

Obituaries

WILLIAM T. WILLIS

William T. Willis, a resident of Chicago Heights, died Sunday, Nov. 8, at St. James Hospital and Health Centers, Chicago Heights.



Willis

A service will be noon Saturday at St. Bethel Baptist Church, Chicago Heights, with the Rev. John Rice officiating. Interment will be in Homewood Memorial Gardens, Homewood.

Visitation will be Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Alonzo Davis Funeral Home, Chicago Heights, and again Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Mr. Willis was born June 5, 1938, in Hamilton, Miss. He was retired from Calumet Steel Co. with 23 years of service; and served with the Senior Usher Board of St. Bethel Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; five daughters, Delphine Willis of Hamilton, Miss., Hope Rush of Tupelo, Miss., Jacqueline Humphries of University Park and Jennifer Ray and Stefanie Ray, both of Chicago Heights; three sons, Denny Willis of Hamilton, Miss., Mark Willis of University Park and Bennie Humphries of Chicago Heights; two sisters, Maxine Howell of Inkster, Mich., Earlene Whitfield of Hamilton, Miss.; three brothers, Mark Jr. and Mac Arthur, both of Inkster, Miss., and Calvin of Chicago Heights; and 12 grandchildren.

WILLIAM E. WHITE

William Edwin White, a resident of Beecher, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, at St. James Hospital and Health Centers, Chicago Heights.

A private service was conducted with the Rev. David Plant officiating. Interment was in St. Luke Cemetery, Beecher.

Mr. White was born March 26, 1927, in Cabery.

He was employed with Flintkote Roofing/Genstar for 43 years.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia (nee Greathouse); a daughter, Kathleen (Michael) Sassamon of Steger; a son, Marshall (Janey) of Peoria; a sister, Mary Janota of Beecher; four brothers, John (Priscilla) of Peotone, Paul (Virginia) of Silvis, Charles (Elizabeth) of Coweta, Okla., and Joseph (Marilyn) of Kimberling City, Mo.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude Midwest Affiliate.

Arrangements were handled by Hack Funeral Home, Beecher.

MARY RAE

Mary Rae, a resident of Alhambra, Calif., formerly 45 years in Harvey, died Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Episcopalian Home.

A service was Wednesday at Glasser-Miller-Lamb Funeral Home, Arcadia, Calif.

Mary Rae was born Sept. 29, 1896 in Scotland.

She was a homemaker; and a Mason and past Ruby Worthy High Priestess of the Martha Shrine.

She is survived by two sons, David of Arcadia, Calif., and Gordon of Chicago Heights; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Her husband, James, died in 1982.

EDWIN J. MARCINKOWSKI

Edwin J. Marcinkowski, a resident of Steger, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Prairie Manor Health Care, Chicago Heights.

A service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Liborius Catholic Church, Steger, with the Rev. James Kemper officiating. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Steger.

Visitation will be today from 2 to 9 p.m. at Smits Funeral Homes Steger Memorial Chapel, Steger.

Mr. Marcinkowski was born Oct. 2, 1917, in Chicago. He was retired from the security departments of International Harvester division of Wisconsin Steel, and of St. James Medical Center; was a member of the Steger Volunteer Fire Department for 40 years and served as department secretary; was appointed fire inspector for the village of Steger in 1987 and served until 1997; was a member of the Illinois Fire Fighters Association; Community Fire Fighters Association; Steger Fire Fighters Association; and Retired Management Club of Wisconsin Steel Co.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (nee Gibasiewicz); two daughters, Gail (Joseph) Spytek of Orland Park and Susan (Rodney) Williams of Bourbonnais; a sister, Frances Czuba of Hammond, Ind.; a brother, George of Chicago; and two grandchildren.

CATHERINE PUSTELNIK

Catherine E. Pustelnik (nee Pavlik), a lifelong resident of Chicago Heights, died Monday, Nov. 9, at St. James Hospital and Medical Centers, Chicago Heights.

A service will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Paul Catholic Church, Chicago Heights, with the Rev. Bernard Guirsch officiating. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Steger.

The former Catherine Pavlik was born Oct. 24, 1908, in Chicago Heights. She was employed as an addressographer with Chicago Sun-Times for 45 years, retiring in 1972. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church and Ladies Slovak Union.

She is survived by a stepdaughter, Charlotte (Raymond) Clark of Orland Park; a sister, Ann C. (John) Van Es Sr. of Chicago Heights; a brother, Edward (Leola) Pavlik of South Chicago Heights; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Joseph C., died in 1964.

Arrangements were handled by Hirsch Funeral Homes West End Chapel, Chicago Heights.

WALTER C. GARRISON

Walter C. Garrison, a longtime resident of Lansing, died Monday, Nov. 9, at St. James Manor Nursing Home, Crete.

Service and interment will be private at Cedar Park Cemetery, Calumet Park.

Visitation will be Friday from 2 to 9 p.m. at Tews Funeral Home, Homewood.

Mr. Garrison was born March 31, 1929, in Hillview. He was employed as an industrial engineer with the former Wyman Gordon Co., Harvey; and was a member of the Thornton Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred (nee Anderson); a daughter, Paula (Howard) Reynolds of Schererville, Ind.; two sons, Scott of Rye, Colo., and James of San Francisco, Calif.; a sister, Billie (Wayne) Riddle of Homewood; three grandchildren; and three great-children.

HERMAN WOLDHUIS

Herman Woldhuis, a resident of rural Grant Park, died Sunday, Nov. 8, at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

A service was Wednesday at Momen Christian Reformed Church, Mokenca, with the Revs. Jim Woldhuis and Todd Joling officiating. Interment was in Skyline Memorial Park Cemetery, Monee.

Mr. Woldhuis was born Feb. 16, 1926, in South Holland. He was retired as a farmer; and was a member of Faith United Reformed Church, Beecher.

He is survived by his wife, Grace (nee Meuzelaar); a daughter, Lynn (Jack) Hoesktra of Grand Rapids, Mich.; three sons, Dan (Janis) of rural Grant Park, Robert (Ilene) of Clarksville, Mich., and Jim (Bev) of Duluth, Minn.; two sisters, Joan DeBoer of Lansing and Betty (Jim) VanDyke of Bozeman, Mt., nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Unity Christian School, 920 W. 2nd St., Mokenca, 60954.

Arrangements were handled by Hub Funeral Chapel, Grant Park.

JAMES A. GRAY

James A. Gray, a 45-year resident of Park Forest, died Sunday, Nov. 8, at St. James Hospital and Health Centers, Chicago Heights.

A service was Wednesday at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, Park Forest, with the Rev. Daniel O'Sullivan officiating. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Steger.

Mr. Gray was born June 17, 1923, in Chicago. He was employed with Local Union 17 as a heat and frost insulator; and was a member of St. Irenaeus Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve (nee Glover); two sons, James (Bonnie Wolfe) of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Bernard of Park Forest; a sister, Rose Mary (Harry) Dietz of Crestwood; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 78 Cherry St., Park Forest 60466.

Arrangements were handled by Lain-Sullivan Funeral Home, Park Forest.

LOUIS GAUSE

Louis Gause, a 24-year resident of Homewood, died Friday, Nov. 6, at VITAS Hospice at St. James Hospital and Health Centers, Chicago Heights.

A service was Monday at Ryan Funeral Home, Homewood, with the Rev. Joseph Ledwell officiating. Interment was in Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago.

Mr. Gause was born June 26, 1907, in Jacksonville. He was employed as a manager for A&P Co., retiring after 40 years of service; and since 1970 served as president and manager for Cherry Creek Tower Condominiums.

He is survived by three sisters, Mary McLaughlin, Laura Gerretse and Helen Lambert; and a dear friend Joan Harnew.

ROBERT S. KENNEDY

Robert S. Kennedy, a resident of Chicago, formerly 55 years in Chicago Heights, died Saturday, Nov. 7, at home.

A service will be noon Saturday at Sherman Baptist Church, Magnolia, Miss.



Kennedy

Interment will be in Sherman Baptist Church Cemetery, Magnolia, Miss.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 5 p.m. at Alonzo Davis Funeral Home, Chicago Heights, and again Saturday from 11 a.m. until time of service at the church in Mississippi.

Mr. Kennedy was born Jan. 6, 1915, in Magnolia, Miss. He was retired as a laborer.

He is survived by three daughters, Florence Robinson of Chicago, Alma Martin of Gainesville, Fla., and Shirley (Leon) Norwood of Chicago Heights; a son, Allen Kennedy of Chicago Heights; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

His wife, Geraldine, died in January, 1997.

DONALD M. MACKENZIE

Donald Matthew Mackenzie, a resident of Pleasant Hill, Tenn., formerly of Homewood, died Saturday, Nov. 7, at Uplands Retirement Village in Pleasant Hill.

Mr. Mackenzie was born Oct. 1, 1911, in Homewood. He was a graduate of Thornton Township High School, Harvey; graduated Park College, Parkville, Mo., in 1933; received master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago and degrees from Loyola University, Chicago, and St. Francis College in Biddeford, Maine. He was a professor and counselor at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D., named Technical Assistant to the Secretary, Commission on Colleges and Universities of the North Central Association of Colleges; was a registrar at Shriner College in Mount Carroll; a dean at Blackburn College in Carlinville; and an examiner for the Commission on Colleges of the North Central Association.

He was Staff Director of the Illinois Commission on Education in Chicago; served as Associate Secretary of the North Central Association Commission on Colleges; conducted and participated in surveys on education in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Hawaii for the Presbyterian Church; was a dean at Lindenwood College in Missouri; Association Director of the Commission on Church Colleges and Universities of the Danforth Foundation in Missouri; and served as Park College president.

In retirement he served as the director of the Comprehensive Study of Academic Space for the Missouri Commission on Higher Education; was listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in Education; and volunteered as assistant to the executive director at Uplands.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; two sons, Donald Jr. of Seattle, Wash., and Roderick of Minneapolis, Minn.; two sisters, Margaret Johnson and Jean Mackenzie, both of Santa Maria, Calif.; and six granddaughters.

Arrangements were handled by Burris Funeral Home, Crossville, Tenn.

HERBERT W. COHRS

Herbert W. Cohrs, a resident of Chicago Heights, died Saturday, Nov. 7, at VITAS Hospice at St. James Hospital and Health Centers, Chicago Heights.

A service was Wednesday at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago Heights, with the Revs. David Steuernagel and his grandson, Erik Stadler of Hereford, Texas, officiating. Interment was in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Flossmoor.

Mr. Cohrs was born April 15, 1914, in Chicago Heights. He was retired as an accountant at Calumet Steel Co., a division of Borg-Warner Co., Chicago Heights; was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, where he was an elder, a member of its Men's Club, and trustee and past president of the school board. He was a member of the Building Committee of St. Paul's Church and School; and a former treasurer for the City of Chicago Heights.

He is survived by his wife, Marie (nee Witt); two daughters, Judith Cohrs of Chicago Heights and Marilyn (Frank) Bruno of Plano, Texas; a son, Herbert (Ursula) of London, England; a sister, Viola Mannel of Steger; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago Heights.

Arrangements were handled by Hub Memorial Chapel, Chicago Heights.

MATTIE HUMPHRIES

Mattie Humphries, a 42-year resident of Ford Heights, died Thursday, Nov. 5, in Glenwood.

A service will be 6:30 p.m. today at St. James CME Church, Chicago Heights, with the Rev. James Morris officiating. Interment will be in Washington Memory Gardens, Homewood.



Humphries

Visitation will be today from 1 to 5 p.m. at Alonzo Davis Funeral Home, Chicago Heights, and again from 6 p.m. until time of service at the church.

Mattie Humphries was born June 8, 1898, in Akron, Ala. She was a store owner; a member of St. James CME Church, where she served as a stewardess, Sunday School teacher, a member of the Missionary Society; and a foster grandparent.

She is survived by two sisters, Ella Harris of Saginaw, Mich., and Elizabeth Williams of Yellow Springs, Ohio; a nephew, Morris Johnson Sr. of Ford Heights; a great-niece, Vonceil Walker of Ford Heights; and a great-nephew, Morris Johnson Jr. of Ford Heights.

BROOKSIE L. MCGRUDER

Brooksie L. McGruder (nee Rogers), a longtime resident of Harvey, formerly of Weldon, Ark., died Saturday, Nov. 7, at Ingalls Hospital, Harvey.

A service will be 11:30 a.m. Friday at W.W. Holt Funeral Home, Harvey, with Elder James Adams of Abounding Life Church of God in Christ, Posen, officiating. Interment will be in Cedar Park Cemetery, Chicago.

Visitation will be today from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. A second visitation will be Friday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

The former Brooksie Rogers was born March 21, 1917, in Weldon, Ark.

She is survived by two daughters, Sandra Richardson of Hazel Crest, and Helen Simmons of Harvey; two sons, Frank and Rodney, both of South Dakota; four sisters, Opal White of St. Louis, Mo., Jessie Davis of Houston, Texas, Catherine Harris of Osceola, Ark., and Thelma Vergies of Cleveland, Ohio; a brother, Ellis Rogers of Osceola, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

PATRICIA J. BRADY

Patricia Jane Brady (nee O'Connell), an eight-year resident of Three Rivers, Mich., formerly of Chicago Heights, died Monday, Nov. 9, at St. James Hospital and Health Centers, Chicago Heights.

A Memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Kieran Catholic Church, Chicago Heights.

The former Patricia O'Connell was born March 26, 1932, in Chicago. She was employed with the Chicago Heights Water Department; and was a member of St. Kieran Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Price of Beecher and Janet (Gary) Fahrenbach of Algonquin; a son, Robert (Nancy) of Chicago Heights; a sister, LaVerne (Edward) Schultz of Three Rivers, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

Her husband, Robert, died Dec. 8, 1996.

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 401 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1701, Chicago 60605; or to Shriners, 600 N. Wabash St., Chicago 60611.

Arrangements were handled by Hirsch Funeral Homes, Chicago Heights.

ROSE COCKRILL

Rose Cockrill, a longtime resident of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Park Forest, died Friday, Oct. 23.

A memorial service was Friday, Oct. 30, at the Scottsdale Church of the Nazarene, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Rose Cockrill was born Feb. 1, 1930, in Illinois. She was a teacher in the Scottsdale School District.

She is survived by a daughter, Marsha Malone; a son, Rodney Pfeifer; a sister, Peggy Lowenstein; a brother, Tom Hill; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in the form of donations to Crisis Nursery, 2441 E. Fillmore St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85008.

Arrangements were handled by Messinger Mortuary and Chapel.

HAROLD J. BURNS

Harold J. "Bud" Burns, a resident of Oak Forest, formerly of Chicago, died Sunday, Nov. 8, at home.

Services were Wednesday from Colonial Chapel, Orland Park, to a Mass at St. Damien Catholic Church, Oak Forest. Interment was in St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park.

Mr. Burns was born March 14, 1916, in Chicago. He was employed with the Chicago Police Department, retiring in 1982; worked as a security guard for Little Company of Mary Hospital, Evergreen Park; was a member of the Illinois Police Association; and the Retired Chicago Police Association.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley (nee Surprenant); two daughters, Kathleen Hilty of Homewood and Patricia Burns of Oak Forest; five sons, Thomas of Chandler, Ariz., Edward of Peotone, Harold of Homer Township, Robert of Tinley Park and Michael of Frankfort; a sister, Lillian Heintz of Chandler, Ariz.; and 11 grandchildren.

JOSEPHINE M. HUTCHINS

Josephine Monica Hutchins (nee Bensko), a 44-year resident of Tinley Park, formerly of Witt, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, at home.

A service will be at noon Saturday at St. Barbara Catholic Church, Witt. Interment will be in St. Barbara Cemetery, Witt.

Visitation will be today from 2 to 9 p.m. at Hirsch Funeral Homes Memorial Chapel, Tinley Park.

The former Josephine Bensko was born July 6, 1921, in Witt. She was a member of St. George Catholic Church, Tinley Park.

She is survived by a daughter, Leona (Alan) Gamache of Matteson; two sons, Richard and Edward, both of Tinley Park; three sisters, Mary Fedele of Ballwin, Mo., Margaret Bensko of Witt and Dolores Bensko of Tinley Park; two brothers, John (Reba) of Boulder, Colo., and Raymond (Gloria) of Williamsville; a sister-in-law, Lillian Bensko of Hazelwood, Mo.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Leo, died Dec. 27, 1990.

VICTOR J. MONK

Victor J. Monk, a 25-year resident of Country Club Hills, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Olympia Fields Osteopathic Regional Hospital and Medical Center, Olympia Fields.

A service was Saturday at Ryan Funeral Home, Homewood, with the Rev. Joseph Ledwell officiating. Interment was private.

Mr. Monk was born April 27, 1931, in Blue Island. He was employed as a superintendent for the former Wyman-Gordon Co.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene (nee Erickson); a daughter, Vicky (Phil) Ford of Chesterton, Ind.; two sons, Roger of Chicago Heights and Jim (Bonny) of Park Forest; two sisters, Elizabeth Wojtanowski of Homewood and Doris Utermark of Bradley; and two grandchildren.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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Orland Park, IL
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Chicago Heights
Frankfort
708-754-2114
815-469-2144

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708-755-9014

Holt Funeral Home
175 W. 159th
Harvey, IL
708-331-0310

Lain Sullivan Funeral Home
50 Westwood Dr.
Park Forest IL
708-747-3700

WARREN H. BOCK

Warren Harold Bock, a 12-year resident of Frankfort, formerly of Birmingham, Mich., died Saturday, Nov. 7, in West Hartford, Conn.

A service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church, Palos Park, with the Revs. James Tony and Candie Blankman officiating. Interment will be private.

Visitation will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at Gerardi Funeral Home, Frankfort.

Mr. Bock was born April 29, 1921, in Chicago.

He was employed as a technical director at General Motors Insurance Corp.; a member of Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church; and a U.S. Army/Air Force veteran of World War II.

He is survived by a daughter, Leslee (Larry) Williams of Crete; a son, Warren (Carla) of West Hartford, Conn.; two brothers, Melvin (Emmy) of Chicago and Vernon (Ellen) of Hazel Crest; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church.

ROSE BRAMANTI

Rose Bramanti, a resident of Manor Care Nursing Home, Palm Harbor, Fla., formerly of Chicago Heights and New Port Richey, Fla., died Friday, Oct. 30, at the nursing home.

Services were conducted at Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home, Clearwater, Fla.

Mrs. Bramanti was born Nov. 20, 1902, in Chicago Heights, where she lived with her husband until they moved to New Port Richey, Fla., in 1955.

She helped build and manage the Gulf Sand Motel until 1969; and was a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Viola Scartozzi and Anne Narcisi, both of Clearwater, Fla.; a son, Patrick of New Port Richey, Fla.; a brother August Barberi of Chicago Heights; nine grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Her husband, Pat, died in October 1977.

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