

## MANAS, DIANNE J.

DeWitt



Born August 14, 1945 the daughter of Martin Sr. and Bertha (Feldpausch) Pline of Portland, MI, died Wednesday, August 19, 1998 at the age of 53 after a

courageous battle with cancer. She graduated from Portland St. Patricks High School, class of 1964. She worked as a social worker for the Ingham County Family Independence Agency. She was a member of St. Mary Cathedral and the Cuban-American Assoc. in Lansing. She is preceded in death by her parents and 2 brothers, Martin Jr. and Daniel Pline. Surviving are her loving husband, Joaquin (Al); her loving children, Anita (Charles) Mills, Gina and fiance, Tom Voss and Albert Manas; 2 loving grandchildren, Vincent and Veronica Mills; mother-in-law, Cira Manas; loving sisters, Joanne (Donald) Beard, Phyllis (Jack) Beard, Patricia (Kenneth) Kaltz, Thelma Christoher, Judy (Leo) Waterman, Genevieve (Ronald) Lehman and Gertrude (Mitchell) Bennett; loving brothers, Peter (MaryLou) and Anthony (Terry) Pline; sisters-in-law, Joanie Pline and Teresa (Richard) Uslan; brother-in-law, Angelo (Randi) Manas and many other loving relatives, nieces, and nephews. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated **Saturday at 10 a.m. at Church of the Resurrection** with Rev. Fr. George Michalek as celebrant. Rite of Committal will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Palmer-Bush Delta Chapel, 6020 W. Saginaw where the Rosary will be prayed at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and visitation will continue Saturday starting at 9 a.m. at the church. Memorials may be made to MSU-Dept. of Medicine, B317 Clinical Center, East Lansing, MI 48824, Attn: Jean Ecker/Dr. Kamanda Research. The family wishes to thank the doctors and their staff and all the friends and relatives for the support and care they gave to Dianne and the family.

# DR. G. H. MANN DIES SUDDENLY

Retired Dentist Had Been  
Confined to Home for  
Two Weeks

Dr. George H. Mann, 71, a retired St. Johns dentist, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, after suffering two weeks from a heart complication. On November 8, Dr. Mann visited a former dental office and spent some time working there. Since that time he had been confined to the house.

Born October 17, 1871, at Corona, L. I., he came with his parents to the vicinity of Ann Arbor when a small boy, and there received his high school and college education in that city. He graduated from the dental college of the University in 1895 and for a brief period practiced in Belding.

He came to St. Johns in 1896 and three years later on October 26, 1899 was married to Etta A. Alward. They immediately went to live in the home where he died on East State street. For about four years he was associated with his brother, Dr. Thomas S. Mann and then established an office of his own where he practiced for over 30 years.

In 1934 Dr. and Mrs. Mann went to their farm near St. Johns to spend the summer and due to circumstances, remained there for several years. The last several years they have been living here. Dr. Mann was a member of the several orders of the Masons, including the Knights Templar, and had for years been a member of the St. Johns Methodist church.

Besides the widow, he is survived by two brothers, Dr. Thos. S. Mann of St. Johns, and Albert Mann of Detroit, and three sisters, Mrs. James Quincy of Ann Arbor, Mrs. Lizzie Kitson of Detroit, and Mrs. Beulah Nogal of Jackson.

Funeral services will be held from the Osgood funeral home in St. Johns Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. H. W. Ellinger officiating. Burial will be made at Mt. Rest.

The Riley Lutheran church was the scene of the wedding last Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock of Miss Virginia Marten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Marten of Bengal township, to Leonard E. Jastram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jastram of Riley. Rev. F. Coellner performed the double ring ceremony before 150 guests. The altar was decorated with baskets of chrysanthemums. Appropriate wedding music was played by Merle Radke and Mrs. Lewis Stiffler and Mrs. Edwin Boettger sang "Jesus My Truth My Way."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white satin with a sweetheart neckline accented with seed pearls, shirred bodice and full skirt. Her fingertip length veil was edged with lace and fell from a beaded tiara. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses, carnations and snapdragons.

Miss Neva Marten was maid of honor for her sister, and the Misses Edna Mae Jastram, sister of the groom and Jean Miller, cousin of the bride, were bridesmaids. They wore gowns of blue, aqua and pink respectively, made like the bride's and on their heads was an arrangement of flowers. They each wore a corsage of roses and baby mums.

Albert Flak was best man and the ushers were Charles Boak and Gerald Jastram.

The bride's mother wore a black crepe dress and Mrs. Jastram, mother of the bridegroom, wore soldier blue. Both had corsages of roses and white baby mums.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served the guests at the home of the bride's parents. A three-tiered wedding cake made by the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Augusta Marten, centered the bride's table. Later in the evening a reception was given in the Olive Grange hall for about 500 relatives and friends.

One of the guests present at the wedding was the bride's great-grandfather, Fred Mohnke, who will be 91-years old his next birthday.

The dance held at Olive Grange Hall was attended by about 250 guests. Mr. and Mrs. Martens were the recipients of many lovely and useful gifts.

Mrs. Martens was graduated from the local high school in 1933. Prior to taking her position as bookkeeper at the Wm. Luecht and Son garage she was employed in the offices of the County School Commissioner and County Agricultural Agent. Mr. Martens is a well and favorably known young farmer. They will reside on a farm in Bengal township.

# *Riley Lutheran Church Scene of Lovely Schumaker-Martens Nuptial Ceremony*

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1938

Miss Doris Audrey Schumaker, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schumaker of Riley township, became the bride of Lorenz Martens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martens, of Riley, at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday, April 20th, in the Riley Lutheran church. Rev. Fred Coellner, pastor of the church, read the service in the presence of many friends and relatives.

As Herbert Bleis, of Riley, played the wedding march from Lohengrin the bridal party approached the altar which was beautifully arranged with baskets of spring flowers.

The bride was becomingly attired in a floor-length gown of white satin and lace. This was complemented by a long tulle and lace veil which fell from a lace cap. She carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and sweet peas.

Miss Rachel Warner and Miss Brownie Berlin, of near St. Johns, were bridesmaids. Miss Warner wore a floor-length gown of gold colored satin and Miss Berlin's dress was of pink taffeta and net. Their arm bouquets were similar, of snapdragons and carnations.

John Schumaker, brother of the bride, and Raymond Locher, of near Dewitt, attended the bridegroom.

About 125 relatives and friends of the bridal couple attended the reception and dinner held at the home of the bride's parents in the evening. Guests were served by immediate friends of the couple. The rooms were artistically decorated in a color scheme of pink and white, which was carried out by the use of paper streamers and spring flowers. A lovely wedding cake adorned the bride's table.

# Many Guests Dine and Dance At Riley Wedding Reception

St. Johns Folks Among  
Crowd at Martens Home  
On April 24th

By G. F. Ottmar

Another of those occasions "that made Riley famous" occurred at the pleasant and hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martens of Riley township Wednesday, April 24, 1929, when their oldest daughter, Regina, was married to Richard Sehlke of Riley.

Shortly before 1:00 o'clock p. m. the contracting parties arrived at St. Peter's Lutheran church in Riley where a large assembly of relatives and friends greeted them. The ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. H. Wohlert, pastor of the church.

After the wedding they all drove to the home of the bride where they were received in due form by a large gathering of invited guests. About 5:00 o'clock a sumptuous dinner was served, and such eats. Noodle soup, chicken, roast beef, potatoes with brown gravy, cake and such good looking young waitresses.

Ask Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hulse, they were there, Harry and Sam Casteel set at the table side by side. Harry was dug out clean to his toes. Sam tried to keep up with him. Then there was Leo Benson. I thought he never would get full and Rollie Benson thought he was installing a furnace. and Xavior Barnhart tried to demonstrate what effect stockfood had on the appetite. This all made one think of Will Carlton. Well after all these were disposed of, there was lots left.

After supper the bowery was cleared and the dance started. The young people danced until early morning. John Krause's orchestra furnished "Old country music" in the house and all the old Germans danced as they used to do and it was the real stuff and enjoyed by all. The party began to break up after the midnight lunch. Those who could not and those who did not care to dance visited and played cards. When the guests left they all wished the young couple much joy and happiness and left them many valuable presents.

The bridesmaids were Irna Martens, sister of the bride, and Louise McPrangell. Best men, Fred Schelke, brother of the groom, and Herman Hopp, cousin of the bride.

The bride was dressed in white georgette with silver overlace and pearl bead trimming. She wore a veil and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses. The bridesmaids wore light green georgette and peach georgette.

Out-of-town guests were present from Detroit, Lansing, St. Johns, Grand Ledge and Toledo, O. Mr. and Mrs. Sehlke will be at home to their many friends after May 1 at their new home in Riley.

But, in whatever company he came,

His appetite stood by him all the same.  
No picnic near, in weather foul or pleasant,  
But Sam and stomach managed to be present.  
And when, with innocent, unconscious air,  
He placed himself at table, firm and square,  
With one eye partly closed, the other looking  
Intently at the different styles of cooking;  
And when, with savage-gleaming knife and fork,  
He brought himself down seriously to work,  
And marched through every dish in conquering glory,  
And ravaged all the adjacent territory,  
Making the table for some distance round  
Look like a fiercely hard-fought battle-ground,  
A smile upon his placid face would fall,  
As if life wasn't a failure after all.

## **MARRIED**

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Albert H. Marzke, of Lansing, and Edith E Tabor, of Olive, were married at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. G. S. Northrup at 10 o'clock Thursday, Dec. 31. They were attended by Mr. Allen L. Sperry, of Bingham, and Miss Martha Marzke, of Lansing.

## WED IN BENGAL

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1933

Mrs. Edith Marzke of St. Johns and Robert Brown of Bengal were united in marriage at the U. B. parsonage in Bengal Thursday, November 16. Rev. E. O. McSherry performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be at home to their many friends at the farm of the groom.



The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
    He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
    shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
    far thou art with me; thy rod and  
    thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
    presence of mine enemies:  
    thou anointest my head with oil;  
    my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
    me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*In Memory Of*  
**ETHEL GERTRUDE MARZKE**

*Date Of Birth*

March 25, 1884  
Riley Township

*Date Of Death*

July 21, 1981  
St. Johns, Michigan

*Service*

DeWitt Area Chapel  
Friday, July 24, 1981 — 1:30 P.M.

*Officiating*  
Rev. Gerald Salisbury

*Interment*  
DeWitt Cemetery

*Casket Bearers*

John Overholt	Frederick Marzke
Richard Overholt	Vincent Moon
Robert Smith	Paul Mulford

## Lt. and Mrs. Justin Marzke Spending Honeymoon in St. Johns This Week

Lt. and Mrs. Justin Marzke arrived in St. Johns Tuesday and are this week receiving the congratulations of their many friends and relatives. Lt. Marzke is on a 10-day furlough after an eventful past year spent in service.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, Marzke was graduated from OCS, Ordnance school at Aberdeen, Md. Sunday, the 28th, he married Miss Eunice McAvoy, a former teacher in the St. Johns schools, at Schenectady, N. Y. Their visit to St. Johns is in the nature of a honeymoon and to give the former St. Johns business man an opportunity to make final disposal of some of his affairs interrupted by the war.

The wedding ceremony Sunday was from St. Paul Episcopal church in Schenectady, Rev. Welton officiating. The couple was attended by a brother and sister of the bride. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. McAvoy following the wedding ceremony.

Mrs. Marzke is well known in St. Johns where she served three years, from 1939 to 1942, as a teacher of physical education. During the past year she has been teaching in Fultonville, N. Y., and will return to her position temporarily. She expects to be with her husband when he is permanently assigned.

Lt. Marzke was first inducted into service in May, 1941. After receiving his basic training at Camp Davis, N. C., he was released from service because of an age ruling in November, 1941. He was again called March 9, 1942. During the past year he trained at Camp Mar, on a California desert near Barstow, and was sent to Oahu, Hawaiian Islands. He returned to the States in November after being recommended for officer's school in November.

Lt. and Mrs. Marzke are widely and favorably known among the young people of St. Johns. Mr. Marzke's long connection with the Good Housekeeping Shop as a partner and expert mechanic has taken him into the homes of most of the people of this community.

Lt. Marzke is the son of Mrs. Robert Brown of Olive.



ANGUS D. McFADDEN  
DeWitt Grocer Dies

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## Grocer, 54, Succumbs

**A. D. McFadden Owner  
Of Store at DeWitt;  
Ill Five Months**

Angus David McFadden, 54, DeWitt grocer and former Oldsmobile shell plant supervisor, died Sunday evening at a St. Johns hospital after a five-month illness.

Mr. McFadden, who lived at 1121 W. Webb rd., DeWitt, was a native of Evart. He lived in St. Johns many years, where he was grocer and manager for two national chain food stores.

During World War II, he moved to Lansing to work for Oldsmobile but in 1948 moved to DeWitt to establish Mac's Market, which he operated until he became ill.

He was a member of DeWitt Lodge F. & A. M., and the Commercial Club of DeWitt. Surviving are the widow, Lois L.; three daughters, Janice Gault of Battle Creek, Linda Gay and Sandra Kay at home; two step-daughters, Joclyn Slaggert of Ludington and Meredith Foster of DeWitt; six grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Elva McFadden of Alma; and a brother, Arthur McFadden of Midland.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Vincent-Rummell funeral home, Dewitt. Interment will be in Riverside cemetery, Alma. DeWitt Lodge, F. & A. M. will have charge of graveside services.

### A Little Step Away

To close the eye, to fall asleep,  
To draw a labored breath,  
To find release from daily cares,  
In what we know as death...

Is this the crowning of a life,  
The aim or end thereof?  
The totaled sum of consciousness,  
The ripened fruit of love?

It cannot be, for works of God  
Are wrought for nobler ends,  
And those away continue on  
In the hearts of kin and friends.

It cannot be, for they live on  
A little step away.  
The soul, the everlasting life,  
Has found a better day....

O. J. HANSON

### In Memory of

Angus D. McFadden

#### date of birth

June 28, 1907

#### date of death

July 2, 1961

#### services

VINCENT - RUMMELL  
FUNERAL HOME

Wednesday, July 5, 1961

2:00 p. m.

#### clergyman

Rev. Paul E. Kreider  
Rev. Richard W. Barker  
DeWitt Methodist Church

#### pall bearers

John Hiatt	Eldon Smith
	Winfield Fineout
Ray Price	Robert White
	William D. Coopes

#### interment

Riverside Cemetery  
Alma, Michigan

Mrs. Oswald Lietzke, Organist



# Orla "Mac" McGuire will be missed by many in DeWitt

DeWitt lost a friend last week when Orla "Mac" McGuire died at his home at the age of 88.

The 1986 DeWitt Citizen of Year served the city for 21 years as its engineer, and had a city park named for him near the Public Works Building to name a few of his many honors.

McGuire was born in Iowa and came to Michigan in 1928 to work for the state's Public Health Department. He left state work for the Army during World War II, retired as a colonel, and returned to work for the state.

After 43 years with the state, he retired in 1971 to become DeWitt city engineer.

"Mac" served as the chairman of the city's first planning commission, which produced the first comprehensive zoning ordinance, and advised city government every step of the way in every major decision involving municipal utilities, streets, and other improvements.

"Mac knew every inch of the city," said City Attorney Dan Matson during McGuire's eul-



Orla E. "Mac" McGuire

ogy. "There is not much of it he did not survey personally, either for private property owners, or for the city."

His hobby was wildlife, specifically raccoons, and they will be sure to miss him after his years of feeding the creatures off his back doorstep.

"Orla "Mac" McGuire was like a city institution," say his colleagues at city hall. "He contributed a great deal to this community with his vast knowledge of engineering and

will be missed greatly by all those who worked with and knew him."

McGuire's wife Irene, who he was married to for 56 years, died in 1984.

He is survived by a sister in Iowa and several nieces and nephews.

The city council will be holding a tribute to Mr. McGuire at its meeting Monday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. It is the first item of business on the agenda.

A complete obituary can be found on page 8.

# Obituaries

## Orla E. McGuire

Orla E. McGuire, 88, of DeWitt died Aug. 7, 1992, in DeWitt.

Mr. McGuire was born Oct. 21, 1903 in Center Junction, Iowa. He was employed as a civil engineer for the State of Michigan for 43 years, retiring in 1971. He retired as a colonel from the U.S. Army after 21 years of service, serving five years in India. He was presently employed as City Engineer for the city of DeWitt since 1971. He was a member of the DeWitt Community Church and a former member of the DeWitt Lions Club.

He is survived by one sister, Velda (Freddie) Luckstead of Iowa; one brother-in-law, Clark Joslin of Iowa; four nieces, Gayle Bobst and Gay Ann Steuri, both of Iowa, Lynn Felkai of Texas, and Jan (Louiz) Mediros; two nephews, Dr. Eugene (Margie) Luckstead of Texas and Clark (Darla) Joslin of Minnesota; and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene in 1984.

Services were held Aug. 10 at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel with the Rev. Fre-

derick Nose officiating. Interment was in DeWitt Cemetery. Military graveside services were conducted by the Edwin J. Leyanna VFW Post 671, DeWitt.

Contributions may be made to St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, Mont. 59004-1001, Attn: Rev. Emmett Hoffman.

### McGUIRE, ORLA E.

DeWitt

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10, at 1 p.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel with the Rev. Frederick C. Nose officiating. Interment in the DeWitt Cemetery. Full military services will be provided by the Edwin J. Leyanna V.F.W. Post #671, DeWitt. Visitation for friends will be at the Chapel Saturday, 7-9 p.m. and Sunday, 2-9 p.m. In memory of Mr. McGuire contributions may be made to St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MT 59004-1001, Atten: Rev. Emmett Hoffman.

## McKinney-Mulford Vows Spoken September 25

DeWitt Community church was the scene Sunday, Sept. 25, at 4:00 in the afternoon of the wedding of Miss Amaryllis Lee McKinney, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor McKinney, of DeWitt, to Paul R. Mulford, son of Mrs. Jesse Mulford and the late Mr. Mulford, of Lansing. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Harry Moon, an uncle of the bride, before an altar graced with baskets of white gladioli, palms and cathedral tapers, in the presence of 175 guests.

"Because," "O Perfect Love," and "The Lord's Prayer" were sung during the ceremony by Mrs. Earl Hawkins, accompanied by Miss Helen Moon.

The bride, who was escorted down the aisle by her grandfather, Bert Moon, was gowned in candlelight satin. The skirt was fashioned with a peplum of chantilly lace, which cascaded down the back and ended in a cathedral-length train. A veil of French illusion was held in place by a crown of seed pearls. The bridal bouquet was of white gardenias and stephonitis upon a white Bible.

Mrs. Lee Lankford, of DeWitt, a twin sister of the bride, was matron of honor and the bridesmaids were Miss Norma Decker, of DeWitt, and Miss Aileen Demarest, of Lansing. The matron of honor wore a dusty rose gown fashioned after that of the bride, with yellow carnations in her hair. Her bouquet was of yellow roses and carnations. The bridesmaids' gowns were of peacock blue satin fashioned after the bridal gown also. They wore matching nets and satin hats and carried bouquets of white carnations and roses. Paula and Bonnie Selick, nieces of the bride, were flower girls, and Vincent Moon Reed carried the rings.

Maynard Mulford assisted his brother as best man and the ushers were Lee Lankford, of DeWitt and John Semishko, of Lansing.

Mrs. McKinney chose a dress of coffee crepe with brown accessories for the wedding and wore a yellow rose pinned to her glove. The groom's mother wore a gray suit with navy blue accessories and a corsage of red roses.

A reception followed the wedding in the church parlor, which was decorated with asters and other fall flowers. The table bore a lace cloth on which was centered the wedding cake, surrounded by yellow roses and tapers. Mrs. Richard Dague cut the cake, assisted by Miss Janette Staub. Mrs. Theodore Ward presided at the punch bowl, assisted by Mrs. Eugene Coin and Miss Beverly Blizzard registered the guests.

The bride and groom both graduated from the DeWitt high school in 1947. After a short trip through the east they will reside in DeWitt.

## Miss Amaryllis McKinney Weds In DeWitt Community Church

DeWitt Community church was the wedding scene Sunday afternoon, when Miss Amaryllis McKinney, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor McKinney of DeWitt, became the bride of Paul R. Mulford, son of Mrs. Jesse Mulford, 106 W. Willow st., and the late Mr. Mulford.

Traditional music was played by Miss Helen Moon. Mrs. Earl Hawkins was soloist. The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Bert Moon, and Rev. Harry Moon, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony.

For her wedding the bride chose a gown of candlelight slipper satin, fashioned with a fitted bodice, a high neckline with yoke of French illusion, edged with Chantilly lace. Chantilly lace formed a side pepplum which cascaded down the back into a cathedral-length train. A crown of seed pearls and sequins held her fingertip veil of French illusion. She carried a white Bible topped with white roses.

Mrs. Lee Lankford, twin sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Her gown was of peacock blue, fashioned after the bride's. She wore matching mitts and a brimmed hat.

Bridesmaids were Miss Norma Decker of DeWitt and Miss Aileen Demarest. They wore rose satin gowns with mitts and brimmed hats and carried bouquets of red roses and yellow carnations.

Maynard Mulford was his brother's groomsman. John Schumosko, Lee Lankford and Charles Mulford seated the guests.

The flower girls, Bonnie Miller and Paula Selick, nieces of the bridegroom, wore pink gowns and tiaras of pink asters. The ring-bearer was little Vincent Moon Reed, cousin of the bride.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs.



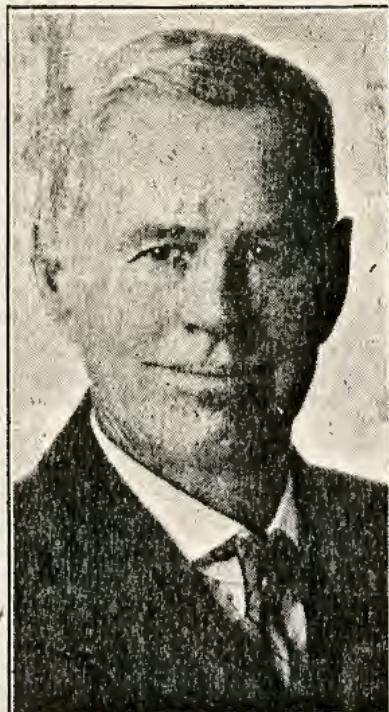
MRS. PAUL R. MULFORD

McKinney wore a coffee-colored street-length gown with brown accessories and yellow roses for a corsage. Mrs. Mulford donned a gray suit with blue accessories. Her corsage was of red roses.

After a wedding trip in the east, the young couple will make their home in DeWitt.

Assisting at the reception in the church parlors were Mrs. Richard Day, Mrs. Ted Ward, Miss Beverly Blizzard, Miss Barbara Ann Hicks, Miss Janet Staub, and Mrs. Eugene Coin.

## PIONEER DIES



WILLIS McLOUTH

Willis McLouth, one of twin sons of Newton and Emily Hathaway, was born in Riley township, Clinton county, Michigan, September 30 1856. His twin brother, Wells, died when he was five years old. His father purchased the Morgan Christopher farm adjoining the village of Dewitt on the north. They moved from Riley to this farm when Willis was six years old.

October 5, 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Elizabeth Holmes of this village. To this union were born two daughters, Florence Merle and Helen Lucile. The latter passed away on August 11, 1911. After a few years living at his parents home he purchased the late Henry C. Hart residence across the street from his old home where he has since resided having lived in this locality 72 years.

In 1880 Mr. McLouth entered the mercantile business with the late John E. Janes when they run a general store for a number of years in the building formerly the Milton White store. Later he was engaged in the milling and merchandising business with Homer Brazee. For the past ten years he has managed the Kraas Lumber and Coal Company and during these years he has also been interested in his several farms and other business enterprises throughout the county. After a short illness of only four hours of heart trouble he passed away at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, April 22, aged 77 years. Besides his wife, Josephine, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Vern Walker, and a granddaughter, Helen Lucile Kraas, relatives and a host of friends. He was a charter member of both the F. & A. M. No. 272 and the O. E. S. No. 30 of Dewitt and was also a member of the Clinton County Pioneer Society. His funeral services were held from his late home on North Bridge street Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Jayne, of

the Central Methodist church of Lansing officiating. Piano selections by Mrs. Grace Coon of St Johns. He was borne to the Dewitt cemetery by three nephews, George and Glenn Holmes and Edward Hulse and three friends, Homer Brazee, Bert Taylor and Mahlon Hiatt. The rites at the cemetery were conducted by the Masons. The members of the Dewitt chapter O. E. S. attended in a body.

Mr. McLouth always had a cherry greeting for everyone. His life has been one of unselfish interest in all the people of the community. Many looked upon him as father and many of the younger people by his words of wisdom and assistance were started on their road to success. All the children of the town knew him as a friend and companion. His passing is felt deeply by the entire village and surrounding county. Relatives and friends were present from Detroit, Kalamazoo, Bay City, Adrian, Lansing, Grand Ledge, St. Johns, Greenville and Scottville.

Married at the Methodist parsonage at Angora, Indiana, Friday, Oct. 18, Miss Ethel Merrihew and Earl Pennington, both of St. Johns. The full ring service was read. Mr. and Mrs. Pennington will reside on the groom's farm in Olive.

## **MERRILL, AVA G.**

**Alma**

### **Formerly of DeWitt**

Ava was born February 25, 1902 in Gratiot County, Michigan, the daughter of Oliver N. Chaffin and Loelda (Laycock) Chaffin. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion L. Merrill and sisters, Ina Brewbaker Kuthe Chaffin, Bertha Davis, Norman Cumberworth, Lurel Biddinger and brothers, Orley Chaffin and Scota Chaffin. One sister survives, Leota Orton. Ava and Marion resided at the Michigan Masonic Home in Alma. They lived in the DeWitt, Michigan area most of their married life. Ava was employed by and retired from the Michigan Department of Health. She is survived by one son, Miles C. Merrill; 3 grandchildren, Kathleen Merrill Leach and husband, Bruce E. Leach G. Lawrence Merrill and wife, Karen Holcomb Merrill and Richard Spata-Merrill and wife, Andrea Spata-Merrill; and six great-grandchildren. Marion and Ava served as faithfull members of Redeemer United Methodist Church, DeWitt Lodge #272 F. & A.M. and the Eastern Star #30. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 6, 10 a.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt. Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt. The family will receive friends at the Chapel Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Special services will be provided by the DeWitt Chapter #30 Order of the Eastern Star on Monday at 7 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to Redeemer United Methodist Church, 13980 Schavey Rd., DeWitt, 48820 in memory of Mrs. Merrill.