

Obituaries

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Paula Anne (nee Messena) Buran

MENOMONEE FALLS, WI - Paula passed away peacefully at her home while surrounded by her loving family on Monday April 2, 2018. She was 61. She was born to Elizabeth and the late Paul Messens of Clinton Township in 1956.

Paula is survived by her loving husband of 33 years, Greg Buran, and her three children: Andrew Buran of Washington, DC, Kyle Buran of Menomonee Falls, WI and Amy Buran of East Lansing, MI. She is also survived by her three brothers: Mark (Lynn) Messens of Chesterfield Township, MI, Matthew (Whitney) Messens of Orange, CA and John Messens of St. Clair Shores, MI. Paula leaves behind numerous other loving relatives and friends, including four nephews and two nieces.

Paula grew up in Detroit and graduated from Dominican High School before moving on to Eastern Michigan University where she achieved Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Clinical Psychology. Paula had a varied career. In addition to practicing as a clinical psychologist, she worked as a youth counselor, a medical equipment planner, a physician liaison, an office manager and a tutor. First and foremost, she was a full-time mother to her three children. She had a love for music and enjoyed playing the piano. She became interested in pastel painting and created many beautiful paintings for friends and family to enjoy. In her own words, "Art is a healing process which attempts to draw the viewer into an empathetic union with the artist and an experience of wholeness with all living things". The last chapter in Paula's life truly showcased her courage and faith. Paula fought cancer valiantly for seven years and will be always be remembered by us as a role model for inner strength and a sense of humor. She liked to quote Woody Allen: "I'm not afraid of dying. I just don't want to be there when it happens." Known for her good nature, kind heart and willingness to lend a helping hand, Paula will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. Our time with Paula wasn't enough, but she reminded us that she will be with us every day, just in a different way, and we can take comfort from that.

Her final wish was to return home to Michigan, so arrangements have been made for a Memorial Service for Paula in Northville. The service will be held on Friday, April 20th, at First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 Eight Mile Rd, Northville, MI 48167. Visitation will be from 10am to 11am. The service will run from 11am to noon with a light luncheon thereafter at the Church. Donations in her memory may be made to the Farah Fawcett Foundation for Cancer Research, Blog for a Cure, the Michigan Humane Society or National Public Radio.



James R. Ward

SUMMERFELD, FL - Formerly of Highland and Fenton, James passed away suddenly while vacationing with his family in Florida on March 30, 2018. Beloved husband of Carol Pardell for 20 years. Dear father of Becca Temrowski (Ken) and Adam (Kristen) Ward. Loving grandpa of Tate, Maty, Shea, Weston & Ryder Temrowski and Evan & Emma Ward. Brother of Judy (the late Ed) Dysart, Jay (the late Carol) Ward, Jack (Sue) Ward and JoAnne (Juan) Morales. Jim also leaves the mother of his children, Marty Brian; his brother-in-law; Bill (Judy) Brian; sister-in-law, Cathy Brian; many nieces, nephews and loving friends. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, April 14, from 5-9pm, at Broadview Christmas Tree Farm, located at 4300 N. Hickory Ridge Rd., Highland. Please come and share stories and memories.



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Thomas L. Root

Thomas L. Root, age 59, passed away April 9, 2018. He was born September 23, 1958 in Ann Arbor, son of the late Robert and Frances Root. Tom was a master plumber, loved gardening and fishing and never turned down the chance to play a round of golf. His family and friends were very important to him and nothing brought him more happiness than being with them.

Tom is survived by his wife Vicky that he has been with since high school and has been married to for 39 years. He is also survived by his daughter, Lindsey (Jason) Babcock; two grandchildren: Jena and Austin; and his siblings: Perry (Kathleen) Root, Phyllis Farrell, Amy (Bill) Drongowski, Charlotte (Dennis) Dwyer, Jim (Pat) Root, Donald Root, Louise (Ken) Robbins, David (Katie) Root and Ed Root. He was preceded in death by his brother, Dick and his brother-in-law, Jim.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 27 at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake St., South Lyon. A time to celebrate Tom's life will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 2:00PM at the Upper Peninsula Club, 10770 Calumet Rd., Whitmore Lake. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Richard Jacques

FARMINGTON HILLS - Faithful husband of Wendy (nee Glick) passed away April 6, 2018, age 65. Survived by brother Thomas Jacques (Barbara), uncle Robert S. Rooke Sr. (Winifred), cousin Kathleen Walser (Kurt) and cousin Robert S. Rooke Jr. (Susan). No ceremony planned. Donations to Salvation Army: <https://give.salvationarmyusa.org>



William E. Carey

William E. Carey, age 88, passed away March 24, 2018. He was born July 29, 1929 in Marion, Indiana, son of the late George and Pansy Carey.

William enjoyed carpentry, deer hunting and never turned down the chance to play euchre. He will always be remembered by his family and friends for his kind and friendly nature.

William is survived by his wife, Jacqueline of 70 years; his children: Susan Carey, David (Cathy) Carey, Cathy (John) Gelardi, Lori Carey, and Jim (Jane) Carey. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and his sister, Joann Myers. William was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Richard Carey.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 1:00PM with the family receiving friends beginning at 12:00PM at New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Ave., New Hudson. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Melvin Gilbert

SOUTH LYON - Dr. Melvin Gilbert. 4-6-18. He was a dentist serving Redford Twp. and Livonia over 55 years. Served as an Officer in The US Navy and as a USMC dentist at Camp LeJeune. An avid golfer and a pilot, he also served in the Redford Lions Club for the blind. He is survived by his companion of 26 years, Diane Luckey. Also survived by his daughter Susan (Jack) Wills, a son John (Diane) and three grandchildren Kevin, Jessica, and Trisha. Funeral Arrangements Private with Memorial at a later date.



Betty Dryer

MILFORD - A longtime resident of Milford and former operator of Herb's Standard Service at Grand River and Novi Road, Novi, Betty died on April 2, 2018 at the age of 92. She is survived by her son, Terry (Teresa) Dryer of Milford; her daughter, Patricia (Wayne) Loder of Milford; grandchildren, Michael Dryer (Christine), Brian Dryer (Jason Gold), Todd Dryer (Ame), Christopher Loder, and Kathryn Loder (fiance Timothy Jones); great grandchildren, Cole and Noah Dryer, and her niece, Janice Fischer, who she cared for and loved as a daughter. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Burial Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. For further information, visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

Carl W. Stephens

NORTHVILLE - Mr. Stephens passed away peacefully on April 1, 2018 at age 98. He was born May 26, 1919 in Horton Bay, MI; son of Bernard and Ollie (nee Van Amburg) Stephens. He proudly served in the United States Army as a Military Policeman; serving in North Africa and Italy. Carl was united in marriage to Pearl Denton on July 19, 1947; dedicated to each other for over 56 years until her death in 2003. Carl moved to Northville from Horton Bay when he was 4 years old and has been a resident for over 94 years. He graduated from Northville High School, Class of 1937. Carl was a Machinist with Ford Motor Company for 30 years, retiring in 1976. He was past president of his Local Union 896. Carl was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville where he was very active especially with the choir. Carl was a wonderful singer and used his gift of music as a hired soloist at the Christian Science Church. He enjoyed golfing, woodworking, and relaxing up north at his cottage. Carl loved to travel all over Europe with his wife Pearl. He was a devoted husband, a great dad, and a hands-on grandpa. He was a very proud great grandfather as well. He is survived by his children, Carl (Karen) Stephens and Mary (the late William) Crowley; his grandchildren, Peter (Tina) Stephens, Victoria (Jonathan) Pack, Lauren Crowley, and Melissa Crowley; and his great grandchildren, Anna, Samuel and Sarah. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and his son-in-law. A funeral service was held Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville. Rev. Rob Allen officiated the service. Mr. Stephens was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery where full military honors were rendered. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.



Susan J. Gregg

NORTHVILLE - Longtime resident of Northville, Susan passed away March 30, 2018. She was born on October 5th in Antigo, Wisconsin; daughter of Charles S. and Nola A. (nee Malliette) Bally. She was united in marriage to the love of her life, Steven F. Gregg, on December 26, 1977. They were married for over 40 years. Susan graduated from Redford High School. She owned and operated a horse farm with her husband. They each managed different aspects of the farm; her main job was stable operations. Susan was an extreme gardener. She loved taking care of her floral garden and tending and harvesting her vegetable garden. Susan was a very thrifty woman and was blessed with an innate financial skill that she shared with family and friends. She was a very devoted and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her husband Steven; her children, Donald Fisher, Suzanne Fisher, Anthony Fisher, and Steven Fisher; her brother David (Laura) Bally; her grandchildren, Ashlee (Sean) Laskosky, Samantha Fisher, Jessica Fisher, Ariana (Bradley) Ferguson, A.J. Fisher, Zackary Fisher, and Ethan Fisher; and her great grandchildren, Rylee, Leah, and Hunter. She was preceded in death by her parents. A funeral service was held Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Rev. Kathleen K. Smallwood officiated the service. Susan was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Operation Smile, 3641 Faculty Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23453, the Salvation Army, 9451 Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or a charity of the giver's choice.



Josephine Zaleski

WHITE LAKE - Josephine Zaleski March 19, 1934 - April 3, 2018 Expressions of sympathy may be made at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Lori Hoy

Lori Hoy January 2, 1957 - March 24, 2018 Expressions of sympathy may be made at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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