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2007 Obituaries

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Edmeston - Coyne

Elsie C. Coyne, 89, of Edmeston, formerly of Holmdel, NJ, died peacefully November 15, 2007 at The Manor.

Elsie was born March 9, 1918, the daughter of the late Evangeline (Wilson) and William Palmer Cosgrove, Matawan, NJ. She married Vincent James Coyne; he predeceased her August 26, 1992. Elsie and her late husband, Vincent, moved to NY State after retirement in 1972.

Elsie was the first grade teacher in the Matawan Regional School System, having taught first grade in Cliffwood, NJ. A graduate of Seton Hall University, East Orange, NJ; she also held an Elementary School Teacher Certificate from Newark State Teachers College, NJ.

Elsie was also a graduate registered Nurse of Monmouth Medical Center, formerly Monmouth Memorial Hospital, Long Branch, NJ.

During WWII Elsie was employed in Base Supply, Kissimmee Air Force Base, where her husband served in the Military.

Her children and their spouses Suzette and Matthew Curley of Cooperstown, Vincent James

and Barbara Coyne, II of Navasink, NJ; her grandchildren and spouses Wayne and Melissa Olsen, Bret and Christine Olsen; her great grandchildren Hope Marie Olsen, Samuel Garreit Olsen, Ellie Elizabeth Olsen, and Abigail Joy Olsen; and her sister Dorothy Spurgat of Pompano Beach, FL. Survive Elsie.

Four sisters predeceased her.

Graveside committal services will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2007 at Old Tennent Cemetery, Tennent, NJ at 10:30 AM.

Contributions may be made in Elsie's memory to your favorite Charity.

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

Burlington Green – **Benjamin**



Donald Benjamin, 74, of Burlington Green died peacefully at home on Friday, November 2, 2007, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born at home in Burlington Green on October 10, 1933 the son of Murray and Florence (Stickles) Benjamin. He married Jeannette Cline on August 8, 1951 at the home of Pastor & Mrs. Davenport.

Donald retired as the Housekeeping Supervisor from Bassett Hospital, where he had been employed for 30 years. His first priority was family, and then his love of the outdoors. Donald savored life, and kept tradition with the running of the "Benjamin Maple Sugar Bush" in Burlington Flats. Darien Lake was another valuable tradition; each year with his whole family they would camp out, play miniature golf, and enjoy the rides. This year was no exception, even though his fight with cancer was coming to an end. Donald enjoyed John Deere Tractors, and putting puzzles together. Sharing his morning meal with his wife of 56 years with yet another tradition: pancakes, maple syrup, eggs, and coffee.

Donald is survived by his wife, Jeannette; his children and their spouses Kelly Benjamin, Flossie & Keith Bliss, Paul & Linda Benjamin, Tim and Beth Benjamin, and Art & Gloria Benjamin; his grandchildren Nathan, Mitchell, Paul, Mike, Jennifer and Matthew, Sarah, Daniel, Meghan, and Brandon; his siblings and their spouses Richard & Pat Benjamin, Murray & Evelyn Benjamin, Adrian & Martha Benjamin, Dorothy Bolton, Kenny & Sharron Benjamin, Mildred Stebbins, and lot's of nieces, nephews, and cousins. His sister, Carrie Bookhout; and brothers Charlie, Orlo, and Sidney Benjamin predeceased Donald.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday November 6, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with Pastor Aswad officiating. Calling hours will be from 11:00 AM till 1:00 PM prior to the service on Tuesday.

Contributions may be made in Donald's memory to either the American Cancer Society or Catskill Area Hospice & Palliative Care.

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

Pittsfield – **Haycock**

Elinor (Ellie) M. Haycock, stepped in the Lord's arms on Saturday, October 27, 2007.

She was born November 5, 1931 the daughter of Raymond and Dorothy (Henion) VanHorn. She married Harold L. Haycock,



Jr. on August 16, 1969 in Indian Lake, NY.

Ellie had a vibrant outlook on life and the great outdoors. She was an avid walker never letting the weather deter her from her daily walk. She enjoyed hiking the high peaks of the Adirondack, and Indian Lake. During the winter months you could find her cross-country skiing or show shoeing. Ellie was well known and recognized for her flower gardens first in New Jersey and later in Burlington Flats, and then Pittsfield. Time with her family was spent apple and berry picking, canning, raising rabbits, making wonderful meals, sewing, and planning Christmas with all her children, and grandchildren.

Ellie had been employed by Pathfinder Village for 35 years as a teacher's aid, served as the manger of the greenhouse, and had volunteered at Chase Nursing Home in New Berlin.

Ellie is survived by her loving husband Harold; her children Linda & Robert Dedio, Kenneth Gray, Billy & Lori Gray, Harold L. & Tania Haycock, III, Beth & Donald Stringham Jr.; her grandchildren Lisa Tedeschi, Holly Gray, Tabytha Gray, James Haycock, Sarah Haycock, Marisa Haycock, Dana Stringham, and Emily Stringham; her siblings Edgar VanHorn, Natalie Gray, Dorothy Martin, Martin VanHorn, and Peggy Herring. Grandson, Brian Dedio predeceased Ellie.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with Joan Kuhn Terry, CFSP officiating. Calling hours will be one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be at Burlington Flats Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Ellie's memory to the Salvation Army, 200 Twin Oaks Drive, Syracuse, NY 13206. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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

Edmeston - **Schworm**

Robert Harry Schworm, 88 years old, of the town of Edmeston, died Oct. 9, 2007, at home. He was born Oct. 26, 1918, in Edmeston, the son of Harry J. and Stella (Beatty) Schworm. Robert married Lanor Collins on Oct. 19, 1941. She predeceased him in December 2004.

He spent his childhood in Edmeston and was a graduate of Edmeston Central School, Edmeston.

Robert is survived by his children, Norman Schworm and Cathy Jakubowski, Edmeston, Joyce and Don VanWagner, New Berlin, Stella Schworm and Paul Jensen, Edmeston, and Bobby and Ann Schworm, Edmeston; grandchildren, Michelle VonDauber, Valerie Mowers, Eric and Lisa Jensen, Kaylee and Brianna Schworm, and Heather and Alyssa McCoy; great-grandchildren, Sophia, Ellie and Julia VonDauber; two brothers, Leon and Earl Schworm; and nieces and nephew, Rosemary Stephens, Karen Willey and Michael Schworm. He was predeceased by one brother, Donald Schworm.

His love of animals led him to a lifetime of farming. He worked for Mr. Lyle Bass early in his life and then purchased his own farm on Dutch Valley Road in 1949. He remained there for the rest of his years.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007, in the Edmeston Union Cemetery, Edmeston.

Calling hours will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, at the Houk-Johnston-Terry

Funeral Home, Edmeston, with Pastor Jay Henderson, officiating.
Memorial donations may be made to the Edmeston Emergency Squad or the Catskill Area Hospice.

Burlington Flats - **Bowen**



Donald L. Bowen, 56, of Burlington Flats died Tuesday August 7, 2007 at MIB in Cooperstown.

He was born January 23, 1951 in Cooperstown the son of Howard and Christine Jane (Wolcott) Bowen.

Donald graduated from Edmeston Central School in 1971. He served in the United States Air Force, and the National Guard until 1977.

Donald returned to his hometown and worked the family farm of Howard and Jenny Higgins for 35 years. For the past five years Don had been employed at Bassett Health Care.

He was a member of the Farmers Lodge #553 F&AM. Don loved sports be it volleyball, basketball, bowling, hunting, fishing, or most recently golf. The words friendly competition and his zeal for giving 110%, earmarked his wholesome philosophy on life. Don enjoyed the outdoors and the companionship of his friends.

Don is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Sandra and Dale Bennett; his brother and sister-in-law Howard and Bonnie Bowen; his nieces & nephews Tom Bennett, Jerry Bennett, Tammy Smith, Lisa Bowen & Warren Williams, Teri Plows & Kevin Musser Sr., and Brandy & Charles Zinger; and their children Amanda Smith, Cody Smith, Eric Bennett, Rebecca Bennett, Brady Plows, Cole Plows, Shauna Plows, Kevin Musser, and Caleb Zinger; his second family Howard and Virginia Higgins and their children Nancy Schoellig & Tim Dockstader, Priscilla & Richie Cahoon, Donna & Jim Currier; and their children Nick and Andrea Schoellig, Sara Schoellig, Adam Schoellig; Amanda, Zak, and Bianca Dockstader; Justin Kessler, Chase Cahoon; Jamie & James Currier; Patrick and Gregory Schoellig; and Donald's beloved Pugs Eli and Elie.

Funeral services will be held on Friday August 10, 2007 at 2:00 at the Burlington Flats Baptist Church with Pastor Jay Henderson officiating. Calling hours will be from Noon till 2:00 prior to the Masonic and funeral service.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations made in Don's memory to either the Edmeston or West Exeter Emergency Squad.

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

Burlington Flats - **Robinson**

Douglas Ted Robinson of Burlington Flats, died Friday, August 3, 2007, at home.

He was born in Cooperstown on November 18, 1938, the only child of Douglas Talbot and Cecily Barrett Robinson.

Ted married Betty Nesbitt on September 2, 1961.

He graduated from the Manlius Military School in 1956, and from the University of Miami, Florida, in 1960.

He worked for the New York Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company for 38 years and enjoyed life in Edmeston while raising a family.

He was predeceased by his parents; and two aunts, Marjorie Carpenter and Audrey Lohnas.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; and three children and their families, Susan R. Stewart and George L. Stewart of Pittsburgh, PA, and their children, Bo, Emily, Holly, Will and Carolyn;

Douglas T. Robinson, Jr. and Susan P. Robinson of East Amherst, and their children, Samantha and Doug; and Jennifer R. Haack and John L. Haack of Painted Post, and their children, Andrew, Sam and Caroline.

Also surviving are his mother-in-law, Mary Nesbitt of Oneonta; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Duncan and Becky Nesbitt, of Kenansville, NC; and Ben and Susan Nesbitt, of West Oneonta; as well as two nieces and two nephews.

In addition, three cousins survive, VanNess Robinson, Seeber Robinson of Edmeston and Sandra Lohnas Haggerty of Cooperstown; along with many friends.

Calling hours will be held at the Burlington Flats Baptist Church from 2pm to 4pm and from 7pm to 9pm Monday, August 6, 2007.

The funeral service will be at 11:00am, Tuesday August 7, 2007 at the Burlington Flats Baptist Church with Pastor Jay Henderson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Edmeston Emergency Squad or to the Burlington Flats Baptist Church.

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

Burlington Flats - **Buell**



Sergeant Major Kenneth Lynn Buell, Jr., USMC Retired, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on July 31, 2007, at his home in Burlington Flats.

Ken was born February 25, 1937, in Exeter Center, to Kenneth L. Buell, Sr. and Catherine Sullivan.

He married his beloved wife, Dianna Buell, on December 5, 1961, in Burlington Flats.

Ken joined the Marine Corps in June 1955 and served 24 years. During those 24 years, he served at the following: 3rd Marine Division, Clarksville, TN; Quantico, VA; San Diego, CA; 3rd Marine Division Camp Lejeune, NC; Sea going on USS Forrestal; Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA; drill instructor at Parris Island, SC; Albany, as well as serving two tours in Vietnam. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1978, while serving at Cherry Point, NC.

He started Ken Buell's Landscaping in 1982 and began working in 1985 for the Hadley Estate in Cooperstown. Ken retired from there in 2005.

Ken is survived by his wife, Diana Buell; daughter Paula Briggs and husband Tim, of Cicero; daughter Gwenda Slattery and husband Craig, of Burlington Flats; daughter, Carol Buell-Madison, of Burlington Flats; daughter, Cindy Arnold and husband Mark, of Burlington Flats; and grandchildren, Kenneth Honour; Johnathan and Zachary Briggs; Rebecca, Jacob and April Bartlett, Collin Slattery; Nicholas Buell, Elisha and Samuel Madison; Katie and Emily Arnold.

He had one great-grandchild, Kenneth Todd Honour Jr.; sister, Eleanor Madaras, husband Frank; brother, Charles Buell, wife Joyce; sister, Esther Ludeman, husband Bill; brother, Ronald Buell, wife Joan; sister Lela Reed; sister, Cathy Melniczenko, husband Alex; sister-in-law, Loretta Buell. He is also survived by 32 nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sister, Janice Truex; his brother Elmer Buell; his father, Kenneth L. Buell, Sr., and his mother, Catherine Sullivan.

Ken belonged to the following organizations: First Baptist Church of Burlington Flats; Brunswick Island Baptist Church, Supply, NC; American Legion Post 1311, Edmeston; VFW, Cooperstown; and the Marine Corps League.

Calling hours will be from 2pm to 4pm and from 7pm to 9pm, Thursday, August 2, 2007 at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home of Edmeston. His funeral will be held at the First Baptist Church, Burlington Flats and officiated by Pastor Jay Henderson at 11am, Friday, August 3, 2007. Interment will immediately follow the service in the Huntley Cemetery, West Exeter.

A very special thank-you to the Oneonta Hospice and the nurses for their wonderful care and support.

Donations may be made to the Catskill Area Hospice or to the Burlington Flats Baptist Church.

Garrattsville - Nelsen



Janet Nelsen, 77, of Garrattsville, wife of the late Roger Nelsen, died peacefully at home on Friday, July 27, 2007, surrounded by family and friends.

She was born March 28, 1930, the daughter of the late George and Helen Schwarze in Hempstead, Long Island.

As a young girl, Janet enjoyed riding her bike to Jones Beach. She loved the ocean and was an avid swimmer.

She met Roger Nelsen while attending Mineola High School and they spent many happy days at Jones Beach during their courtship. Janet and Roger married in 1951, built a house in Huntington, Long Island and had two children, Peter and Susanne.

While living on Long Island, Janet and Roger made many life long friendships with schoolmates, neighbors and co-workers that have endured to this day. Janet enjoyed entertaining friends and family with many pool parties and festive gatherings at the holidays, which always featured her wonderful cooking. She loved to bake and one of her most favorite traditions was making dozens upon dozens of Christmas cookies of every kind that she lovingly packaged and sent to friends and relatives near and far.

In 1968, Janet and her family moved to Garrattsville, marking a new chapter in their lives. She enjoyed living in the country and set about decorating the farmhouse, planting flower and vegetable gardens and tending to her bird feeders. She adored her many pet cats and the simple pleasure of watching deer out in the fields. One of her favorite pastimes was watching hummingbirds while she and Roger sat on the back porch or in the screen house while reading or playing cards. She was a member of the local Ladies Group and loved co-hosting their annual Christmas luncheon at her home with her mother, Helen. She worked for several years as a teacher's aide at Pathfinder Village.

Janet leaves to mourn her passing her son Peter and his wife Sue of South Windsor, CT, daughter Susanne and her husband Tim Eschler of Garrattsville and her adoring grandchildren, Holly Nelsen and her fiancé John Cook of Arlington, VA, Daniel Nelsen of South Windsor, CT, Candace Eschler and her fiancé Justin Hoag and Dana Eschler of Garrattsville.

Funeral Services for Janet will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2007 at the Morgan-Jackson All Faiths Chapel at Pathfinder Village in Edmeston. Burial will follow at Hillington Cemetery, Morris. Calling hours for Janet will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, 2007 at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home in Edmeston. Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Janet's life at her home immediately following the committal services.

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

West Edmeston – Cirillo

James Cirillo, 76, died tragically on Thursday July 12, 2007 in



West Edmeston.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. James retired from the New York City Police Force where he had spent many years in the Stakeout Unit, and also at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center as a firearms instructor. After James retired, he offered his firearms expertise through periodic firearms training courses internationally.

He authored several books and video's including "Guns, Bullets, and Gunfights: Lessons and Tales From a Modern-Day Gunfighter." He was a well-qualified author from his experience in more than 25-armed encounters through his NYPD career.

James had a passion for life, and his vitality was contagious to all who he met and instructed. He loved the outdoors enjoying the time to hunt, fish, and spend time with nature. He was also a very humorous man, who would weave tales to the pleasure of the listener. James was loved by his family.

James was born on January 19, 1931 in Manhattan, NY, the son of Vincent and Mary (Spanos) Cirillo. His wife of 41 years, (formerly Mildred Morel) predeceased James in 1997.

He is survived his children and their spouses James and Antoinette Jr, Margaret and Albert Alimena; his grandchildren Nicole Cirillo, Katrina Cirillo, Kristen Alimena, and Alexa Alimena; his sister Victoria DeMela Paz; his companion Violet Jimenez, and her grandchildren, Matthew Jimenez, Luke Jimenez, Brendan Jimenez, David Drexler, Daniel Drexler, who affectionately called him "Papa Jim." His brother Nicholas Cirillo predeceased James.

A Memorial Service was held at Noon on Sunday, July 15, 2007 at the West Edmeston, NY Baptist Church with Pastor Don Buck officiating.

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

Edmeston – Lohnas



Audrey B. Lohnas, 94, of Edmeston passed into the heavenly dimension on July 9, 2007.

She was born at home on February 14, 1913 in Burlington Flats, the daughter of Lawrence and Letia (Lennon) Barrett. Audrey married Glenn Lohnas on November 24, 1937. He predeceased her on November 18, 1966

Audrey graduated from Edmeston Central School at the age of 15. She attended Cazenovia Finishing School, and then graduated from Hartwick College with a teaching degree. Audrey taught at Cazenovia Seminary and Trumansburg Central School. She returned to Edmeston Central School as the Business Teacher where she retired in 1976. Never one to miss an opportunity, she was later employed at the Fenimore House as a tour guide. Audrey was centered on her family and Edmeston. She loved her independence, which her golf cart provided. Her morning visit to the girls coffee club at Schworm's, her Audubon Trail walking trips with Marge Holdridge, and always kindly saying "Edmeston does it better". Not to be forgotten was her love of music that "had a beat". She loved to dance, including square dancing.

Audrey is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Ken Haggerty; her grandchildren Jeffrey Haggerty and Trista Haggerty; her great grandchildren Megan Haggerty, Kayla Haggerty, Matt Denison, Jessica Denison, and Javier Sierra.

Her husband Glenn, and sisters Marjorie Carpenter, Cecily Robinson, and Phoebe Barrett predeceased Audrey.

Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday July 11, 2007 at 11:00 AM at the Second Baptist Church, Edmeston with Pastor Jay Henderson officiating. Calling hours will be from 10:00 AM till 11:00 Am prior to the service on Wednesday.

Interment will be at Edmeston Union Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Audrey's memory to the Hawk Circle Wilderness Camp's Otsego Youth Leadership Program.

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

Burlington Flats – **Arthur**



Earl "The Man" Arthur, 83, of Burlington Flats died at his home on Friday, July 6, 2007 with his family at his side. He was born in New York State on May 15, 1924 and has made his home with Marcia and Paul Pritchard and family for many years. Earl was a lover of the outdoors and especially enjoyed being in the woods with Paul and cutting wood. He loved gardening and fishing and enjoyed the challenge of keeping a fire going. Earl was happily entertained by Western movies, music and dancing and had a special place in his heart for family, children and animals. Earl was proud of his accomplishments and awards at ARC Otsego.

His family, Marcia and Paul Pritchard, Amanda, Jeff and Izaiah Conklin, Andrea and Mike Long, Alicia Pritchard and his pets, Little Bit and Myat, survive him.

Funeral services for Earl will be held on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 3PM at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home in Edmeston with Pastor Jay Henderson officiating. Burial will follow at Taylor Hill Cemetery. Calling hours for Earl will be from 1 to 3PM on Monday, just prior to the service.

Earl's family would like to thank Catskill Area Hospice for the care and consideration Earl received during his illness.

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

Plainfield - **Southard**



Clinton W. Southard, 59, of the town of Plainfield passed away Sunday, July 1, 2007 at his home with his family by his side.

He was born July 26th, 1947 in Franklin, NJ, the son of Clinton and Martha Rose (Crum) Connor. On November 4th, 1967 he married Elsie Crane, who survives. Clinton was a self-employed salesman.

Clinton was a lover of the outdoors. He enjoyed gardening, his flowers and hunting fishing and trapping. He was a Vietnam veteran and served in the Army from 1964 to 1967.

In addition to his wife, Elsie, he is survived by his children; Carrie (Kenneth) Wehrenberg, Clinton (Theresa) Southard, Samuel (Kimberly) Southard. His grandchildren; Courtney, Christopher, Kenneth, Chelsea, Kevin, Stephanie, Dana, David, Robert, Tasha, Elese and a great-grandson Gabriel. His sister Martha Manson also survives him. Clinton was pre-deceased by both parents and his sister Marilyn and grandson Clinton F. Southard Jr.

A Memorial Service and Gathering will be held at his home on July 7th, 2007 at 2:00 pm with Pastor Jim Ketcham of the Brookfield Wesleyan Church officiating. Because of Clinton's love of the outdoors the family requests that you plant a memorial tree in his memory.

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

Edmeston – **Mazzarella**

Angela Mazzarella, 57, of Edmeston went home to her Lord on Monday, June 11, 2007 at AO Fox Hospital in Oneonta.

She was born April 15, 1950 in Astoria, Queens, the daughter of Bennie and Frances (Giampapa) Mazzarella.

Prior to her move to Edmeston, the Montauk Public School employed Angela as a secretary.

Angela held close to her heart those in which she loved: her children, her grandchild, her nieces, her sister, and her parents. She was at home with herself enjoying horseback riding, reading, or Tri-Cam painting. Her canine companions also survive Angela: he dog Angel, Dawn's dog Sadie, and Al's dog Capone.

Angela is survived by her parents Bennie and Frances Mazzarella; her children Dawn DaCostaFaro, Alfred Edward, and his wife Kelly, DaCostafaro III; her grandchild Cearah Jean DaCostafaro; her sister and brother-in-law Ann and Al Tetreault II; and her nieces Jennifer and Renée.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday June 19, 2007 at 2:0 pm at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with Joan Kuhn Terry, CFSP officiating.

Interment will follow at Edmeston Union Cemetery.

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

 West Burlington – **Hill**


John Hill, Sr., 83, of West Burlington passed away Friday, June 8, 2007 at his residence. John was born in Ireland, the son of David and Ellen (Phair) Hill on November 24, 1923. As a young boy, John immigrated to America with his parents and settled first on Long Island before coming to the Town of Burlington. John was very proud of his Irish heritage and had hoped to make a return trip to the Emerald Isle.

John had many interesting occupations. He was a school bus driver for the Edmeston Central School District and drove a feed truck. John especially loved working for New York Central Mutual Insurance in the maintenance and security divisions. He loved to be outdoors with animals and wildlife and was an avid fisherman. John was a fan of the New York Yankees and enjoyed all sports. A good joke to tell and a time to reminisce were among his favorite things. His "scooter" gave him the freedom to be outdoors again after his illness and he was often seen motoring about West Burlington. John loved many things but he had a special fondness and love for his grandchildren.

His children and spouses: John & Cathy Hill Jr. of Virginia Beach, VA, Sandra Lee & Michael Pallace of Saratoga, and Kelly Hill of West Burlington; his grandchildren Robin & Dave Raymond, David Hill, Christopher & Tina Pallace, Nathan Pallace, Molly Wetherbee & finance Jerry Sardella and Courtney Wetherbee & finance Drew Ballard; three great grandchildren Kayla Davis, Cori Davis, and Jenna Raymond survive John.

Friends may call at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston on Monday, June 11, 2007 from Noon until 2PM. Funeral services for John will be held at 2 PM at the funeral home with Rev. Jay Henderson officiating. Interment will follow at the Burlington Flats Cemetery.

John's family wishes to thank hospice's staff for their wonderful care and support ensuring our father was thoughtfully taken care of. Memorial Contributions may be made to Catskill Area Hospice and Palliative Care or the Edmeston Emergency Squad. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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

 Bayville – **Jahn**


Joan P. Jahn, of Bayville died Thursday May 3, 2007 at St. Lukes Hospital in New Hartford.

She was born March 8, 1933 in Queens, NY the daughter of Nicholas and Eva (Hager) Laljer. She married Christian Jahn Jr. on June 15, 1957. He predeceased her on August 10, 1993.

Joan received her Registered Nursing Degree from Bellevue Hospital. While her children were young she was a stay at home mom. Later she returned to the nursing field until retiring from the United Cerebral Palsy in Bayville.

Being with her family was one of Joan's greatest joys. As a young mother she taxied her children, and in later years played cards with her grandchildren. Walking on the beach, enjoying her dog, reading, and completing puzzles gave her many hours of satisfaction.

Her children and spouses Karen and Brian Thurman, Eric and Dana Jahn, Cheryn and Bob Payne, Heidi and David Grossman; her grandchildren Collen, Elaine, Tara, and Natalie Thurman; Katie, Leslie, and Jessica Payne; and Chyle, Becca, and Jake Grossman; her sister and brother-in-law Carolyn and Robert Sutton survive Joan.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday May 6, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with Rev. Jim Fletcher officiating. Calling hours are Saturday May 5th from 7-9 PM

Interment will be at Calverton National Cemetery on May 8, 2007 at 1:00 PM

Contributions may be made in Joan'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.

 West Edmeston – **Root**


Horace Root, 93, passed away Monday April 9, 2007 at Chenango Memorial Hospital, Norwich. He was born November 25, 1913 in Manlius, the son of the late Jay and Lillian (Fitch) Root. Horace attended school in Manlius and was the first graduating class at Morrisville's Auto Mechanic program in 1936. He worked as a mechanic in Bridgewater, Hamilton and Waterville before coming to West Edmeston as an auto mechanic for I.T. & C.A. Welch & Sons in 1941. A position he held for 50 years.

Horace was a Charter Member of the West Edmeston Volunteer Fire Department serving as Assistant Chief under Warren H. Belden, then as Chief for 28 years. He also served as Fire Commissioner in later years. He was a past trustee of the First Baptist Church and for many years had a route transporting adults and children to Church and Sunday School. One of his interests was talking on his CB radio as "Monkey Wrench" and had made many friends on the airwaves. He also enjoyed the coffee runs to the local diners with his friends and working at the Fire Department fundraisers. Horace was honored in 1981 as the Otsego County Fireman of the Year.

On April 7, 1939 he married Doris Burch of Bridgewater; she predeceased him on December 12, 2001. Daughter, Karen Root, granddaughter Connie Snell and his four siblings also predeceased Horace. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Gail and Tom VanBrink; granddaughter and grandson Brenda and Darren Belden, grandson Don Snell; great grandchildren Chris, Erica, Brad, and Amanda Belden and Amber Snell; one niece Nancy and Joe Gennosa, nephews Ronald and Katie Burch, Rod Hurlbutt, Greg and Blanche Hurlbutt, Bill and Stacy Hurlbutt, Don and Kate Jones, one sister-in-law

Wanda Burch Landon and husband Burt, as well as many close friends.

For the past three years Horace has resided at the Gilmour Health Facility in Norwich where he gained many friends

Friends may call at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston on Friday evening, April 13 from 7-9 PM. The Otsego County Fire Association will be conducting a service at 8PM

Funeral Services will be on Saturday, April 14 at 11AM at the First Baptist Church, West Edmeston with Rev. Don Buck officiating. Burial will follow at West Edmeston Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be sent to the West Edmeston Fire Department PO Box 39, West Edmeston, NY 13485.

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

Columbus – Wheeldon



Donald W. Wheeldon, affectionately known as "Bear", 39, of Columbus went home to the Lord on Sunday March 25, 2007.

He was born September 5, 1967 in Utica the son of Clifford Jr. and Barbara (Slentz) Wheeldon.

Curtis Lumber in New Berlin employed Donald. He was an avid outdoorsman who appreciated and enjoyed hunting, trapping, fishing including ice fishing, and gardening. Closest to his heart were his children, and his adored grandmother, Ruth Slentz.

Donald is survived by his mother Barbara Wheeldon; his father, Clifford Wheeldon Jr. and his wife, Eileen; his children Ashton and Dalton Wheeldon; his significant other Jodi Cordell and children Chelsea Klotz and Zachary Cordell; his sister's, Terri Wheeldon, Jennifer Wagner and husband Terry; niece Cassidy Wagner; and many Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday March 29, 2007 at the Columbus Community Church at 2:00 PM with Rev. Steve Reese officiating. Calling hours are from Noon till 2:00 PM prior to the service.

The family is establishing a Trust Account for Donald's children. Please forward contributions to NBT Bank in Edmeston, attention Deb Peter.

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

Burlington Flats – Lis



Edward Robert Lis, 79, of Burlington Flats, died Sunday March 4, 2007 at Chenango Memorial Hospital in Norwich.

He was born May 11, 1927 in Rome, NY the son of Stanley and Teresa (Lotycz) Lis.

Edward retired from the Otsego County Hwy. Department where he had been employed as Foreman for 25 years. He and his twin brother Edwin owned a dairy farm with his parents. Edward loved tapping trees, cutting fence posts or firewood, and had also helped operate a garbage route. Being known, as a good worker and being a helpful neighbor were important values that he had been raised with.

Edward had a special relationship with his brother, Edwin. They enjoyed traveling, running errands, and farming together.

His twin brother Edwin; his nephew Stanley; and special friends Faith & Rex Yurenka survive Edward.

His brother Henry Lis, and sister Salome Lis predeceased Edward.

Committal services will be private at Burlington Green Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Edward's memory to Chase Nursing Home, New Berlin.

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

Simply [click here](#) to send a message, or you may send sympathy cards to Edwin Lis care of Chase Nursing Home, 1 Terrace Heights, New Berlin, NY 13411.

Burlington Green – Shillieto



Stanley Shillieto, 92, of Burlington Green died Wednesday, February 28, 2007, with his family by his side.

He was born March 21, 1914, in the town of Burlington, the son of William J. and J. Iva (Lake) Shillieto. He married Helen Green on June 26, 1948.

Stanley was a dairy and poultry farmer. He also was a former Town of Burlington Supervisor, Town of Burlington Republican Committeeman, Otsego County Executive Republican Committeeman, President of the Burlington Green Cemetery, and the current caretaker of the Jedidiah Peck Historic Cemetery. In his later years he and his daughter, Linda, enjoyed working with their horses. He also loved to dance, play cards and travel.

Stanley is survived by his wife of 58 years, Helen; his children, Gordon Shillieto, Mark Shillieto, Linda and John Misencik; and his grandchildren, Michael Shillieto, Stephanie Shillieto, John J. Misencik, and Joshua Misencik. He was predeceased by his son, David Shillieto, and his sister, Christine Shillieto Fitch.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday March 4, 2007, at 2:00 PM at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston, with the Reverend John Young officiating. Calling hours will be Saturday, March 3, 2007, from 5 to 7 PM at the Funeral Home.

Interment will be at Burlington Green Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Stanley's memory to either the Catskill Area Hospice & Palliative Care or the First Baptist Church of Burlington's Building Fund. Envelopes will be available at the Funeral Home.

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

Edmeston – Harder



Everett H. Harder, 84, formerly of Edmeston, died Monday January 22, 2007 at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Babylon. He was born December 10, 1922 in Queens, New York, the son of Fredrick and Nellie (Gardiner) Harder. On June 28, 1947 he married Gladys Jean Webb. His beloved wife, Gladys, predeceased him on July 5, 2003.

Everett was employed at the Neptune Meter Company in New York City as a machinist and as a school custodian in the Uniondale School District on Long Island. Leaving school at an early age to seek employment he developed a strong work ethic. Everett was a hard worker who provided for his children in every way. He and Gladys loved their home in Edmeston and especially visits from family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

His children, Linda Milwood, Everett Harder, Jr., Donna Miller, Deborah Rosenberger, Robert

Harder and Beth Lavenziano; 15 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and his sisters, Nancy Perwass and Dorothy Wagner, survive Everett.

Calling hours for Everett will be held at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home in Edmeston from 11am to 1pm on Thursday, January 25, 2007. Funeral services will follow the calling hours at 1pm with Pastor Jay Henderson officiating. Burial will be in Edmeston Union Cemetery.

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

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