

Fritz Werner Jean

Fritz Werner Jean, 74, Cypress, Calif., formerly of Darlington, died Friday, Jan. 22, 1993, at Charter Community Hospital, Hawaiian Gardens, Calif.

Fritz was born Dec. 16, 1918 in Darlington Township, the son of Louis and Anna (Friedli) Jean. He attended schools in Darlington and was baptized and confirmed at the United Church of Christ, Darlington. He was married June 21, 1939 to Viola Collins. She died in 1940.

Fritz was inducted into the United States Army April 15, 1941. In 1942 he was sent with the 32nd Division to Papaun, New Guinea. He was honorably discharged from the service Aug. 22, 1945. While Fritz served in the Army he was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge, American Defense Service Ribbon, the Pacific Theatre Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

He lived in the Darlington area where he was in partnership with his brother, Otto Jean, where he co-owned and operated Jean Brothers Construction and later, Fritz's City Service. In the late 1950's Fritz moved to California where he owned and operated a 24-hour oil station, Fritz's Richfield, until his retirement due to ill health.

Fritz is survived by his brother, Otto (Darlene) Jean, Darlington; five sisters, Hilda White, Sebree, KY.; Hedy Ruef and Martha (Francis) McQuaid, both of Darlington; Annie (Edward) Burg, Past Falls, Idaho; and and Dorothy (Earl) Hodgson, Shullsburg.

Fritz was a past member of the Darlington Immanuel United Church of Christ. A memorial service will be held at a later date. The Erickson Funeral Home, Darlington, is in charge of arrangements for the family.

Harold Carpenter

Harold E. Carpenter, 79, Darlington, died Friday, Jan. 22, 1993, at Finley Hospital, Dubuque, Iowa, after a long illness.

Harold was born Dec. 7, 1913 in Gratiot Township, the son of Bert and Alma (Hexom) Carpenter. He married the former Charlotte M. Crist, Darlington, Oct. 2, 1939, at Holy Rosary Parish. They farmed in the Fayette, Yellowstone area for many years until retiring to Darlington in 1969. Harold owned and operated an Iowa Oil Gas Truck in Darlington. He also was a school bus driver for Darlington Schools until retiring because of ill health.

He was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington; the Msgr. Doyle Knights of Columbus Council #1080, Darlington, where he served as the Grand Knight from 1977-79; and was a former member of the Fayette Sportsmens' Club.

For the past 12 years Harold had been a kidney dialysis patient at the Tri-State Dialysis, Dubuque, Iowa. He loved playing euchre and visiting with people. He will be remembered for his courage and will to live many years with the help of dialysis.

Harold is survived by his wife, Charlotte; two daughters, Charlene (Dan) Kopp, DeWitt, Iowa; and Jean (Bill) Anschutz, Gratiot; two granddaughters; a brother, Laverne Carpenter, Darlington; and three sisters, Mrs. William (Inez) Mueller, Darlington; Mrs. Jerry (Shirley) Schwartz, Belvidere, Ill.; and Mrs. Robert (Arlene) Hirsbrunner, Wiota.

Mass of Resurrection was held Monday, Jan. 25, 1993, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington. Burial was in the Union Grove Cemetery, Darlington. The Steil Camacho Funeral Home, Darlington, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Joseph G. Boll, Dick Hirsbrunner, Tom Kelly, Norman Peterson, Larry Schwartz and Bob Just. Musicians were: Sara Lange, Arlene Kluesner and Diego Camacho, Jr.

Helen T. Kunz

Mrs. Helen T. Kunz, 98, of rural Lancaster, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 1993, at her home.

She is survived by four sons, Benedict Kunz and John Kunz, both of rural Lancaster; Martin Kunz, Marysville, Calif.; Fr. Alfred Kunz, Dane; three daughters, Mrs. LaVerne (Teresa) Seffrood, Wiota; Mrs. Helen Niesen, Madison; and Mrs. Robert (Loretta) Williams, Marysville, Calif.; 27 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wed., Jan. 20, at St. Mary's Church, Fennimore. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Madeline Meier

R. Madeline Meier, 80, Darlington, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 1993, at the Lafayette County Manor, Darlington.

The former Rose Madeline Wonderly was born in Johnstown, Pa., June 24, 1912, the daughter of Charles and Anna (Peters) Wonderly. She married Jack Meier Nov. 1932, in Chicago, Ill. They owned and operated Meier's Bakery in downtown Darlington for many years. He died in 1979.

She was a member of the Immanuel United Church of Christ, Darlington and of its Women's Guild. She was also a member of the VFW #5268 ladies auxiliary.

She is survived by a son, Paul (Bonnie) Meier, Cedarburg; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1993, at the Immanuel United Church of Christ, Darlington, with Pastor Rich Pleva officiating. Burial was in Union Grove Cemetery, Darlington. The Steil Camacho Funeral Home, Darlington, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Scott Meier, Les Torstenson, Mark Meier, Allan Bacher, John Russell and John Wonderly, Jr. Debbie Metz was organist.

Alice Penniston

Alice M. Penniston, 80, Argyle, died Monday, Jan. 18, 1993, at the Lafayette County Manor Nursing Home, Darlington.

She is survived by two sons, Russell Jr. (Lavonne); and Bruce (Anita), both of Argyle; a daughter, JoAnne Nysted, Argyle; a brother, Marshall Anderson, Argyle; three sisters, Mrs. Robert (Olive) Ginner, Rockford, Ill.; Mrs. Walter (Evelyn) Simons, Lodi; and Mrs. Victor (Muriel) Ostby, Argyle; 16 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday, Jan. 21, 1993, 11 a.m., at the Erickson Funeral Home, Argyle. Pastor Daniel L. Bohlman of the Apple Grove Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Argyle.

The Erickson Funeral Home, Argyle, is in charge of arrangements.

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Wilma M. Pratt

Wilma M. Pratt, 79, Freeport, Ill., died Monday, Feb. 1, 1993, at Freeport Memorial Hospital.

Born Oct. 11, 1913 in Savanna, Ill., she was the daughter of William and Agnes (Rath) Reibel. She married Ralph J. Pratt in Lyons, Ill., on Feb. 17, 1940. He died Oct. 27, 1990.

Wilma was a member of the First Lutheran Church, Freeport and the Dorcas Circle. She worked at Microswitch for 25 years, retiring in 1978.

Survivors include a son, Dennis, Darlington; a daughter Donna (John) Scott, Arlington Heights, Ill.; three grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; one great-grandson; one brother, Glenn (Clara) Reibel, Savanna, Ill.; and one sister, Ruth Sturtevant, Thompson, Ill.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 5, 11 a.m. at the Walker Mortuary, Freeport. The Reverend Arthur Stees of the First Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Mortuary.

A memorial has been established in her name.

Hulda Hilfiker

Hulda Roelli Hilfiker, 78, Rice Lake, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 1993 at Lakeview Medical Center in Rice Lake.

She was born April 17, 1914, at her father's cheese factory at Hick's Corners near Darlington, the daughter of Adolph and Emma (Hirsbrunner) Roelli.

Hulda graduated from Platteville Normal School Rural Teacher's program and taught at Kingsley School for five years. She married Ernest Hilfiker March 29, 1937.

They operated a cheese factory at Spring Brook near Wiota and Green County Center near Monroe, before purchasing the Tuscolbia Cheese Factory near Rice Lake in 1942. They retired in 1984 after 42 years.

Survivors include her husband, Ernest; four daughters, Mrs. Jim (Alice) Butler, Auburn, Ala.; Mary Hilfiker, Shoreview, Minn.; Mrs. Mike (Ann) Hudak, Williamsport, Pa.; and Ruth Hilfiker, Burlington; a son, Ray, Eau Claire; three brothers, Harold, Cobb; Walter, Shullsburg; and Edwin, Darlington; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 1, 1993, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rice Lake. The Rev. Brendan Kunda officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The family requests that all remembrances be directed to the memorials established for the Rice Lake Area Scholarship Foundation or St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

J. Merile Short

J. Merile Short, 76, Darlington, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1993, at Southwest Health Care Center, Platteville.

He was born June 17, 1916, in Darlington, the son of John and Agnes (Crist) Short. He was married to the former Annie W. Leu Nov. 24, 1943 at Holy Rosary Rectory, Darlington. They owned and operated the Darlington Standard Gas Station for 20 years and then Short's Tavern until his retirement in 1977.

Merile was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington and a former member of the Darlington Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Annie; two daughters, Beverly (John) Carpenter, Platteville; and

Diane (James) Johnson, Neenah; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a brother, Paul (Mary) Short, Darlington; three sisters, Marie Parkinson and Ruth Short, both of Darlington; and Loraine Blaser, Madison.

Mass of Resurrection was held Saturday, Jan. 30, 1993, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington. Burial was at the church cemetery. The Steil Camacho Funeral Home, Darlington, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: John McDonald, Paul Blaser, Buck Rodgers, James McDonald, Gary Blaser and Chuck Keister. Honorary pallbearers were: Kenny McCarville, Harold Douglas, and Roscoe Nevels. Musicians were Arlene Kluesner, Sara Lange and Diego Camacho, Jr.

Geneva Goebel

Geneva C. Goebel, 93, Darlington, died Friday, Jan. 29, 1993, at her home.

The former Geneva Clara Schwartz was born Oct. 5, 1899 in Darlington, the daughter of Lewis W. and Sophia A. (Belken) Schwartz. She was married to Edward C. Goebel Sept. 2, 1918, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Gratiot. They farmed in the Darlington area and then moved to Warren, Ill. prior to retiring in Darlington. Mr. Goebel died Dec. 20, 1986.

Geneva was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington; a former member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Warren, Ill.; and of the Council of Catholic Women.

Survivors include eight children: Raymond and Robert Goebel, both of Darlington; Karl (Donna) Goebel, Browntown; Ruth (Bob) Judkins, Loganville; Bernadine McGrath, Monroe; Rosemary (Donald) Lawler, Madison; Charlene (Donald) Saunders, Warren, Ill.; and Eleanor (Vernon) Gille, Gratiot; 36 grandchildren; 71 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mass of Resurrection was held Monday, Feb. 1, 1993, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington. Fr. Tom Coyle officiated. Burial was in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Gratiot. The Steil Camacho Funeral Home, Darlington, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Jim Judkins, Larry Sperry, Brian Saunders, Rick Gille, Wesley Goebel, Randy Goebel and Dan Goebel. Debbie Lethlean and Mary Owen were musicians for the service.

Jeffery A. Yeazel

Jeffery A. Yeazel, 39, Waunakee, died Friday, Jan. 29, 1993, of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

He was born in Portage, Sept. 7, 1953, the son of Mildred and Ralph Yeazel, and was raised in Pardeeville, where he graduated from high school in 1971. Jeff was a former member of the Army National Guard and the National Ski Patrol. He married the former Ruth Brussell, Waunakee, who he met through his affiliation with Ski Patrol. He was a long-time member of Boilermakers Local 107.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Ruth; four sisters: Karen (James) Paterson, San Jose, Calif.; Marcia Swiggum, Wiota; Christine (Dean) Jorgenson, South Wayne; Holly Yeazel, Green Lake; and a brother, Terry (Reta) Yeazel, Sun Prairie.

Funeral services were held at the Joyce Funeral Home, Madison, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1993.

A. Lenore Boyle

A. Lenore Boyle, 71, Darlington, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1993, at Lafayette County Manor, Darlington.

The former Agnes Lenore McDonald was born Feb. 19, 1921 in Lamont township, the daughter of Thomas and Almeda (Sullivan) McDonald. She was married to Michael J. Boyle June 19, 1945. He died March 1, 1985.

She was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington and of its Council of Catholic Women.

Survivors include two sons, Donald (Irene Best) Boyle, Platteville; James (Nancy) Boyle, Monroe; three daughters, Ellen (Roger) Sperry, Darlington; Mary Kay (Bob) McNeill, Dodgeville; Joan (John) Shemanski, Wautoma; and ten grandchildren.

Family funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 6, 1993, 10:30 a.m. at the Steil Camacho Funeral Home, Darlington. Father Tom Coyle will officiate. Burial will be at the Church Cemetery. Friends may call from 9-10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at the funeral home.