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Sylva H. Emhof

Edmeston, NY



Sylva H. Emhof, 88, formerly of Edmeston, died peacefully at St. Lukes Hospital in Utica on **January 6, 2010** with her family by her side.

She was born January 20, 1921 in Lisle, NY the daughter of Elmer M. and Lillian (Baker) Howland. She attended High School in Marathon, NY. Frederick F. Emhof and Sylva were married on April 8, 1936 in Lisle, NY, he predeceased her on April 28, 1998.

Sylva was a member of the Saint John's Lutheran Church, West Burlington, and had served as their organist for 36 years. She retired from Central National Bank after twenty-two years. She had been previously employed at First National Bank of Edmeston,

Sylva was a member of the Wharton Valley Grange and was their Treasurer and pianist. She also was the Treasurer for Edmeston-Burlington-West Exeter Council of Churches, the Tops Club, Church Women United, and the Hobby Club.

Sylva was known for her enduring wit and timely recall of limericks and poetry, her passion for shopping, table bowling, Bingo, and her devotion to the TV program "Sewing with Nancy". Every fourth year on January 20th, Sylva enjoyed celebrating her birthday along with the presidential inaugural ceremony

Sylva is survived by her children and their spouses Frederick D. & Linda Emhof of Burlington Flats, Linda K. & Norris Arnold of Edmeston, and Christine Jenkins of Edmeston; her grandchildren Michael (Donna) Emhof of Sodus, Jeffrey (Donalu) Emhof of Edmeston, Carol Arnold of Oneonta, Kathleen (Roger) Miller of Homestead, FL, Tim Arnold of Edmeston, and Virginia "Cookie" Jenkins of Greenville, NC; 13 great grandchildren; 8 great great grandchildren; her sister Leona H. Maffei; her special cousins Lucille "CB" & Jack Kinsella; Dawn Tuttle; her brother-in-law Ernest and Stewart Emhof; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Her husband Fred, her sister's Phyllis Mudge & Gladys Wood, and her great great grandchild James Messick predeceased Sylva.

Funeral services for Sylva will be held on Monday January 11, 2010 at 11:00 am at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with Rev. Paul Messner and Pastor Jay Henderson officiating. Calling hours are Sunday January 10th from 2 -4 pm at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made in Sylva's memory to the Lutheran Home 108 Utica Road, Clinton, NY 13323.

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Lawrence Bernstein

Edmeston, NY

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Lawrence Bernstein, 55, a lifelong resident of Pathfinder Village, in Edmeston, New York passed away on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at Pathfinder Village.

Larry was born May 12, 1954 in Brooklyn, New York, a son of Fredrick and Carol (Levin) Bernstein.

Larry completed his education at the Otsego School in Edmeston. He was employed at the ARC of Otsego Work Center in Oneonta and at Hartwick Day Habilitation.

Larry thoroughly enjoyed all the activities of Pathfinder Village including being a member of the Saturday bowling league in New Berlin. Larry especially loved music ranging from opera to rock n roll and enjoyed singing along with any tune that was playing. He also took great pleasure in singing at the musical events in the Village. In addition, Larry was an all star sports fan, for each sport brought him immense joy. He remained true to the New York Yankee's and may have been their most avid fan.

Larry was a wonderful person to all whom he had contact with. All his friends will definitely miss him, and his spirit will always remain alive at Pathfinder Village

His brother Donald Bernstein and his family of Burlington, Massachusetts, survive Larry.

A memorial service will be at 3:30 pm on Sunday, January 31st at the Morgan-Jackson Memorial All Faith Chapel at Pathfinder Village with the Rev. Douglas Burleigh officiating.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pathfinder Village in Larry's name.

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Florence Angus

South Edmeston, NY



Florence Angus, 80, of South Edmeston was released from this earthly home Sunday, January 24, 2010.

She was born August 9, 1929 in Troy, the daughter of Charles and Mary Frances (Roberts) Angus.

Florence had a vast array of careers from working as an aid at Pathfinder Village to working along side the head chef at Orchard Hall in Sauquoit. She was well respected for her cooking talents.

Florence loved nature and following with her Indian heritage she walked a road less travel. Home, to Florence, was deep in the State lands where she could savor each animal and moment. Camping only required a sleeping bag, no tents needed, and while there she could also enjoy fishing.

Florence loved her family and would share with them her favorite reading the "Summer Rain Books". It was not unusual to receive a call late in the night after she had reread a passage from the Summer Rain series.

Her children Carol Moreau of Texas, Barbara Jean Moreau of Utica, Timothy Moreau of Rome, Amy Moreau of Forestport, and Kim Barton; 10 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and her brother Charles Angus survive her.

Florence was predeceased by two sons Alfred Moreau Jr., and Joseph Moreau; two brothers Charles and Richard Angus and four sisters, Margaret Angus, Doris Angus, Bertha Angus, and Marion Angus Worrall.

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Mamie Sue Levine

Edmeston, NY

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Mamie Sue Levine, 52, residing at Pathfinder Village, in Edmeston, New York died peacefully at her home at Pathfinder Village on Sunday, **March 7, 2010**.

Mamie was born April 20, 1957 in Passaic, New Jersey; the daughter of Sheldon and Jeane Schwartz Levine.

Mamie, was affectionally known as by her friends as “Moosie” enjoyed all the activities of Pathfinder Village. She was employed at the Brown Street site of the ARC of Otsego County, and at the Hartwick Day Program. Mamie was a quiet and loving individual. Her smile embraced the world, and touched everyone. Mamie understood what was important to her. When it was time to dress up her nails were polished and her selection of jewelry completed the outfit. When it was time to socialize she took great pleasure to dance, play the lap dulcimer, sing rock-n-roll, as well as country music. Mamie was also well versed in sports: she enjoyed playing volleyball, shuffleboard, bowling and hockey with her friends at Pathfinder.

One of Mamie’s largest passions was weaving. Present her with a loom and dedication became evident. She pursued this passion throughout her life.

Mamie completed her education at the Otsego School, Edmeston and lived many happy years at Pathfinder Village.

Mamie had a great sense of humor and would not hesitate to let people know how she felt about a certain issue. She relished all of her friends at Pathfinder Village and has left many people happy memories of her smile and laughter.

Mamie especially loved her family, and embraced them with her smile and affection whenever they could visit and spend time with each other. She will be remembered all; but especially her brother, Mark Levine and his wife Carol, her sister Michele Cirkus and husband Bill, her niece Jessika Ross and her husband Neil, and her nieces Melissa and Jeffery Cirkus.

A memorial service will be at 3:30 pm on Sunday, March 14th at the Morgan-Jackson Memorial All Faith Chapel at Pathfinder Village with the Rev. Douglas Burleigh officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pathfinder Village in Mamie’s name.

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Martha J. Rowlingson

Edmeston, NY



July 24, 1917 – March 21, 2010

Formerly of Rochester, NY died on March 21, 2010 at age 92. She was predeceased by her husband, Ralph J. Rowlingson, her sister Thelma B Huntington, her brothers Donald and Kenneth Burne. She is survived by her daughter Karen (John A.) Wheeler of New Berlin, NY, her grandson Brandon J. Wheeler of Minot, ND, and her granddaughter, Jillian A. Wheeler of Keuka Park, NY. The family will have a private service at a future date.

For those wishing, please consider honoring Martha with a donation to Chase Memorial Nursing Home (1 Terrance Heights, New Berlin, NY 13411).

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Roger C. Davis

Burlington Flats, NY



Roger C. Davis, of Burlington Flats, died Thursday **April 1, 2010**. The family, following his wishes, donated his body to Science through the Anatomical Gift Program.

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Robert A. Thompson

Burlington Flats, NY

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Robert A. Thompson, of Burlington Flats, entered into rest Friday **April 9, 2010** at Wilson Memorial Hospital, in Binghamton with his family by his side.

He was born December 11, 1931 in Smyrna, the son of Harvey and Marian (Hugaboon) Thompson. Robert married Natetta Hall on March 17, 1969 in Burlington Flats.

Robert was a take action type of guy. He enlisted in the Army and spent his eighteenth birthday digging a foxhole in Korea. He held various jobs beginning with the Lumber Yard in Smyrna, then onto blasting rock for the subway system in NYC, performed piece work for Scintilla, installing Crane Silos, and last at the Metal Foundry in Morris.

Robert was an avid fisherman and a big game hunter. He was well known for his venison stew, squirrel gravy, homemade French fries, and his fried potatoes and onions made daily. On the gardening side his favorites were picking blueberries, tomatoes, and his horseradish. When not at home with family he and Natetta could easily be found up in Oneida playing BINGO.

His wife Natetta; his children Kimberly Ann Thompson Lewis, Robin Remaley (Brian), Timothy Lee Thompson (Denise K. Brazee), Tracy LeRoy Thompson (Bridgett Gott), and Penny Thompson Escobar and acquaintance Tim Wormuth; his grandchildren Kimberly and Kyle Thompson, David, Robert and Natasha Wehrenberg, Cicelia (CC) Thompson and Alexis Brazee; his siblings Bill Thompson (Inga), Linda Schwartz, Harold Thompson, Deanna Snell , and Percy Thompson; and several nieces nephews and cousins survive Robert.

His brother Les Thompson, his sister Barbara Thompson, and grandchild Kristopher Thompson predeceased Robert.

Funeral services for Robert will be held on Wednesday April 14, 2010 at 11:00 am at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with Pastor Jay Henderson officiating. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday from 4-7 pm at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made in Robert's memory to the Pittsfield Veterinary Clinic Attn: Animal Shelter.

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Frank Loret

Edmeston, NY

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Frank Louis Loret passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning, **May 12, 2010** at his home in Edmeston, NY.

Frank was born August 10 1933 in Stafford, CT. Frank married Dorothy Rieder-Loret in 1951. They joined the Edmeston community in 1962 when they moved to the farm where he resided. Hard work was Frank's life. He worked as a laborer for Hendrickson Bros. Construction on Long Island for 30 years, where he held the record for setting one mile of road forms. At the same time he ran a dairy, raised beef cattle, pigs and grew hay & corn. Frank decided to retire from road construction in 1989 after receiving a severe head injury on the job. Frank had a special kinship with animals and enjoyed their companionship. Frank enjoyed fishing on the lake that he excavated and a special joy were the get-togethers with his family especially if a meal was to be served!

Frank was rough on the outside but was always there when needed. He was very proud of and loved all of his children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Frank was predeceased by 3 brothers with his oldest brother Vincent, holding a very special place in his heart, and also his son, Steven Frank Loret. He is survived by his wife Dorothy and their children, Karen and Dr. Larry Marcus of Avon, CT., Patricia Woodward of West Burlington, NY and John and Anne Loret of Delanson, NY. Grandchildren, Bradford & Dianna Woodward, Jenni & Michaela Marcus and Sarah & Kathryn Loret. Great

Grandchildren, Brieann and Isaiah.

Funeral services for Frank will be held on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 2p.m. at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with the Rev. Ray Merritt officiating. Calling hours are from Noon till 2 pm prior to the service.

Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in New Berlin.

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Robert Grant Pratt

Edmeston, NY

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Robert Grant Pratt, age 88, passed away Sunday **May 23, 2010**, at Strong Medical Center Rochester, NY, with his daughter, Margaret, and granddaughter, Greta, by his side. He was born on May 24, 1921 in Glasgow Scotland to Thomas and Agnes Ferguson Fleming (Bain) Pratt. Just prior to his birth his parents had lived in the Edmeston, NY area; but decided to return to their home in Scotland, where they spent the rest of their lives.

He married Margaret Boyd in Glasgow Scotland on November 3, 1941. They were married for 54 years. Robert served in the British Merchant Marine Navy during World War II. In 1961 Robert and family immigrated to the United States and located in Edmeston where other relatives lived. He later became a US citizen.

Robert worked for many years for Norwich Pharmaceuticals, Norwich, NY – Proctor & Gamble, as a machinist, where he retired in 1985.

His greatest enjoyments were his grandchildren and great grandchildren coming in the door and hearing the stories they had to tell. He loved his flowers and caring for his lawn.

Robert is survived by his two children, Robert G. Pratt II and his wife, Lynn, Houston Texas, and Margaret Starr and her husband, Robert, New Berlin NY. He has six grandchildren, Robert III, Shawn and Katie Pratt, Texas.

Ian and (Susan) Starr, Raleigh NC, Craig and (Courtney) Starr, Sidney NY and Greta Starr, Edmeston NY. Four Great Grandchildren, Kyle, Michael, Garrett and Zachery. Robert is also survived by four siblings, Sheila Murrey, Glasgow Scotland, Grace Murphy, Welland Canada, Alex Pratt Cove Scotland and Isabel Geary Melbourn Australia. Additionally, his dog and companion, Scottie. Robert has many other cousins and relatives in this area.

He was predeceased by his parents, also his wife Margaret in 1995. A sister Jessie MacLachlan, Scotland and two brothers, William Pratt of Scotland, and Thomas Pratt who died in WWII.

Services will take place at the convenience of the family. Interment will be in Union Cemetery, Edmeston, NY.

Contributions in Robert's memory may be made to the Edmeston Emergency Squad who were wonderful in their tireless efforts to the family, the community, and are truly a blessing to those in need. Additional thanks to At Home Care Otsego County and Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital Cardiac Unit, for their work to make life a little easier for Robert.

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Richard Wagner

West Edmeston, NY

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Richard "Dick" Wagner, 77, of West Edmeston died unexpectedly Sunday June 6, 2010 at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Utica.

He was born March 11, 1933 in Binghamton, the son of Irving and Ella (Barry) Wagner.

Dick was a very artistic and talented hands on type of man. In his youth he won the Art Award annually at Lincoln school in Binghamton. He enjoyed restoring classical cars, doing his own body and fender work. He loved to watch stock car racing and also loved to race stock cars when he was younger. Dick was an avid NASCAR racing and football fan. In his adult life, his passions centered around farm machinery and antiques; he became a respected farm machinery dealer. In his later years, he was well known for his love of cooking and baking. Dick loved to spend time with his family, especially on the holidays. His granddaughter's, Cassidy and Haley, were very important to Dick, but he loved spending many hours with Cassidy, whom he always referred to as "my little girl."

His children Howard Seidel and Debbie, Frederick Seidel and Doris, Marvin Seidel and Karen, Robert Wagner and Lisa, Susan Sanford and Thomas, and Terry Wagner and Jennifer; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren survive Dick. His wife Marjorie J. (Pherreigo) Wagner and five siblings predeceased him.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday June 12, 2010 at 2:00 pm at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston. Calling hours are from Noon till 2:00 pm prior to the service.

Interment will be at West Edmeston Cemetery following the service.

Contributions may be made in Dick's memory to the American Heart Association or charity of choice.

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Florence L. Arnold

Burlington Flats

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Florence L. Arnold, 87, of Burlington Flats died Thursday **June 24, 2010** at Chase Nursing Home in New Berlin.

She was born October 10, 1922 in Burlington, the daughter of Clarence and Beatrice M. (Baker) Poling.

In many ways, Florence was the essence of a homemaker; her home was decorated with the antiques she collected over the years, the smell of baking bread and pies, and her knitting and quilting always near by her chair. Florence loved to nurture; first starting with her family and then onto her beautiful flower garden. For many years Florence was a Foster parent from new born to teenagers, she was a constant caregiver.

Her husband Robert Arnold and her children Gordon Thomas (Charlene) Eckert, David Ross (Connie) Eckert and Ellen Marie (Jim) Gould; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren; her brother Charles Poling, sister Virginia (Ronald) Snyder, brother- in -law Dick Rollins, and sister –in-law Betty Poling survive Florence.

Her first husband Leon O. Eckert, her brothers LeRoy and Thomas Poling; her sister June Rollins, her sister- in-law Betty Poling, daughter –in-law Nancy Eckert, and grandson Thomas Gould predeceased Florence.

Funeral Services will be held at the Burlington Flats Baptist Church on Monday June 28, 2010 at 11:00 AM With Pastor Jay Henderson officiating. Callings hours will be one hour prior to the funeral service.

Contributions may be made in Florence's memory to the Burlington Flats Baptist Church.

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William H. Kuhn

South Setauket, NY

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William (Bill) H. Kuhn Jr., 85, died peacefully Tuesday **August 10, 2010** at Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson.

He was born April 1, 1925 in Queens, the son of William Howard and Anna Maria (Meiners) Kuhn. He married Anita Catherine Mackey on September 7, 1947. Anita predeceased Bill March 26, 2008.

Bill graduated from Mineola High School, where he experienced his first love, Music and played the Coronet with gusto. He entered into the United States Armed Forces March of 1943 serving in the African, and Middle Eastern theaters on the Destroyer USS Major DE-796.

Bill graduated from Hofstra University and followed another passion accounting. His career encompassed Banking, Automotive Dealerships, Taxes, and donating his accounting expertise while serving on the Port Jefferson Village Board as Trustee.

In their later years he and his wife, Anita, enjoyed traveling and relocating up and down the eastern seaboard. In early 2001 they made their final home at Jefferson Ferry, a place they truly loved.

Bill is survived by his three children and their spouses William Thomas & Lynda Kuhn, Richard Henry & Loretta Kuhn, Joan Elizabeth & Gordon Terry; four grandchildren, six great grandchildren; his brothers Bob & Paul Kuhn; and numerous nieces & nephews.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday August 15th at 3:00 pm at the Marinello Funeral Home, Coram. Calling hours are from 1:00 to 3:00 prior to the service. Internment will be private at Calverton Cemetery.

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Calling hours for Betty will be held on Sunday August 29th from 2 to 4 pm at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston. Funeral Services will be held on Monday August 30, 2010 at 11:00 am at the 2nd Baptist Church, Edmeston with Pastor Ray Merritt officiating, with a calling hour one hour prior to service.

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John A. Bolin

Edmeston, NY



Lt Col John Alan Bolin, USAF (Ret), 56, of Edmeston died suddenly September 6, 2010.

He was born April 2, 1954 in Knoxville, Tenn. the son of George Quinten and Leota (Randles) Bolin. He married Danta Marie Quintin June 14, 1986 in Morris.

John remained a Knoxville native at heart, and graduated from the University of Tennessee. He was an active member of the Burlington Rod and Gun Club, Cooperstown Sportsman's Club, NRA Instructor, VFW, Private Pilot, Civil Air Patrol, Trombonist in various bands and ensembles, San Antonio Symphony Master Singers, Otsego County Republican Committee, and many churches throughout the world.

Lt Col John Bolin, USAF (retired) began his many faceted military career as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. After completing his master's degree in business logistics, he married his wife Danta and joined the U.S. Air Force as an ICBM missile launch officer where he distinguished himself as a competitor and evaluator. He later served as a military logistician both on active duty and as a defense contractor. He often served in "purple suited" assignments where he worked with other branches of the military and enjoyed teaching assignments which allowed him to share his knowledge with others in his field. His expertise was also acknowledged by his assignments as a war planner and war gamer, where military plans were formed and tested. His final active duty assignment was as the Defense Logistic Agency's Air Force account manager for Europe.

John is survived by his wife Danta, his twin children Ian and Teagen Bolin; daughters & sons-in-laws Kelly and Terrence Curtis, Rebekah and Frankie Ramos; grandchildren Santana & Jasmine Curtis; his brother Mark Bolin, sister Brenda Freels, brother-in-law Roy Eugene McCarter; and many nieces and nephews.

His father George Quinten Bolin, mother Leota Randles Bolin, sister Gail McCarter and brother David Bolin predeceased John.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday September 9, 2010 at 5:00 pm at the Second Baptist Church, Edmeston with Pastor Ray Merritt officiating. A reception will follow in the church annex.

Interment with Military Honors will be at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery on Friday September 10, 2010 at 10:30 am.

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Myrta L. Roberts

Burlington Flats, NY

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Myrta L. Roberts, 92, of Burlington Flats died Friday October 1, 2010 at Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown.

She was born at home on August 26, 1918 in Burlington Flats, the daughter of William and Jennie Mae (Burdick) Loomis. She married Thomas G. Roberts on January 1, 1953; he predeceased her in 1977.

Myrta was proud of her family roots, and the Loomis Homestead was forever her real home. She retired from Edmeston Central School after 42 years as the School Nurse Teacher, recruited by Principal Purple prior to obtaining her Bachelors Degree in nursing.

Myrta had a passion for horses. She enjoyed auctions, antiques, and digging for bottles. Myrta loved her family including her ancestors the "Loomis Gang." She had a special talent when it came to making fudge, which was also noted in her Nursing Graduation Album. Myrta's "Suet Pudding" was a guaranteed success at all family holidays.

Her daughter and son-in-law Hannah and Bradley Dusto, two grandsons Ethan and Nathaniel Dusto, her brother-in-law Richard M. Overton, and many nieces and nephews survive Myrta. Her brothers Charles, Rush and Clifton Loomis; and her two sisters Karene Mason & Marie Overton predeceased her.

Funeral Services for Myrta will be held on Sunday October 3, 2010 at 2:00 Pm at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston, with Pastor Doug Besemer officiating. Calling hours will be from Noon till 2:00 prior to the service.

Interment will follow at Burlington Flats Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Myrta's memory to the Burlington Flats United Methodist Church c/o Masons, 142 West Summit Road, Burlington Flats, NY 13315

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Marjorie B. Kline

Edmeston, NY

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Marjorie B. Kline, 61 years old, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, at her home in Edmeston.

She was born on Oct. 4, 1949, the daughter of Roger and Mabel (Rose) Dye in New Berlin. Her childhood was spent in Edmeston, where she was a 1968 graduate of Edmeston Central School.

On June 24, 1968, she married Terrence Kline, who survives her.

Marjorie was a day care and foster care provider. She was also employed by New York Central Mutual Insurance Company.

Besides her husband, Terrence, Marjorie is survived by her sons, Shawn Kline and his fiancée, Lesa Winton of Edmeston, and Ricky Kline of Norwich; and grandchildren, Cheyenne, Jared, Dakota and Dylan Kline, and Ashley, Gregory and Nathen Winton. She is also survived by her brothers, Daryl Dye and Roger Dye, both of Edmeston; and her sisters, Rosalee Cadwell of New Jersey and Cheryl Maxon of Ticonderoga.

She was predeceased by one son, Thomas Kline.

Calling hours will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston.

A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family with Pastor Ray Merritt of the Second Baptist Church officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Second Baptist Church, 7 North St., Edmeston, NY 13335.

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Anna E. Baldwin

Alton, MO

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Anna E. Baldwin, 93, currently of Alton, MO and formerly of Leonardsville when home to be with her Lord October 19, 2010 at Shady Oak Facility where she spent the past few years.

She was born May 22, 1917 in Leonardsville, the daughter of Charles Lestery and Jennie Mae (Silvay) Curtis. Anna attended the West Edmeston School House. She married Laurence I. Baldwin in 1945. He predeceased her in March of 1986.

Anna and Laurence were farmers in Brookfield. Anna especially enjoyed feeding and taking care of the young calves, and also belonged to the NYS Grange. Anna loved to cook, and was always ready to contribute her cakes to the Brookfield Fire Department.

Anna is survived by her nieces Carol Mae (Robert) Burchard, Laura Short; her stepdaughter Dorothy (Corky) Weidman; and God-daughter Julia; her niece June Curtis (Arnold) Brigham, and nephew Myron (Doris) Curtis Jr.. Anna and Lawrence also raised John Weaver, who survives. Besides her husband Laurence, Anna was predeceased by her siblings Myron Charles Curtis, Lydia Belle Curtis Kaiser, Myrtle May Short; and three nephews Paul, Lewis and Stewart Curtis.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday October 25, 2010 at 2:00 pm at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home, Edmeston with Rev. Ernest Clemmons officiating, Calling hours are from Noon till 2:00 pm prior to the service.

Interment will be at Brookfield Rural Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Anna's memory to the Columbus Quarters Baptist Church, PO Box 315, New Berlin, NY 13411.

Condolences may also be sent via the funeral home website at hjtfuneralhome.com

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Reginald G. Laymon, Sr.

Edmeston, NY

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Reginald G. Laymon Sr., 65, of Edmeston died unexpectedly Thursday October 28, 2010 at his home.

He was born in Cooperstown August 11, 1945, the son of Doug Silvernail and Blanche Laymon.

Reginald was a farm hand at the Chapman Potato Farm in Bridgewater. He loved the outdoors and especially enjoying hunting and fishing.

His sons Reginald G. Laymon II (Angela), and Jeremiah Laymon; grandchildren Elizabeth, Daulton, Dylan, Dawson, Jayden, Faith, Kiley, Jake and Jordan; his former wife Arvilla Tench; his siblings Marlene Carney, Leland, Junior, Stan, Darwin Laymon, Anita Jaeger and Katy Hoose survive Reginald.

Reginald was predeceased by two children, Royal Laymon and Crystal Laymon; his brother Frank and sister Peg

Calling hours will be held on Monday November 1st from 5~7 pm at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home. Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

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Robert C. Arnold

Burlington Flats, NY

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Robert C. Arnold, 91, of Burlington Flats died Sunday November 14, 2010 at Chase Nursing Home in New Berlin.

He was born July 28, 1919 in Oneonta, the son of Lyle M. and Margaret (Hall) Arnold. He married Frances Johnson who predeceased him on December 5, 1974. He later married Florence Eckert who predeceased him on June 24, 2010.

Robert began his own farm in 1929. He enjoyed the pleasures and challenges of the outdoors; including cutting wood, hunting, fishing, and his vegetable garden. Robert found great achievement in a solid hive of honeybees. He also was a dedicated school bus driver for ECS for many years. Robert was a member of the Burlington Flats Baptist Church serving as Deacon and Trustee for many years; a member of the Farmers Lodge 533, F & AM; and the Wharton Valley Grange.

Robert & Florence appreciated their loving neighborhood & many friends that embraced them throughout their times of need.

His son Robert Arnold and wife Betty, daughter-in-law Linda Emhof and husband Fred; grandchildren Richard Arnold (Rosie), Linda Mull, Debra Wass, Jeffrey Arnold (Denise), Mark Arnold (Cynthia); several great grandchildren & cousins; and Florence's children & grandchildren, who were dear family members, survive Robert

Robert was predeceased by his sons: Richard Arnold on March 28, 1983, and Fredric Arnold on April 18, 1992.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 at the Burlington Flats Baptist Church with Pastor Jay Henderson and Paul Eckert officiating. Calling hours will be from 9:00 till 11:00 am prior to the service.

Interment will follow at Burlington Flats Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Robert's memory to the Burlington Flats Baptist Church.

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Ronald E. Bice

West Edmeston, NY



Ronald E. Bice, 75, of West Edmeston died Sunday November 14, 2010 at Otsego Manor in Cooperstown. He was born November 14, 1935 in Brookfield, the son of Melvin A. and Mabel E. (Greenman) Bice. He married Alzada Hunt on June 30, 1956.

Ronald always had a love of farming. As a small boy his father got him a small basket for him to use to feed the cows. Working side by side with his dad – his first animal was a Brown Swiss calf that he brought onto his farm in 1954. In 1956 joined in marriage the farm then became the family farm with his daughter and later grandsons farming with Ronald. His glory was working his farm animals and the land. Ronald received many awards over his 50 years as a Dairy Farmer raising Registered Holsteins & Brown Swiss. He was a Life Time member of The Dairy Farmers of America, the NYS Holsteins Association, and The Eastern Breeders Association. One of Ronald's outstanding accomplishments was his Registered Holstein "Hollow Meadows Ormsby Classic" a Bull he sold to the Eastern Breeders Association.

Ronald is survived by his loving wife Alzada Bice; his loving daughter Diane (Brian) Long; his loving grandchildren Michael Craig (Andrea) Long, and Matthew Craig Long. His siblings June Morey, Nancy (Richard) Button, Roger (Thelma) Bice, and Raymond (Judy) Bice; and many nieces and nephews survive Ronald.

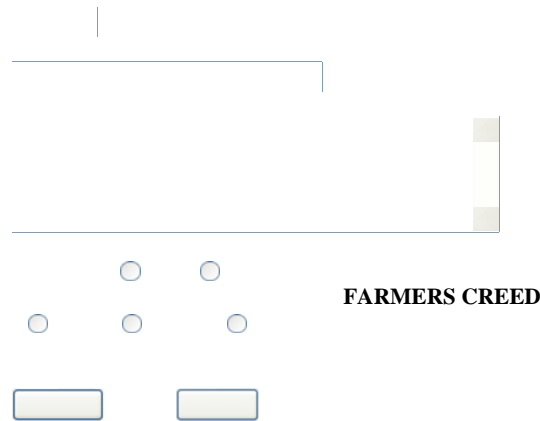
His parents (Melvin & Mabel), brother-in-law George Morey, and nephew David Bice predeceased Ronald.

A special "Thank You" to the caregivers that touched Ronald's life while at the Manor.

A Graveside service will be held on Thursday November 18, 2010 at 2:00 pm with Pastor Don Buck officiating.

In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Ronald's memory: West Edmeston Fire Department, Edmeston EMS Squad, The Otsego Manor.

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I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe that hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a many can spend his days on this earth.

I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learnt in no other way.

I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free; the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe that true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, your whole family feel the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honor that does not come to all men.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellow man, and by this standard I fear no judgment.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all of this possible.

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Elizabeth W. Williams

West Winfield, NY

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Elizabeth W. Williams, 95, of West Winfield entered into heavens eternal rest Friday November 19, 2010 at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown.

She was born November 10, 1915 in Plainfield, the daughter of Lawrence H. and Mary Alice (Perry) Watkins. She married George Stanley Williams on August 9, 1947. He predeceased her on February 14, 1995.

Elizabeth graduated from the Oneonta Normal School with a Bachelor's Degree and began her teaching career. She retired from teaching after 35 years. She taught in Leonardsville, West Winfield and Mt. Markham.

Elizabeth was a member of Federated Church in West Winfield, Order of the Eastern Star and the Herkimer Historical Assoc. She was a volunteer worker with the Herkimer County Government Food Surplus program, and for the Office of the Aging. She was a natural at giving support to others.

Elizabeth was an avid bowler, and loved to host Thanksgiving and Christmas for her family and friends. To Elizabeth family included her extended family and any opportunity - especially reunions - was a good cause to be together.

Her daughter Mary Alice Williams, her nephew Russell Dutcher and his family, and members of the Williams family survive Elizabeth.

She was predeceased by her siblings Allen Watkins, Irene Dupont and Dorothy Dutcher.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday November 28 at 10:30 am at the Federated Church in West Winfield with the Rev. Dr. Richard Tulip officiating.

Contributions may be made in Elizabeth's memory to the Federated Church, 452 East Main Street, West Winfield, NY 13491.

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F. Henry Jaeger

Edmeston, NY

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F. Henry Jaeger, 75, of Edmeston, died December 20, 2010 after a brief illness. Henry was born on March 24, 1935 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to Adolph and Anna Mae Jaeger, who predeceased him. He graduated from Edmeston Central School. Henry led a very active and busy life. He was a great lover of the outdoors and dairy farming. He spent his life on his dairy farm, where he started working at the age of 9. You could say that milking cows was his life, but his greatest enjoyment was working the land on Nelly, his TW-5 4-wheel drive Ford tractor.

Henry was a member of the Farmers Lodge #553 F & A.M. for 48 years and received the Dedicated Service Award for his service to the Masonic Fraternity. He was also a member of the Burlington Flats Fish & Game Club, Inc. He was one of the "old board" members and helped build the current clubhouse and was treasurer for 20 years. He was a member of the Royal Arch Masons #26, Otsego Chapter. While being a member of R.A.M., Henry was also D.D.G.H.P. of the 11th Capitular District (1994-1996). Henry was also a member of The Knights Templar. Henry was a real property assessor in the town of Edmeston and a member and director/committeeman of the Eastern AI for many years. He was also a member and committeeman for Agway in both the feed and petroleum divisions.

Henry is survived by his loving wife, Anita, of 53 years. Also surviving are his sons Larry, Mike and Rick (David) Jaeger and his daughter Sue and David Holbert; grandchildren Andrea and Brian Blackwell, Jason Holbert and David E. Jaeger Jr.; great granddaughter Grace Suzanne Blackwell; sister Katherine and Larry Schrader; several brothers and sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews; and several "adopted" family members including Dalynn Ward, Deb Ackerman, Tim Tophoven and Earl Wilkinson.

Family will be in attendance at the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home in Edmeston from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm on Monday, December 27, 2010. Masonic service will be held at 8 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Henry's memory to the Farmers Lodge #533, The Burlington Flats Fish & Game Club or to the Edmeston Emergency Squad.

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