

Dianna Thorsen

Dianna M. Thorsen, 62, Shullsburg, died Feb. 23, 2007 at her home.

She was born April 22, 1944 in South Dakota, the daughter of Otto and Emma (Guthmiller) Stoebner. Dianna graduated from Tripp, South Dakota High School. She attended Lakeland College in Sheboygan, where she received her bachelor of science degree in sociology. She went on to attend UW-Madison to earn her master's degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling. Dianna was united in marriage to Martin Thorsen on Aug. 19, 1970 in Madison. He survives.

She and her husband moved to Shullsburg in August 1976, where she was office manager of Martin's dental office.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters: Christina (Elliot) Nethro, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Carolyn Thorsen, at home; and a brother, the Rev. Donald (Rosie) Stoebner, Rapid City, S.D.

There will be no visitation and a memorial service will be held at a later date. The Furlong Funeral Home, Shullsburg, is serving the family.

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Donald L. Rundhaug
Donald L. Rundhaug, age 89 currently of Argyle, recently of Blanchardville, died on Tuesday morning, March 20, 2007 at home in his apartment, accompanied by his wife and daughter. He was born on January 16, 1918 in rural Hollandale, to Knudt & Celia (Smedsrud) Rundhaug. He grew up in the Hollandale area, attended school at the River Forks rural school between Blanchardville and Hollandale, and graduated from the Hollandale High School. Soon after high school, he moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan where he began his career in the railroad. He was married to Louise Carpenter. He worked for all his working years as a train dispatcher in the Grand Rapids area. Donald really enjoyed carpentry, and built 7 homes during his life. He owned an 80 acre farm near Grand Rapids where his family lived. Louise died in 1988. He married Leona (Gruenenfelder) Ayen on December 29, 1990 in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Hollandale. Don and Leona started spending their summers in Michigan and winters in Blanchardville. He had his pilot's license, enjoyed flying and owned part of an airplane during his life. He also loved square dancing. For the last several years they have been spending all their time in Blanchardville. Don and Leona had a house fire in February, 2007, and at that time they moved to an apartment in Argyle.

Donald is survived by his wife, Leona Rundhaug of Argyle, formerly of Blanchardville;

Two children, David (Marsha) Rundhaug of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Sharon (Don) Sunman, of Morenci, Michigan;

Six step-children, Ronald (Christine) Murphy of Blanchardville, Jerald (Margaret) Murphy of Eagan, MN, and Robert Ayen of Minneapolis, MN; Mary (Ray) Tierney of Mazomanie, Linda (Roger) Sager of Monroe, and Susan (Mike) Cleary of Hollandale; 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren

Donald is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Louise; one grandchild, Brad Sunman; a brother Milo who died in 2003; a sister Amy who died in 1993; a step daughter Joan Murphy who died in 2003; and a step-grandchild Caralyn Sager.

Donald's wishes were that there be no funeral services. The Saether Funeral Home in Blanchardville assisted the family.

Patricia Allmon RJ 3-8-07

Patricia L. Allmon, 62, South Wayne, died March 1, 2007 at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Dec. 2, 1944 in Viroqua, the daughter of William and Inez (Olson) Welsh. She attended Gays Mills schools. Patricia married James Welsh in 1963. She later married Dwight Allmon on June 30, 1973 in Boscobel. She worked as a cook for Black Hawk Schools for 20 years and worked at JD's One Stop convenience store.

Patricia was a member of Steuben American Legion Auxiliary for 35 years. She is survived by her husband, Dwight L. Allmon, South Wayne; sons: Jeffery Welsh, Gays Mills; Jason (Kharma) Allmon, Biloxi, Miss.;

step-son Alan (Carol) Allmon, Bloomington, Minn.; daughters: Jamie (Steve) Beebe, New Glarus; Jennifer (Randy) Sigafus, South Wayne; step-daughter Sandra (Jim) Paske, Poynette; a brother, Steve Welsh, Gays Mills; a sister, Dorthy Horner, Gays Mills; and seven grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents and two sisters: Beverly in infancy and Sharon.

Funeral services were held March 6, 2007 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in South Wayne, with pastor Dennis Perger officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery in South Wayne. A memorial fund is being established in Pat's memory. The Hanson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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Melva Kilian

Melva D. Kilian, 83, Belmont, died March 1, 2007 at The Finley Hospital, Dubuque, Iowa.

Melva was born March 29, 1923 in rural Belmont, Lafayette County, the daughter of Joseph and Elsie (Helms) Schultz. She graduated from Belmont High School and was then united in marriage to Lyal C. Kilian on Oct. 15, 1955.

Melva loved to be with her grandchildren and enjoyed playing cards with her many friends. She also liked to crochet, sew and tend to her flower garden.

Melva is survived by four children: Ken Kilian, Platteville; Kaye (David) Haas,

Dubuque, Iowa; Randy Kilian, Waupun and Rick Kilian, Sun Prairie; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; one brother, Delbert Schultz, Platteville; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Lyal, on November 15, 1983.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at Peace Lutheran Church in Belmont with Pastor Connie Matye officiating. Burial was in the Belmont Cemetery. The Martin Schwartz Funeral Home, Platteville is serving the family.

