 1943 in Grand Rapids, MI, the daughter of Harold and Gertrude (Noppert) Inman.
Sandra was raised in Coral, MI, spent some of her younger years in Grand Rapids, and eventually made her way to Beaver Island, and has resided in Charlevoix for the past 20 years. She enjoyed making all sorts of crafts, shopping for craft supplies, and she loved her pink flowers. She also looked forward to the Christmas season each year, and enjoyed crafting and decorating for the holidays.
On January 7, 1976, she married James "Joe" Kilmartin who survives. Also surviving are her four children, Tarry (Joe) McDonough of Beaver Island, Kelly Collins of Beaver Island, Darlene Risner of Allendale, and Luke (Sandra) Oliver of Kent City; her brother, Dale Inman; her sister, Barbara Spence (Carl); fourteen grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; thirteen siblings; and her great-granddaughter, Harper Marie Simko. Sandra will be laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island on Friday, November 11.
Mortensen Funeral Home obituary.

Kurth, Anne (Gatliff) - Anne Kurth of St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Born September 13, 1942 Beaver Island, Michigan. Beloved wife of 48 years of Bayard Kurth Jr. Dear mother of Bayard (Linda Plizga), Bryan, and Brenden (Lesa Brubaker). Mother-in-law to Susan Healy. Proud and loving grandmother of Bridget Kathleen Healy. Sister to Grace Doig, Audrey Smallwood, and Kathleen Wood. Also leaves many nieces and nephews. An everyday housewife who gave up the good life for us. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 24, service time 10:00 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.) at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake -Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080. Burial Service August 11, Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island, MI 49782. Memorial contributions to be made, in lieu of flowers to: Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island, MI.
Detroit News Obituary, May 24, 2012.

LaFreniere, Alberta (Gronke) – Alberta LaFreniere Passes: Alberta passes away Saturday, March 30th here, at her Island home. Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph M. LaFreniere, 51, were held Monday at Holy Cross Church, with the Rev. Herbert Graf, OFM and the Rev. Edward Donahue, officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery. The rosary was recited at the family home on Sunday evening.
Following brain surgery at a Chicago Hospital to relieve pressure of a growing tumor, Alberta wanted to spend her remaining days at home on the Island. Paralyzed and unable to speak, she was tenderly cared for on a 24-hour basis by a small group of Island ladies. Totally aware of her surroundings, she enjoyed watching the activity of the village and harbor from her bed and especially the school children who stopped to wave to her. After eight the o much during these long months All who knew her will miss her terribly but rejoice in knowing that she is at long last at peace and we are all better off in our having known her. Bussy would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers, food and all the expressions of help and sympathy that were sent during Alberta's illness and death.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, April, 1974.

LaFreniere, Carol (Schlacter) – Carol Ann LaFreniere, 68, of Beaver Island, died Sunday, November 4, 2012, at her home. A service was held November 8 at the Christian Church and friends and family played a few rounds of BINGO in Carol's memory.
Carol was born July 27, 1944 in Flint, the daughter of Clarence and Marie (McLean) Schlacter. She married her former husband, Gerald LaFreniere on October 16, 1965, and he died in August of 2008.
Carol was a member of the Beaver Island Christian Church, and was a charter member of the Beaver Island Fire Auxiliary.
She is survived by her children, Michelle LaFreniere, Gerald (Tammy) LaFreniere, Deborah (John) Robert; grandchildren, Charlie and Emily Gray, Katie and Jessica LaFreniere, Hannah, John Brady, and Jared Robert, Britta Cieslak, and many children and grandchildren of the heart.
Beaver Beacon obituary, December 2012.

LaFreniere, Gerald "Jerry" - Gerald "Jerry" LaFreniere, 67, died Thursday, August 7, 2008 at his home on Beaver Island. He was born on September 22, 1940 in Gaylord, the son of Vernon H. and Musette (Belfy) LaFreniere. On August 30, 2003 on Beaver Island, he married Marie Connaghan. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of the Amvets Post #46 and Holy Cross Catholic Church, both on Beaver Island. Jerry worked for over thirty years for the Beaver Island Boat Company. He had lived his whole life on Beaver Island.
Jerry is survived by his wife, Marie LaFreniere of Beaver Island; six children, Michelle (Michael) Sowa of Beaver Island, Gerald "Jerry" (Tammy) LaFreniere of Beaver Island, Deborah (John) Robert of Beaver Island, Becky (Tim) Gerace of Howell, Rory (Virginia) Connaghan of Beaver Island, and Keith Szczepanski of Eaton Rapids; thirteen grandchildren; and one brother, Leon LaFreniere of Ludington. He was preceded in death by a wife Sandy LaFreniere and one brother, Paul LaFreniere.
A mass will be held on Monday, August 11, 2008 at 12:00 noon at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at his home on Beaver Island, with a Rosary Service at 8:00 p.m. Memorials may be given to the LaFreniere Family and a "Garage" party will be held on August 29, 2008 at Unfinished Farms on Beaver Island. Beaver Beacon Obituary.

LaFreniere, Jean C. - Jean Catherine Lois LaFreniere, age 78, of Ionia passed away January 15, 2019, after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer. Her constant companion, caregiver and special friend, Bruce DeGarmo, was at her side. Jeanie, daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Floyd) LaFreniere, was born on Beaver Island, Michigan, on November 2, 1940, and proudly shared her love for the island and its Irish heritage with everyone she met. Her love for the island was only surpassed by her love for her family, especially her great-nieces, Sarah (Sweet Pea) and Sabrina (Gremlin) Swartz; and her niece, Judy (Tom) Swartz. Her nephew, Edward (Julie) LaFreniere, the first of his generation, was near and dear to her heart as were his children. Her God son, Ryan John Bogus, and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends brought joy to her life.
Jeanie was married to John Osmolinski in 1965 until he passed away in 1984. She remained close to stepson, Dave (Deb) Engebretsen; granddaughter, Lori; grandson, David; and five great-grandsons. She married Harry Frazer in 1991 and was widowed in 2010. She was particularly close to stepson, Jeff Frazer. Jeanie's life changed immeasurably when she was welcomed into the Jeff and Cindi Young family which included their children, Tyler Young, Jeni (Scott) Edwards, and grandson, Lain, who affectionately referred to Jeanie as "Grandma Sweets." Jeanie was also welcomed with open arms by the extended DeGarmo family who she loved and appreciated.
Jeanie loved music and dancing and was famous for her Irish Jig. For more than two decades, she crafted beautiful needle-point calendars as Christmas gifts for family and friends. Jeanie loved Christmas so much she started putting up her decorations in October. Her last Christmas was especially nice as she was able to visit with so much of her family.
Jeanie was the proud matriarch of her family, having been preceded in death by her loving siblings: Mary Minor, Patrick LaFreniere, John LaFreniere, Margaret Ann Polhemus, Joe LaFreniere, and Isabel LaFreniere. Her long-time sisters-in-law, Lois LaFreniere and Marcia LaFreniere survive her.
Visitation for Jeanie will be on Monday, January 21, 2019, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Lake Funeral Home in Ionia with a luncheon to follow from noon until 2 p.m. at the Ionia Moose Lodge. Interment services will be this Summer at the Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Obituary from www.lakefuneralhomes.com.

LaFreniere, John – John (Beaver John) Nelson LaFreniere went to the Lord on July 3. He was born on Beaver Island on December 3, 1935, son of the late Patrick and Elizabeth (Floyd) LaFreniere. He moved to Ludington in 1955 and began a 32-year career with the C&O Carferries. He loved the "Beaver Island" music played by his long-time friend and cousin, Edward Palmer, and his band. He was a life-long Tigers fan, and a friend to anyone he met.

He is survived by his son, Edward (Julie) LaFreniere; and their children, Jordan, Jacob and EJ LaFreniere, Casey Settle, Cherish Rosas and Rob Brands; daughter, Judy (Tom) Swartz; and their daughters, Sarah and Sabrina Swartz; daughter, Johnell LaFreniere, son-in-law John Bogus; and grandchildren, Ryan Bogus, Tabitha Newton and Adam Bogus; grandchildren, Kyle Neff and Alysha Watkins; great-grandchildren, Brynn Dangler, Dylan LaFreniere, Collin LaFreniere and Liam LaFreniere. He is also survived by his "adopted" granddaughters, Lori Thompson and Val Thompson-Syer; his sister, Jean LaFreniere, brother, Patrick LaFreniere; and former wife, Shirley LaFreniere. John is preceded in death by his daughters, Margaret E. LaFreniere, Patricia A. LaFreniere and Jeanette M. (LaFreniere) Bogus; as well as his sisters, Mary Minor, Margaret Ann Polhemus, and Isabelle LaFreniere; brother Joseph LaFreniere; grandchildren, Curtis A. LaFreniere and Angela N. Bogus, and former wife, Glory LaFreniere.
A Memorial Service is being planned for Johnny on the Island in August.
Beaver Beacon obituary, August 2013.

LaFreniere, Sandra Kay (Dudzik) - Sandy LaFreniere passed through heaven's gates on September 20, 2001 and although we knew she was very ill, we didn't expect God to want her so quickly.
Sandy was born April 5, 1948 in Flint, Michigan to Al and Helen Dudzik. She attended and graduated from Holy Redeemer Catholic School and then went on to work at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint until moving to the island. On September 22, 1979 Sandy married Gerald LaFreniere, Sr. in Charlevoix, Michigan and the wedding reception was held on the "Beaver Islander" ferry. As the office manager for the Beaver Island Boat Company on the island for 19 years, hers was one of the first smiling faces visitors saw. According to her husband, Jerry, "...she ran the office and the crew..." Sandy was a "giver" and not a "taker", she gave of herself to everyone: family, friends and strangers. She gave her time in helping others, supporting island events and organizations including this website. She made welcome both friends and total strangers to her home who stopped by to see the "Freesoil Museum", a collection of old island photographs that Jerry has so lovingly preserved. The annual parties at Jerry's pole barn wouldn't have happened without Sandy's organizational skills and abilities. She even gave up riding in the front seat of the car to her dog, Jagger, so he could enjoy the scenery. You'd see Jerry driving, with Jagger beside him, and Sandy sitting in the back seat... a sight that will be long remembered. Sandy had so many facets that it's impossible to capture her essence in words, she wasn't "just" Jerry's wife, she wasn't "just" a mother, she wasn't "just" a grandmother. She was funny with a quick and lively sense of humor. She was bossy sometimes and had a temper that she could vocalize. She stood up for herself, family and friends and tried to right wrongs. Although not a born and raised Islander, Sandy was truly the personification of what an Islander should be... welcoming and friendly. Even though the name Dudzik isn't exactly Irish, Sandy was Irish through and through.
To paraphrase the promise that God made through Isaiah all those centuries ago: Sandy has been called by name and has been redeemed. She's without pain and suffering now. Most likely she's busy getting things organized for when the rest of us finally join her.
Sandy was preceded in death by her father, Al Dudzik. She is survived by her mother, Helen Dudzik of Swartz Creek, Michigan and sister, Joyce Wilson also of Swartz Creek; five children: Becky LaFreniere, Michelle Gray, Gerald LaFreniere Jr., Deborah Robert, and Rory Connaghan; five grandchildren: Charlie, Emily, MacKenzie, Hannah and Katie. She is also survived by her special "child", Jagger. 1948-2001 Beaver Island News on the Net Obituary**.**

LaFreniere, Vernon H. - Vernon H. LaFreniere, 84, died October 4, 1978 at his home here following a long illness.
Funeral services were held Friday at Holy Cross Church with Msgr. Victor Gallagher of St. Paul's church, Onaway, and the Rev. Fr. Alvin Yard officiating. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Born at St. James Aug. 14, 1914, Mr. LaFreniere was graduated from the Beaver Island High School in 1933. He and his brother, Archie, owned and operated the Shamrock Bar as partners until 1941 when he purchased the McCann general store opposite the ferry dock on the harbor at St. James. He operated the general store whose motto was "If we don't have it, you don't need it" until he sold it in November 1977 because of ill health. He had sold his interest in the Shamrock Bar to his brother in 1946. On March 2, 1968, he was married to the former C. Jean (Zelter) Gallagher at Traverse City. They always made their home here.
Surviving are his wife, Jean, three sons, Gerald N. of St. James, Leon of Ludington and Paul H. of Charlevoix; a step-son, Michael J. Gallagher of Highland; three grandchildren, Michelle, Gerald and Debby of St. James; one step-grandchild, Michael Joseph Gallagher of Highland; his stepmother, Mrs. Irene Melville of Charlevoix, two brothers, D. Archie of St. James and Joseph of Chicago and St. James, and three sisters, Mrs. Lawrence (Winifred) McDonough of Charlevoix, Mrs. David (Helen) Pike of Montague and Mrs. James (Rita) Elms of Ludington. Charlevoix Obituary.

Left, Francis E. "Bud" - Francis E. "Bud" Left, 85, of Charlevoix and Beaver Island, passed away Sunday, July 6, 2014, at Georgia House in Charlevoix. Bud was born on Beaver Island on June 1, 1929, the son of Carl and Consuella (Gillespie) Left. Consuella passed away when Bud was 13 days old. He was raised by his maternal grandparents, Frank

"Ket" and Maryann (Boyle) Gillespie. As a teenager Bud worked for Tony Wojan in his steam saw mill, firing the boiler. He also worked in the woods skidding logs with a team of horses. He quit school in the 10th grade. When he was 15 years old, Bud drove (without a driver's license or a vehicle license) a logging truck for his uncle Jewell Gillespie. One summer he worked for Wilbur Martin on his fish tug (the Evelyn M) where he got his love for water. When he was 17, he went sailing on the Great Lakes ore carriers. Having started as a deck hand, he worked his way up to wheelsman. Observing what the mates did on watch he felt he could handle the job. At the age of 25, he went to the Buffalo School of Navigation with his brother-in-law Ray Cull. They both got their 1st class pilots license, which made it possible for Bud to work as an officer. After serving as first mate, he learned what the captain's job entailed. A few years later he got his first master's job on the C.H. McCullough. Bud later served as captain of the Medusa Challenger for 15 years. His service on ships lasted 44 years. Bud served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Beaver Island AMVETS.
He is survived by his children, Vince (Mary Beth Kur) Left, Terry (Patti) Left, Clyde (Lori Snyder) Left, Carla (Paul) Bradley, Connie (Rob) Birdsall, Cindy (Jeff) Novotny; grandchildren, Jamie (Dan) DiCiuccio, David Left; Jake, and Lily Left; Hannah, Nick, and Sean Bradley; Bailey Birdsall, Ryan (Kelsey) Novotny, Matthew (Sonya) Novotny; great-grandchildren, Liam DiCiuccio; Benjamin and Madilyn Novotny. Bud's sisters, Anna Mae Driggers, Claire Cull, Sue Hogan and Carlene Runberg; and brother, Butch Left preceded him in death.
A memorial Mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 10, at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island, with the Rev. Jim Doherty officiating. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. The wake will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, at Holy Cross Church where the rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Cemetery. Beaver Beacon obituary, Aug. – Sept. 2014.

Left, Veronica S. (Gallagher) - Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph Left, 62, the former Veronica Gallagher, were held at Holy Cross Church on July 18th. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery. Relatives and friends gathered at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix on July 17th to recite the Rosary. Mrs. Left died in a Detroit Nursing Home.
A native of Beaver Island, where she was born March 9th 1901, the former Veronica Gallagher was married to Mr. Left at Holy Cross Church. They had gone to Chicago in 1936 to make their home. Mrs. Left has resided in the Detroit area since her husband's death 10 years ago. While in Chicago she was a member of St. Mary's of the Lake Church. She had been in failing health for several years. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Desmond Currier of Birmingham; one son, William J. Left of Chicago; several grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Fred Zalusky of Ludington. Her nephews, Father Bernard Schied of Chicago and Father Victor Gallagher of Reed City said the funeral Mass. Also attending the funeral were Norman Gallagher and his daughter Maureen of Linden; Michael McCann of Charlevoix, Dr. and Mrs. Morrell Scheid and son of Chicago; Eddie Lagerman of Traverse City; Franklin Left of Jackson Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Gerald Left Sr., and son Gerald and his son, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shumsky of Ludington, Mrs. John Peternard and daughter, Michelle of Chicago and Mrs. Mark Cross and Mrs. Steve Dubell of Charlevoix. Beaver Beacon, August 1963.

Lockton, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" (Cull) - 1915-2001, Betty Lockton of Monee, Illinois and Beaver Island was received into heaven on September 20, 2001 in Frankfort.
Betty was born on Beaver Island May 1, 1915 to Mike and Mable Cull. She attended and graduated from the island school and headed off to nursing school in Chicago where she remained after completing her education. When World War II arrived, Betty served her country proudly as a nurse in France.
She married Stanley Lockton, who preceded her in death one week after the birth of her last child. She did a magnificent job raising four young children alone and those four have grown into responsible, caring adults. Betty and her family returned to the island every summer and many of us can remember driving past her brother Jack's house and seeing her playing cards on the glassed-in porch until all hours. This past summer, Betty was able to be on the island enjoying her new home in the Port St. James area. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley, and brothers: Jack, Larry, and Ray. She is survived by a sister Sally Hammermeister of Dyer, IN and a brother Rolland Cull of Beaver Island; sister-in-law's Claire Cull and Nancy Cull both of Beaver Island; her four children: Tom (Monica) of Lynwood, IL; Susie (Ted) Kocol of Henderson, CO; Patty (Pat) Crawford of New Lennox, IL and Alice (Andy) Klees of Frankfort, Il along with seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.
Betty will make her final trip home to the island Friday, September 28th with visitation and the Rosary being that evening. A celebration of the funeral mass will be Saturday, September 29th, 11:30 am. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery. Beaver Island News on the Net

Lounsberry, Harold E. - Harold E. Lounsberry, Beaver Island, MI (formerly Ypsilanti, MI), age 68, died Friday, May 1, 2009, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. A memorial Mass will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 5, at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. The Reverend Patrick Cawley will officiate, and internment will take place at a later date at Holy Cross Cemetery. Harold was born November 23, 1940 in Ypsilanti, the son of Harold ("Ted") and Anita (Eckert)

Lounsberry. He graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1959, and earned a Master's Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University. He spent his career working in the Ypsilanti Public School system, retiring as Principal of East Middle School in 1990. On April 16, 1966, he married Sally Niedbala at Holy Trinity Chapel in Ypsilanti. They began spending their summers on Beaver Island in 1973, and then moved there permanently in 1995. Harold was a member of the Holy Cross Church, Saint James Planning Commission, and was Treasurer of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Sally; sons, Todd (Renee) Lounsberry of Livonia, Jeff (Kathy) Lounsberry of Ypsilanti; grandchildren, Grace, Ava, and Blake Harold; sisters, Beverly (Laurie) Howley, Ellen (David) Magee all of Ann Arbor, Kathryn (Del) Martin of Ypsilanti, sister-in-law Donna (Jim) Mulso of Macomb Township, and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. His sister, Barbara Davidson, and parents preceded him in death. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ellen Welke Memorial Fund or the Beaver Island Wildlife Club, Beaver Island, MI 49782. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling arrangements. Beaver Beacon Forum from May 3, 2009

Loveley, Edward D. - Edward (Ed) Loveley 70, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away suddenly on January 18, 2013. Ed was born in Dowagiac, Michigan, the son of Joseph D. and Mary Rose Loveley. He graduated from the Center for Creative Studies and Wayne State University and was employed by the automotive industry as a graphic artist until his retirement in 2002. Ed continued to enjoy his artistic achievements in his paintings, pottery and his activities at Pewabic Pottery. He also spent much time caring for the elderly and keeping busy with his yard work and landscaping. Ed enjoyed activities at the Scarab Club, as well as his time at his beloved Beaver Island. He was a very devoted husband to Sue, father to Monica, Melissa and Matthew and brother to Mary. Ed was always a caring and helpful man who added humor and cheer to whatever life presented. A memorial service and mass will be celebrated, Thursday, January 24, 2013 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms at 12;00 noon. Memorial contributions may be made to Pewabic Pottery at www.pewabic.org. A.H. Peters Funeral obituary.

Madigan, Dennis - Dennis J. Madigan, age 61, died Sept. 4, 2001, at his home on Beaver Island. Loving husband of Jacquelyn nee Daneau; proud father of Erin (mother: Laurie Tellefson Madigan), Kelly J. and Sean T. (mother: Linda Lynott Madigan); cousin of James, Denise and Linda Madigan. He served in the U.S. Army, Military Police and the Chicago Police Department. He retired from D. Madigan & Associates, a sporting goods rep. firm, which he founded. Visitation September 6th, 5 to 9 p.m. and funeral mass, September 7th, 11:30 a.m. from Holy Cross Catholic Church. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island, Michigan. Chicago Tribune Obituary, September 07, 2001.

Malloy, Lawrence J. - Lawrence J. Malloy, 81, of Plainfield, IL, and longtime of Beaver Island, MI, at peace Nov. 19, 2009. He was born Dec. 10, 1927 on Beaver Island to the late Lawrence and Ethel Malloy; beloved husband of the late Jo Ann, nee Spaulding; loving father of Peg (Kevin) Glenn and Mark (Denise) Malloy; cherished grandfather of Jessica (Michael) Trudeau and adored great-grandfather of Edyn Trudeau; fond uncle of many, especially the Brown's; proud US Army Veteran of WWII, Pacific Theatre; dedicated 40-year employee of People's Gas. For those who prefer, memorials in Lawrence's name may be directed to Providence Hospice, 799 South McLean Blvd., Suite 101, Elgin, IL 60123. Chicago Tribune Obituary, November 20, 2009.

Malloy, Loretta Loyola "Loy" - Loretta "Loy" Loyola Malloy, 83, of Boyne City and formerly of Beaver Island, died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at her home in Boyne City. She was born April 25, 1925, on Beaver Island to Lawrence Joseph and Ethel (McDonough) Malloy. Loy graduated from Beaver Island Schools, and earned an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts. She worked as a bartender at the Shamrock and Beachcomber Bars on Beaver Island, and also worked at the Beaver Island Post Office. For the past twenty-seven years, she's made her home in Boyne City. She worked as a caregiver at the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix and donated much of her time to those in the community. Loy enjoyed walking, bingo, playing cards, and spending time with her daughter and grandchildren, especially watching them play sports. She was a good friend to all and was known as Granny by many. Loy was a devoted Catholic and attended St. Matthew's Church in Boyne City and Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. She is survived by her daughter, Arlene Napont of Boyne City; grandsons, Anthony (Bea Grody) Napont, Craig (Crissy) Napont all of Boyne City, and Brian (Patricia Schmidt) Napont of Suttons Bay; great-grandchildren, Maggie, Zacharie, and Xander Napont. Loy's brothers, Francis Brown and Robert Malloy, and sisters, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Halloran, and Bernadette Moore preceded her in death. She is survived by a brother Lawrence. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Monday, March 31, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where the Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 1 at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Jerry Hunko officiating. Burial will take place later this spring at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Contributions may be directed to Arlene Napont at 324 Terrace St., Boyne City. Beaver Beacon Obituary

Martin, Charles Erwin, aka Erwin Charles - Charles Erwin Martin, 53, of Grand Rapids and formerly of Ludington, died Feb. 1, 1997 at the Glenwood Christian Nursing Home in Lamont from Huntington's Corea Disease. Erwin Martin was born Dec. 19, 1943, on Beaver Island, the son of Charles and Marian (McGinnis) Martin. He was a graduate of Beaver Island Community School. He was a merchant marine and worked on the car ferries out of Ludington. He later became a millwright and worked as a business agent for the millwright union in the Western Michigan/Upper Peninsula area, based out of Grand Rapids, He made his home for the past 20 years in Grand Rapids. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. He enjoyed working in his yard and visiting with his many friends. He will be sadly missed by his family.
He is survived by two daughters, Mary McRae and Debbie Martin, both of Grand Rapids; three sons, Eric and Craig Martin of Muskegon and Keith Martin of Grand Rapids; seven grandchildren; three sisters, Marjorie (and Robert) Armstrong of Beaver Island, Sally (and Mike) Delia of Hesperia, and Mary Jane Martin of Gaylord; four brothers, Joseph "Bud" (and Colleen) Martin of Beaver Island, Michael Martin of Sparta, and twins Emmett (and Nancy) Martin of Fountain and Beaver Island, and Ernie (and Jackie) Martin of Beaver Island. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, James Lee Martin.
Funeral Mass for Mr. Martin will be celebrated at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island in the spring with burial to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. Ludington Daily News obituary.

Martin, Daniel "Emmett" - October 6, 1947-November 23, 2007. Daniel "Emmett" Martin, 60, of Fountain and formerly of Beaver Island, died Friday, Nov. 23 surrounded by his family. He was born on Beaver Island Oct. 6, 1947 to the late Marion and Charles Martin. Emmett was taught by the Catholic nuns as he attended school on the island. Emmett worked many years as a commercial fisherman and general contractor. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time with his grandchildren and going on road trips. Emmett was Irish, Catholic, and a man with a plan. He had a sense of adventure.
Emmett is survived by his love of 34 years, Nancy McDiarmid of Fountain; their daughter, Julie Martin; grandchildren, Jacob Emmett, Brennan, Levi and Evan Daniel Martin of Walhalla; stepdaughters, Jill Schwartz of Fountain and Jody Yerian of Evart; step grandchildren, Joshua Schwartz of Tennessee, Shawna Schwartz of Virginia, Mariah and Devin Schwartz of Fountain, Noah and Jonah Yerian of Evart. He is also survived by two brothers, Buddy Martin of Beaver Island and Mike Martin of Sparta; three sisters, Margie Armstrong of Beaver Island, Sally Delia of Hesperia and Mary Jane Martin; several nieces and nephews.
Emmett was preceded in death by his brothers, Jimmy Lee Martin, Erwin Martin and twin brother, Ernie Martin.
The wake will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 at the Martin house on the island. Funeral Mass is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Holy Cross Catholic Church of Beaver Island. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.
Beaver Beacon obituary, December 2007.

Martin, Francis E. "Ernie" - August 18, 2005. Francis E. "Ernie" Martin, 57, of Beaver Island, died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Ernie is survived by his wife, Jackie, of Beaver Island; son, Ernie (Julie) Martin, of Traverse City; daughter, Mary Jane Martin, of Beaver Island; grandchildren, Katelynn and Madelynn Martin, of Traverse City; brothers, Emmett (Nancy) Martin, of Fountain, Joseph "Bud" (Colleen) Martin, of Beaver Island, Mike (Roxanne) Martin, of Sparta; sisters, Marjorie (Robert) Armstrong, of Beaver Island, Sally Delia, of Hesperia, Mary Jane Martin, of Gaylord. Brothers, James and Erwin, preceded Ernie in death. Ernie was born Oct. 6, 1947 on Beaver Island, the son of Charles I. and Marian (McGinnis) Martin. He graduated from Beaver Island School and then served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.
There will be a wake at Ernie's home on Beaver Island where friends may call until 11 p.m. on Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Huntington's Disease Society of America, Michigan Chapter, 601 N. Waverly Road, Lansing, Mich. 48917. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.
Additional Obituary: Martin, Francis E. "Ernie", 57, of Beaver Island, died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Mass of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Rev. Patrick Cawley will officiate and burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Ernie was born Oct. 6, 1947 on Beaver Island, the son of Charles I. and Marian (McGinnis) Martin. He graduated from Beaver Island School and then served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Ernie was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Service Star for his service to his country. On Aug. 3, 1968, he married the former Jacquelyn L. Hallahan on Beaver Island. Jackie and Ernie made their home on Beaver Island where he worked as a commercial fisherman and a contractor. Ernie was a member of Holy Cross Parish, Amvets Post #46, Beaver Island Historical Society and the Order of the Purple Heart.
Petoskey News obituary.

Martin, James Lee - James Lee Martin, 51, Beaver Island, died in a house fire at the Fountain home of his brother, Emmett Martin and Nancy McDiarmid. He was born Dec. 27, 1937 on Beaver Island. He is survived by three daughters, Patty Martin of Hesperia, Marion and Shawna Smith of Canada; four sons, Jimmy, Charles, Timmy and Donnie, all of the Hesperia area; grandchildren, nieces and nephews, three sisters, Mrs. Robert (Marjorie) Armstrong of Beaver Island, Mrs. Mike (Sally) Delia of Hesperia, Mary Jane Martin of Cadillac; and five brothers, Erwin Martin of Grand Rapids, twins Emmett and Ernie Martin of Beaver Island, Joseph Martin of Beaver Island and Michael Martin of Sparta.
Ludington Daily News obituary.

Martin, John R. – Funeral services for John R. (Big Dick) Martin, 70, lifelong resident of Beaver Island who died January 16th at the Charlevoix Hospital where he had been a patient for a week, were held at St. Mary's Church at 10:00 am Thursday, January 17th. The Rev. E. Francis Denay officiated. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. The Rosary was recited at the Winchester Funeral Home at 8:15 pm Wednesday.
Born at St. James, Mr. Martin is a veteran of service with the US Army during World War II. He was a commercial fisherman. In 1963 he married the former Mrs. Josephine DeVogel at Belding. They returned to St. James to make their home. He was a member of Holy Cross Church.
Besides his wife, he is survived by a step-daughter, Mrs. David (Mary Margaret) Pischner of Bay Shore, three step-sons, John M. DeVogel of Traverse City, Peter T. and Rock Gregory DeVogel of Grand Rapids; six step-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Rosamond Nelson of Gladstone and Mrs. Catherine Coen of Grand Haven and four brothers, James and Leonard of Chicago, Robert of Indianapolis and George of Cutter, Calif.
"Big Dick" will be missed by his Island friends.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, January 1974.

Martin, Thomas Jackie "Mouse" - Jackie "Mouse" Martin was born to Ada and John Martin in 1948 on Beaver Island, one of six children. He served as a Military Police Officer in the US Air Force, was a business owner, and went on to be a journeyman millwright. After retiring, Jack returned to Beaver Island to enjoy his family and life-long friends. Thomas Emmett "Jackie" Martin passed away in the early morning hours, Sunday, September 16, 2012. Beaver Beacon Obituary.

Masini, Kay (McDonough) - Kay Masini, July 31, 1936 - September 10, 2020, age 84 of Beaver Island and Plymouth, Michigan. Remarkable wife of Don. Mom to Lita (the late David) Popke, Michael (Cindy) Masini, Jon (Julie) Masini, and Lynne (Don) Eckardt. Nana to Alexandra (Jason), Kit, Lisa (Brian) Kiersten, Hank, Anna, Kevin, Jack and Donald, and great grandmother to Abigail. Sister to Michele (Jim) Stamm, and the late John (Grace) Peternard. Preceded in death by her parents, Sadie Gallagher Peternard and Roland Bruce McDonough. Loving aunt to many.
Visitation Friday, September 18th from 5 PM until 7 PM with Rosary immediately following at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 26325 Main Street, Beaver Island, MI 49782. In state Saturday, September 19th 10:30 AM until the 11:00 AM Funeral Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Beaver Island, MI 49782.
Due to the location of the visitation and funeral, the family is requesting memorials may be made to Beaver Island Historical Society, 26275 Main Street, Beaver Island, MI 49782 or Beaver Island Marine Museum, 38105 Michigan Avenue, Beaver Island, MI 49782. Vermeulen Funeral Home Obituary.

Matela, Grace (Boyle) - Grace Boyle Matela, 67, of Beaver Island, died March 1, 2005, in Grand Rapids. Grace was born Sept. 9, 1937, on Beaver Island, the daughter of Jack and Beatrice (O'Donnell) Boyle. She moved to Chicago as a young girl, where she graduated from Mercy High School.
On Oct. 13, 1956, she married Raymond A. Matela in Chicago. Grace is survived by her husband, Raymond A.; sons, Raymond M. (Nancy Jo) Matela of Hemet, Calif., Thomas E. and John D. of Beaver Island; daughters, Vicki Lynn (Dana) Smith of Puyallup, Wash., Elizabeth A. (Mark) Davis and Joan T. (Ashley) Gilpin, all of Hemet, Calif.; grandchildren, Jamie, Theresa and Tommy Matela, Hunter and Parker Matela, Amanda and Adam Smith, Zachary and Tory Davis, and Shay; mother, Beatrice Boyle, of Beaver Island; brothers, Daniel Morris (Sally) Boyle of Crete, Ill., John (Marge) Boyle of Bloomington, Minn., Bernie (Kathy) Boyle of Reno, Nev., Donald (Chris) Boyle of Tinley Park, Ill., Timothy Boyle of Chicago, Steve Boyle, Neal (Connie) Boyle, and Patrick Boyle, all of Beaver Island; sisters, Jean (Gary) McDonough of North Fort Meyers, Fla., Theresa Gacek of Scottsdale, Ariz., Susan (Doug) Heynig of Grand Rapids; sister-in-law, Romaine (Bob) McCarthy, of Marco Island, Fla. A daughter, Christine, and sister, Sharon Simpson, preceded Grace in death.
Friends met the family from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thursday at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. A wake was held at the Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island beginning at 3:00 p.m. Friday, where a Rosary was recited. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island or to the Beaver Island Preservation Association. Beaver Beacon obituary, April 2005.

Matela, Raymond A. - Raymond A. Matela (April 18, 1930 - May 19, 2020). Surrounded with love, our father Raymond Andrew Matela, went peacefully home to Heaven, Our Lord Jesus Christ and into the arms of his ever-loving Gracie on May 19th, 2020.

Born on Good Friday, April 18th, 1930, first generation to polish national parents, John & Helen Matela of Chicago Illinois. Raised in the Catholic faith, he served as an Altar boy as a young child. Ray had four siblings, three which preceded him in death. John (Dolores), Dolores, Leonard (Joanne). He is survived by Romaine (Robert) McCarthy from Marco Island Florida.

Raised in South Chicago where he attended school, church and made lifelong friends. He graduated from Chicago Vocational High School, class of 1948, where he learned to be a mason. He joined his father who was in business with Jack Boyle, together they formed Matela-Boyle Construction Company in Chicago. Ray excelled as a mason and soon became foreman of his crew, thrilled to be working alongside his brothers John and Lennie. After work, Ray would stop by the office to drop off his time cards, there he met & flirted with a beautiful, young secretary by the name of Grace Boyle - Jack's daughter. On March 17th, 1956, Grace was going to a Saint Patrick's Day dance with some girlfriends. It just so happened that Ray was also going to this Saint Patrick's celebration. During the party, Ray asked Grace to dance, she accepted and they danced the night away. The gentleman he was, he offered her a ride home and proceeded to walk her to the front door. Grace, nervous about the possibility of a kiss to come, was taken by surprise when Ray said, "Marry me Gracie." Grace, being the smart woman she was responded, "Oh Ray, come back when you're sober." At 8 a.m. the next morning Ray was again back at her doorstep - "Marry me, Gracie."

Six months later, on October 13th, 1956 Ray & Grace became Mr. & Mrs. Matela. They went on to have 7 children; their eldest Christina was born on their 1st anniversary in 1957 (sadly she passed seven days later), Raymond (Nancy), Vicki Smith, Joan (Ashley/BB) Gilpin, Tom, John and their youngest, Elizabeth (Jason) Matela-Call was born on their 12th anniversary. Another proud accomplishment are their 10 grandchildren Amanda Smith, Adam Smith, Jamie Rae (Matt) Howe, Shay Middleton, Teresa Matela, Thomas Matela Jr, Hunter Matela, Parker Matela, Zachary Davis, Victoria Davis and 2 great-grandchildren, Lydia and Kylee Eaton. In addition to his immediate family, Ray has a countless list of family and friends, all whom he loved so very much.

At his core, Ray was a builder, he could do it all. He and friend Bing McCafferty each built their home in Hegewisch, the first two houses on the block. It soon grew into a wonderful neighborhood for him & Grace to begin raising their family and develop life-long friendships. It was also the beginning of the 4th of July Block Party and the famous lamb roast; it soon became a tradition that Ray was well known for on Escanaba Avenue and beyond. It's a party that still continues to this day in one form or another. Eventually Ray moved his growing family out to the suburbs to Midlothian, Ill. again into a home that he built. Soon after, amidst struggling times in Chicago's construction industry, Ray and Grace decided to move their family to California in 1975. There he went into another contracting business with a childhood friend. In the late 80's he brought his ever-loving Gracie back home to Chicago then eventually to Beaver Island. His beloved Gracie preceded him in death on March 1st, 2005.

During his retirement he discovered a passion for scroll woodwork. Many people, family and friends, have pieces of his work in their home. He had an immense love for the people of Beaver Island and this community meant the world to him. Ray was known for his big heart, whimsical smile, talent as a mason, wonderful woodwork and love of dancing, and who can forget those giant hands! Ray's love for life and laughter, his ability to make you feel special, and gift of making you smile - all of these attributes will be truly missed. He was someone you could count on if you needed help. His love for children was a beautiful thing to watch, if you were a child in his life, you'll remember being called a "pickle-puss" or a "hotdog."

Raymond's remains were cremated privately. A rosary will be held July 7th, 2020 at 6:00 pm at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. There will be a Mass July 8th, 2020 at 11:00 am at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island honoring both Ray & his son, Thomas E. Matela, who proceeded him in death on December 27, 2019. Ray will be laid to rest with his Gracie at Holy Cross Cemetery (on Beaver Island). Beaver Island Forum obituary, June 23, 2020.

Matela, Thomas E. – Thomas E. Matela, 56 of Beaver Island, passed away December 27, 2019 on Beaver Island. Thomas was born on March 12, 1963 in Hammond, Indiana, to Raymond A. Matela and Grace (Boyle) Matela. He is survived by his daughter Teresa (Corey), son Thomas Matela, granddaughters Lydia and Kylee, along with three sisters, Vicki, Joan and Elizabeth, and two brothers Raymond and John. A full obituary will appear soon. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

From Northern Islander: Tommy Matela passed away on December 27th after a short illness. Visitation was held at his sister, Vicki Matela Smith's home. A funeral mass will take place sometime in July. Beaver Island Forum obituary, January 23, 2020.

Maudrie, Edward W. - Obituaries appeared for the three young men whose plane crashed north of Barney's Lake, Ed Maudrie, Jesse Kenwabikise, and John Widmayer. Their funeral packed Holy Cross Church, with a hundred more mourners gathered outside. Three crosses were placed at the crash site, with a plaque reading, "Three Good Men Died Here." Beaver Beacon October 2004, On This Date Ten Years Ago (1994).

McCafferty, Donald R. - Donald R. McCafferty, resident of Chicago, IL, age 81, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2015. Memorial service Sunday, May 24th, 2015 from 1:00 pm. – 5:00 p.m.
Donald was born on February 21, 1934 on the pristine archipelago of Beaver Island, MI. He was born to Elizabeth (Lizzie) and James McCafferty and had five siblings, John (Bing) McCafferty, Arthur (Lano) McCafferty, Francis McCafferty, Ladonis Mooney and Eugene Mooney. Donald left home at an early age to work on the ore boats between the Minnesota mines and the steel mills of Gary and Chicago. He also was an Army veteran of the Korean War and spent time overseas in the mid 1950's. He met his wife, Rosalyn Gall, in Chicago where they had four children, Catherine (Rob) who passed away in 2009, Donald, MaryBeth (Dan) and Sean (Angela). Donald was a master carpenter and enjoyed helping family/friends with multiple projects, which included home additions, remodels, landscape construction and anything that took a strong back and sharp wit to complete. He will be remembered for his amazing spirit, ready smile and typical Irish outlook on life. Nothing was to be taken too seriously but his gifts left behind will be a constant reminder of an amazing man and father. He is survived by his wife, three children and three grandchildren (Shane, Cade and Keagan), one brother and a world of people made better by having known him.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Interment will take place at a later date at Holy Cross Cemetery in Bever Island, MI.
Opyt Funeral Home obituary.

McCafferty Madonna (McDonough) - Theresa Madonna McCafferty, 79, of Beaver Island, died December 25, 2009, at her home on Beaver Island. The funeral mass was Wednesday, December 30, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, the Reverend Patrick Cawley officiating, and burial in Holy Cross Cemetery. A wake was held at Madonna's home on Tuesday, with the Rosary being recited at 7:00 PM. Madonna was born August 31, 1930, on Beaver Island, the daughter of Bertrand and Mary (Boyle) McDonough. She graduated from Beaver Island School in 1948. On April 30, 1949, Madonna married John B. "Bing" McCafferty, and he preceded her in death on July 28, 1988. They lived in Chicago for a while, but yearned to come home, and finally did, moving into Pat McDonough's house on what came to be called "McCafferty Lane," a building that once served as a school. Madonna was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. She is survived by her children, Donna (Larry) Kubic, Colleen (Buddy) Martin, Karen (Jim) Wojan all of Beaver Island, James McCafferty of Venice, Calif., John (Beth) McCafferty of Beaver Island, Lynn (Stacey) Boyd of Lansing, Ill., Dan (Sarah) McCafferty of Beaver Island; twenty-one grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; sister, Rosie (Claude) Zajakowski of Lansing, Ill. Madonna was preceded in death by her brother Donald "Topper" McDonough, and sister, Margaret Ellen Connaghan. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, (national headquarters info@cff.org) 6931 Arlington Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Beaver Beacon Obituary, January 2010.

McCann Dorothy Rose (Gallagher) - Dorothy Rose (Gallagher) McCann, 85, of Jackson and formerly of Beaver Island, died Dec. 26, 2001, in Muncie, Ind. Mass of the Resurrection will be 3 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

McCauley, Edward Uriel - Edward Uriel McCauley went to his heavenly home on July 27th, 2018. Edward was born August 25, 1931. Edward was survived by his wife, Shirley McCauley; sons Hubert McCauley, Brian McCauley; three step-daughters, Shelly Creviston, Carla Browning, Nicole McCulloch; and six grandchildren, Brandon Creviston, Brent Creviston, Eric Hartley, Aden Hartley, Ashley McCulloch, Emily McCulloch. He was preceded in death by brothers Lyle (Spike) McCauley, Donald McCauley, Clement McCauley, Rita McCauley, Patricia McCauley.
Edward was born at Traverse City, Michigan and raised around the lumber camps in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Some of his most memorable days were at Wildwood and Wolverine Michigan, and later on Beaver Island where his family was from; great grandfather Black Pete McCauley, who immigrated from Ireland, and his grandfather Edward Pete McCauley, and his father Frances Uriel McCauley, who sadly drowned in the harbor. The first time he set foot on the Island, Ed said he felt like he had finally come home. Ed continued to return to Beaver Island for the next twenty years. He had bought land and planned to build a home when he found out he had cancer. He chose to spend his last days on the island around family and friends. He gave instructions on how he wanted Rich Gillespie to handle his ashes. He wanted his ashes put in his cowboy boots with his hat on top, so that when resurrection came, he would be ready to go. Ed was a

member of the Am Vets Post on Beaver Island, and a life member of and marched every year until the last one. Now he is marching in heaven in a new body and no pain.
Beaver Island Forum post by Rich Gillespie on July 5, 2018.

McCauley, John A. - "Passings noted included John McCauley. John McCauley was born on Beaver Island in 1910, but moved to Chicago as a young man, where he became a master plumber. He came back frequently, and it was on his return from one such visit that he became ill, while visiting his nephew Buddy White in Grand Rapids."
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McCauley, Mary Marcella (McCafferty) - Mary McCauley 1909-2004. Mary Marcella McCauley, 95, of Frankfort who descended from one of several McCauley families to settle here, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 am Wednesday, Jan. 7 at St. Ann Catholic Church, with Fr. Ray Cotter, celebrant. The Frankfort Chapel and the McElduff Funeral Home, handled the final arrangements.
Beaver Beacon, February 2004.

McCauley, Michael "Mack" – Fatal Accident, Michael McCauley Drowned in Round Lake, Saturday. Was Quartermaster of Lighthouse Tender SUMAC.
Michael McCauley, quartermaster of the lighthouse tender Sumac, was drowned while in swimming near the supply station, Saturday afternoon with a companion. He was in the water and was missed. Not being able to find him a search was made and the life-savers were notified and although they worked over him for over an hour, their efforts were useless. The unfortunate man was about twenty-two years old, a native of Ireland and had been in this country a little over a year. He left a brother in Philadelphia, who was notified and immediately came to this city, and a cousin at Beaver Island, where the body was taken for burial.
Charlevoix Sentinel, Thursday, July 7, 1910, Beaver Island News.
The remains of Michael McCauley who lost his life while bathing in Charlevoix were brought here, and interred in the Catholic cemetery. As the unfortunate young man had no immediate relatives on the Island the A.O.H. demonstrated one of the mottoes of their order, "Christian Charity", by taking charge of the body and defraying all funeral expenses, although the deceased did not belong to the order.
Charlevoix Sentinel, Thursday, July 28, 1910, Beaver Island News.
Both of the above articles were taken from the July 2010 Beaver Beacon under the One Hundred Years Ago section.

McDermott Mary V. "Vickie" (Connaghan) - Mary McDermott 1922-2003. Mary V. "Vickie" McDermott, 81, of Charlevoix and formerly of Beaver Island, died Monday, December 8, 2003, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Mass of the Resurrection was held on Saturday, December 13, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Reverend Patrick Cawley officiated. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Vickie was born December 29, 1921, in St. James, Beaver Island, the daughter of Hugh and Katie (Malloy) Connaghan. She married Robert L. McDermott of Charlevoix on August 17, 1963. Vickie is survived by her children, Rosalie Harrison of Overland Park, KS, William (Jenny) Bennett of Stover, MO, Charles Dudley of Peculiar, MO, Yvette Harris of Charlevoix; brother Lester Connaghan of MT; sisters Lila Selfridge of Charlevoix, Anna Maxwell of Wheaton, IL, Kathryn Gatliff of Detroit, Marguerite Welsch of New Jersey; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Vickie was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, Robert; brothers, Raymond, John "Jack", Gene, and Roy, and sisters, Marie, Melvina, Frances and Lilian. Beaver Beacon, January 2004.

McDonough, Edna Grace "Skip" (Johnson) - 1/8/1932 - 1/9/2020, Beaver Island. Edna Grace "Skip" McDonough, 88, of Beaver Island, passed away on January 9, 2020 at Charlevoix Area Hospital surrounded by her family. Skip was born on January 8, 1932, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Ralph and Marie (McGeath) Johnson. She was a graduate of Mercy Central School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. She married Joseph Lloyd "Bud" McDonough on November 6, 1954. Skip enjoyed spending time with her family more than anything else. She also spent many hours playing cards and drinking wine with all her friends. She was a faithful, long-time member of Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. She is survived by 7 children, Timothy (Denise) of Beaver Island, Thomas (Laurie) of the Villages, FL, Daniel (Kathy) of Gainesville, FL, William (Tammy) of Beaver Island, James (Diane) of Beaver Island, Lynn McDonough of Beaver Island, Todd (Julie) of Cedar, 23 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and countless friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph "Bud" McDonough, granddaughter Logan McDonough, 2 sisters, Joan Tiggleman, Beverly Albrecht as well as her parents. Visitation will be on Sunday, January 12 from 4-6 p.m. with a Rosary at 6 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will take place on Monday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m. also at Holy Cross Church with Fr. Jim Siler and Fr. Pat Cawley. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery following mass. Following

burial there will be a luncheon at Holy Cross Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Cross Catholic Church, Charlevoix Community Foundation, PABI Community House, or the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.
MLive.com obituary.

McDonough, Joseph "Nuke Joe" - Joseph John McDonough, 33, of St. James, Beaver Island, died at his Beaver Island home. Funeral will be at 2:15 pm, Thursday, Oct. 2 at the Beaver Island Christian Church. Philip Gregg will officiate and interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Mr. McDonough was born May 31, 1953 in Waukegan, IL. He was raised in Waukegan and in 1971 graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in Mundelein, Ill. In 1979 he moved to Beaver Island to make his home. Mr. McDonough was a farmer and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in England from 1973-1974. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix. Contributions to the Beaver Island Christian Church are requested.

McDonough, Lawrence Matthew - Lawrence Matthew McDonough passed away at the age of 101 at his home surrounded by his family. Lawrence was born on Beaver Island, Michigan on November 15, 1914 to Sylvester "Vesty" McDonough and Mary Connaghan, one of eight children. He married Winifred LaFreniere in 1939 who preceded him in death in 2009. They raised 6 children; sons Gary (Jean), Lawrence (Kay), Joseph (Tarry), Kevin (Linda), and two daughters; Pamela (Brad) Grassmick and Kathie (Timothy) Gonyeau. He enjoyed his 17 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.
Lawrence was raised on Sand Bay on the Jordan River and worked his family's homesteaded farm. He was blessed with good friends and family, a strong sense of community, and had a grand sense of humor. He had frequent visitors seeking his stories of early island life as well as all of the changes and progress that he saw on Beaver Island during his lifetime. Some of his various careers included: owning the first pasteurized dairy; sailing the Great Lakes on freighters; logging; and serving as a board of director for the first BIBCO. He was captain of the first Emerald Isle and the Beaver Islander. He managed the Beaver Island Boat Company until his retirement in 1980.
A spring funeral service at Holy Cross Catholic Church is being planned. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Holy Cross Church or Beaver Island EMS.
Posted on the Beaver Beacon Forum Dec. 29, 2015

McDonough, Logan Marie – Logan Marie McDonough, 15, of Cedar, MI, died unexpectedly Tuesday, September 20, 2011. She was born October 5, 1995 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Todd J. and Julie C. (Jarvie) McDonough. She is survived by her parents, her sister Casey L., brothers Peyton, J.W. and Brady T. all at home, grandmother Skip McDonough of Beaver Island, grandparents Edward and Yvonne Jarvie of Traverse City, and a large extended family. She was preceded in death by her grandfather Bud McDonough. The funeral mass was held September 23rd, 2011 at Glen Lake High School Gymnasium. BeaverIslandNewsArchives.com obituary.

McDonough, Ronald Bruce - Ronald B. McDonough, February 1, 1957 - September 5, 2021 (age 64).
Ronald Bruce McDonough, 64 of Charlevoix died Sunday, September 5th, at his home. He was born February 1, 1957, in Ludington, to Robert Bruce and Mary Gretchen McDonough. Ronnie grew up in Charlevoix and attended Charlevoix High School. After high school, Ron moved south to Florida, working as a waiter at five-star restaurants in Naples and as a commercial fisherman in Sarasota. He later moved back to his hometown of Charlevoix, where he spent many years working in construction. A talented carpenter, in 2016 he designed and built the tabernacle altar at St. Luke Catholic Church in Bellaire. Ronnie was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing as well as his dogs Skeet, Callie, and Grace. He loved his family and was a cherished son, brother, and uncle.
Ron is survived by his long-time girlfriend Sharon Smith, and her children Christopher (Amber) Higby and Lyndie (Alex) Michanowicz and her grandchildren Emma and Landon Higby and Ben and Georgia Michanowicz; his siblings Marylou (Randy) Stevens, Shawn (Jean) McDonough, Judy Harris, Kelly McDonough, Kathy McDonough, and Lisa (Rusty) Nichols; his nieces and nephews Kelsea Stevens (fiancé Brandon Pomranke), Melissa (Josh) Christopher, Shawn McDonough, Alysia (Carl) Varchetti, Michael McDonough, Collin McDonough, Travis Longley, Amanda McDonough and her partner Josh, and Christopher McDonough; and 13 great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce and Gretchen McDonough, and his nephew, Clinton Longley.
Respecting his wishes, no service is planned. A private burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Beaver Island Elks Club # 2886, PO Box 141, Beaver Island, MI 49782 or Camp Quality Michigan Beaver Island Teen Camp, PO BOX 345, Boyne City, Michigan 49713.
TributeArchive.com obituary.

McDonough, Winifred (LaFreniere) - Winifred Mary Claire (LaFreniere) McDonough died at her home on Beaver Island, MI on Monday, June 8, 2009. Winifred, "Wini", was born on Beaver Island on Dec. 20, 1921 to Nels and Sophia (Boyle) LaFreniere, the seventh of eight children. She graduated from Beaver Island School and on Sept. 2, 1939 married Lawrence McDonough, who survives. The couple raised their six children on the island and for a number of years ran several businesses before moving to Charlevoix. In 2005 they returned to Beaver Island as full-time residents.
Along with her parents, Wini was preceded in death by six of her siblings and their s65"pouses; Eva (Lloyd) McDonough, Patrick (Elizabeth) LaFreniere, Archie (Frances) LaFreniere, Vernon "Dick" (Jean) LaFreniere, Joseph "Bussy" (Alberta) LaFreniere, and Rita (James) Elms.
Along with her husband, she is survived by her children and their spouses: Gary (Jean) McDonough of North Fort Meyers, FL; Larry (Kay) McDonough of Grand Rapids; Joe (Tarry) McDonough of Beaver Island, Kevin (Linda) McDonough of Beaver Island; Pam (Brad) Grassmick of Farmington Hills; and Kathy (Tim) Gonyeau of Washington Township, and one sister Helen (LaFreniere) Pike of Beaver Island. Wini is survived by her grandchildren: Lori, Debbie, Eric, Keri, Dan, Michael, Christine, Shane, Erin, Colleen, Keith, Brian, Timmy, Noel, Marty, Bridget and six great-grandchildren. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery.
Petoskey News Obituary.

Melville, Matt (aka Christopher) - The island lost its resident golf pro, Matt Melville, who passed at 85. Born in Chicago in 1890, he came to Charlevoix in 1910 as club pro for the Chicago Club Golf Course and then traveled around the country designing and building courses. He had married the former Theresa Connaghan.
May 2005 Beaver Beacon - Thirty Years Ago.

Miller, Bernadine R. "Bernie" - Bernadine "Bernie' Rose Miller age 64, was welcomed into the loving arms of her Savior on Thursday, June 20, 2019, after a courageous four-year battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Martha Miller of Beaver Island. Bernadine is survived by her daughters, Carrie F. Butkin, Kristi L. Butkin; grandson, Antonio "Juju" Rodriguez; lifelong friend, Denise Cate; special friend, Steven Salhaney and many nieces and nephews. As per Bernie's wishes, she has been cremated and her ashes will be returned home to Beaver Island. A celebration of her life will be held later. Memorial contributions can be made to the family to off-set funeral expenses.
Beaver Island Forum Obituary.

Miller, Lawrence L - Lawrence "Larry" LeValley Miller, age 76 of Beaver Island passed away on June 9, 2017 at Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital. Larry was born on March 22, 1941 in Saginaw to the late Lawrence and Gaytha (Culbert) Miller. Larry was a jet mechanic for TWA for 37 years. He enjoyed spending his free time hunting, fishing, playing cards and working on cars. He was happy to spend his summers on the island and spend winters in Orange Beach, Alabama. On August 25, 1963 in Saginaw, Larry married Ann (Malloy) Miller who survives. Also surviving are children, Lori (Lane) Custer of California, Shelley Miller of California and Jeffrey (Trisha) Miller of Colorado, 4 grandchildren, Aron, Garrett, Brittany, Tyler, 2 great grandchildren, Aubree, Dylan-Brielle, sister-in-law's, Penny (Ivan) Young of Beaver Island, Denise Berry of Fenton, along with several nieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his parents. Interment will be held at a later date at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Mortensen Funeral Homes obituary.

Minor, Mary C. (LaFreniere), 71, lifetime resident of Beaver Island, passed away Feb. 27, 2003, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Mass of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Rev. Patrick Cawley will officiate and burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Mary was born on Beaver Island, the daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Floyd) LaFreniere. She graduated from Beaver Island School. Following graduation, she worked at the Shamrock, then for McDonough's Store. She then worked for the U.S. Post Office on Beaver Island, retiring as postmaster in 1992. She married Archie Minor in January of 1961, and he preceded her in death after 34 years of marriage. Mary was a member of Holy Cross Church and a very active member of the Holy Cross Altar Society. She also served as church secretary for several years.
She was the beloved wife of the late Archie Minor; loving sister of Patrick (Marcia), John, and Joseph (Lois) LaFreniere, and Jean (Harry) Frazer; dear sister-in-law to many; special aunt to numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; cherished cousin, friend and godmother, all of whom she considered close family members. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Patrick and Elizabeth; sisters, Isabel and Margaret Ann Polhemus.
Visitation will be held 2-9 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, and from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, May 2, at the Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island, where a rosary and prayers will be recited at 8 p.m.
In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Beaver Island Hospice, c/o Lois Williams, Beaver Island, Mich. 49782; or to the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Chapter, 1040 Walnut St., Traverse City, Mich. 49686.

Petoskey News Obituary, April 25, 2003.

Mooney, Ladonis F. "Don" - LaDonis "Don" F. Mooney, 79, Beaver Island and Escanaba, Mich., passed away on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, peacefully in his home in Escanaba. He was born on Feb. 20, 1936, on Beaver Island, Mich., to Francis and Elizabeth (Tetsloff) McCafferty.
Gifted with innate mechanical ability, he became a skilled electrician. It was not only his career, but his avocation. He did much of the electrical work on the island for 35 years. He was happiest when he had tools in his hands or when he was surrounded by his children and grandchildren.
He is survived by his wife, Theresa Alimenti; her loving family, Greg (Sigute) Alimenti, Celeste (Bruce) Swanson, Chris Alimenti (Tom Van Arkel), Lauri (John) Stocker, Jeff Alimenti, Don (Kristy) Alimenti, Theresa (Steve) Martin; his children, Duane Mooney and Gregory Serrano, Sheri (Joe) Timsak, Terry Mooney and Linda Walden, Dawn (Robert) Marsh, Roberta (Keith) Griggs, Darryl (Masha) Mooney; grandchildren, Joe, Krystle, Bryan, Ronnie, Jordan, Skylar, Matt, Peter, Brett, Nick, Lily, Paul, Bella, Maggie, Anna, Amelia, and Miles; great-grandchildren, Chloe, Brody, and Kaylee.
Don Mooney's life will be celebrated by his family and friends at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island with Fr. Patrick Cawley officiating. The Allo Coolman Funeral Homes are assisting the family.
From The Daily Press, Escanaba, Michigan Oct. 8, 2015.

Moore, Phyllis (Gregg) - Born on May 9, 1948 in East Lansing, Michigan, to Phillip R and Lillian I Gregg, Phyllis Jean Gregg Moore passed away on August 23, 2021, at about 6 a.m. in her home. After fighting cancer for a little over three years, the cancer had spread from her lungs to her lymph nodes, then to her brain and her bones. Cancer sucks!
Phyllis is survived by her sister, Ruth Ellen Gregg; her brother Ronald Gregg; and her mother, Lillian Gregg. Also surviving are Phyllis' three wonderful children; Philip Michael (Jessica) Moore with two terrific granddaughters; Lily and Katie; Courtney Lynn Moore Pelcha; and Andrea Jo Moore and Tyler Miller. Phyllis' surviving husband Joe Moore spent hours helping take care of her, and a truer love and devotion is hard to find.
Preceding Phyllis in death were her father Phillip Gregg, her god mother Joyce Bartels and Uncle Harry, as well as Uncle Harold Lounsberry, and her adopted family of Aunt Joy and Uncle Russ Green, Aunt Skip and Uncle Bud McDonough.
Besides being a mother with children each born seven years apart, three times, Phyllis was an assistant director at the Beaver Island Historical Society for many years, as well as a librarian at the Beaver Island District Library for an equivalent number of years. She loved working with Shirley Gladish at BIHS and Barbara Cruikshank at BIDL, who have both passed on also.
Phyllis also enjoyed many friendships as well with many island residents and summer residents as well as many who were considered family even without a biological connection.
Phyllis was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church here on Beaver Island, even though her parents helped start up the Beaver Island Christian Church, and she also attended services at the St. James Episcopal Mission on the island.
A Celebration of Life for Phyllis Gregg Moore will take place next spring, so the entire family can attend. Your continuing prayers for our family will be greatly appreciated.
Arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Obituary from www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Nackerman, Rodney C. - Rodney C. "Bud" Nackerman of Lake Orion, MI passed away following a short illness on Sunday, February 1, 2015, just 14 days shy of his 85th birthday. Rod was born to Frank J. and Grace (Campbell) Nackerman on February 15, 1930 on Beaver Island, MI. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ruth Ann Robbins, in 1983, as well as his sister, Barbara Huston, and his close friend Bill Cashman, in 2014.
Rod leaves behind 3 sons: Michael (Patty McBride) of Richmond, VA; Daniel (Ann Long) of Lake Arrowhead, CA; and Patrick of Lake Orion; and 2 daughters: Maureen (Bill) Wilde of New Richmond, WI; and Mary Muto of Mendocino, CA. He also precedes in death his loving sisters: Rose (Harold) Smith, Ellen (Richard) Verduyn, and Colleen Krusky, along with his brother/sister in-laws Jim (Maureen) Robbins and Richard (Marjorie, dec.) Laurent. Rod was beloved by 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, dozens of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and extended family including Donna, Jim, Sandra, and especially his best friend Rex the beagle.
Rod began his working career at Schroeder's gas station in Pontiac and then joined the U.S.A.F. He was a Crew Chief and Veteran of the Korean War. It was during this time that a written correspondence began with Ruth Ann - he proposed with a ring in a coffee can via US Mail, and they were married in Cadillac in 1954. Their family relationships were built on a strong foundation of faith in God through the Catholic Church. Rod bought a milk delivery business and was a Sealtest Milkman for 10 years. He was a foreman at Pontiac Motors for 22 years, and he also started Tabletop Tax Service in 1960, spending 50 years as a tax preparer in over 300 clients' homes.

Rod was greatly involved in his church parishes, children's schools, and both of his home communities. He worked tirelessly as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Crittenton Hospital Auxiliary, FISH, and 'No One Dies Alone'. He also served on several boards, including the BI Chamber of Commerce and the BI Historical Society and Museum. Rod also belonged to the Beaver Island AMVETS Post 46. Rod was happiest when he was working outdoors, raking leaves or removing juniper bushes from the property on his island home, with his dog by his side. And all who knew him realized that to stop in to say hello to Rod meant a commitment to playing the game of Rumikub, no matter the day or the hour! He lived a fascinating life rooted in his island childhood, a love of travel, devotion to his family, service to others, and most of all, kindness, cheerfulness, humor and good will.
A visitation will be held Saturday, February 14, 2-5pm, with a prayer service at 4pm, at Silverbell Chapel, Modetz Funeral Home, 100 East Silverbell Road, Orion, MI. Per Rod's specific wishes, a Funeral Mass and burial will be held in early June, on Beaver Island, MI, at Holy Cross Catholic Church and Cemetery. A traditional Irish-Island after-party will take place at the Nackerman family farm. All are invited (except complete strangers - but perhaps a few of those too...). Memorial contributions are appreciated and can be sent to the Historical Society, Food Pantry, or Community Center at Beaver Island, MI 49782.
Beaver Beacon Forum Obituary from Rod's daughter, Mary Muto.

O'Donnell, Frank D. - On Tuesday, October 16th, Frank D. O'Donnell, 79, passed away at a Grand Rapids nursing home where he had been a patient for six months. Services were held from Holy Cross Church on Friday, October 19th. Rev. Father Herbert Graf, OFM, officiated and interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery. The rosary was recited on Thursday, October 18th, at the family home in Peaine Township.
He was born in Peaine Township, Beaver Island on October 4, 1894. On April 1st, 1933 he married the former Nellie McDonough in Detroit and they lived on Beaver Island until 13 months ago when they went to Grand Rapids to live. Mr. O'Donnell was a retired farmer. He was a member of Holy Cross Church. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Richard D. of Wyoming; three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Bass of Hammond, Ind., Mrs. Alex (Beverly) Walgus of Lakeview, Michigan, and Carol Ann O'Donnell, of Chicago, Ill.; nine grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Charles Roddy of Chicago, Ill, Mrs. Frank Hall of Dearborn and Mrs. Frank Neer of Detroit.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, September-October 1973.

O'Donnell, Janet (Gallagher) - Teresa Janet O'Donnell, of Beaver Island, MI, departed this life at home surrounded by the love of her husband and family on Friday, June 27, 2014. Janet was born in Charlevoix, MI, on July 24,1934, the daughter of James W. and Teresa (Boyle) Gallagher of Beaver Island, MI. Janet attended St. James High graduating in 1952. After attending Aquinas College to receive her Education Degree, she was united in marriage on July 5, 1958, to Richard D. O'Donnell and blessed with her family of six children.
Janet is survived by her husband, Richie of Beaver Island, MI. Her children: Diane Westmaas and husband David of Allendale, MI; Michael O'Donnell and wife Anne of Traverse City, MI; Judy Crowell and husband Michael of Lake St. Louis, MO; William O'Donnell and wife Kendra of Allendale, MI; Barbara Flowers of Kentwood, MI; and Ronda Albert and husband Curtis of Grand Rapids, MI. By one sister, Eleanor McDonough of Charlevoix, MI. By one brother, Brian Gallagher and wife Delores "Dee" of Beaver Island, MI. By sisters-in-law Margaret "Muggs" Bass and husband Robert "Bob" of Beaver Island, MI; Beverly Cantwell and husband Gary of Beaver Island, MI; and Carol Bunting and husband Doug of Charlevoix, MI. By grandchildren Charlie Flipse and wife Ashlie and Kelly Flipse; Josh, Heather and Ronnie O'Donnell; Olivia, Chrissy, and Brendan Crowell; Lindsey and Megan O'Donnell. Brittney, Garritt, Kaleigh, Colton Flowers. By one great-grandson, Jordan Flipse.
Janet was preceded in death by her parents Teresa and James W. Gallagher and in-laws Frank and Helen "Nellie" O'Donnell; brother-in-law Ronnie O'Donnell and wife Kay; brothers-in-law Jack Aagard and Gus Walgus. By her angel grandchildren, Bailey Lott O'Donnell and Nadia Janet Flowers.
Janet began teaching at the young age of 21 in Ada, Michigan, continuing until they brought their darling daughter Diane home. Janet was a remarkable mother. She was happiest giving and sharing with her family. She was a member of St. John Vianney of Wyoming, MI, volunteering her time and talents to both the church and school. Janet invested her time in many charities including March of Dimes and American Heart Association. She was an original member of the Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids, which has contributed to countless Island projects and organizations.
Richie and Janet retired to Beaver Island in 1998. She became a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island; becoming an active member in the Altar Society. She worked tirelessly for the Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary (Island Treasures). Her fondness of the Red Hat Ladies showed in her enjoyment of each outing. She and Richie enjoyed spending their winters in Florida but nothing made her happier than her grandchildren and great-grandchild. Each one was special and dear to her. She cherished the times they shared together.

A devoted and loving wife, mother, sister, mother-in-law, grandma, granny, sister-in-law, niece, aunt, great aunt, cousin, and friend. She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew and loved her.
The Visitation, including a Celebration of Life, will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church at 5pm on Sunday, June 29, 2014, with the Rosary at 7pm. A Funeral Mass, with Fr. Jim Doherty presiding will be held at Noon on Monday, June 30, 2014. Janet will be laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery. A luncheon will be served following the burial at Holy Cross Parish Hall.
It is her wish there be "no flowers, absolutely none." We can all remember her shaking her finger to make this point so please in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any of the following organizations: Beaver Island Hospice, Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary (Island Treasures), Beaver Island Cemetery, or Charlevoix Area Hospital Heart Department.
Beaver Beacon Forum, June 28, 2014.

O'Donnell, Kleofa "Kay" (Danisevich) - Kleofa (Kay) O'Donnell, 85, of Munster, IN, died August 25th at Community Hospital in Munster (Indiana). She is survived by two loving sons, John and Robert, both of Dyer, IN, and many nieces and nephews. Kay was preceded in death by her husband Bernard in 2000 and by her brother Leo in 1998. A Mass was held on August 30th, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, the Rev. Pat Cawley officiating. Burial took place at Holy Cross Cemetery. Beaver Island September 2004 Obituary.

O'Donnell, William - Willie O'Donnell, 70, on December 21st at South Side Community Hospital in Chicago. Burial took place from Holy Cross Church on the Island December 24th. Willie was born and raised on Beaver I., having been employed for the greater part of his life with the commercial fishing industry from which he retired after the death of his wife in 1951. He spent approximately the last two years in Chicago at the home of his sister Mrs. Margaret Roddy who kept sort of an O'Donnell family home there. He spent about 3 weeks in the hospital before his death. He is survived by 8 children, 14 grandchildren, 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Those still living on the Island are brothers Frank, Ben and James O'Donnell; and daughters Mrs. Elston Pischner and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie.
January 1957 Beaver Beacon Obituary.

Overmeyer, Raymunda (McDonald) - Rites Set Thursday for Plane Victims, Oct. 10 1966: Services for Mrs. Erma Vories, 65, and Mrs. Raymunda Overmeyer, 58, the Mishawaka sisters who were killed in a light plane crash, will be held at 9 am Thursday in Holy Cross Church, St. James, Beaver Island, Mich. The wreckage of the single engine plane was found Saturday in Cass County, Mich. The plane in which six northern Indiana residents met their death left Charlevoix, Mich., a week ago. Also killed in the crash were Raymond Smith, 41, and his wife, Bonnie, 41, both of Osceola; the pilot Roy A. Nye, 58, and his wife Lillian of Warsaw. Mrs. Overmeyer, owner of Rae's Rainbow Inn, 621 W. Jefferson Blvd., was born on May 12, 1908 in St. James. Her husband, Harold Overmeyer, died about eight years ago. She had spent most of her life in Mishawaka. Mrs. Vories, an employee at the restaurant at Spartan's Store, Mishwaka, was born on June 28, 1901, in St. James. She came to Mishawaka from Detroit 15 years ago. They are survived by three sisters, Mrs. Betty Merry of Royal Oak, Mich., Mrs. Marie Smith of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Bid Sendenburgh of St. James, and three grandnephews, James, Timothy and Michael Smith, all of Osceola and sons of the victim, Raymond Smith. The bodies of the two sisters are at the Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix. The rosary will be recited Wednesday night in the home of their sister, Mrs. Sendenburgh. Funeral services for the Smiths will be at 1 pm Tuesday in the Warner Funeral Home, Osceola, with district evangelist Rev. George Missinger, pastor of the new Apostolic Church, officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, South Bend.
Article found through Ancestry.com.

Palmer, Edward - Obituary: Edward Palmer
Beaver Island, MI - Edward Palmer, age 75, of Beaver Island, MI, died at his home under the tender care of his family on July 17, 2021. Edward was born on Beaver Island on June 14, 1946 to Clarence and Lorraine (Boyle) Palmer. He spent all of his life living on the island with the exception of his time in the Vietnam war and while sailing on the Ludington car ferries.
From a very young age it was evident that Edward had a natural ability to play music and sing. Over the years, he used his musical gifts to heal, entertain and celebrate many generations of Islanders. And in his later years, he enjoyed playing music for the elderly at assisted living facilities all over Northern Michigan. While he played harmonica and guitar beautifully, he mastered at the piano.
Edward enjoyed Beaver Island history and genealogy. He also loved to travel and to meet new people. He was everyone's friend. He enjoyed making others happy through everyday small gestures of kindness. But his biggest love was for his family.

Edward is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary Palmer; their children Tara (Charles) Palmer-Pop, Cory Palmer, Hilary Palmer and Rita (Jeffrey) Palmer-Stewart; grandchildren Mary Outrequin-Palmer, Charley Pop, Elizabeth Pop and Ava Palmer-Bousquet; siblings Evelyn (Thomas) Oleksy and Roberta Palmer. He also had many nieces and nephews that he thought the world of, and likewise.
Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Palmer and Lorraine (Boyle) Palmer; siblings Gracie Palmer, Irene (Palmer) Henize, Robert Palmer, Russell Palmer, Perry Palmer, Mary Anne (Palmer) Ferguson and Virginia Palmer.
Edward's family will accept friends and visitors on September 3, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a rosary at 6:30 at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Funeral Mass with take place on September 4, 2021 at 12:00 pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church followed by a short military service at Veteran's Park. A late luncheon and celebration of life will begin immediately following at Holy Cross Parish Hall where an evening of live music by Edward's family and old bandmates can be enjoyed.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Beaver Island AMVETS Post 46 or the Ellen Welke Fund.

Palmer, Perry "Budger" - Perry J. "Budger" Palmer, 76, of Beaver Island, passed away Friday, August 6, 2010, at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Memorial mass will be 11:30 Saturday, August 21, 2010, at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Perry was born December 19, 1933, to Clarence and Lorraine (Boyle) Palmer. In 1953, Perry joined the US Army, and served for two years in Field Communications in Germany. Upon returning home he joined the National Maritime Union based in Detroit, and sailed the Great Lakes until he retired to Beaver Island. Perry enjoyed playing and listening to old time country music.
Perry is survived by his sisters, Virginia Palmer of Hayward, Calif., Evelyn (Tom) Olesky of Charlevoix, Roberta Palmer of Traverse City, Mary Ann Ferguson of Petoskey; brothers, Edward (Mary) Palmer of Beaver Island, Russell Palmer of Traverse City; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Grace and Irene, and brother, Robert. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Cemetery.
Obituary - Beaver Beacon Forum on Aug. 18, 2010.

Palmer, Robert - Robert "Bucco" Palmer, 60, who'd been living in Ludington for the past 42 years, died January 31, 2004 at his home. He also owned his mother's house here, next to the school. He spent three years in Frankfort, Germany, as a member of the U.S. Army. He was an avid hunter and, like everyone else in his family, enjoyed playing and listening to old time music. He sailed on the Great Lakes for thirty-five years, most recently for Lake Michigan Carferry as a wheelsman.
Survivors include son Luke and daughter Tracy of Marquette; three grandchildren; special friend Janice Dunham of Ludington; five sisters, Virginia Palmer of Hayward, California, Evelyn (Tom) Olesky and Roberta Palmer of Charlevoix, and Mary Ann Ferguson of Petoskey; and three brothers, Perry "Budger" and Edward Palmer of Beaver Island and Russell Palmer of Petoskey. Robert will be missed by his family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Clarence and Lorraine (Boyle) Palmer, and two sisters, Grace Nugent and Irene Henize.
He was cremated, with the ashes to be scattered from the car ferry. A memorial service will be held at a later date.
Beaver Beacon, March 2004 Obit.

Palmer, Russell "Kook" - Eugene Russell Palmer, 76, of Traverse City, formerly of Beaver Island, died at home September 18, 2011 after a battle with cancer. A funeral mass was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church on September 24th, 2011. Russell was born April 16, 1935, in St. James, the son of the late Clarence and Lorraine (Boyle) Palmer. He grew up and attended school on Beaver Island, and began sailing on the lower Great Lakes at the age of 16. He served in the US Army from 1958-1960. In March 1961, he married Ann Marie Martin in Manistee, and she preceded him in death on December 9, 1985.
Russell worked on the C&O Car Ferry and retired after 25 years. Russ is survived by his sons, John Michael (Ms. Robin Burrell) Palmer, William Joseph (Mitzi Jean) Palmer, Robert Daniel (Brenda Lee) Palmer; daughter, Yvonne Marie Palmer; grandchildren, Adam, Amber, Ashley, Aaron, Alina, Kari, Lisa, and David, great-grandchildren, Krystian, Lexi, Dylan, and Jack; sisters, Virginia Palmer, Evelyn (Tom) Olesky, Roberta Palmer, and Maryann Ferguson; brother, Edward (Mary) Palmer; numerous nieces and nephews. Russ was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Edison Palmer; sisters, Grace and Irene, brothers, Perry and Robert. Beaver Beacon Obituary, Oct. 2011.

Palmer, Virginia Irene - Virginia I. Palmer, December 24 1931 - March 27, 2019. Virginia I. Palmer, 88, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on March 27, 2019, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Facility in Charlevoix.
Virginia was born on Beaver Island to Clarence and Lorraine (Boyle) Palmer. She was raised there and attended school there, too. After graduation Virginia moved to Hayward, California where she attended the University School of Nursing

and obtained her Registered Nursing degree. She lived and worked in Hayward for many years. Virginia returned to Charlevoix in 2016 and resided at Pine River Place for 2 years before moving to Boulder Park Terrace.
Virginia was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. She was fond of music, especially the old-fashioned country and home kind. She was friendly to those around her but liked her privacy.
Surviving are her sisters Evelyn (Tom) Olesky of Charlevoix, Roberta Palmer of Traverse City, brother Edward (Mary) Palmer of Beaver Island, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings Perry, Russell, Grace, Robert, Irene, and Mary Anne.
A funeral mass will be held Saturday, May 4 at 2 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island with Fr. Jim Siler officiating. Interment in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery will follow. Memorial donations can be given to St. Mary's Church and School. Mortensen Funeral Home Obituary.

Perdue, Michael F. - Michael Fleischman Perdue, 43 of Gaylord, a loving father, husband, son, brother, grandson, cousin, nephew, uncle, good friend, teammate and coach to many, died tragically and too suddenly in a plane crash on his beloved Beaver Island, Michigan on November 13, 2021. Michael died holding and protecting his daughter Laney, the most precious gift he could ever have left for us.
Michael was born on December 5, 1977 in Spokane, WA. Michael, or "Mike," was a fighter from the beginning, as he was born premature and not expected to live. Through a miracle as defined by doctors, Mike began breathing on his own and grew into a tall, beautiful, and loving man.
Growing up in Traverse City, MI, Michael came from a tight-knit Catholic family. He constantly cracked jokes at the dinner table and made everyone laugh so hard they could hardly eat. His humor was quiet but witty and right on point no matter who he was talking to. Michael loved all things baseball and hockey, and played both his whole childhood. In high school he played on both the baseball and hockey teams at Traverse City Central High School, as pitcher and a defenseman, respectively. His pitch was so fast and accurate that he received scholarships to college baseball teams, eventually joining two of his siblings and cousins at the University of Dallas in Texas, where he pitched for the UD Crusaders baseball team. He is mourned deeply by his former coach and teammates, whom he had kept in close contact with over the years.
Michael graduated from UD in 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in Politics. On October 2, 2004 Mike married the love of his life, Christie Heller, an island girl, on a windy day on Beaver Island and forever cemented his ties to his beloved Beaver Island. Together they built a beautiful life in Gaylord, MI where Mike joined forces with another Beaver Islander, Ryan Wojan, to purchase and build Smith Realty Group. Mike's ease with clients and his masterful ability to make connections between people in all facets of his life made him a great realtor and friend.
In 2010 Mike and Christie welcomed Laney Megan to the world, to be followed by Addie Haynes in 2013 and Henrik Heller and Bo Michael in 2019. Above all, he treasured his family and his children. He was their coach, their protector, their comedian, and their hero. Mike's most treasured moments were on Beaver Island with his family, boating, watching sunsets, going for drives, and enjoying a slower pace of life. Later in his life he acquired a love for hunting and fishing, looking forward every fall to deer camp with his father-in-law and dear friend Karl Heller, the entire Heller family, his father, Steve, brother, Kevin and friends.
One of Mike's greatest joys in life was coaching and especially coaching his daughters in softball. He also coached the Gaylord High School Hockey Team and the Gaylord Varsity Baseball team. He was a very hands on father and was known and will be remembered for his big bear hugs. He had a wink, a smile and occasionally a slight hip check as a greeting for all he knew and loved. Michael was a gentleman who loved his faith and strived every day to lead a life of honor. If ever there was a calming presence, it was his.
Michael is survived by his treasured wife Christie, their four children Laney, Addie, Henrik and Bo, his parents Steve and Jane Perdue, sisters Jessica (George) Nicula, Amy (Joe) Ettawageshik, Kevin (Veronica) Perdue, Mary (Tom) Freundl, Katie (Neil) Smith, his mother-in-law Sue Heller Martin (Bob), father-in-law Karl Heller, sister-in-law Megan (James) Heller, and many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, and very dear friends.
Michael was preceded in death by his grandparents Herb and Cecelia Fleischman, and William and Henrietta Perdue, infant brother Edward, brother in law Rick Fellows, uncles Tom Perdue and Oliver Muldoon and Rodney Janda and Dennis Janda, and cousin Robert Heller. Words fall short of expressing the loving and immense impact Mike had on all those who knew him. He was a hero in life and a hero in death, and he will never, ever be forgotten. Rest in peace, dear Michael. We know we will see you again.
Visitation will take place from 2:00 - 6:00 PM Friday, December 10, 2021 at St. Mary Cathedral where the rosary will be recited at 6:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place 11:00 AM Saturday, December 11, 2021 at St. Mary Cathedral where visitation will begin at 10:00 AM. Interment will take place on Beaver Island in the spring.
Obituary published in the Gaylord Herald.

Perry, Eileen - In Memory: Eileen Perry. After attending her mother Ruth Hallahan's funeral and helping write the obituary notice, Eileen Perry, 71, passed away on November 1st. Beloved wife of 50 years to Ronald Perry. Loving mother of Michael Perry and Matthew (Rebecca Perry. Dearest "Mom" of Gail, Ian, Noah "Mo", Gabriel, Molly, Madison, Mckenzie, and great-grandmother of Aidyn and Essence Perry. She too will be misses.
Beaver Beacon obituary, November 2010.

Peternard, John W. - John William Peternard, age 69, passed away peacefully Monday, September 24, 2018. He was born in Chicago, September 28, 1948 to Sarah and John Peternard. John is survived by his caring wife, Grace with whom he has spent 42 years building the life and family they have enjoyed to this day. He adored his three children, Kim, Kristen, and Kelly and the light they brought to his life. The pride in his family continued to grow with each birth of his six grandchildren. Tyler, Kylie, Mackenzie, Autumn, Jason and Ryan each brought immeasurable joy into his heart and renewed vitality in his life. John is also survived by his loving sisters, Kay Masini and Michelle Stamm.
John's interests evolved throughout his life. Spending summers on Beaver Island, MI during his youth instilled his love of fishing that remained with him always. His love of sports evolved from football and swimming in his high school days, to playing softball and golf, and finally, in his later years, cheering on his grandchildren at all their sporting events and screaming at the TV at any sport that was on. His patriotism and interest in politics were evident in his run for state senate. As he got older, he also loved traveling. But John's biggest focus was always on his family.
His perseverance in life was an inspiration for all who knew him. Although he battled through many physical conditions and the hardships of multiple surgeries, his drive to live his life to the fullest carried him through all his trials. The endless determination and optimism that John exhibited in his life was always a rock on which his family could rely.
John was a hardworking husband and father. Even as he was plagued by chronic pain, he still made sure he focused on providing care and loving support to his family and especially his grandchildren. His grandchildren were the pride of his life. His love, joy, and devotion could always be felt and seen at each football game, gymnastic meet, soccer game, or promotion belt test. Most of all, his endearing smile will live eternally in all of our hears.
In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Holy Cross Church, Beaver Island, Michigan and to medical research. A gathering for family and friends in honor and remembrance will be held on Sunday, September 30th, 2018 at Brust Funeral Home, 135 South Main Street, Lombard from 2:00 to 6:00 pm.
Obituary from Beaver Island Forum.

Pike, Helen (LaFreniere) - Helen M. (LaFreniere) Pike, 101 years old, died on Oct. 11, 2017. She was born on Oct. 6, 1916 on Beaver Island to Nels and Sophia (Boyle) LaFreniere.
When just 16, Helen pursued her dream of college and becoming a teacher and traveled to the big world off-Island. She graduated from Nazareth College in Kalamazoo with a degree in teaching. Her very first job was at a two-room school house in Brutus, MI.
She married John D. Pike in 1940. Their first years together were spent on Beaver Island where the couple managed the King Strang Hotel. They moved to Montague, MI and there raised their four children. Helen taught at the Nellie B. Chisholm junior high school there for 33 years. Many of her former students have visited her on the Island, fondly remembering her Michigan History classes.
Following her retirement from teaching, Helen returned to her beloved Beaver Island. She was active in the Historical Society and the Beaver Island District Library, where she volunteered. She was a devoted member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. Her community involvements include spearheading the work for erecting the Island monument to those who lost their lives on Lake Michigan. She also headed up the "Millennium Party" on the Island which saw Islanders returning from all corners of the U.S. Her cabin on the Island, "Grandma's Place," was often the spot for family gatherings.
In her later years, Helen's eyesight failed but she still enjoyed outings with the Island Red Hat Ladies and offering comfort to those ill or mourning with a gift of her famous banana bread. She was "Aunt Helen" to generations of Island relations and friends. All will miss her stories, spirited conversations and lively sense of humor.
Helen was preceded in death by her husband, two daughters lost in infancy (Michaelanne and Mary), all her brothers and sisters. Surviving Helen are her children: George Nelson (Judy) Pike, John David Jr. (Pat) Pike, Francis (Marijean) Pike and Elaine (Steve) West; grandchildren Matt (Vickie) Pike, Amy Cook, Carrie (Mike) Johnson, Laura (AJ) Muysenberg, Brent (Jennifer) Pike, Jared (Miranda) Pike, Gavin West and Grant (Mallory) West; nine great grandchildren: Ethan Cook. Andrew, Nora and Sophia Johnson, Aidan and Addison Pike, Liam and Harbor Pike and Harrison West; and many nephews, nieces and good friends.
Helen will be returning to the Island on the ferry boat on Friday, Oct. 13. Visitation at Holy Cross Church will be held Friday evening, starting at 6 p.m. with the rosary being said at 7 p.m. A funeral mass will be said at Holy Cross at 11 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 14, Father Jim Siler officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery and a luncheon will be held at the

Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Holy Cross Church, P.O. Box 145, Beaver Island, MI 49782 or the Beaver Island Historical Society.
Mortensen Funeral Home Obituary.

Popke, David - David A. Popke, Canton, Michigan, Nov 26, 1955 - Apr 1, 2019. David was born on November 26, 1955 and passed away on Monday, April 1, 2019. David was a resident of Canton, Michigan at the time of passing. Visitation Friday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). In state Saturday, 11:30 AM until the 12:00 PM. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Rotary or U of M Rowing Team. Legacy.com obituary.

Ranger, Keith - Keith James Ranger of Flint, age 64, died Friday, July 15, 2011 at Hurley Medical Center. Memorial Service will be held at 6 pm Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road. Per his wishes, cremation has taken place. Those desiring may make contributions to the Disabled American Veterans. Visitation 4 pm Wednesday until the time of the service at the funeral home. Keith was born in Flint, Michigan on September 19, 1946, the son of the late John and Mary (Donegan) Ranger. Surviving are children, Erica, Douglas, Megan and Patricia; grandchildren, Matthew, David, Stephani and Elijah; three brothers and one sister. Legacy.com Obituary.

Ricksgers, Anna M. (Sendenburgh) - Anna Marie Ricksgers, 89, of East Jordan, died Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Funeral Mass was on May 17 at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Reverend James Doherty officiated. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Anna Marie was born December 2, 1924, on Beaver Island, the daughter of Henry Joseph and Bridget (McDonald) Sendenburgh. She grew up on Beaver Island and graduated from Beaver Island School in the class of 1942. On November 20, 1943, she married Francis G. Ricksgers on Beaver Island. They moved to Detroit where Francis worked as a carpenter, and at Chrysler, and Anna Marie worked at home taking care of her family. They retired in 1980, and made their home in East Jordan in 1982. Francis preceded her in death on April 22, 2011.
Anna Marie is survived by her children, Donna Jean (Joseph) Gonzalez-Kohn of Shelby Twp., Joseph Anthony (Donna) Ricksgers of Lake Orion, Mary Ann Martinko of Warren, Erma Louise (Steven) Bridges of Rochester Hills, Susan Bridgetta (George) Dobaczewski of Grosse Pointe Woods; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; nephew William (Ricksgers) Lentini of Shelby Twp; niece, Annette (Paul) Wells of Beaverton; cousin and caregiver, Marilyn Malpass of Charlevoix, many nieces and nephews. Anna Marie's infant son Jude preceded her in death.
Beaver Beacon Obituary August-September 2014.
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Ricksgers, Francis G. - Francis G. Ricksgers, 91, of East Jordan, died Friday, April 22, 2011, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Funeral Mass will be 3:00 pm, Wednesday, April 27, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Reverend James Gardiner will officiate and burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.
Francis was born November 28, 1919, in Charlevoix, the son of William and Bridgette (Gallagher) Ricksgers. He grew up on Beaver Island and attended school there until eighth grade when he went to work in the saw mills, and help on the family farm. He worked in the CCC camps for many years and on Great Lakes Freighters.
November 20, 1943, he married Anna Marie Sendenburgh on Beaver Island. They moved to Detroit where Francis worked as a carpenter, and at Chrysler, retiring in 1980. After retiring they made their home in East Jordan. Francis enjoyed woodworking and made beautiful rocking horses. He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan.
Francis is survived by his wife, Anna Marie of East Jordan; children, Donna Jean (Joseph) Gonzalez-Kohn of Shelby Twp., Joseph Anthony (Donna) Ricksgers of Lake Orion, Mary Ann Martinko of Warren, Erma Louise (Steven) Bridges of Rochester Hills, Susan Bridgetta (George) Dobaczewski of Grosse Pointe Woods; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nephew William (Ricksgers) Lentini of Shelby Twp.; niece, Annette (Paul) Wells of Leonard; cousin and caregiver, Marilyn Malpass of East Jordan; many nieces and nephews. Francis' infant son Jude preceded him in death.
Visitation will be from 6-8:00 pm, Tuesday, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where the Rosary will be recited at 7:30. Contributions may be made to Holy Cross Church or Cemetery on Beaver Island. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Anna Marie Ricksgers at PO Box 124, East Jordan, MI 49727.
Beaver Island News on the Net, April 25, 2011.

Ricksgers, Katherine – Katherine Elizabeth Ricksgers of Beaver Island, Michigan passed away quietly on August 7, 2017, in her home, surrounded by family and friends.

Katherine was born on October 19, 1928, one of six children born to George and Otilia (Schmidt) Ricksgers. She was born and raised in the same farm house on the King's Highway where she spent her retirement years. She attended the Sunnyside School through eighth grade, and went to the high school in St. James. She often read from the light of the moon shining into her bedroom window.
After graduation and a short stint of working as a waitress at a restaurant in town, Katherine moved to Pontiac. She worked at the soda counter of a drug store until getting a job in the mail room at Pontiac Motors, where she was employed for thirty years.
Katherine enjoyed sports and games; she was active in bowling leagues in the winter, and golf leagues in the summer. She played poker and many other card games. Katherine liked to travel. She visited many scenic areas of the United States by car, from the New Jersey shore to the Gulf of Mexico. She visited Beaver Island every year. After retirement, Katherine took an extensive tour through Alaska, and visited several European countries.
Katherine was preceded in death by her parents, George and Otilia, her step-mother, Florence, and brothers; Henry, Alfred, Robert and Kenneth. She is survived by her sister, Margaret, and many nieces and nephews.
Visitation will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Sunday, August 13, at the Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island.
Beaver Beacon obituary, Late Summer 2017.

Ries, Richard - 11/15/1916 - 10/9/2017, Beaver Island. Richard Granner Ries, 100, MD an OB-GYN in Jackson, Michigan for 36 years died Oct 9, 2017. He was born the eldest of identical twins in Alden, Iowa on Nov 15, 1916. He earned his medical degree at Wayne State University. He completed his internship at Detroit's Grace Hospital in June 1943. Enlisting in the Navy during med. school, he was called to active duty upon graduation. He was transferred to the 9th Marines, 3rd Division at Guadalcanal as a lieutenant and assistant regimental surgeon. He participated in the campaigns at Guam and Iwo Jima earning a Bronze Star citation. Returning to the US in 1945, he married Helen Grace Strong, the head of pediatrics at Grace Hospital. Upon his military discharge in 1946, and completion of his residency at Grace Hospital in 1949, he and Helen Grace moved to Jackson, MI. Dr Ries was a Diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology and at various times he was Chairman of Obstetrics at both W. A. Foote Memorial and Mercy Hospitals, Treasurer of the County Medical Society and Chief of Staff at Foote Memorial. He loved the outdoors, was an avid big game hunter, fisherman birder and photographer. A member of Squaw Creek Hunt Club in the UP, and oldest member of the Polk County (NC) Gun Club. He had earned his colors fox hunting at the Waterloo Hunt. Beaver Island was his summer residence since 1972 with milder winters spent in Tryon, NC. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Helen Grace and his brother, Dr Robert C Ries of Roger City. He leaves behind a daughter Kirsten, son Granner, grandchildren Emily and Aaron and two great grandchildren. If friends wish, memorial contributions may be made to: the Little Traverse Conservancy 3264 Powell Rd, Harbor Springs, MI 49740, or to the BI Rural Health Center, 37304 Kings Hwy, Beaver Island, MI 49782. A memorial service will be held on Beaver Island. Cremation Services North.
MLive.com obituary.

Rountree, Lingard Tindale. Lingard Tindale Rountree, president and general manager of the Randolph Box and Label Company, was born in Las Vegas, N.M., May 15, 1882; son of Anna (Tindale) and Greenville Rountree. At an early age, he removed to Nashville, Ill., where he received a public school and high school education. In 1900, he came to Chicago and from 1903 to 1914 he served as treasurer and superintendent of the H.S. McCracken Box and Label Co. In 1914, he reorganized the Randolph Box and Label Co. Mr. Rountree was married to Margaret Florence Harrison, June 26, 1907, in Chicago. Daughter, Constance. He is a member of A.F. & A.M. Kenwood Lodge. Clubs; Illinois Athletic, Old Town, South Side Tennis. Home: 8642 Chappell Ave. Offices: 843 W. Van Buren St.
Old newspaper article found on Ancestry.com

Runberg, John S. - John Scott Runberg, 58, of Beaver Island, Michigan passed away on July 5th, 2022, surrounded by his family. John was born in Detroit, MI on October 9th, 1963. He was raised in Bay City, Michigan by his loving parents, John and Joyce Runberg. On July 15th, 1989, he married Carol Stasinksi and together they shared 32 years of marriage and raised 5 children. In 1987, John moved his family from Bay City, MI to Beaver Island, MI where he owned and operated his own drywall company, with his wife Carol. He also spent a few years working at Power's Do it Best Hardware Store where he enjoyed talking and helping everyone that stopped in. John was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, MI. Early in life John enjoyed riding his motorcycle. Once he moved to Beaver Island, his new hobbies consisted of snowmobiling and boating with his wife, children, and friends for many years. John also loved to host cookouts for family and friends together, whether it being at his home or on Garden Island, MI. John loved his family unconditionally. He also loved to help anyone in need and was a huge fan of Outlaw Country Music, Michael Beans, and Pat Dailey.

John is survived by his wife, Carol Runberg of Beaver Island; 5 children: Tasha (Austin) Papazian, Joshua Runberg, Christine (Palmer) Sylvain, John Runberg III, and Daniel Runberg; 4 grandchildren: Ashley Runberg, Logan Hachey, Olive Sylvain, and Eleanor Sylvain; 2 sisters: Juli Runberg and Cynthia Runberg; brother-in-law, Bert (Cheryl) Stasinski; 2 sisters in law, Esther (Carl) Phillips and Mary (Rocky) Hernandez; and many nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his parents, John and Joyce Runberg and his mother and father-in-law, Marjorie and Edward Stasinski.
Visitation will be held from 6 – 7pm on August 7th, 2022, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, followed by Rosary at 7pm.
Funeral Mass will be held at 11am on August 8th, 2022, at Holy Cross Catholic Church followed by burial at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, and luncheon at Holy Cross Parish Hall.
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be given to "Hospice of Beaver Island". Arrangements are in the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Runberg, John V. - John Vernon Runberg, January 18, 1929 ~ September 20, 2020 (age 91).
John Vernon Runberg, 91, has passed away to join his wife Joyce on September 20, 2020. He was born on January 18,1929 in Minneapolis, MN to Marguerite (McCann) and Vernon Runberg. He spent a great deal of his childhood on Beaver Island, and attended school there some of his elementary years. He went to a parochial high school in Bay City, and Delta Junior College. John served 2 ½ years in the Navy during the Korean War. He came back and went to MSU on the GI Bill. He worked as a TV Repairman, then as an Instrument Man at Dow Chemical in Midland (30 years).
In Bay City, he was very active golfing, bowling and square dancing. He loved his church, camping, cross-country skiing and traveling all over. He and Joyce traveled to Alaska, Ireland, Nova Scotia, Australia and New Zealand. They visited many of the National Parks in America. They traveled back and forth for 25 years from Arizona to Michigan seasonally, after they were chased out of Florida (10 years) by Hurricane Andrew.
He took early retirement at 55 and they moved to the island into the McCann home; which has been in the family since 1901. On Beaver Island, he and Joyce were licensed Emergency Medical Technicians for about 10 years. John was the President of the Beaver Island Historical Society for many years. He belonged to the Amvets Post 46 on Beaver Island. Previously, he was involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Bay City for 25 years.
John was always good for a story, and he had some great ones. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. A memorial mass and burial will take place November 28, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. The Visitation will be the night before on the 27th at 5:00 p.m. with the Rosary following at 6:00 p.m. This was also John and Joyce's Anniversary week, for 65 years of marriage. His family wants to believe they are square dancing right now up in heaven.
He is predeceased by his parents, brother Maurice Runberg (Carlene), sister Maureen Bussell (Tom), sister-in-law Mary Gray, brother-in-law Bill Carson, and mother and father-in-law Delia and Bob Carson.
He is survived by daughters Juli and Cynthia Runberg; and son John (Carol). His many grandchildren are: Forest Cherven and Willow Riopelle (Justin), Tasha Runberg, Christine Sylvain (Palmer), Joshua Runberg, Daniel Runberg, John E. Runberg, Alex Ledesma, Ben Ledesma, Michael Ledesma, Angelina Ledesma, Andrew Ledesma, Armando Ledesma, Tilarx Runberg, Bethsaida Runberg, David Runberg, Emily Runberg, Brian Runberg, Shilo Runberg (deceased).
In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Beaver Island Medical Center for future Hospice Care.
Mortensen Funeral Home obituary.

Runberg, Joyce (Carson) - Joyce Ann Runberg, March 8, 1933 ~ August 16, 2020 (age 87). On August 16, 2020 at 6:05 p.m. Joyce Ann Runberg went to visit her Lord. The Visitation at Holy Cross Church is at 6:00 p.m. on August 31, 2020, with Rosary following at 7:00. The Funeral Service is on September 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. outside of the church by the pavilion, weather permitting. Bring a chair to sit outside. Masks are appreciated.
In her early years in Plymouth, she enjoyed Marching Band as a drummer. She was in the first graduating class for Nursing at MSU. She maintained ties with all the women from this class. Early in her nursing career she taught in the Bay City Mercy Refresher Course, then on the staff at Bay City General Hospital. The last few years before moving to Beaver Island, she taught the L.P.N. Program at the Bay Arenac Skill Center to high school students. She was very active in the communities she lived in, especially Beaver Island. She started the Hospice Helping Hands Program on Beaver Island in the early 90's. In Apache Junction, AZ, she also did Hospice work for many years (Phoenix Hospice of the Valley). On Beaver Island, she and Johnny were in the first EMT class. She loved and supported her family in any way possible.
She is survived by her husband Johnny Runberg; daughters Juli and Cyndi Runberg; and son John (Carol). She was predeceased by her sister Mary Gray, brother Bill Carson and parents Delia and Bob Carson. Her many grandchildren are: Forest Cherven and Willow Riopelle (Justin), Tasha Runberg, Christine Sylvain (Palmer), Joshua Runberg, Daniel Runberg, John E. Runberg, Alex Ledesma, Ben Ledesma, Michael Ledesma, Angelina Ledesma, Andrew Ledesma,

Armando Ledesma, Tilarx Runberg, Bethsaida Runberg, David Runberg, Emily Runberg, Brian Runberg, Shilo Runberg (deceased).
In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Beaver Island Medical Center for future Hospice Care. Arrangements have been handled by the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Mortensen Funeral Home obituary.

Scamehorn, Sharon E. (Malloy) - Sharon Elizabeth Scamehorn, age 78, of Foley, Alabama, and Beaver Island, Michigan, passed away on Friday December 28, 2018 at Mobile Infirmary in Mobile, Alabama. Sharon was born July 2, 1940 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Married to Dale H. Scamehorn August 2003. Lived on Beaver Island, Michigan in the summer and Foley, Alabama in winter months. Sharon was an ER nurse and many other positions in nursing as her trade in life. When retired she volunteered on Beaver Island. She attended church at St. Margaret's of Scotland, Foley, Alabama and at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Beaver Island, Michigan.
She was proceeded by father Austin Hugh Malloy and mother Ivy Beryl (Leona) Haines Malloy. Sisters: Eileen Malloy Parry and Maureen Malloy Ramsdell. Brothers: Robert (Bus) Malloy, Donald Malloy and John Malloy. Along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.
Surviving are husband, Dale Scamehorn, sister Katie Malloy Wilcox, step-children Sheryl & Dean VanderYaght, Susan & Merl Ringewold, and Robert & Adonna Scamehorn, 8 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.
Memorial service to be held summer 2019 on Beaver Island. (Serenityfuneralhome.com).
Posted on News on the Net by Marie LaFreniere on Jan 11 2019.

Schmidt, Ann M. (Wojan) - Ann Marie Schmidt, age 57, of Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, May 19, 2019 at her home. She was born December 11, 1961, daughter of Walter Anthony & Vera Mae (McDonough) Wojan. She was born in Petoskey, MI and was raised on Beaver Island. She was Valedictorian of the Class of 1979.
Mrs. Schmidt was a member of St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church, Canton, MI. She enjoyed flower gardening around her home and photography. Most of all, she loved her family and time spent with them. She especially enjoyed family reunions on the island, playing games with all the nieces & nephews.
Ann is survived by her loving husband of nearly 25 years, Brian M. Schmidt, two step-sons Nicholas Patrick Schmidt of Chicago, Illinois and Marc Alan (Katrina) Schmidt of Belleville, MI, two grandchildren Olivia Mae Schmidt and Nolan Patrick Schmidt, her father Walter Anthony Wojan of Burt Lake, MI, nine siblings: Ed (Connie) Wojan, Jeanne (John) Gillespie, Ron (Patricia) Wojan and Jim (Karen) Wojan, all of Beaver Island, Angela Wojan of Petoskey, MI, Audrey (Ken) Chapman of Harbour Springs, MI, Patricia (Greg) Brynaert of Romeo, MI, Diane Scripps of Spring Lake, MI and Linda (Neil) Marzella of Harbour Springs, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother Vera M. Wojan.
Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. A Gathering will be held Friday, May 24, 2019, from 3-7 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734)697-4500. Deacon Jim Ward will pray the Rosary at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. A Mass will be held up on the island and Ann will be interred on Tuesday in Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island, MI. David C. Brown Funeral Home obituary.

Sendenburgh, Susan (Boyle) - Obituary...Mrs. Susan Sendenburgh, wife of Fred (deceased) and mother of Joe Sendenburgh, May 7th. She was 89 years of age, having been born on the Island where she lived all but the last 2 yrs. of her life. Those were spent at Grandview Sanitarium in E. Jordan until the end. She is survived by 4 sons and 2 daughters, 16 grand and 28 great-grandchildren. Beaver Beacon June 1957.

Siudara, Alexandrine M. (Gasiorowski) - "Alex" was the wife of Dr. Leonard J. Siudara for 67 years. She came to Berkley in 1948, with her husband, who was one of the original family practice physicians to serve in the area. There she raised her six children and was a member of the National Shrine of the Little Flower parish. She was active in the Oakland County Osteopathic Auxiliary. Alex was at her best when someone needed help. She had many talents, including playing the organ, crafting, and playing the stock market. She beat the Dow Jones Index more often than not. But, woe to any broker who put her into a "loser!". She loved "market timing" and was good at it. Alex and Doc were among the early yachting explorers of the waters of Georgian Bay and the North Channel of Lake Huron in the 50's and 60's. Wherever they went, they always had a boat load of kids with them. She was "all family." They flew the burgee of the Great Lakes Cruising Club when that organization was in its infant years. Alex was also a very early member of the Clinton River Boat Club and, along with "Doc", did much to develop "Club Island" located at the entry to the Middle Channel of the St. Clair River. The "Alexandra" was regularly moored at Club Island for many a summer. Alex and "Doc", on their retirement from the yachting circle, were awarded a lifetime membership in the Clinton River Boat club in recognition of their many contributions over the years. Alex and Len retired in 1979, moving north to Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan. The move was associated with "Doc" becoming the resident island physician. One needed to be a trooper to live on Beaver

Island year-round, braving the winter gales and heating their north shore home with a wood burner. But Alex loved it. She was a trooper. Her seven-year term as a full-time island resident ended when "Doc" retired a second and final time in 1986. Thereafter, she enjoyed island living each year from May through October. Alex was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island and a contributor to the Beaver Island Historical Society. She also sang for several years with the local chapter of the Sweet Adelines, a ladies barbershop harmony group. Len, her devoted mate of 67 years, and her six children and eleven grandchildren will miss her. She was a unique and caring person who loved the simplicity and fresh air of the North Country and has chosen to be interred on the island.
Find-A-Grave obituary.

Siudara, Dr. Leonard J. "Doc" - Dr. Leonard J. "Doc" Siudara, born June 26, 1913 in Detroit, age 94, of Berkley and Beaver Island, died peacefully Saturday, Aug. 4 at William Beaumont Hospital having lived a remarkably full and healthy life. Until a few months ago, he was independent, driving, shopping, going to Mass, gardening and caring for himself at his longtime home in Berkley. He was thought to be the most senior of Berkley's senior citizens.
Husband of Alexandrine Siudara for 67 years, who died in 2005, brother of Helene Zaremba of Sterling Heights, and brother of the late Joseph and Arthur Siudara. Father of Dr. Jerome "Jerry" (Elizabeth) of Cheboygan, Leonard, "Bud" (Susan) of Troy, Timothy (Elizabeth) of Metamora, Thomas (Patricia) of Sterling Heights, James (Cynthia) of Metamora, and Maribeth Siudara Giliam of Holly, grandfather of Missy, Patrick, Michael, Andy, Chris, Peter, Jaime Beth Priest, Mark, Andrea, Tyler and Tiffany. Great-grandfather of two.
Dr. Siudara personified in every way the storied determination and success of the "greatest generation." He was the eldest son of immigrant parents and was raised on the family farm in Rochester. He was an achiever early on, skipping eighth-grade, entering Rochester High School and earning 14 athletic letters. He was a self-made man whose will to succeed was tempered by the pain of the Great Depression. He was dedicated to his wife, Alex and his six children to whom he passed his personal work ethic.
August 15, 2007, Petoskey News Obituary.

Smallwood, Audrey (Gatliff) - Audrey I. Smallwood, 77, of Cheboygan, and Beaver Island, passed away on April 8 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey. She was born February 4, 1937, on Beaver Island, to Thomas and Mary "Tom" (McDonough) Gatliff, and grew up here. She served as a Dominican Nun for seventeen years, then attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids where she graduated as a Registered Nurse. Audrey worked in hospitals on the West Coast, Northern Michigan, and with Vital Care. On October 14, 1978, she married Thomas M. Smallwood, DDS, in Cheboygan, where they made their home. Tom died in May of 1989. Audrey later married Laurence Ronald Driscoll, and he died on July 26, 2002. Audrey was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Cheboygan.
She is survived by her step-son, Michael (Margret) Smallwood of Ann Arbor; step-daughter, Ann (Shawn) Sweeney of Ionia; grandchildren, Lehna and Liam Smallwood and Owen and Keegan Sweeney; sisters, Grace Doig of Chicago, and Kathleen Wood of Beaver Island. Audrey was also preceded in death by her brothers, Corneil, Danny, Bob, and Perry; and sisters, Ellen, Dorothy, Mary Ruth, Margaret, Eileen, and Ann. Visitation was held on April 11 in Charlevoix. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island, Friday, May 23.
Beaver Beacon Obituary Oct.-Nov. 2014.

Smith, Diana Sandra (Kenwabikise) – Diane Sandra Kenwabikise “Chief” Smith, 64 of Charlevoix died June 30, 2022, the day after her brother. She was born April 30, 1958 at the old Charlevoix Hospital, the daughter of Paul and Isabelle (Wabanimkee) Kenwabikise. She was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
Chief was an amazing cook and chances are if you went out to eat in Charlevoix you enjoyed her cooking. She worked at many restaurants through Charlevoix including The Villager Pub, Terry’s Place, Great Lakes Fish & Chips, Grey Gables, The Flight Deck and Castle Farms Estates. Chief also helped handle many of the other daily operations at these establishments such as prep work, dish washing, hiring, and cleaning. She was always a team player.
Introduced to each other by Diane’s dad Paul, Steven “Sonic” Smith stole Diane’s heart and they were married in Las Vegas at The Chapel of Dreams in 2001. Together they traveled all over the US including California, Florida, and motorcycle swap meets in Iowa and Pennsylvania. They also went to Mexico and took a 30 day back road trip from Charlevoix to Imperial Beach, CA. They took most every back road they could find in the U.P., and loved to spend time on Tahquamenon River at their camp. They also had a special campsite on South Shoal on Drummond Island just out of sight of Cockburn Island.
Surviving is her husband Sonic, her son David Kenwabikise of Charlevoix, grandchildren Jayden Bergmann, Caleb Kenwabikise and Isabelle Kenwabikise, a brother, Joey Kenwabikise; four sisters, Caroline (Buck) Ramey, Nancy Harris, Pauline (George) Anthony, and Mary Kenwabikise, brother-in-law Jack Bray, a sister-in-law, Peggy Kenwabikise; many nieces and nephews and her favorite dog Scrapper Do.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Margaret Way, Doris Kenwabikise, Sarah Bray; and five brothers, Johnny Kenwabikise, Leonard Kenwabikise, Robbie Kenwabikise, Stephen Kenwabikise and James Kenwabikise.
There will be a Celebration of Life on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 3-6 p.m. at the Beaver Bar at the Kenwabikise property on Beaver Island.
A graveside service will follow on Saturday, August 13, at 1:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Cemetery also on Beaver Island.
Arrangements are under the direction of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Smith, Harold - Harold E. Smith, 87, of Canton, Michigan, passed away in the company of his loving wife and family members at his home on February 21, 2018. As the first-born child of the late Harold Russell and Jean (Ziegler) Smith during the Great Depression, Harold learned the value of thrift at an early age. He served his country honorably for four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He then served the community for 27 years with the Detroit Police Department, where he rose to the rank of Inspector. During his career on the force, Harold encountered people from all walks of life, had many adventures, and was molded into the man of strong character we all knew.
As a young policeman injured while directing traffic, fate brought him to Mt. Carmel Hospital, where he met Rosemary Nackerman, a student nurse. They ultimately married on January 15, 1955, and began their 63-year story. After retiring from a second career as Assistant Vice President/Deputy Director of Security for NBD, Harold delighted in touring the U.S. and Canada, from Alaska to Florida to the Maritime Provinces, with Rosemary in their RV. He also enjoyed attending family events, no matter the distance.
Harold was a hard-working and dedicated family provider. He worked second jobs, and took classes on nights and weekends to obtain bachelor's and master's degrees. His innate mechanical abilities allowed him to complete numerous DIY home improvement projects for his family's benefit, without YouTube or Internet resources. He served his Catholic parish as an usher and the broader community as a volunteer, including delivering Meals on Wheels, providing low-income tax return assistance, and participating in veterans' events. His many selfless acts comprise his exemplary legacy of strong family values and service to others. He will be greatly missed.
Harold is survived by his wife, Rosemary; his sister, Bonnie Roberson; and four children, Sharon Jean (Steven) Conkle, Shannon Grace Barnes, Shawn Renee (Peter) Worrel, and Harold Terrence (Lee Pizzimenti) Smith. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Sandra Lynn, and his siblings, Harvey ("Tom"), Barbara, and Beverly. Harold was the proud grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.
Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI on Friday, from 2:00-8:00 pm with a prayer service at 7:00 pm. A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, February 24, at 10:30 am. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, MI. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10 am. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island, MI, will be at a later date to be determined. Memorial donation suggestions are St. Jude Children's Research Center, Memphis, TN; Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI; or Beaver Island Rural Health Center, Beaver Island, MI. Schrader-Howell Funeral Home obituary.

Smith, Leo - Leo Melvin Smith Jr. of Otsego passed away Wednesday, November 16, 2016 in Battle Creek.
Leo was born June 16, 1944 in Detroit. He served his country honorably during the Viet Nam war in the Army and spent another 20 years with the National Guard. Leo was a loving and caring family man. On May 13, 1978 in St. Louis, MI, he married Susan Ranger who survives. Also surviving are his children, Frederick (Courtney) Smith of Allegan, Austen Smith of Otsego, John Michael Smith of FL, and Jeffery Melvin Smith of Ft. Worth, TX; 7 grandchildren; 9 siblings, Jim, Jerry, Marie, Joyce, Lyn, Marge, Barb, Doug and Carol; many nieces and nephews; and their 'adopted' children. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother-in-law, Keith and Dustin who was like a son.
According to his wishes cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at the Winkel Funeral Home, Otsego with Pastor Joe Shaler, officiating.
MLive obituary.

Smith, Rosemary (Nackerman) - Rosemary Smith, 87, of Canton, Michigan, passed away in the company of her family members at her home on May 11, 2022. Rosemary was the middle child of five children born to Grace and Frank Nackerman. She grew up in the small community of year-round residents on Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan. After high school, she enrolled as a student nurse at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit. While there, she cared for a rookie policeman named Harold Smith who was injured while directing traffic. They ultimately married on January 15, 1955 and began their 63-year history.
Rosemary had five children over the next seven years, which included a period when three children were born in two years. She always prioritized family first, taking seriously the role of full-time homemaker, through the million small things she did from making hot breakfast each day, to sewing kids' outfits and helping with homework. She was always a

constant presence in the family, making whatever sacrifices were needed to ensure each child grew to adulthood feeling loved and supported.
Once child-raising was complete, Rosemary returned to school later in life to complete her nursing degree, and proudly resumed her earlier career as a hospital-based registered nurse. After Harold retired, Rosemary shared in his dream of touring the U.S. and Canada in their RV. She also fulfilled her own dream of a trip with Harold to visit many attractions in Europe. They always enjoyed attending family events, no matter the distance, especially grandchildren's artistic and athletic performances, weddings, and graduations.
Rosemary is survived by her four children: Sharon Jean (Steven) Conkle, Shannon Grace Barnes, Shawn Renee (Peter) Worrel, and Harold Terrence (Lee Pizzimenti) Smith; and by her two sisters, Ellen (Richard) Verduyn and Colleen Krusky. She is preceded in death by her daughter Sandra Lynn, and her siblings Barbara Huston and Rodney ("Bud") Nackerman. Rosemary was the proud grandmother of 13 grandchildren and kept adorable pictures on her refrigerator of more than a dozen great-grandchildren.
Visitation will be at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan on Sunday, May 15, 2022 from 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. with a prayer service at 7:00 pm. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, Michigan beginning at 11:00 A.M. Rosemary will be in-state from 10:30 A.M. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 A.M. Rosemary will be laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island, Michigan on June 2, 2022.
Memorial donation suggestions are St. Jude Children's Research Center,, Memphis, TN; Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI; or Beaver Island Rural Health Center, Beaver Island, MI.
Contribution envelopes will be available at the Funeral Home. Published by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home on May 12, 2022.

Smith, Sandra Lynn – Sandra Lynn Smith passed away on Dec. 12th at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit after a four-day illness. She was fifteen years old on November 18th.
Sandra was the daughter of Rosemary and Harold Smith of Detroit and the granddaughter of Frank and Grace Nackerman of Beaver Island. She is survived by her parents, a brother, Terry, three sisters, Shawn, Shannon and Sharon.
Services were held at St. Eugene's Church. She was a pupil at Ladywood.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, January 1973.

Sowa, Gerald R. - Jerry Sowa, longtime island resident and former Marine has passed away unexpectedly. This happened late last week in California. Jerry was married to Shirley White (Clifford and Catherine) and spent many summers on Beaver Island through the years. He was a good friend, avid golfer and very proud American. He will be missed.
Gerald Raymond Sowa, 69, of Beaver Island, died Friday, February 3, 2006, at the Hemet Valley Hospital in Hemet, Calif. Jerry was born April 6, 1936, in Muskegon, the son of Leo M. and Mary (Ropotor) Sowa. He graduated from Muskegon High School in 1954. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Western Michigan University, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. and graduated from Quantico Officer's Candidate School. He served in the Marines for twenty-six years, which included two tours of duty in Vietnam, and another in Okinawa at the end of the war. He retired as a Major in 1977 at the age of 42. After retiring, he learned to become a mechanic and play the guitar, took singing lessons, went to electronics school, became EMT certified, completely built two homes, and learned to build golf clubs. He also earned a Master's Degree in Secondary Education from Arizona State University. He made his home on Beaver Island for the past fifteen years, where he was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church.
On May 9, 1959, he married the former Shirley E. White in Muskegon, and she survives. He is also survived by his children, John L. (Elaine) Sowa of Hemet, Calif., Michael A. Sowa of Beaver Island, Catherine (Joel) Meintsma of Coopersville, Lois M. (Kevin) Stipp of Hemet, Calif., and Beaver Island; grandchildren, Theresa, Melissa, Cory, Jeremy, and Tara Sowa, Aubreanne, Kyle, Kameron, Joleen and Shelby Meintsma, Jacob and Jessica Stipp; great-grandchildren, Cody and Amanda Stipp, brother Robert Sowa, James (Linda) Sowa, Gregory (Teresa) Sowa, Lawrence Sowa all of Muskegon; sisters, Teresa (Chuck) St. Amour of Muskegon, Mary Kreisel of Quartzite, Ariz.
A Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00am., Saturday, February 11, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, the Reverend Patrick Cawley officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. A Rosary will be recited at Holy Cross Church at 7:00 p.m. Friday, where friends may meet the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Altar Society (Beaver Island). The family is being assisted by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.
Beaver Beacon Obituary.

Sowa, Shirley (White) - Obituary: Shirley Elizabeth (White) Sowa was born on May 25, 1935 on Beaver Island, Michigan. She was the daughter of Capt. John C. and Catherine (O'Donnell) White. Her grandmother, Elsie (Schmidt) O'Donnell, delivered her in a small white house on Round Lake.
Shirley married Major Gerald R. Sowa, and together they raised four children. Despite extensive travel with her family because of her husband's military career, she achieved a BSN in nursing. She was a Registered Nurse and Enterostomal therapist as well as a hospital supervisor and educator during her successful career. She retired in 1995, at which time she and Jerry moved back to Beaver Island. She continued to live in the house that Jerry built on Donegal Bay before and after his passing in 2006.
After a hard-fought battle with cancer, Shirley passed away on March 15, 2021. She leaves behind her children Lois Marie (Kevin) Stipp, John (Elaine) Sowa, Michael (Michelle LaFreniere) Sowa, Catherine (Joel) Meintsma. She has 11 grandchildren; Jacob Stipp, Jess (Harvey) Duarte, Theresa (Jeff) Pliska, Melissa (Mike) Murdock, Jeremy (Danielle) Sowa, Cory (Katina) Sowa, Tara Sowa, Aubreanne (Kyle) Brown, Kyle Meintsma, Kameron Meintsma, and Shelby Meintsma. Additionally, Shirley leaves 12 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents Captain John Clifford White and Catherine O'Donnell White, her brothers John Clayton (Nancy) White and James (Patricia) White, and sister Kathleen Neiser. She is survived by her sisters Audrey (Vince) Beilman and Pam O'Brien. Beaver Island Forum obituary.

Stephens, Elizabeth (Maloney) - Elizabeth (Ebbie) Maloney Stephens, age 97, passed away on Sept. 21, 2012 at Calusa Harbour in Fort Myers, FL with John (Bud), her husband of 72 years, sitting by her side. Elizabeth was the daughter of the late J.P. Maloney of Beaver Island and Elizabeth Barrett Maloney of Charlevoix. Her sisters, Agnes Payne, Marion Madiol, and her brother John Maloney preceded her in death. She and Bud were married on Sept. 21, 1939. Besides John, her nieces, Nancy Madiol Hannon, Patricia Accurso, Kathleen Connelly and nephews, Brian, Dan and Philip Maloney and her adopted nieces, Janet O'Callahan and Mary Beth Lyons, survive her. Her burial will be this July in Holy Cross Cemetery next to her father.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, March 2012.

Stephens, John H. - June 16, 1912 - January 26, 2014. John H. Stephens, 101, passed away Sunday, January 26, 2014. He was born June 16, 1912 in Chicago, IL and moved to Fort Myers in the late 70's. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Mr. Stephens leaves to cherish his memory, his nieces and nephews: Nancy Hannon, Patricia Accurso, Brian Maloney, Daniel Maloney, Kathleen Conley, Philip Maloney, Janet O'Callahan and May Beth Lyons. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Elizabeth Stephens. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2157 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers. Funeral services are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Obituary from Fort Myers Funeral Home.

Teter, Marguerite (McDonough) - Marguerite Teter 1911-2005. Marguerite McDonough Teter, 94, died September 10, 2005. She was born February 24, 1911, on Beaver Island, the daughter of Sylvester "Vesty" and Mary (Connaghan) McDonough. Marguerite graduated from the Mercy School of Nursing in Muskegon, Michigan. At the time of her retirement, she was the director of nursing at Plymouth Place in Illinois. In 1970 she moved from Lake Forest, Illinois to Sarasota, Santa Belle, Florida.
She is survived by a stepdaughter, Lucia Kerr of Avon, New York, a stepson, Charles of California; a brother, Lawrence (Winnie) McDonough of Beaver Island, and several step-grandchildren. Marguerite was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; and siblings: Jessie Clementine, Lloyd, Helen "Nellie", Roland, Robert and Mary. A graveside service is planned for October at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island.
Beaver Beacon Obituary, October 2005.

Thrush, Lea M. (Feck) - Lea Marie Thrush, 75, of Comstock Park, MI passed away on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018. Lea was born on December 6th,1942, in Traverse City, Michigan.
According to the wishes of Lea, arrangements have been entrusted to Simply Cremations in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lea Marie (Feck) Thrush wore out her earthly shell and peacefully returned to her goddess on Jan. 23, 2018.
Lea hailed from Traverse City. She was the daughter of Clara Belle Wilkins and Harold Feck. She moved to Saugatuck around 1977.
She was an avid gardener, fisherwoman, lover of animals, reading, sewing, and football pools. An inspiring proponent of civil rights and women's rights, Lea even founded an Allegan County chapter of National Organization for Women in the early 80s. She worked at J.E. Miles, Harris Pie, Haworth, and The Newsstand. She later restored and sold ceramics on

eBay and had antique booths in Douglas. She also volunteered and collected donations for Covert Baptist Church and Christian Neighbors in Douglas.
Lea is survived by her children, Amy (Spanogle) Myers of New Orleans, La., Rebecca (Spanogle) Klapil of Grand Rapids, and Claudia Marshall of Charlotte, Vt.; her longtime companion PG Walter of Douglas; and her six siblings, Al Feck of Grand Rapids, Neil Feck of Traverse City, Kelly Neff of Thornton, Colo., Theresa Renaud of Golden, Colo., Terrance Moore of Seattle, Wash., and Joe Moore of Beaver Island.
A remembrance, family reunion and burial will be held in August, on Beaver Island.
SimplyCremationServices.com obituary.

Vories, Erma (McDonald) - Rites Set Thursday for Plane Victims, Oct. 10 1966: Services for Mrs. Erma Vories, 65, and Mrs. Raymunda Overmeyer, 58, the Mishawaka sisters who were killed in a light plane crash, will be held at 9 am Thursday in Holy Cross Church, St. James, Beaver Island, Mich. The wreckage of the single engine plane was found Saturday in Cass County, Mich. The plane in which six Northern Indiana residents met their death left Charlevoix, Mich., a week ago. Also killed in the crash were Raymond Smith, 41, and his wife, Bonnie, 41, both of Osceola; the pilot Roy A. Nye, 58, and his wife Lillian or Warsaw. Mrs. Overmeyer, owner of Rae's Rainbow Inn, 621 W. Jefferson Blvd., was born on May 12, 1908 in St. James. Her husband, Harold Overmeyer, died about eight years ago. She had spent most of her life in Mishawaka. Mrs. Vories, an employee at the restaurant at Spartan's Store, Mishwaka, was born on June 28, 1901, in St. James. She came to Mishawaka from Detroit 15 years ago. They are survived by three sisters, Mrs. Betty Merry of Royal Oak, Mich., Mrs. Marie Smith of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Bid Sendenburgh of St. James, and three grandnephews, James, Timothy and Michael Smith, all of Osceola and sons of the victim, Raymond Smith. The bodies of the two sisters are at the Winchester Funeral Home, Charlevoix. The rosary will be recited Wednesday night in the home of their sister, Mrs. Sendenburgh. Funeral services for the Smiths will be at 1 pm Tuesday in the Warner Funeral Home, Osceola, with district evangelist Rev. George Missinger, pastor of the new Apostolic Church, officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, South Bend.
Article from Ancestry.com.

Vreeland, Eugenia A. "Genie" (Setsma) - Eugenia "Genie" Anne Vreeland, 90, of Beaver Island, passed away Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013, in Charlevoix. She was born May 16, 1923 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Andrew and Anna (Geldersma) Setsma, and graduated from Ottawa Hills High School in 1941. She attended Western Michigan University, and later taught high school. She retired from the Kindel Furniture Company in Grand Rapids, where she wrote ad copy. On Feb. 14, 1952, she married Harold W. "Bucky" Vreeland in Caledonia. Bucky and Genie moved permanently to Beaver Island in 1980, where they had been part-time residents since 1956. For 16 years, they had spent half of each year in Feakle, Ireland. They were members of Holy Cross Church of Beaver Island.
Bucky preceded Genie in death on Dec. 21, 2005. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Ruth J. Korhorn.
Funeral will be 11 am, Friday, May 23, at the Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Beaver Beacon Obituary.

Vreeland, Harold W. "Bucky" - Harold W. "Bucky" Vreeland, 84, of Beaver Island, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005 at his home. Mass of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at Holy Cross Church, Beaver Island. The Rev. Pat Cawley will officiate and burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island.
Bucky was born March 12, 1921, in Bowen Township, Kent County, Michigan, the son of Basil and Mary Emma Vreeland. He graduated from Caledonia High School. On Feb. 14, 1952, he married Genie Setsma in Caledonia. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the United States Air Force. Harold worked as a tool and die maker, managing a shop for Middleville Engineering. He went to work for Bissell Corporation in Grand Rapids in 1964, and retired in 1980 as supervisor. Bucky and Genie moved permanently to Beaver Island in 1980, where they had been part-time residents since 1956. For 16 years, they spent half of each year in Feakle, Ireland. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, Caledonia VFW, and Creston Rod and Gun Club in Ada. Harold was an avid reader of westerns, a friend of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club and a supporter of the Beaver Island District Library. His wife, Eugenia "Genie" Vreeland, of Beaver Island survives. Contributions may be made to Holy Cross Catholic Church or the Beaver Island Wildlife Club. Friends may call at Holy Cross Catholic Church Monday evening, Dec. 26, where a rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Beaver Beacon Obituary.

Waskul, Susan (Verduyn) - 1957 – 2004. Susan Waskul entered heaven on November 20, 2004 following a long battle with cancer. She was the granddaughter of Frank and Grace Nackerman of Beaver Island and spent many summer vacations on the Island. Susan is survived by her husband Daniel and children; Jeffrey, Christopher, Andrew and Lauren.

Also surviving are her parents Richard and Ellen Verduyn and siblings; Kevin (Maureen), David (Melissa), Brian (Kim) and Bruce (Molly Verduyn). Beaver Beacon Obituary.

Welke, Betty (Culter) - Betty J. Welke passed away March 27, 2008 at Holly Convalescent Center, Holly, MI. She was born on October 17, 1928 in Portland, Indiana, to Pauline and Lee Culter. She grew up in the Wixom/Walled Lake area outside of Detroit and graduated from Walled Lake High School in 1946. On December 28, 1946 Betty married the love of her life, William (Bill) Welke (1922-2006). Betty was a longtime member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. Betty was predeceased by her husband, Bill and her parents. She is survived by her brother, Richard and her five children and their spouses: Jean and Bruce Kinsley of Beaver Island; Paul Welke and Angela LeFevre of Beaver Island; Mark and Sue Welke of Marquette, Michigan; Carl and Laurie Welke of Tecumseh, Michigan; and Anne Welke and Bruce McPhilips of Charlevoix, Michigan. Also surviving are Bill's brothers and sisters-in-law are Robert and Sue Welke of Beaver Island; Donus and Dory Welke of Archbold, Ohio; and Charles and Catherine Welke of Beaverton, Michigan as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Petoskey News Obituary.

Welke, Esther "Sue" (Schulte) - Esther (Sue) Welke, Age 85, of Beaver Island and Coldwater passed away on April 12, 2022, after a short illness.

She was born on November 15, 1936, to James and Mary Elizabeth (Kiley) Schulte in Detroit, MI. After graduating from Walled Lake High School, she married the love of her life, Robert (Bob) Welke, on October 6, 1956. They were married for nearly 60 years. While Bob began work for the Michigan Department of Transportation in 1958 and rose to the position of Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation in 1996, Sue was by his side and together they raised seven children. They retired in August 1997 to focus on their beloved family life and to enjoy their home on Beaver Island.

Sue and Bob raised seven children: Tim (Patti), Bobbi, Tom (Barb), Beth, Mike (Renee), Scott (Michelle Thornton), and Bill (Teri). She enjoyed her 15 grandchildren: Ben (Barbara), Greg (Jenna), Lauren (Taylor Rohlfs), Drew (Carrie Mayer), Kate (Tyler Stewart), Karly (Dylan Binkley), Mariah, Makyle (Natalie Fons), Malina, Brett (Tana), Morgan (Jacob Haviland), Erin (Josh McDonald), Dan, Jack, and Abby. She was proud of her 11 great grandchildren: Braden, Brice, Brinley, Ryan, Graham, Maddox, Brogan, Kade, Rylie, Mika, and Carter. Sue was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and her sisters, Kathie and Ann.

Sue shared her time graciously throughout her life, including volunteering at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Coldwater, helping in the school's lunchroom, teaching CCD, and providing faith formation for those at the Coldwater Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities. She joined the Newcomers Club, Jaycees, and both major political parties. She helped with the founding of a hospice program on Beaver Island. On Beaver Island, she helped to create the Property Association of BI and served on the committee charged with establishing the Community Center. She volunteered with Holy Cross Catholic Church as a member of the Altar Society and served as a volunteer at the Marine Museum for the Beaver Island Historical Society.

Sue began working when her youngest was in school, working as a paraprofessional for the Branch County Intermediate School District in Coldwater Schools and as a certified nurse aide in Marshall. Her final work assignment was with the State of Michigan as a resident care aide at the Michigan School for the Blind in Lansing.

Sue and Bob relocated their home throughout Michigan every year or two. Their longest home location was in Coldwater, after Bob was assigned the oversight of the construction of I-69 in Branch County. Once their oldest child started school they stayed in Coldwater and Bob traveled to his work assignments throughout southern Michigan. They traveled together for his work and their pleasure, including visiting with their family throughout the world. Sue was proud of all her children, as they are actively involved with their families and communities.

Bob and Sue established their first home on Beaver Island in 1959, where they spent some of their happiest times with family and friends. Planning and executing a home, garden, or farm project was never-ending on the island. Sue's passion was cooking and baking for her family, friends, and events.

In lieu of flowers, to honor Sue's memory, you may consider a donation to Beaver Island's Holy Cross Catholic Church, Beaver Island Historical Society, the Preservation Association of Beaver Island, or Hospice of Hillsdale County.

A celebration of Sue's life will be held at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater on Monday, April 18, 2022, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, with a prayer service beginning at 5:30 pm.

On Friday, July 1, 2022, a visitation will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island from 6:00 to 7:30 pm followed by a Rosary at 7:30 pm. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2022, at 11:00 am at Holy Cross, with interment to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Welke, Robert A. (Bob), age 81, of Beaver Island and Coldwater passed away on January 16, 2016, after a short illness. He was born on July 22, 1934, to William and Elizabeth (Oberle) Welke in Detroit, MI. After graduating from Walled

Lake High School, Bob attended the University of Detroit, graduating with a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering in 1958. He married the love of his life, E. Sue (Schulte) Welke, on October 6, 1956. Bob began work for the Michigan Department of Transportation in 1958 as a surveying rodman in Lawrence, MI for the proposed I-94 freeway and worked as a licensed professional engineer for 39 years, rising to the position of Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation in 1996. He retired in August 1997 to focus on his beloved family life and to enjoy his home on Beaver Island.

A celebration of Bob's life will be at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater on Friday, January 22, 2016. The visitation will be between 2 and 4 p.m. and 6 and 8 p.m. A prayer service and celebration of life will be held at 7 p.m. In May, a Catholic Mass will be held at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island followed by burial at the Holy Cross cemetery.

Bob and Sue raised seven children: Tim (Patti), Bobbi, Tom (Barb), Beth, Mike (Renee), Scott (Michelle Thornton), and Bill (Teri). He enjoyed his 15 grandchildren: Ben (Barbara), Greg (Jenna), Lauren (Taylor Rohlfs), Drew (Carrie), Kate, Karly, Mariah, Makyle, Malina, Brett, Morgan, Erin, Dan, Jack, and Abby. He was proud of his four great grandchildren: Braden, Brice, Brinley, and Ryan. He especially enjoyed his faithful side-kick Molly. Bob was proceeded in death by his parents and his brothers, Chuck, Bill, and Don Welke.

Bob's distinguished career culminated with the 2006 induction into the Michigan Transportation Hall of Honor. While Director of MDOT, Bob was responsible for streamlining operations in state government and authorizing an increase in transportation revenues. Throughout his nearly 40-year career, he made numerous contributions to Michigan's transportation system. Under his leadership, the department decentralized its program and operational delivery activities through the creation of Transportation Service Centers. Bob was nationally recognized for his contributions in the use of recycled materials in highway construction. He also introduced the Adopt-A-Highway program to Michigan, as well as the rumble safety strips to Michigan's state highways. After retirement from MDOT, Governor Engler appointed Bob to serve as chairman of the Transportation Funding Study Committee.

While based in Coldwater, Bob was the Project Engineer responsible for the original construction of I-69 in Branch County, including the building of the Coldwater Welcome Center, which is now named in his honor, along with his daughter, Bobbi, who retired after a 31-year career working at MDOT. Bob and Bobbi collaborated between 1993 and 1997 on designing and building the second Blue Water Bridge located between Port Huron, MI and Point Edward, Ontario. Bob was proud of all of his children, as they are actively involved with their families and communities.

Bob gave back to the community as a member of the Coldwater Jaycee's, helping to establish Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Coldwater, and serving on the school boards of St. Charles Catholic Schools, Coldwater Community Schools, and the Kalamazoo Catholic Dioceses. He also served as President of Beaver Island's Port St. James Property Association Board of Directors. He is a past member of Coldwater's St. Charles Catholic Church and is a member of Beaver Island's Holy Cross Church. An avid pilot, Bob enjoyed flying between Coldwater and Beaver Island. He loved Beaver Island his entire life, from the time Mel Gallagher taught him to walk, through the years he spent hunting, fishing, gardening, and farming. Bob and Sue's home on the island since 1959 was where he spent some of his happiest times with family and friends. Planning and executing a home, garden, or farm project was never-ending on the island.

In lieu of flowers, you may consider a donation to a charity of your choice, or a donation to any of the following charities: Beaver Island Community Center, the Ellen Welke Memorial Fund at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island, or the Humane Society of Branch County. www.dutcherfh.com.

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Welke William Paul - Bill Welke passed away on December 7, 2002. He was born on June 28, 1922 in Detroit, the son of Elizabeth (Oberle) and William Welke. He graduated from Walled Lake High School and the Detroit Police Academy, and served two years in the United States Army Air Force. Bill also attended the Wilbur Wright trade school, where he trained as a machinist. He worked at many occupations over the years, including as owner and chief pilot of Island Airways. Through the years Bill owned and operated contracting, excavating, well-drilling, and saw mill operations. In addition, he served as the Deputy Sheriff on Beaver Island and as a member of the Detroit Police Force. He is survived by his wife of 56 years (Betty Cutler) Welke and their five children and spouses: Jean and Bruce Kinsley of Beaver Island; Paul Welke and Angela LeFevre of Beaver Island, Mark and Sue Welke of Marquette, Michigan; Carl and Laurie Welke of Tecumseh, Michigan; and Anne Welke and Bruce McPhilips of Charlevoix. He is also survived by his brothers and their wives: Robert and Sue Welke of Beaver Island; Donus and Dory Welke of Archbold, Ohio; and Charles and Catherine Welke of Beaverton, Michigan. Bill is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. A memorial service will take place at Holy Cross Catholic Church in early 2003.

Beaver Beacon Obituary, January 2003.

White, Nancy (Berglund) - Nancy L. White passed away in Grand Rapids, MI on Monday, February 25, 2019. Nancy was born in 1932 in Muskegon, MI to Roy and Gwendolyn Berglund. She is survived by her children Mark (Marcia)

White, Kevin White, Brian (Sandy) White, Wendy Mushel, and Lisa White; grandchildren: Joshua, Andrew, Chelsea, Lori, Heather, and Nick; 11 great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband John C. White and infant daughter Cathy; parents; sister Marilyn Bekkering, brothers, Ron Berglund, Tom Berglund, and Ed Berglund. Nancy attended the Beaver Island Christian Church where she shared her faith and love of the Lord. She enjoyed many years of family and friends at her lake home. She loved gardening, swimming, reading, and watching the boat traffic in St. James Bay. A memorial gathering will be planned for a later date and a private burial will take place at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery on Beaver Island, MI. Beaver Island Forum Obituary.

Wood, Chad - Chad Michael Wood, 48, of Lawton and Beaver Island, formerly of Lakeview, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2015. He was born June 30, 1966 in Alma, and grew up in Lakeview, graduating from Lakeview High School in 1984. In 1989, he received a Bachelor of Computer Science degree from Michigan Technological University in Houghton. Chad was a Senior Network Manager for Pfizer in Kalamazoo. Chad loved sports cars, all sports especially hockey, having played at Michigan Tech. He loved to socialize with his numerous friends, and enjoyed high-end electronics for work and personal use. He is survived by his mother, Kathleen Gatliff Wood of Beaver Island; brothers, Coley E. (Terrie M.) Wood of Lakeview, Shane D. (Tracy) Wood of Cedar Springs; nieces, Devin Wood, and MacKenzie Bartnick; nephews, Dawson Wood, and Jacob Ware. Visitation will be from 5-8 pm, Thursday, April 23, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Mass will be 11am, Saturday, April 25, at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island, the Reverend Patrick Cawley officiating. Interment will follow at the Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Cemetery Fund, c/o Kathleen Wood, PO Box 44, Beaver Island, MI 49782. Beaver Island Forum obituary.

Wood, Glenn L. – Glenn L. Wood, 74, of Beaver Island, died Friday, October 24, 2008, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. Glenn was born September 11, 1934, in Edmore, MI to Elmer and Leora (Stephens) Wood. He graduated from Edmore High School, served with the US Navy, then attended Central Michigan University, and University of Michigan Banking School. He retired from banking as Senior Vice-President of Chemical Bank in Stanton, MI after forty-two years. Glenn was past President of the Rotary Club in Stanton. On July 16, 1965, Glenn married Kathleen Gatliff in Edmore. They made their home in Six Lakes and Beaver Island before moving permanently to Beaver Island in 2005. He was a member of the Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. Glenn is survived by his wife, Kathleen; sons, Chad (Toni) of Lawton, Coley (Terrie) of Lakeview, Shane (Tracy) of Cedar Springs; grandchildren, Mackenzie, Jacob, Dawson, Devin, and Samantha; brother, Keats (Neoma) Wood of Vestaburg. Glenn's brother Eugene preceded him in death. A memorial mass will be held at 11am Saturday, November 1, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Reverend Patrick Cawley will officiate and interment will take place in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Zajakowski, Rosemary (McDonough) - Rosemary (Rosie) McDonough passed away on November 1st in Chicago. Rosie was born on Beaver Island on August 10, 1938 to Bert and Mary (Boyle) McDonough. Rosie attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids before moving to Chicago where she worked for Matela and Boyle Construction Company. She met her husband Claude in Chicago. Rosie is survived by her husband, Claude, her two daughters, Amy (Jim) Zajakowski-Uhil, Blythe (Jim) Szafoni, foster son, Robert Born; and four grandsons, Michael Uhil, Peter Uhil, Matthew Szafoni and Connor Szafoni. Many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. Rosie was preceded in death by her sisters, Margaret Ellen (Gene) Connaghan, Madonna (Bing) McCafferty, brother Donald "Topper" McDonough and niece, Maureen McDonough. A funeral Mass took place November 4th at St. Gertrude's in Chicago. There will be a memorial celebration on the Island the summer of 2021.

Zanella John Jr., 61, of Beaver Island, died Dec. 12, 2004, on Beaver Island. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island with the Rev. Pat Cawley officiating. Burial will take place in Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island. A complete obituary will follow from Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. December 14, 2004 Obituary.