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LaVerne Knebel

LaVerne H. Knebel, 80, Belmont, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1993, at Parkview Terrace Nursing Home, Platteville.

He was born in Iowa County May 5, 1913, the son of Walter and Emma Mueller Knebel. He attended the Mifflin School. On Sept. 25, 1940, he was united in marriage to Genevieve Webb at the Little Brown Church, Nashua, Iowa. They farmed all of their married life in the Belmont area before retiring and moving to Belmont in January of 1976.

LaVerne was a member of the Belmont Sportsman Club and enjoyed fishing, hunting and the out-of-doors.

Survivors include his wife, Genevieve, Belmont; a sister, Mrs. Fern (Carl) Bockhop, Belmont; and two brothers, Clarence (Lela) Knebel, Belmont and Melvin (Edna) Knebel, Cuba City.

Funeral services were held

Friday, Sept. 17, 1993 at the Mergen-Boll Funeral Home, Platteville. The Rev. Julie Krahn of Peace Lutheran Church, Belmont, officiated. Burial was in the Belmont cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Jerry McMannes

Jerry D. McMannes, 34, Monroe, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 1993 at his home.

He was born April 9, 1959 in Darlington, the son of Buddy and Marietta (Jacobson) McMannes.

He attended Monticello schools and graduated from Darlington High School in 1977. He grew up in Monticello and has been a Monroe resident since 1980. He was a pressman at Moore Business Forms Inc., Monroe.

He was confirmed at the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello.

Survivors include his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sophia McMannes, Darlington; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Blanche Shea, Darlington; three daughters, Angie McMannes, Darlington; Jamie McMannes and Mistie McMannes, Janesville; six brothers, Jim, Dodgeville; Jack, Monticello; Jay, Welumpka, Ala.; Joe, Keystone, Fla.; Scott, Spring Green; Rick, Highland; three sisters, Mrs. Jeannie Helman, Ridott, Ill.; Mrs. Lori Weinkes, Richland Center; and Mrs. Connie Kosharek, Highland.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1993 in Lamont United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Mary Friederich officiated. Burial was in Holy Rosary Cemetery, Darlington.

The Voegeli-Newcomer Funeral Home, Monticello, was in charge of arrangements.

Vincent Murphy

Vincent F. Murphy, 74, Warren, Ill., died Saturday, Sept. 18, 1993, at the VA Hospital, Madison.

He was born Dec. 8, 1918 in Seymour Township, the son of James and Hannha (Holker) Murphy. He was an Army veteran of World War II and worked for Savanna Army Depot for 30 years as a maintenance mechanic. He was a member of the Apple River, Ill. American Legion Post #298; and the Hanover, Ill. Berryman, Doran, Bainbridge VFW Post #5300.

Survivors include a special nephew, Stephen (Marla) Byrne, Warren, Ill.; two sisters-in-law, Dolores Murphy, Monroe; and Beverly Murphy, Rockford, Ill.; and a brother-in-law, Wilbert Heins, Calamine.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1993 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington. Burial was at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Truman, with full military honors by the Apple River American Legion Post #298.

Pallbearers were Scott Byrne, Steve Byrne, Raymond Goebel, Jim Murphy, Greg Murphy and Bill Murphy. Musicians were Sara Lange, Arlene Kluesner and Diego Camacho, Jr.

The Steil Camacho Funeral Home, Darlington, was in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Springer

Phyllis M. Springer, 73, Raleigh, N.C., formerly of Darlington, died Monday, Sept. 20, 1993, at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh.

She was born in Wiota Township March 8, 1920, the daughter of Charles Anderson and Esther Anderson-Eveland. Graduating from Darlington from Darlington High School in 1937,

Phyllis lived in the Darlington area most of her life before moving to Raleigh, N.C. in 1989 to be near her daughter Susan.

Phyllis worked for Micro Switch in Warren, Ill. and was the first woman to ever hold a supervisory position in the company. She retired in 1982 after 25 years of service. She was a past member of the East Wiota Lutheran Church and the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Darlington.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan I. (Rick) Finley, Raleigh, N.C.; two sons, James K. (Linda) Springer, Little Rock, Ark. and Jay E. (Nancy) Springer, Leesburg, Va.; one brother, Kenneth Anderson, Wiota; and two step-brothers, Everett (Alverna) Eveland, rural Stockton, Ill.; Harris (Ilo) Eveland, Indianola, Iowa; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, 1993, 11 a.m., at the Erickson Funeral Home, Darlington, with Pastor C. Phillip Burt of the Darlington United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in East Wiota Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 - 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24 at the Erickson Funeral Home, Darlington.

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Norman Bruun

Norman L. Bruun died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1993, at the Southwest Health Center, Platteville, after a brief battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 26, 1932, in Galena, Ill, the son of Willis and Alberta (Zeal) Bruun. He attended the Race Track School, New Diggings and the Milbrig School.

Norman was united in marriage to Roselyn Thiltgen June 9, 1954 at Galena, Ill. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving 1954-55. He farmed with his family south of Shullsburg on a dairy farm.

Survivors include his wife, Roselyn; a son, Roy Bruun, Shullsburg; three daughters, Diane (Lenard) Hook, New Diggings; Karen Clemons, Waco, Texas; and Penny (Kelly) Boyle, Darlington; a brother, Thomas (Ada) Bruun, Council Hill, Ill. and two sisters, Jeanette (Steve) Podnar, Scales Mound, Ill.; Nancy (Gary) Fulton, Warren, Ill.; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 25, 1993, at the Furlong Funeral Home, Shullsburg. The Rev. Rod Dye of the Apple River Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery, Scales Mound, Ill.

Eileen Graham

Eileen M. Graham, 91, South Wayne, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 1993, at the Lafayette Manor, Darlington.

She was born Aug. 23, 1902 in South Wayne, the daughter of William and Margaret (Nugent) Reardon. She attended South Wayne High School and Sinsinawa College.

On Dec. 28, 1936 she married Rexford "Tubby" Graham at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Gratiot. He died April 16, 1976.

Eileen was a member of St. John's Catholic Church and its Altar Society, South Wayne and was a charter member of the South Wayne Women's Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret (Donald) Shager, South Wayne; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1993, at St. John's Catholic Church, South Wayne. Reverend Jerold F. Fitzpatrick officiated. Burial was in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Gratiot. The Hanson Funeral Home, South Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

A memorial has been established in her name.

LaVonne Hopkins

LaVonne M. Hopkins, 68, rural Argyle, formerly of Yorkville, Ill., died Monday, Sept. 27, 1993, at Meriter Park Hospital, Madison.

She was born in Aurora, Ill., April 2, 1925, the daughter of Reinhold and Cordelia (Reingardt) Leifheit. She graduated from Yorkville High School in 1943 and was married April 14, 1945, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Yorkville, to James R. Hopkins. She lived and farmed with her husband in the Yorkville area until they retired to Hidden Valley in rural Argyle in 1982.

LaVonne was a member of Au-Sable Grove Presbyterian Church, Yorkville and attended the Argyle Lutheran Church. She was a member of the Argyle Womens Club.

Survivors include her husband, at home; one son, David (Kathy) Hopkins, Yorkville, Ill.; four daughters, Carol (Mrs. Stephen, M.D.) Huss, Decatur, Ill.; Ann Hopkins, Schaumburg, Ill.; Barbara (Mrs. Robert) Fowler, Meeker, Colo.; and Wendy Hopkins, Scottsdale, Ariz.; one brother,

Raymond (Mary) Leifheit, Oswego, Ill.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1993, 8 p.m. at the Erickson Funeral Home, Argyle, with Pastor Lyman Oman of the Argyle Lutheran Church officiating. Services in Yorkville, Ill. will be held Friday, Oct. 1, 1993, at 10:30 a.m. at the Au-Sable Grove Presbyterian Church. Burial will be at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Aurora, Ill.

Willis S. Mitchell

Willis S. Mitchell, 82, Rockford, Ill., died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1993, in Rockford Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

He was born July 8, 1911, in Dodgeville, the son of James and Maude Mitchell. He had been a Rockford resident for 50 years, moving from Forreton, Ill. He was married to Mary Almira Wiegel in Darlington, Oct. 15, 1938.

Willis was employed as tool crib manager by Fenner Stone Co.. He also operated Mitch's Pies for many years. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church; 4th degree Knights of Columbus and past grand knight.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Almira; four sons, James (Shirlyn) Mitchell, Rockford, Ill.; Glenn Mitchell, Buda, Texas; John Mitchell, Chicago, Ill.; and Thomas (Mary Ellen) Mitchell, Madison; three daughters, Faye (Bob) Smallwood, Rockford, Ill.; Laura (Roger) Brace, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Mary (Randy) Cowan, Stoughton; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a brother, Maynard (Myrtle) Mitchell, Hanover, Ill.

Services were held Saturday, Sept. 18, 1993 at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. The Gasparini & Oliveri Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lillian Rowley

Mrs. Lillian B. Rowley, 77, Darlington, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 1993, in Phoenix, Ariz.

The former Lillian B. Hawkinson was born July 15, 1916, in Gratiot, the daughter of Ole and Clara (Benson) Hawkinson. She was married to Laurentine "Tine" Rowley Oct. 30, 1934, in Freeport, Ill. He died Nov. 26, 1966.

Lillian worked for 20 years at the Atwood Vacuum Machine, Stockton, Ill. She also farmed with her husband in the Shullsburg area and with her son, Carl, in Browntown.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol (Terry) Hoepfer, Solana Beach, Calif.; five sons, Arlo W. Rowley, Phoenix, Ariz.; Robert W. (Carol) Rowley, Buckeye, Ariz.; Donald E. Rowley, Shullsburg; Carl L. (Judy) Rowley, Apple River, Ill.; and Howard M. Rowley, Warren, Ill.; 23 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Harriet Korn, Mineral Point; Rachel (Howard) Sutherland, Darlington; two brothers, Clifford (Viola) Hawkinson, Darlington; Henry

(Betty) Hawkinson, Rewey; and a sister-in-law, Alice (Mrs. Russell) Hawkinson, Gratiot.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30, 1993, at the Darlington United Methodist Church, Darlington. Pastor C. Phillip Burt will officiate. Burial will be at Union Grove Cemetery, Darlington. Friends may call from 3-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1993, at the Steil Camacho Funeral Home, Darlington.

Grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Musicians will be Debbie Metz and Marion Howard.

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Donald R. Brown

A memorial service was held Friday in the Williams-Thomas Funeral Home, Gainesville, Fla., for Donald R. Brown, 70, who died Sept. 15, 1993, at his home there.

A native of Darlington, Donald served with the U.S. Army during World War II and received the Air Medal. He was a member of the Elks Lodge. He was manager of the Marriott's Marco Beach Resort until 1987, when he left Marco to reside in Gainesville.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Coe Brown, Gainesville; three daughters, Barbara Brown-Surrey, Cambridge, Mass.; Elizabeth Brown and Michelle Brown-Kurrie, both of Gainesville; three sons, Larry Brown, Leveland, Texas; Dixon Brown, Seymour, Tenn.; and Donald Chambers, Webster, Texas; a brother Mel Brown, Platteville; and five grandchildren.

Burial will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, in Arlington National Cemetery, with military honors.

Mary Jo Larson

Mary Jo Larson, 78, Gratiot, died Monday, Oct. 4, 1993, at St. Clare Hospital, Monroe.

Mary Jo was born in Shullsburg, 12, 1914, the daughter of Otto

and Frances (Reed) Dornedan. She graduated from Gratiot High School and married Harry Larson on Sept. 4, 1943 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Gratiot. He died in January of 1957.

She lived in the Gratiot area all of her life. Mary Jo worked at Micro Switch Manufacturing in Warren, Ill. for many years before retiring in 1978. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Gratiot and it's Altar Sodality. She loved playing Euchre and 500.