

OBITUARIES

Reva Williams

COTTAGE HILLS — Reva Lenora Williams, 72, died at 8:24 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 1997, at her home.

She had worked as a secretary and treasurer for the Forest Homes Water Department and for many years was a volunteer at Alton Memorial Hospital.

Born in Grassy, Mo., Feb. 9, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Leola (Bess) Thomas.

She married Thomas M. Williams Jan. 24, 1948, in Wood River. He died July 11, 1984.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas M. and Sally Williams Jr. of Bethalto; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Jerry Chappell of Wood River; six grandchildren, Kyle and Sara Chappell, Tom and Nick Williams, Terri Kimbro and Kristi Turner; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Warren Thomas of Marble Hill, Mo.; and three sisters, Eula Pape of Zalma, Mo., Nadine Phillips of Hartford and Anna Lee Hopkins of Cottage Hills.

Preceding her in death were four brothers, Herbert, Sterling, Lowell and Raymond Thomas, and three sisters, Helen Loanman, Mary Glenda Hall and Vonda Sue Thomas.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Marks Mortuary in Wood River.

Visitation continues from 9 a.m. Tuesday until service time at 10:30 a.m. at the First Southern Baptist Church of Forest Homes. The Rev. Thomas Asbury will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodland Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the church, where she was a member.

Delbert Crotchett

KANE — Delbert Carroll Crotchett, 68, passed away at 6:45 a.m. Friday, April 11, 1997, at John Cochran Veterans Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born in Rockbridge May 19, 1928, one of four sons born to Emeline E. (Abbott) Crotchett of Kane and the late James Lee Crotchett.

Delbert was educated in Kane Schools and at the age of 17 entered World War II serving with the U.S. Navy. After completing his service with them, he enlisted with the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea, where he eventually served in the Korean War. He retired from military duty Feb. 10, 1960, when he returned to the United States and came back home to Kane in 1969.

He was a member of the Kane American Legion Post 1038 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4523, Eagles 2747 and Moose Lodge 695, all of Jerseyville.

Surviving in addition to his mother are two sons, Randy Crotchett of California and Kenneth Lee and Valerie Crotchett of Kane; a stepson and his wife, David and Mary Jane Pannebaker of Kane; three grandchildren, Jason and Colleen Crotchett, both of Quincy, and Bethann Crotchett of Kane; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Louis and Betty Crotchett of Kane, Paul T. and Wanda Crotchett of Jerseyville and Russell L. "Rip" and Linda Crotchett of Jerseyville.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Crawford-Holden Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where services will be at 10 a.m. Monday. The Rev. Ed Haun will officiate.

He will be laid to rest at Kane Cemetery with full military honors conducted by the Fort Leonard Wood Army Post Burial Detail.

Memorials may be made to Kane Baptist Church or First Baptist Church of Jerseyville.

Robert Betts Sr.

ALHAMBRA — Robert L. Betts Sr., 78, died at 5:25 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 1997, at his home.

Born in Tamms April 11, 1919, he was the son of the late Lark J. and Mary Jane (Billman) Betts.

He worked as a roller in the mill of Laclede Steel Co., retiring in 1983 after 29 years of service. He was also a farmer.

He married the former Ruby E. Davis April 12, 1937, in Jacksonville, Mo. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Rita Betts of Ransau, N.C., Robert L. and Maureen and Betts Jr. of Edwardsville, Marion and Clelia Betts of Lebanon and Elmo E. and Karen Betts of Richwoods, Mo.; two daughters, Mrs. Roger (Patricia) Cluster of Edwardsville and Mrs. Lillie Hamann of Worden; 21 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; five brothers, Clifford Betts and Lark Betts Jr., both of Tamms, John Betts of Moro, Charles Betts and Wesley Betts, both of Sebring, Fla.; and seven sisters, Mary Overmeyer, Carmelita Betts and Vernetta Henderson, all of Bethalto, Leona Roach of Ballwin, Mo., Bernelda Burney of Wood River, Alta Smith of Carbondale and Edna Gold of Newport, Va.

Preceding him in death were a stepbrother, Dwight Schilling, and a sister, Nevedith Betts.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Dauderman Mortuary in Hamel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Worden Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. Dee Lynn officiating.

Burial will be in Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials may be made to the church.

Othel Higgins

BETHALTO — Othel Higgins, 83, died at 6 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 1997, at his home.

He was a millwright at Laclede Steel Co. for 24 years, retiring Feb. 28, 1976. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Desarc, Mo.

Born Feb. 28, 1914, in Trigg County, Ky., he was the son of the late Newt and Ada Higgins.

He married the former Mammie Thompson Metropolitan July 28, 1932. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Harold Glen Higgins of Desarc, Howard L. Higgins of Overland, Mo., James T. Higgins of Winfield, Mo., and Kevin A. Higgins of Mayfield, Ky.; four daughters, Vivian Guthrie of Bethalto, Kathy Oyarual of Wood River, Lois H. Johnson of St. Peters, Mo., and Shirley Stringer of Wentzville, Mo.; 22 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and seven stepgrandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, Eucl Francis Higgins; three brothers; and two sisters.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Paynic Home for Funerals in Rosewood Heights, where services will be at 10 a.m. Monday. The Rev. Edsel Lackey will officiate.

Burial will be in Matheny Cemetery in The Land Between the Lakes, Ky.

Memorials may be made to the Glaucoma Foundation.

Virgil LaTempt

ROXANA — Virgil L. LaTempt, 80, died at 5 p.m. Friday, April 11, 1997, at Wood River Township Hospital.

He was a pipefitter at Amoco for 33 years, retiring in 1975.

Born in East St. Louis Dec. 26, 1916, he was the son of the late Oscar and Flora (Heinlein) LaTempt.

He married the former Virginia Johnson Dec. 31, 1935, in Edwardsville. She survives.

Also surviving are six sons, Virgil L. LaTempt of Wheaton, Terry LaTempt of Roxana, Danny LaTempt of Wood River, Rick LaTempt of Granite City, Bob LaTempt of Jerseyville and Steven LaTempt of Rosewood Heights; three daughters, Karen Hogue of Roxana, Debra Davis of Bethalto and Virginia Ann LaTempt of Roxana; 19 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Marvin LaTempt of Roxana; and a sister, Ruth Witherow of Roxana.

A sister, Pat Harvick, preceded him in death.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Marks Mortuary in Wood River, with a prayer service at 4 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wood River, with Father John Patrick Day as celebrant.

Burial will be in Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials may be made to Beverly Farm or masses.

Deaths elsewhere

Irving J. Galpeer, former government lawyer

HARWICH, Mass. (AP) — Irving J. Galpeer, a lawyer who helped define the investigative and regulatory powers of the Securities and Exchange Commission, has died. He was 87.

Galpeer, who died April 3, served as a top enforcement official, handling a series of fraud cases that helped define the agency's powers.

A 1933 graduate of Harvard's Law School, he joined the legal enforcement staff of the SEC's New York regional office in 1935 and investigated stock manipulation.

Aaron Kramer, poet and translator

NEW YORK (AP) — Aaron Kramer, a prolific poet and translator of Yiddish and German works, died Monday. He was 75.

Kramer was a professor emeritus at Dowling College on Long Island. His works included *Seven Poets in Search of an Answer* (1944), *The Poetry and Prose of Heinrich Heine* (1948) and *Melville's Poetry: Toward the Enlarged Heart* (1972).

He translated *Der Kaiser von Atlantis*, the opera composed by Viktor Ullman in the Theresienstadt concentration camp in 1943. His translations of the work of 135 Yiddish poets were published in *A Century of Yiddish Poetry*, which he edited.

Martin Schwarzschild, astronomer who used balloons

NEW YORK (AP) — Martin Schwarzschild, an astronomer who used balloon flights to get sharper, more accurate pictures of the sun, died Thursday. He was 84.

Schwarzschild was an astronomy professor at Princeton when he created Project Stratoscope, which used balloons to carry telescopes into the upper reaches of the atmosphere.

A balloon launch in 1957 took the sharpest photographs of the sun at the time, showing in detail the great gas storms swirling on its surface.

Joseph O'Toole, former Pirates official

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Joseph O'Toole, a retired front office official of the Pittsburgh Pirates, died Friday of lung cancer. He was 72.

O'Toole died on the day Pittsburgh opened its home season.

"A couple of days ago he was asking about how it looked for crowd expectations on opening day," said his son, Dennis. "This was the first one he missed in 40 years."

From 1976 to 1979, O'Toole was the team's co-general manager. He retired in 1986.

Helene Hanff, best-selling author

NEW YORK (AP) — Helene Hanff, who wrote the best-selling book *84 Charing Cross Road* and others, died of pneumonia Wednesday. She was 80.

The 1970 novel was Ms. Hanff's own bittersweet love story, chronicling her correspondence with London bookseller Frank Doel between 1949 and 1969.

The success of the book in England led to its adaptation as a television drama, a West End play and a film starring Anne Bancroft and Anthony Hopkins.

Ms. Hanff also wrote, *Underfoot in Show Business*, *Apple of My Eye* and *The Duchess of Bloomsbury Street*.

"If I live to be very old, all my memories of the glory days will grow vague and confused, till I won't be certain any of it really happened," she once wrote. "But the books will be there, on my shelves and in my head — the one enduring reality I can be certain of till the day I die."

Toshiro Mayuzumi, electronic music composer

TOKYO (AP) — Toshiro Mayuzumi, a composer who introduced electronic music to Japan, died of liver failure Thursday. He was 68.

Mayuzumi introduced electronic music to Japan by producing XYZ, the first Japanese work composed in the manner of "musique concrete."

Influenced by Buddhist music, Mayuzumi composed the symphony *Nehan (Nirvana)* in 1958. In 1976, he composed an opera based on *The Temple of the Golden Pavilion*, a novel by Yukio Mishima. It was first performed by the Berlin Opera.

Mayuzumi also was host for *Concert without a Name*, a television program that ran for over 30 years.

The composer was known for his conservative political views, including his support for replacing the constitution drafted by U.S. occupation forces after the end of World War II with a Japanese-written document.

Defendants want their trial moved

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Key defendants charged with taking more than \$7 million in improper payments from the Public Aid Department want their pending trial held out of the capital city.

Attorneys for Springfield-based Management Services of Illinois Inc. and owner William Ladd of Petersburg filed motions Friday in federal court seeking to have the trial moved.

Peoria is their first choice for the trial now scheduled for June 3.

The attorneys say pre-trial publicity has created so much prejudice against the defendants in the Springfield area that they cannot obtain a fair and impartial trial in the capital.

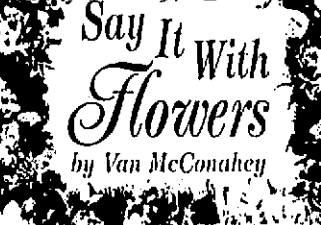
They note the case has received news coverage since the State Police and FBI began an investigation in 1995. That's when an aide to Gov. Jim Edgar gave authorities an anonymous letter raising allegations of wrongdoing.

MSI and its owners gave Edgar's campaign funds \$273,000 in cash and in-kind services beginning in 1990. Edgar has denied any wrongdoing, and State Police Director Terrence Garner has repeatedly said the governor is not the focus of the probe.

The Family Of Russell "Woody" Wood

Would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food and generous memorials. A very special thanks to the Bunker Hill, Dorsey, Shipman, Dorchester, Alton, Brighton-Betsy Ann, Gillespie, Fosterburg, Edwardsville, Hamel, Medora, Godfrey, Carlinsville, Staunton, Collinsville and Springfield Fire Departments, the Bunker Hill Area Ambulance and the Office of the State Fire Marshal for participating in the ceremonies and Honor Guard and for being on stand-by.

To Tom Throne, Don Shermwell, Justin Bonnell, David Day, Steve Rosa, Rick Petrolino, Judy Schwallenstecker and Ariana Rull for everything they did and to the Bunker Hill and Shipman Police Departments, the Terminal Railroad Police and the Illinois State Police for their assistance and to Elden Duerm and John Badman for their wonderful photos.



FLOWERS AS SCULPTURE

When composing a floral arrangement noted for its sculptural quality, start with a clear glass or crystal vase that will show the stems. Beyond that, the key to making an arrangement of this kind is to use white or monochromatic, pale flowers. Such flowers as rose, zinnia, tuberose, poppy, daffodil, nicotiana, orchid, magnolia, lily, amaryllis, hyacinth, freesia, and foxglove can be used in striking combinations to create sculptural effects. Use these flowers to experiment, all the while keeping an eye open for pleasing combinations of textures and forms. Individual blossoms of one kind of flower can be grouped to build larger, bolder units. A cluttered, fussy look should be avoided at all costs.

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TIP: A sculptural floral design can look equally at home in a rustic, early American setting or a contemporary interior.

Patricia M. Childers

GODFREY — Patricia Anne Murphy Childers, 85, died at 7:40 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 1997, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton.

Born March 16, 1932, in Kansas City, Mo., she was the daughter of the late James Eldridge and Hazel (Duncan) Murphy.

She was a member of the Chapter JZ of the PEO Sisterhood, the former secretary for the Friends of Hayner Public Library, a Den Mother-at-large for the Cub Scouts and a recipient of the Statuette Award. She was an avid reader and a member of First Presbyterian Church of Alton.

She married Robert J. Childers Sept. 6, 1953, at First Presbyterian Church of Alton. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Robert D. and Vivian Childers of Dorsey, and two grandchildren, Sarah E. Childers and James R. Childers.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at Gent Funeral Home in Alton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church of Alton, with the Rev. Matthew Richardson officiating.

Burial will be in Upper Alton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Friends of Hayner Public Library or First Presbyterian Church of Alton.

James Decker

ALTON — James "Jim" Decker, 82, died at 4:18 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 1997, at St. Luke's Hospital West in Chesterfield, Mo., after a lengthy illness.

Born Feb. 3, 1915, in St. Louis, he was the son of the late William L. and Edna (Gamache) Decker.

He was a cook at Alton Mental Health Center for 20 years, retiring in 1981. He was a U.S. Navy World War II veteran and a former member of Alton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1308, Wood River Knights of Columbus and Alton-Wood River Sportsmen's Club.

He married the former Dorothy Yeager Dec. 19, 1942, in St. Louis. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Phyllis Decker of Grafton; a daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and Ron Mullen of East Alton; three grandchildren, Jamie Gernon of Alton and Ryan and Justin Decker of Grafton; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dave and Helen Decker of Barefoot Bay, Fla.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, William and Joe Decker.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Elias-Smith Funeral Home in Godfrey, where private services will be held Tuesday. Father William Hembrow will officiate.

Burial will be in Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

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Police briefs

Man hit with brick; beer stolen

ALTON — An Alton man told police that someone hit him in the head with a brick and stole his beer early Saturday.

The man told an investigating officer that he was walking across a parking lot in the 1000 block of East Seventh Street about 1 a.m. when a man approached him.

The thief struck him in the head with a brick and stole his sack of beer, the victim told police. He had a small laceration on his forehead but refused medical attention, police said.

In Memory Of

 Our Daughter
 Carla R. Davis Grammer
 6/11/65

 My Parents
 Bill & Pat Norris
 6/3/16 - 4/14/96
 5/6/18 - 9/16/96
 April and September bring the sadness of my dear departed loved ones. Who gave me such joy and happiness. Who guided me with love and understanding. Your voices, I would love to hear. A call, a hug or two, and "I love you". These I miss, from all of you. You were the world to me, special in every way. I am so proud to say I am your mother "Carla" and your daughter "Mom and Dad". I will miss you and love you.
 Forever In My Heart, Yvonne Davis and Family

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