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Edmeston – WOODBRIDGE

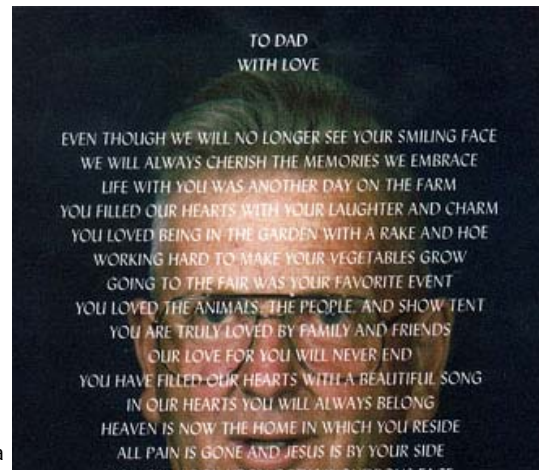


Orlo G. Woodbridge of Edmeston died Friday December 23, 2005 at Chase Nursing Home in New Berlin.

He was born September 1, 1920 in Edmeston, the son of E.J. Woodbridge and Florence (O'Brien). He married Dorothy L. Higbie on June 4, 1943. She predeceased him on November 1, 1981.

Orlo graduated from Edmeston Central School, Valedictorian class of 1938. Until his retirement he owned and operated the Woodbridge Dairy Farm. Orlo was a very active citizen: he was a member of the Second Baptist Church, a 65 year member and past President of the Wharton Valley Grange, Agway, Dairymen's league, Eastern AI, Dairylea, past President Senior Citizens, Meals on Wheels, Chief Assessor for the Town of Edmeston, and past caretaker for Edmeston Union Cemetery.

His children Janet Bates, Dennis Woodbridge, Phyllis Jackson, and Sharon Scanlon; his grandchildren Joel Bates, Heather Snyder, Paul Tuttle, Martin Mickle, Katie Mickle, Stephanie Scanlon, Samantha



Scanlon, and Zachary Scanlon; two great grandchildren: Hayleigh Snyder and Lucas Mickle; four step-grandchildren James, Steven, Erek, and Jacob; one great step grandchild James; and his brother Norman Woodbridge survive Orlo. His devoted friend of twenty-five years, Grace Clark, will also miss him.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday December 28, 2005 at 1:00 PM at the Second Baptist Church, Edmeston, with Rev. Jay Noll officiating. Interment will be in the spring at Edmeston Union Cemetery.

Calling hours are Tuesday December 27th from 6-8 PM at the Houk Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

Contributions may be made in Orlo's memory to either the Wharton Valley Grange or the Second Baptist Church.

Oneonta – CHAPMAN

Donald Glen Chapman, 66, of Oneonta, passed away on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at the Stratton VA Hospital in Albany, NY. He was born May 29, 1939 in Rochester, NY the son of John C. and Beatrice (Jackson) Chapman. Donald lived most of his adult life in Oneonta. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and enjoyed collecting antiques. He was preceded in death by both parents.

His brother and sister-in-law, John and Fae Chapman of Hartwick as well as a nephew; John IV and nieces; Kathleen Des Jardins, Linda Levandowski, Patricia Blau and their children and several cousins survive Donald.

Private graveside services will be held for Donald will be held at the family's convenience in the spring of 2006 at Edmeston Union Cemetery, Edmeston, NY

Contributions may be made in Donald's memory to the Stratton VA Hospital, Albany, NY.

Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

EDMESTON – PRICE



Hugh R. Price, 66, of Edmeston, died peacefully at home on Wednesday November 16, 2005 with his family by his side.

He was born on April 9, 1939 in Leonardsville, the son of Hugh R. and Martha E. (Schumaker) Price Sr. He married Linda L. Phillips on August 21, 1992 in West Edmeston.

Hugh was a gentle and loyal man. He embraced his family with his tremendous love. He stood courageous in expressing his love and kindness even during his last days of life here on earth. Hugh was an outdoorsman, from the era of Gunsmoke. Camping, fishing, hunting was considered valuable time well spent. He was an avid reader of Westerns, which depicted how he lived his life. Family was important to Hugh; he blessed them with his humor, and the love of two games Pitch and Dice.

Hugh is survived by his wife Linda; his daughter Sarah C. Stephens; his step-children Fawn S. Mumbulo and Jayme M. McKenna; his grandchildren Alyssa B. Hovey, Angela L. Hovey, Brittany Mumbulo, Dylan Mumbulo, Rileigh Mumbulo; his siblings and their spouses George R. and Sandy Price, Margaret Beach, Ellen and Bruce Hecker, Hugh R. and Wilma Price Jr.; his

beloved aunts Margaret and Sally; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His parents Hugh and Martha, and his sister Irma J. Kozak predeceased Hugh.

Funeral services will be held on Monday November 21, 2005 at 11:00 am at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston. Interment will follow at Unadilla Forks Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Hugh's memory to the American Cancer Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

BURLINGTON – JIMENEZ



The Lord embraced **Manuel B. Jimenez**, 82, of Burlington, as he entered into rest, on Sunday November 6, 2005.

He was born January 6, 1923 in Ponce, Puerto Rico. The son of Agustin and Maria (Santiago) Jimenez. He married Esther Fernandez on November 13, 1940.

In 1943 "Manny" received his plumbers license in Puerto Rico. During WWII he was in Civil Defense for the United States, and had been stationed in French Guiana, South America. The year 1947 brought him and his family to NYC. Here he was employed for ten years at Tool Design Corp. in Manhattan, benefiting the company with his brilliant mind and analytical deduction process.

In 1957 he moved his family to the quaint farm in Burlington. He eventually was employed by Remington Rand and then finished his working career at Mohawk Data Science in Herkimer. Tools that he designed are proudly displayed on the walls at Mohawk Data.

Manuel was a composed adult, quiet and serious. Fluent in both English and Spanish he and his wife Esther raised their five children in a Spanish world: language, food, customs, music and even the dance "Salsa". After he retired he would continue to aid his community with his unique ability repairing needed items. On his creative side he began his own Noah's Ark at the family farm, two of each, until they started to multiply. For other hobbies he turned to detailed Christmas decorations, dollhouse furniture and reminiscing about past inventions.

Manuel is survived by his wife, Esther: his children and their spouses; Mary and Pedro (Pete) Lopez, Manny and Marlene Jimenez, Fernando (Nando) and Mayra Jimenez, Rosa (Rosi) and John Posh and Migdalia (Lali) Marin, 17 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Manuel will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2005 at Noon at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home in Edmeston with Pastor Dick Anderson officiating. Calling hours are two hours prior to the service, from 10AM until Noon at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service at Burlington Green Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Manuel's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

EDMESTON – UTTER

Olive Utter, 91, formerly of Edmeston went home to the Lord on Monday November 7, 2005 at O'Connor Hospital in Delhi.

She was born July 3, 1914 in Columbus, NY, the daughter of Herbert and Etta M. (Hotaling) Strain. She married Clarence A. Utter on June 18, 1934. He predeceased her on July 16, 1957.

Olive farmed on her own for 42 years. The land produced good crops, good timber, and had been a great hunting area for deer, turkey. Electricity came to the farm in 1940 with a well drilled next to the house. Olive graduated from Edmeston Central School in 1931. She had

also been employed by Kraft Foods for 16 years as a Lab Technician; and at Chase Nursing Home for 10 years as a nurse's aid.

Olive was a member of the Second Baptist Church, Edmeston and later attended the Morris Baptist Church after she relocated to Morris six years ago. In her new home she set a quiet room where she could study her bible, and ponder the Lord's word. She enjoyed socializing and getting about with friends, and spending time visiting with family.

Olive is survived by her children and their spouses; Richard D. and Fern Utter, Edwin D. Utter and his companion Thelma Manley, Samuel D. and Claire Utter; six grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild; and her brother Ray C. Strain and his wife Penny.

Funeral services will be held on Friday November 11, 2005 at 11 AM at the Second Baptist Church with Rev. Jay Noll officiating. Calling hours will beheld on Thursday November 10, 2005 from 4-6 pm at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

Interment will be at Edmeston Union Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Olive's memory to the Second Baptist Church, Edmeston.

WEST EDMESTON - LAYTON



Robert William Layton, 78, of West Edmeston, died Friday October 21, 2005 at Folts Home in Herkimer, with his family by his side.

He was born November 25, 1926 in Port Chester, NY, the son of Melvin Willaim and Flora C. (Hanley) Layton. On June 4th, 1955 he married Ellen Jones at the Port Chester United Methodist Church.

Robert served in the United States Navy Seabees; where he was stationed primarily in Hawaii as a heavy equipment operator. He retired from Chicago Markets in Utica.

Robert was a member of the West Edmeston Fire Department, the Leonardsville United Methodist Church, and the Upper Unadilla Valley Association. He was the former Financial Secretary for the Leonardsville United Methodist Church, and former member of the Bridgewater Seniors Citizens; and Man to Man where he had been a guest speaker.

Robert also served as past Town Councilman, and Secretary/Treasurer for the West Edmeston Fire District. Bob was an avid bingo and card player; he was an active member of his community and will be missed by all.

Robert is survived by his wife of fifty years, Ellen; his children and their spouses Arthur and Lorraine Layton, and Patricia and Lawrence Slosek; his grandchildren Samantha and Matthew Layton; and Daniel and Eric Slosek.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday October 24, 2005 at 1:00 PM at the Leonardsville United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at West Edmeston Cemetery. Calling hours are Sunday October 23, 2005 from 3-6 Pm at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

Contributions may be made in Robert's memory to the West Edmeston Fire Department, PO Box 39, West Edmeston, NY 13485 or the Leonardsville United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

Burlington Flats – HENDERSON

John P. Henderson, 80, of Burlington Flats, died Thursday October 13, 2005 at MIB Hospital.

He was born March 31, 1925 in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of



James P. and Olive (Fleming) Henderson. He married Ann L. Smalley in Virginia. She predeceased him on January 6, 2001.

John retired from the United State Postal Service. He loved working as a Clerk at the Post Office window where he could visit with everyone who came in that day. John served in the United States Army as a Medical Technician during WWII. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Silver Star; and participated in the Battle of Normandy.

John enjoyed watching the Braves play baseball, old movies, and sitting with company. He was comfortable with silence, and his cat. One of his greater talents was story telling, a trait that the family hopes to be passed down to future generations.

His children and their spouses Donna Jean and John Snyder, Joann Patricia Childers, LouAnn Sally Matthews, Jay and Theresa Henderson, James and Mary Ann Henderson; and a plethora of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, and great great great grandchildren survive John. He was ever so proud to be a great great great grandfather.

His three brothers and wife, Ann, predeceased John.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday October 16, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Burlington Flats Baptist Church with Pastor Jay Henderson officiating. A dinner will follow the service at the church annex.

Calling hours are Saturday October 15, 2005 from 4-7 Pm at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

Contributions may be made in John's memory to the Catskill Area Hospice; envelopes will be available at the funeral home and at the church.

Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

Edmeston – RIDER



Eleanor McMaster Rider, 88, of Edmeston, NY died Monday October 10, 2005 at Maplewood Manor Nursing Home in Ballston Spa, NY.

She was born December 31, 1916 in Rochester NY, the daughter of Chester A and Florence E. (Bibbins) McMaster. On March 26, 1943 she married Charles Colburn Rider. He predeceased her on June 21, 1983.

Eleanor's childhood was spent in the Syracuse area. She graduated from Syracuse High School and Syracuse University. She and her husband settled in Edmeston to raise their own family. Eleanor retired from Edmeston Central School, where she had taught Home Economics. Eleanor was a devoted member of the Edmeston United Methodist Church. She served as past president to the Area Council of Churches, Area Council, Church Woman United, and the Otsego County Health Planning Council. Eleanor was Vice President the County Council of Churches; she was also a member of the Otsego County Board of Community Service, and the Presidents Advisory Council, SUCO. Eleanor was on the Board of Directors for the Association of Councils, SUNY, and the SUCO Foundation.

Her children Carolyn Chase and her husband John R. of Salt Lake City Utah, James W. Rider and his wife Lisa of Marion Mass, Mark McMaster Rider and his wife Mandy of Ballston Spa, NY; fifteen grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; one sister Estelle (Mrs. Olaf) Hauge survive Eleanor. Besides her husband Charles Colburn Rider; her sister Ruth (Mrs. Leon) Bertrand, and brother Capt. Robert McMaster predeceased Eleanor.

Funeral services will be held on Friday October 14, 2005 at 1:00 at the Edmeston United Methodist Church with Rev. Beverly Butler officiating. Calling hours will be on Thursday

October 13, 2005 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm.

Interment will be at Milford Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Eleanor's memory to ECS Scholarship Fund , attention Charles Rider Scholarship Fund.

Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

EDMESTON – DOUGHERTY



Nicholas Dougherty, 57, of Pathfinder Village died Sunday October 2, 2005 at MIB Hospital in Cooperstown.

He was born on December 27, 1947 in Philadelphia, PA., the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Tupper) Dougherty. As a young child he came to Edmeston to live. First at the Otsego School, and later moved with the rest of his companions to Pathfinder Village.

Nicholas enjoyed fellowship with his peers, and attending the Second Baptist Church in Edmeston. On a musical note he enjoyed both Country and Gospel Music; and always joined in with his friends during sing-a-longs. Nicholas had several other interests that he enjoyed such as Ranger Rick and horses.

A memorial service for Nicholas will be held on Sunday October 9, 2005 at 2:45 PM at the Morgan-Jackson All Faiths Chapel with Rev. Beverly Butler officiating.

Nicholas will be interred with his parents at Old Chapel Cemetery in Berryville, VA.

Contributions may be made in Nicholas's memory to Pathfinder Village Foundation.

Burlington Flats – OSBORN



Janet L. Osborn, 66, of Burlington Flats was called home to the Lord early Saturday morning, with her family by her side.

She was born on June 14, 1939, the daughter of Leon G. and Gertrude I. (Pashley) Dockstader. On September 7, 1957 she married her childhood sweet heart David L. Osborn.

Janet was an active member of the Burlington Flats Baptist Church for 35 years. She taught Sunday school, belonged to the choir and also served as choir director, and a deaconess. Janet along with her husband demonstrated a passion for the ministry of visitation. She had a strong faith in her Lord, which lead to her belief in children's ministry; the foundation for the current Great Beginning Preschool at her church. Janet had also been a past member and matron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Her faith was only one aspect of her life, but it intertwined with other facets. Janet was a farm wife going to all the kids sports events and activities. Upon retiring from NYCM Insurance Company in 2001, she used this additional time to shop for antiques or go garage sale shopping. She had a love of horses stemming back from her childhood pony. The largest highlight in her life was her family; evidenced by her joyously spending Thanksgiving and Christmas wrapping around her all whom she loved.

Janet is survived by her husband of 48 years David; her children and their spouses Daniel and

Nancy Osborn, Sandra and John Boutcher, and Constance and Christopher Kaye; her grandchildren Joshua and Ashley Osborn, Sydney and Cameron Kaye, and Jacqueline and Jillian Boutcher; her in laws Lauren and Frances Osborn, Judy and John Martin. Her special cat "Baby", and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday August 30, 2005 at 11 am at the Burlington Flats Baptist Church with Pastor Jay Henderson officiating. Calling hours are Monday August 29th from 4-8 pm at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

Interment will be at Edmeston Union Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Janet's memory to the Burlington Flats Great Beginnings Preschool, the Edmeston Emergency Squad, or Catskill Area Hospice.

Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

Edmeston - EDWARDS

Ethel H. Edwards of Edmeston died peacefully at home on August 10, 2005.

She was born in Binghamton, NY the adopted daughter of Fred and Anna Rose Holmes.

Ethel was a graduate of Edmeston High School; the New Berlin Training Class for teachers, and Oneonta State Normal School. She received her BA degree in Education from Buffalo State Teachers College, her MS degree from the State University of New York, Oneonta, did graduate work at the University of Rochester, and at Inter American- University, San German, Puerto Rico.

During World War II she attended Eastern Instructor Training Center. This qualified her as an instructor of Basic Civil Defense. Later she taught Basic English for Displaced Persons from Germany, Poland, and Russia.

Ethel taught in district schools for three years, after which she taught Jr. High Social Studies in Edmeston Central School for forty-two years. Upon retirement Ethel substituted in area schools for five years. Thus, completing 50 years of teaching.

On June 23, 1937 Ethel married Harold Burlison who died May 26, 1944. She later married Albert Edwards of Rochester, NY. He died October 26, 1977.

Ethel was a member of the Second Baptist Church, of Edmeston since January 19, 1919. A life member and past President of the Post #3111 Wharton Valley American Legion Auxiliary, member and past President of the Area Council of Churches, and member of MIB Hospital Auxiliary. For many years Ethel served as Democrat Committee Woman for the town of Edmeston.

With Mrs. Fred Loomis she helped found the Edmeston Museum. She also served on the Board of Directors for Union and Deming Cemeteries.

Several cousins, and many good friends survive Ethel.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday August 13, 2005 at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Atwell officiating. Calling hours will be on Friday August 12, 2005 from 6 to 9 pm.

Interment will follow the service at Edmeston Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Edmeston Museum, SPCA at Cooperstown, or the Edmeston Emergency Squad.

Portlandville – SIMMONS



Donald R. Simmons, 63, previously of Portlandville, died Saturday July 2, 2005 at Otsego Manor. He had been a resident of The Meadows and Otsego Manor for one and a half years.

He was born December 12, 1941 in New Berlin, the son of Roger and Ada (Card) Simmons. They both predeceased him. He married Rosa Marshall on January 17, 1987.

Don was an avid animal lover. In his active days he was a farmer for many years, and later in life he drove a tractor-trailer. Don also enjoyed sports.

Don is survived by his wife Rosa of Portlandville; his children and their spouses, Paul and Marie Simmons of New York Mills, Billijo and Joseph Livshin of Portlandville, Tammy and James Tiffany of Milford, Daniel and Stephanie Banks of Schenevus, and Michael Banks and his companion Linda of Otego; one sister Glenda and Donald McEntee of Walton; three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday July 6, 2005 at 11:00 AM at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with Pastor Larry Light officiating.

Interment will follow at Edmeston Union Cemetery, Edmeston.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be sent to Rosa Simmons.

Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

West Edmeston – BENJAMIN



Dorothy F. Benjamin, 81, of West Edmeston went home to her Lord on Sunday June 19, 2005 at MIB with her family by her side.

She was born April 28, 1924 in Cooperstown, the daughter of Owen W. and Iva Mae (Richards) Fassett. She married Farron P. Benjamin on June 25, 1942 at her family home in East Springfield.

Dorothy retired from her position as Post Master after 34 years of service. Also during that same time period she operated a Beauty

Salon from her home for 16 years. Dorothy and Farron traveled every state of the Union and Canada. They both were loyal to their country; Farron serving in WWII and Dorothy traveling with him to his base assignments. During high school Dorothy played softball and basketball. In her later years she knitted, played golf, and was a major Yankee fan.

Her husband of 63 years, Farron; her children and their spouses Ben & Judy Benjamin, Donna Palmer, James & Rose Benjamin, and Jeffrey Benjamin; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren survive Dorothy. Also surviving Dorothy are her siblings and spouses Homer & Evelyn Fassett, Erma & Leland Vunk, Kenneth & Julie Fassett, Velma Armstrong, Kermit & Irene Fassett, and Myron & Madeline Fassett.

Her son LaVaun Farron Benjamin, her brother and sister-in-law Ervin & Gertrude Fassett predeceased her.

Funeral Services for Dorothy will be held at 3 PM on Wednesday June 22, 2005

at the West Edmeston Baptist Church with Pastor Don Buck officiating. A reception will follow the service at the church Parish House. Calling hours for Dorothy will be held from 12 Noon till 3 PM prior to the service.

Interment will be private at Springfield Center Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Dorothy's memory to the West Edmeston Baptist Church or the Edmeston Emergency Squad.

Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

West Burlington – HOLDREDGE



Born Doris Jane Rowin on October 5, 1920 in Van Buren, Arkansas, she and her brother, mother and father traveled the south and west during her childhood living in Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri wherever her father's civil engineering assignments took them. As a young girl, Doris was ever active, visiting her uncle in Washington State to fish for salmon and camp out on Mt. Ranier. She became an accomplished seamstress, making her own clothes and excelling in cooking and baking and playing the drum in the school band. When time came for college, Doris entered Southwestern Missouri State Teacher's college and became the only freshman to be elected homecoming queen. She majored in home economics and acted in college plays. It was in one such play that she met a fellow student, Lowell Holdredge, and when they graduated, they were married.

Her travels continued when she married Lowell, as he was an air force cadet, then a pilot in World War II and then made the Air Force his career. They made homes in Florida, Michigan (where Linda was born), Kentucky, Japan, California (where Ann was born), West Burlington for a few years (where Randy was born) and Oklahoma before moving permanently back to West Burlington. Each time Doris would make a warm, inviting home for her family and become an active participant in the lifestyle and culture of the area. In Japan, she took flower-arranging courses, edited a cookbook of Officer's wives recipes, and traveled to Mt. Fuji and Tokyo and other famous cities. Back on the farm in West Burlington, she enrolled in Oneonta State University to get her Master's degree in English and was the Valedictorian of her class when she graduated.

Doris learned to multitask before the term was coined. She was a careful homemaker, mother, teacher, gardener, cook, hand weaver, artist, an avid reader and an inspiration for her family. She began teaching English in the Sidney high school and then taught high school English in Edmeston as well as Psychology even directing the senior class play. She became secretary and treasurer of the Episcopal Church in West Burlington and joined the Butternut Valley Garden Club and became a member of the local planning board. She was a voracious reader whether it be cookbooks, novels, garden or homemaking magazines. She introduced her family to foods such as paella and yakamish and planted an elaborate herb garden to have her own fresh herbs. At the same time she took art classes and classes in weaving. She set up her own weaving studio and became an accomplished hand weaver. She also perfected the art of counted cross-stitch and created lovely works of art. She was a loving wife and partner, encouraging and then becoming involved in Lowell's many endeavors such as tapping maple trees and making maple syrup, raising bantam chickens and flying an ultra light aircraft. After retirement from teaching, she and Lowell traveled the train across Canada to visit her Uncle and Aunt in the northwest; flew to London and Copenhagen and of course to visit their children in Virginia, California and New York.

Doris was an exceptionally talented, intelligent, interesting, well-spoken person. She will be missed by all including her brother and sister in law, George and Maxine, son and daughter in law Randy and Jo Ann, daughters and sons in law, Ann and Barry, Linda and Joel as well as grandchildren Scott, Brandon, Kerry, Damon, Jason and David and great grandchildren Chloe, Sierra, Cassandra and Emily.

Funeral Services for Doris will be held on Sunday June 12, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with Father Charles Taylor officiating. Calling hours will be one hour prior to the service on Sunday.

Interment will be at Edmeston Union Cemetery after the funeral service.

Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

Plainfield – SNYDER

Frances M. Snyder, 84, of Plainfield, died Friday May 6, 2005 at St. Lukes Hospital.

She was born on March 18, 1921 in Herkimer, the daughter of Delmer and Agnes (Kohl) Nutt. She married George Lewis Snyder on August 22, 1937. He predeceased her on December 4, 1981.

Frances was the proud mother of seven children. She loved to be surrounded by her family. Before her eyes failed her she would enjoy knitting and reading. However, she was still able to fulfill her passion in her flower garden with the aid of her family.

Frances is survived by her children and their spouses Nancy and Neale McClintock, Richard and Charlotte Snyder, Robert and Sandra Snyder, George and Carol Snyder, Nadine and Richard Lawson, Doreen and Leon Jakubowski, and Ronald and Irene Snyder; nineteen grandchildren; thirty six great grandchildren; eight great great grandchildren, and her self-adopted granddaughter and her son. A special friend and companion, her dog Lucky, will also miss her.

Funeral services will be held on Monday May 9, 2005 at Noon at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with Rev. Mark Thall officiating. Calling hours are from 11:00 am till Noon on Monday prior to the service. Interment will be at Unadilla Forks Cemetery after the service.

Contributions may be made in Frances memory to the Leonardsville Fire Department.

Burlington Flats – BOWEN

Wesley Bowen, 66, of Burlington Flats died unexpectedly on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at Basset Hospital, Cooperstown. He was born December 13, 1938 in the Town of Exeter the son of Horace and Lois (Joslyn) Bowen. On May 25, 1963 at the Methodist church in Morris he married Hilda Harrington, who survives.

Wesley was a farmer his whole life beginning farming at the age of 7. He loved to golf and attend auctions and tractor pulls. Traveling, attending concerts, investing and deer hunting were also interests of Wesley. He was a life member of the Exeter Center United Methodist Church and served as the treasurer of the Exeter Center Cemetery Association.

Wesley was a devoted father and husband and in addition to his wife Hilda, he is survived by his children; Karen Bowen, Marena and Christopher Maier, Colleen Renwick, Kevin and Michele Bowen and Valerie and Tony Backo and 4 grandchildren; Natasha, Blake, Cody and Miranda. His brother and sister-in-law, Russell and Janet Bowen, his sister and brother-in-law, Marcia and Bob Ubner and his sister, Charlene Mulford and many nieces and nephews also survive Wesley. An infant sister, Gladys, predeceased him.

Funeral services for Wesley will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday April 6, 2005 at the West Exeter United Methodist Church with Pastor Richard Anderson officiating. Calling hours for Wesley will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home in Edmeston. Burial will follow at the Exeter Center Cemetery.

Contributions in memory of Wesley may be made to either the West Exeter United Methodist Church or the West Exeter Fire Department. Funeral arrangements are by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston
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Edmeston – DICKENSON

Elizabeth (Betty) L. Dickenson, 80, formerly of Edmeston died peacefully at her daughter's residence Wednesday March 9, 2005.

She was born March 22, 1924 in West Exeter, the daughter of Roscoe M. and Esther L. (Williams) Bowen. She married Louis S. Dickenson Jr. on March 27, 1943 in Richfield Springs. He predeceased her on February 11, 2000.

Betty along with her husband operated the family dairy farm on Louis Dickenson Road for over forty years. Many will remember her warm embrace and delightful smile. She enjoyed gardening and crocheting. Betty loved her family, and provided a handmade afghan to each member to remember her by.

Betty is survived by her children and their spouses Marlene and Manny Jimenez, Sandra and Darryl Dye, Duane Dickenson, Patricia and Wayne Clark, and Randy and Robert Nocella; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-three great grandchildren; and her sister Dorothy Jones.

Her brothers Harold (Sammy) Bowen, Clair Eugene (Billy), and sister Mildred Estes-Bowen predeceased her.

Her committal service will be at Taylor Hill Cemetery in the spring. In honor of Betty's wishes visitation will be private.

Contributions may be made in Betty's memory to the Edmeston Emergency Squad.

Arrangements by Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

West Winfield – MYERS

Mary Janet Myers, 79, formerly of West Burlington, died at Chase Memorial Nursing Home on Saturday February 26, 2005 where she had resided for the past three years.

She was born November 9, 1925 in Utica the only child of Horace and Margaret Griffiths. She married Robert L. Myers in 1951. She spent her summers at the family farm in West Burlington, and later retired there.

She graduated from Utica Free Academy in 1943 and Cornell University in 1948 with a degree in Labor Relations. She went to New York City to work at B. Altman's Department Store for a short time, but liked country living better, so returned to attend Oneonta State Teachers College. She started her teaching career in September 1950 at Mt. Markham School in West Winfield as a kindergarten teacher, then 1st grade for 10 years, and 3rd grade for 29 years until her retirement in 1991.

She was an avid golfer; enjoyed bird watching; gardening; especially flowers, and loved her dogs & cats. She attended West Winfield Federated Church and in the fall of 2002 members of the West Winfield Chapter OES presented her with a 50-year pin.

She will be missed by the devoted, caring staff at Chase Nursing Home; many friends, and especially her "sis" Elna Harrington Virtell and family.

Graveside service and committal will be held in the spring at Burlington Flats Cemetery at a date and time to be announced.

At her request memorial donations may be made in her memory to the Stevens-Swan SPCA in Utica or the Herkimer County SPCA.

Arrangements by Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

Edmeston - VAN VRANKEN

Mildred (Filer) Van Vranken, 79, died on February 25, 2005, at her home in Edmeston, NY. Millie was born in the Town of Butternuts on February 24, 1926 to Adelbert and Grace (Utter) Filer, graduated from Gilbertsville Central School and attended an accelerated nursing program at Hartwick College.

She married John Van Vranken in Gilbertsville on September 15, 1945. In 1946 they bought a farm outside Edmeston and operated it until 1979. Millie was also a certified nursing assistant for many years at Chase Memorial Nursing Home in New Berlin, retiring at 72.

Millie was known for her fierce determination, her devilish sense of humor, her come-and-get-it whistle, and her great pleasure in family reunions. She will be deeply missed by husband John and sons John Jr. (Alta) and Robert (JoAnn) of Edmeston; daughters Suzanne (Frank) Yapple, Berkshire, NY; Sandra (Dee Sheffield) VanVranken, Rochester, NY; Carolyn (Rich) Patrickson, Mexico, NY; Sharon (Brad) Mumbulo, Edmeston; and Nancy (David) Haley, Valley Cottage, NY; eleven grandchildren, two "adopted grandchildren", and five great grandchildren; her "adopted sons" Billy (Lori) Gray and Walt (Carolyn) Carney, of Edmeston; brother Carl (Esther) Filer, Union Springs, NY; sisters Esther Chandler, Hawley, PA and Wanda (Ken) Beach, Morganton, NC; sister-in-law Phyllis Filer, Norwich, NY; and many nieces and nephews. Brothers Donald and Louis Filer; and sisters Luella Van Vranken and Gladys Barber predeceased Millie.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday February 27, 2005 from 2-5 pm at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home in Edmeston NY. Her funeral service will be on Monday February 28, 2005 at 2 pm with Pastor Jay Henderson officiating. Family will be receiving friends and family one hour prior to the service. A luncheon for family and friends will be held at the Burlington Flats Baptist Church Annex, Burlington Flats, NY at the conclusion of Millie's service.

Contributions may be made in Millie's memory to either the Edmeston Emergency Squad or Catskill Area Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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Edmeston – MOCKOVCIAK

John Mockovciak, 76, of Edmeston died Thursday February 10, 2005 at his home with his family by his side.

He was born January 13, 1929 in Little Falls, the son of Steve and Anna (Horak) Mockovciak. He married Helen Pylinski February 17, 1951.

John retired from the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center in Utica in 1991. He was a proud member of the Wharton Valley American Legion Post #1311. He and his wife Helen attended many of the USS Manchester Reunions beginning in 1988. John enjoyed camping with his family, eventually giving the family camper over to his son Dana and his family.

John is survived by his wife Helen, his children Dana and Connie Mockovciak, and Diana and Jim Helmer; his grandchildren Cana, Ardath, Brandy, Andrew, Mathew, Allison, and Helen; his siblings Mildred Jwaskwicz, and Steve Mockovciak.

His son Doran Mockovciak, and brother Mike Mockovciak predeceased him.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday February 13, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with Pastor Jay Henderson officiating. Calling hours are from

2-4 Pm on Saturday February 12, 2005 at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made in John's memory to the Edmeston Emergency Squad or Catskill Area Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Arrangements by Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

West Edmeston – ROOT



Karen E. Root, 60, of West Edmeston died Tuesday January 25, 2005 at Chase Memorial Nursing Home, New Berlin. She was born September 4, 1944 in Leonardsville, the daughter of Horace and Doris (Burch) Root.

Karen resided at her parents home in West Edmeston until recently. She truly loved her family, and gave of herself in a unique way to each member.

Her mother and father doted on her, providing her with a warm and safe harbour throughout her life. Karen was blessed to have her sister Gail and her family just around the corner from her home, where she could see them daily.

Karen is survived by her father, Horace; her sister and her husband, Gail and Tom VanBrink of West Edmeston; her niece Brenda L. and Darren Belden; their children Chris, Erica, Bradley and Amanda Belden; Donald Snell and his daughter Amber Snell. Karen was predeceased by her mother, Doris and niece, Connie Snell.

Funeral services for Karen will be held at the First Baptist Church, West Edmeston on January 27, 2005 at 2:00 PM with Pastor Don Buck officiating. Calling hours for Karen will be from Noon till 2:00 pm prior to the service time at the Church.

Contributions in memory of Karen may be made to the Chase Memorial Nursing Home Patient Activity Fund.

Funeral arrangements by the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

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