

# MRS. PALMER DIED FRIDAY

Widely Known Woman Had  
Been in Poor Health  
for Past Year

Mrs. Nelson H. Palmer, 86, one of Clinton county's most widely known and highly respected women, died Friday morning, June 23, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Brooks, 205 South Mead street, St. Johns. Mrs. Palmer had been in failing health for two years.

For many years a resident of Bingham township, she possessed



MRS. NELSON H. PALMER

all the attributes of a good neighbor and a gracious friend. Keenly interested in farmers' organizations, particularly the Grange, she was known all over Clinton county in grange circles.

Emma Louise Latting, oldest child of Francis Marion and Melissa Hall Latting, was born March 22, 1858, at Maple Grove, Barry county. When she was seven years old her father enlisted in the Union army. The mother and three small children moved to Battle Creek. At the close of the Civil war they came to Clinton county where the father cleared the 160 acres now owned by the Ormston family three miles east of St. Johns.

Her parents were early pioneers coming from New York state, both born of early American stock. The mother was a descendant of General Green of Revolutionary fame and her father from the Quaker Lattings who settled in Concord, Mass., in 1638.

On October 8, 1876, she was married to Alonzo Carr and lived on his father's farm, now known as the D. N. Hoag farm two miles south of St. Johns. To this union one son, Frank N., was born, who died at the

age of five. A month later the husband and father passed on.

On June 21, 1888, she was married to Nelson H. Palmer of Bingham. They lived on the farm in West Bingham until ill health caused her to live with her only daughter, Mrs. George Brooks in St. Johns. Besides the daughter and granddaughter, Maralyse, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Isabel C. Smith of St. Johns, and a grand-nephew, Jesse Hall Smith of Detroit, and a niece, Helen Latting Cherry of Grand Ledge. Mr. Palmer preceded her in death in 1931, and her only brother, Ray Latting, died in 1936.

Soon after her marriage to Mr. Palmer, she became a member of the U. B. Ladies Aid of West Bingham soon after its organization and served it in almost every office except president and was an active worker for 56 years. Talented as a singer in her younger life, Mrs. Palmer helped in church choirs and at funerals of scores of neighbors and friends.

Nearly 40 years ago she joined the Bingham and Clinton county Pomona granges, and later the state and national granges. She attended meetings regularly until the last year of her life. Ambitious and energetic, Mrs. Palmer proved a worthy companion in the building up of the Palmer home. She made a home for her brother and for two other boys, James Hewson and Vere West for several years.

In the community she contributed freely of her time and effort in every worthwhile community undertaking and always proved a good neighbor in cases of sickness and death as long as her health permitted. Her interest in community, state and national affairs continued to the last.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, June 26, from the Osgood funeral home, Rev. Ray Caldwell of the Congregational church officiating. Mrs. Dora Stockman of East Lansing, representing the State Grange, was present and paid tribute. Mrs. Glenn Peck sang with Mrs. A. L. Spafford accompanying. Burial was made in Mt. Rest cemetery. The funeral was widely attended by people from all parts of Clinton county and nearby towns and cities. Those from out-of-town who attended were: Helen Latting Cherry and daughter, Sally, of Grand Ledge, Mr. and Mrs. Leon F. Palmer and daughter, Pat, of Lansing, Mrs. Myrtie Eikert, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Illi of Ann Arbor, Mrs. Eva Fritz of Ovid.

Friends from away were Mrs. Bertha Brooks of Ann Arbor, Mrs. Dora H. Stockman, Miss E. May Thompson, Mrs. Kate Crockett, Stephen Hicks of Lansing, Mrs. Minnie

Nourse, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Buehler of Ovid, Mr. and Mrs. John Hall of Elsie, Mrs. Gusta Lankton, Mrs. Agnes Steinhart, Mrs. Henrietta Ranne, Mrs. Edna Andrews, Mrs. Dora Lerg and Mrs. Mary Havens of Dewitt, Mrs. Vida Exelby of Victor and Fred Ottmar of Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chambers of Detroit and Rev. Thos. Cleaver of Skowhegan, Me., and Mrs. Edna Smith and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Beckwith of Victor were callers at the home of Mrs. Geo. Brooks on Sunday.





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*In  
Memory*

**I** will lift up mine eyes unto  
the hills, from whence cometh  
my help.

My help cometh from the Lord,  
which made heaven and earth.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord  
is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from  
all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going  
out and thy coming in from this time  
forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 121

Edward Parker  
11441 N. DeWitt Rd.  
DeWitt, Michigan

**BORN**

January 14, 1908  
Beaver Creek, Michigan

**DIED**

November 8, 1989  
Lansing, Michigan

**SERVICES HELD AT**

Gorsline-Runciman DeWitt Chapel  
Saturday, November 11, 1989  
2:00 P.M.

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. Frederick C. Nose  
DeWitt Community Church

**INTERMENT**

DeWitt Cemetery

**CASKET BEARERS**

John Miller	Hershal Parks
Gary Foster	John Reust
Curt Peterson	Donald Peterson

**MASONIC SERVICE BY**

DeWitt Lodge No. 272 F. & A.M.  
Friday, November 10, 1989  
8:00 P.M.



# Judith Parker, Gary Peterson Say Vows in Home Ceremony

Miss Judith Ann Parker and Gary C. Peterson spoke their wedding vows recently in a ceremony in the DeWitt home of the bride.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parker of DeWitt and the bridegroom, who resided in Flint, is the son

Edward W. Sparrow hospital school of nursing.



**MRS. GARY C. PETERSON**

of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson of DeWitt.

For her nuptials, Judith selected a deep lilac wool jersey sheath accented with a corsage of pink rosebuds. Her small crown hat was fashioned with a brief veil.

Mrs. Cass Hoyt of Jackson, matron of honor, wore a beige sheath and a corsage of yellow roses.

Dean Koski of DeWitt was best man and the bride's brother, Gary Parker, seated the guests.

A reception was held later, to honor the couple at the DeWitt Memorial building. After the reception the newlyweds left on a honeymoon to Minnesota.

They will make their home in Flint.

Special wedding guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nalett, grandparents of the bride; Mrs. Andrew Patrick of Mancelona, grandmother of the bridegroom; Corp. and Mrs. Donald Peterson of Quantico, Va., brother and sister-in-law of the bridegroom, and Mrs. G. A. Strickland.

Judith is a graduate of the



*In Remembrance*



God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy  
Undying love.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Kurt D. Parker

**Date of Birth**  
October 31, 1956  
St. Johns, Michigan


**Date of Death**  
July 28, 1997  
Howell, Michigan

**Services**  
Osgood Funeral Home  
Wednesday, July 30, 1997  
11:00 A.M.

**Officiating**  
Pastor Rod Kalajaninen

**Interment**  
South Bingham Cemetery

**Casket Bearers**  
Lee Ormsby  
Ken Sitowski  
Lynn Garber  
Scott Sitowski



*Mr. and Mrs. Rush Parker  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Lori Michelle*

*to*

*Mr. Robert Welton  
on Saturday, the sixth of October  
Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine  
at six-thirty in the evening  
DeWitt Community Church  
505 Webb Road  
DeWitt, Michigan*

*Reception at eight o'clock  
Lansing Civic Center  
Terrace Room*



**PELKEY, GERALDINE F.**  
**"GERRY"**

**DeWitt**

Born February 20, 1933 in Bannister; died December 17, 1995, at the age of 62. Mrs. Pelkey had retired from the State of Michigan, Department of Education, and was preceded in death by a son, Roy. Surviving are her husband, Wilford "Pete"; 3 daughters, Rita (Tony) Webster and Jackie (John) Black, both of DeWitt, and Charlie (Jamie Evans) Pelkey of Holt; 1 daughter-in-law, Marjean Pelkey-Nickerson of DeWitt; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held **Thursday, December 21, 11 a.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt**, with the Rev. Rodney J. Kalajainen officiating. Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Wednesday 2 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society, 416 Frandor, Suite 104, Lansing 48912 in memory of Mrs. Pelkey.



## **PELKEY, WILFORD "PETE"**

**Bitley**

**Formerly of DeWitt**

Born May 10, 1926 in Elm Grove, WV; died February 19, 1997 at the age of 70. Mr. Pelkey had retired as an Elevator Mechanic from Michigan State University. He was preceded in death by a son, Roy and his first wife, Geraldine "Gerry". Surviving are his wife, Gladys; 3 daughters, Rita (Tony) Webster, Jackie (John) Black both of DeWitt and Charley (Jamie Evans) Pelkey of Holt; daughter-in-law, Marjean Pelkey-Nickerson of DeWitt; 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held **Saturday, February 22, 1 p.m.** at the **Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt.** Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Friday 6 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Heart Association of Michigan, 271 Woodland Pass, Suite 110, East Lansing, 48823 in memory of Mr. Pelkey.



## *Engaged*



Mr. and Mrs. James A. Perry of Perry, Michigan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Greta Bell, to A/3c Ernest E. Bond, son of Mrs. Edna Bond of DeWitt.

Miss Perry is attending Alma college and is affiliated with the Kappa Kappa Sorority. Her fiance recently completed training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, and is now located at Chanute Field, Illinois.

No date has been set for the wedding.



## Death of Mrs. Harry F. Petersmeyer

Death has taken away from among the residents of Rouleau another highly esteemed woman—Mrs. Harry F. Petersmeyer. Death occurred on Friday night, Aug. 11th. Though ailing for some time the seriousness of her condition was not really realized by those not in close touch with the sick room. The ultimate cause of death was heart failure, so sudden that medical aid could do nothing to sustain life even for a brief period to allow the last farewells to be said by those to whom she was so dear. Her mother, Mrs. Willis McLouth, had been sent for during the week, but she did not arrive until Sunday morning, too late to see her daughter alive, the daughter whom she had left a few months previous in excellent health.

The funeral service was held at the family residence on Sunday afternoon at 1:45, Rev. H. G. Cairns officiating. After a brief service, during which were sung those old soul-comforting hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "The Sands of Time are Sinking," the body was taken to the C. P. R. depot, followed by a long train of mourners, and from there was taken to DeWitt, Michigan, for interment. The remains were accompanied by the bereaved husband, her mother, Mrs. McLouth, her sister Mrs. W. F. Kraas, Mr. W. F. Kraas, and Mr. H. W. Petersmeyer.

The deceased, Helen Lucile McLouth Petersmeyer was aged 24 years, 5 months and 27 days. Her home was at DeWitt, Mich., until about three and a half years ago, when she married Mr. Harry F. Petersmeyer, whom she had met while both were students at State University of Michigan. Of a quiet, pleasing disposition, she won the friendship and respect of all with whom she came in contact. For a time she was organist in the Methodist church and in other ways proved herself a kindly worker of that institution. To the bereaved husband the sympathy of the entire community is extended.

March 23, 1917 in Lansing. Mrs. Heincelman was employed with A.M. International in Lansing for 20 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mason and Lansing Chapter of American Business Women's Association. Surviving are her husband, Ivan C. Heincelman; 2 daughters, Mrs. Steve (Mary) Bedell and Mrs. Richard (Nancy) Weaver, both of Mason; 3 grandchildren, Michelle and David Bedell and Christine Weaver; 2 brothers, Jack McAleer of Lansing and Ed McAleer of Holt; 3 sisters, Mary Bunn, Marge McCann and Cathleen Lenon, all of Lansing; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Ball-Dunn Chapel, Gorsline-Runciman Company, Mason with the Rev. William D. Wolfe, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment in Maple Grove Cemetery, Mason. The family will receive friends at the Chapel Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Mason, 1000 E. Columbia St., Mason 48854 in her memory.

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**PETERSON, CARL F.**

**1124 W. Webb Rd.**

**DeWitt**

Age 76, died November 16, 1986. Mr. Peterson was born July 1, 1910 in South Boardman, MI. He was a member of the Quarter Century Club of Oldsmobile, retiring in 1972, and also a member of the C.C.C. Camps of Michigan. Surviving are 2 sons, Don and wife, Ruth Peterson of DeWitt and Curt Peterson of Okemos; 8 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Mildred Morris of Alba, MI and Helen Nichols of Manicelona. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary E. and son, Gary Peterson. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the Gorsline-

Runciman DeWitt Chapel with Rev. Duane A. Ford, Pastor of First Missionary Church, officiating. Interment will be in DeWitt Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday and Wednesday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Clinton County Hospice Fund.

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**LEAHEY,  
JEANNETTE**

**Scarsdale, NY**

Jeannette Leahey, a Scarsdale, NY artist passed away October 21st. Surviving her are 2 daughters, Carol Thomas of Brooklyn, NY and Mary Jane Pfautz of Alexandria, VA; son, Frank Leahey of East Lansing. A reception will be held in Mrs. Leahey's memory at the Jeannette Leahey Art Gallery in the Girl Scout House in Scarsdale on Saturday, November 22nd from 3 to 5 p.m.

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**SCOTT, RICHARD E.**

**Perry**

Age 62, died Sunday, November 16, 1986. Mr. Scott was a member of U.A.W. Local #742, retired from Lindell Drop Forge in 1986 and a veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, N. Waneta of 39 years; 1 son, Kenneth Wayne and wife, Marsha of Perry; 1 daughter, Mrs. Larry (Joyce Ann) Quinn of Saranac; 1 brother, Ray of Lansing; 1 sister, Yvonne Smatts of Lansing; 9 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild also survives. The family will receive friends Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Palmer-Bush Funeral Home, where funeral services will be held Thursday at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. George V. Harris of the Church of the Nazarene, Perry, officiating. A full military graveside service at Roselawn Cemetery, Perry will be at a later date.





In Memory of  
Gary C. Peterson

Date of Birth  
June 11, 1936

Date of Death  
February 7, 1967

Services  
VINCENT - RUMMELL  
FUNERAL HOME  
Friday, February 10, 1967  
2:00 p.m.

Clergyman  
Rev. Hugh Banninga  
St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Interment  
DeWitt Cemetery

Honorary Pall Bearers  
Richard Kiebler      Richard Kaiser  
Harold Smith      Donald Fox  
Jack Pasch      Miles Merrill

Active Pall Bearers  
Larry Bandt      Ceylon Davis  
David Parker      Dean Koski  
David Tanous      Robert Ridsdale



# Eldon Lavern Phelps,

Eldon Lavern "Al" Phelps, 54, of DeWitt Township died Aug. 9, 1992.

Mr. Phelps was born Aug. 19, 1937 in Lansing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Galen Phelps; a brother, Donald Phelps; and his mother-in-law, Blanche Mayl.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Sylvia; one daughter, Kristine Phelps; two sons, Lee (Monica) Phelps and Steve (Julie) Phelps; five grandchildren, Deanna, Melissa, Nicki, Brooke, and Brad; his mother, Katherine Phelps; one brother, Eugene (Angie) Phelps; two sisters, Carolyn Lippert and Kaylene Dalman; two brothers-in-law, Paul (Meredith) Spencer and Dick (Delores) Maheu; one sister-in-law, Beverly (Don) Clarke; and many, many special friends, nieces, and nephews.

Services were held Aug. 11 at St. Therese Catholic Church. Interment was in DeWitt Cemetery. Military graveside services were provided by Edwin J. Leyanna VFW Post #671.

Contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice in memory of Mr. Phelps.



## MARRIED.

Miss Loretta B. Phinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Phinney, and Mr. Everett L. Nicholas, of Merle Beach, were united in marriage Saturday morning, Nov. 15, at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. E. A. Armstrong. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zacharias, the latter being a sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas will make their home on a farm southeast of the city.





*In  
Memory*



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**I** will lift up mine eyes unto  
the hills, from whence cometh  
my help.

My help cometh from the Lord,  
which made heaven and earth.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord  
is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from  
all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going  
out and thy coming in from this time  
forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 121

Alma L. Pierce  
5104 Meridian Rd.  
Williamston, Michigan

**BORN**

September 15, 1907  
Clinton County

**DIED**

January 20, 1989  
Williamston, Michigan

**SERVICES HELD AT**

Gorsline-Runciman DeWitt Chapel  
Sunday, January 22, 1989  
3:00 P.M.

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. Murl Eastman  
Director Frank Heniser  
Bath Sunny Seniors

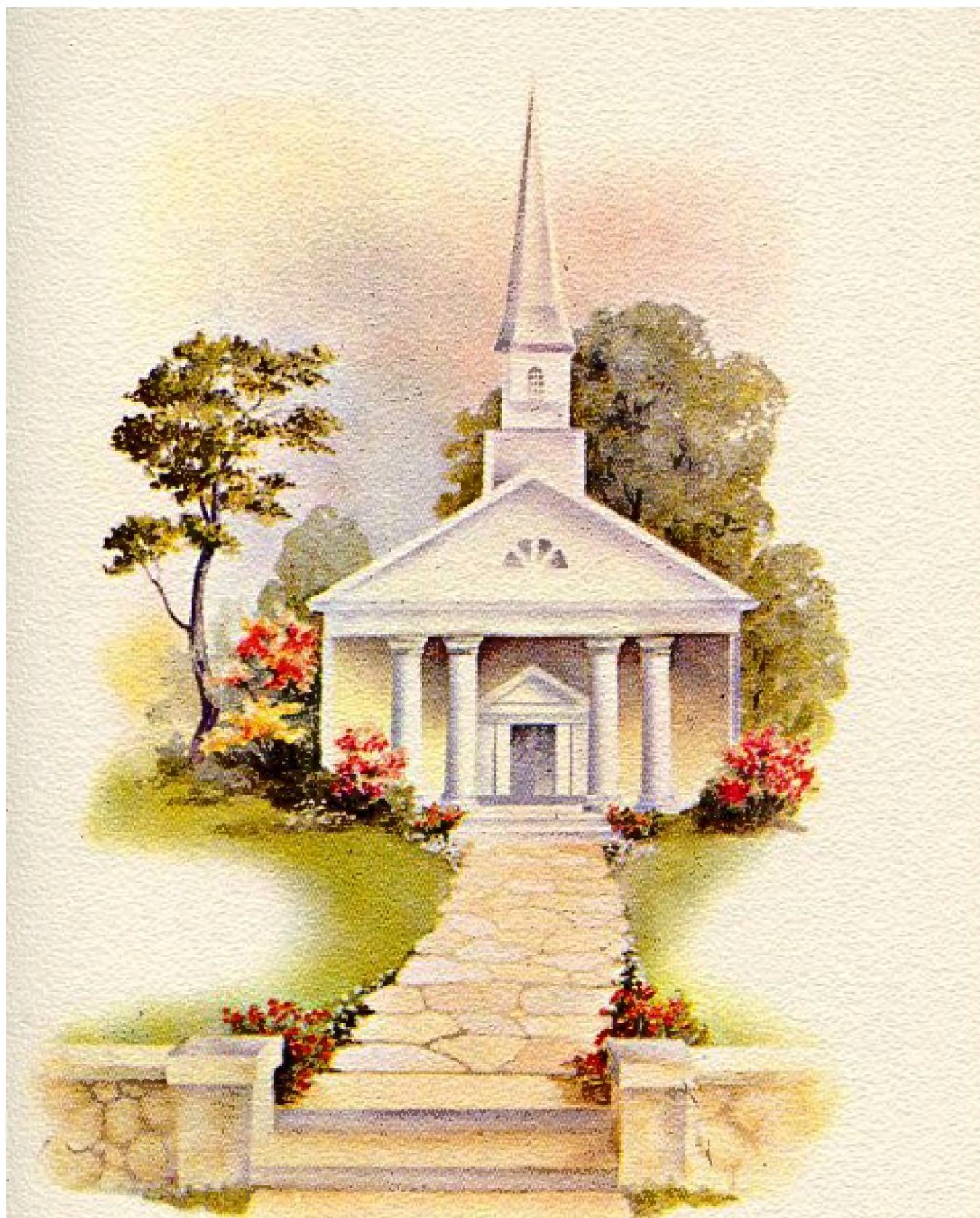
**INTERMENT**

DeWitt Cemetery

**CASKET BEARERS**

Willard Newman	Brent Newman
Lloyd Rosekrans	Walter March
Jim McGovney	Barry Decker





*In Loving Memory*



### *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:  
FOR 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***

**EARL E. PIERSON**

### ***Date of Birth***

**December 22, 1910**

### ***Date of Death***

**October 8, 1974**

### ***Services at***

**LEE R. RUMMELL FUNERAL HOME  
DeWitt, Michigan**

**Friday October 11, 1974**

**1:00 P. M.**

### ***Clergyman***

**Rev. Douglas D. Beach  
Wayside Chapel**

### ***Bearers***

**Mike Verlinde**

**Lyle Gantz**

**Ernest Keener**

**Jerry Swartz**

**Marvin O'Dell**

**Wesley Waddington**

### ***Honorary Bearer***

**Ira Worcester**

### ***Burial***

**DeWitt Cemetery**

**DeWitt, Michigan**



*Please join our family*

*on this joyous occasion*

*when our parents*

*Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pierson*

*celebrate twenty-five years of marriage*

*at a Surprise Open House in their honor*

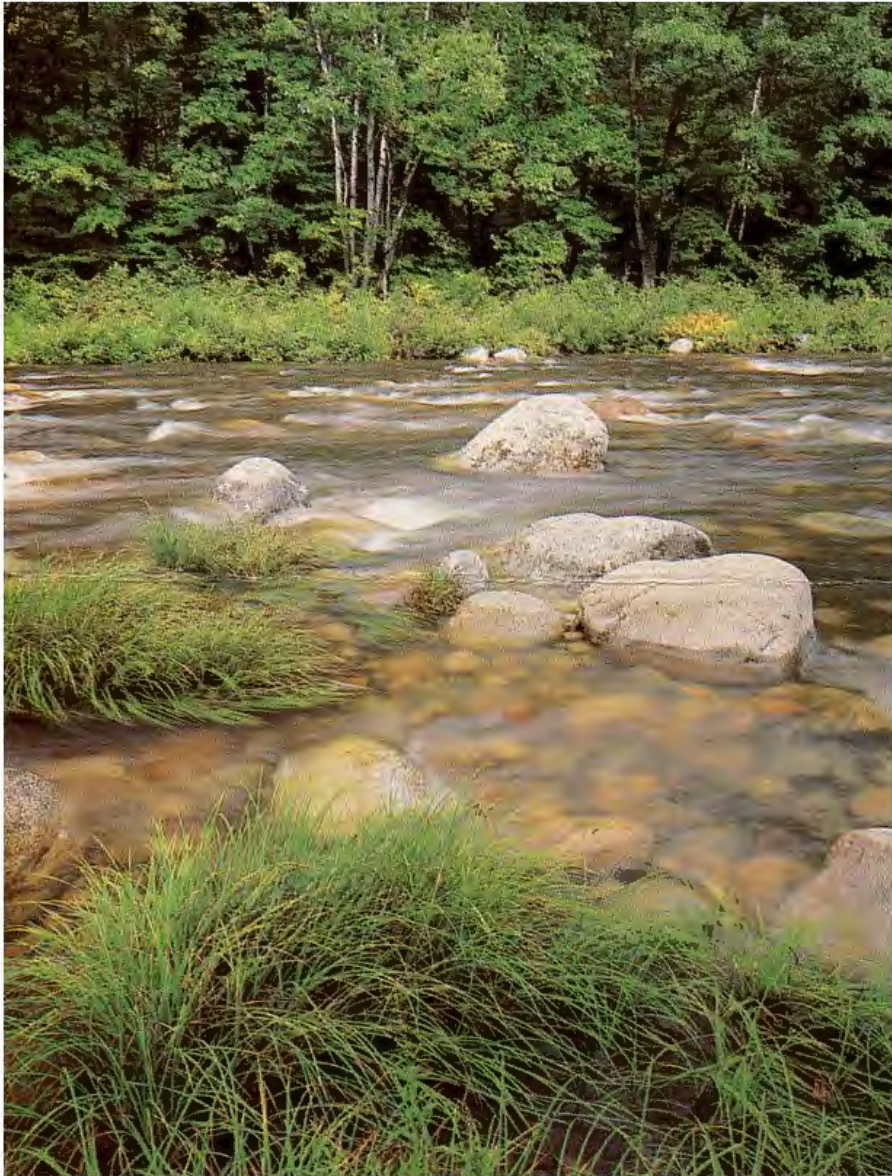
*on Saturday, the fourteenth of July*

*Nineteen hundred and eighty-four*

*DeWitt Community Church*

*Webb Road*

*DeWitt, Michigan*



## **PIKE, GERALD S.**

### **DeWitt**

A lifetime resident of DeWitt, Mr. Pike was born September 25, 1911; died March 20, 1996, at the age of 84. He had retired from Motor Wheel Corporation after 30 years of service and was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church. Mr. Pike was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille (1992). Surviving are 1 daughter, Joan (Louis) Garver of Redford; 6 grandchildren, Diane Mitchell, Mary Ann Reschke, Richard Garver, Carolyn Cappy, Catherine Mertz, Gerald Garver; and 5 great-grandchildren. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated **Saturday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. at the Gorsline-Run-ciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt**, with the Rev. Bernard L. Reilly, Pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Friday 2 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m., with the Vigil Service being prayed at 8 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the St. Jude Building Fund in memory of Mr. Pike.



I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the Lord, which made  
heaven and earth.  
The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy  
shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor  
the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all  
evil: He shall preserve thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out  
and thy coming in from this time  
forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 121

**Gerald S. Pike**  
DeWitt, Michigan

**BORN**  
September 25, 1911  
Clinton Co., Michigan

**DIED**  
March 20, 1996  
DeWitt, Michigan

**SERVICES HELD AT**  
Gorsline-Runciman DeWitt Chapel  
Saturday, March 23, 1996  
11:30 A.M.

**OFFICIATING**  
Rev. Bernard L. Reilly, Pastor  
St. Jude Catholic Church

**MUSIC**  
Nancy K. Baker - Organist

**INTERMENT**  
DeWitt Cemetery

**CASKET BEARERS**

Richard Garver  
Douglas Reschke  
Keith Burris

Gerald Garver  
Thomas Mertz  
Catherine Mertz

# DEATH CLAIMS MILLARD PIKE

Lifelong Resident of Clinton  
County, Aged, 79, is  
Buried Saturday

Millard Fillmore Pike, son of James and Ann Matilda Pike, was born in Olive, Clinton county, September 16, 1852. He was one of a family of eight children and at the death of his parents which occurred when he was quite young, he went to live in the family of A. B. Cook in Riley.

On January 13, 1877, he was united in marriage to Ella Rosalind Simmons and to them were born a son and a daughter, George Simmons and Dora Agnes. The greater part of their married life was spent upon a farm in Olive.

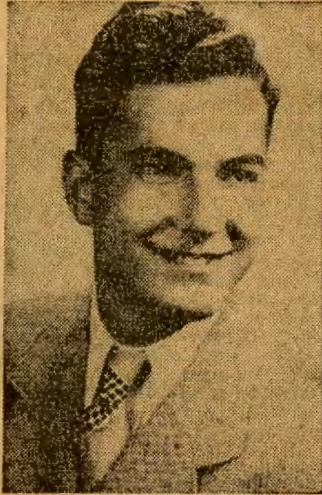
In the spring of 1907, they moved to Dewitt village. His wife passed away October 20, 1910. Mr. Pike then returned to the farm to assist in caring for the family of his son who was in poor health and who passed on July 15, 1915. He remained upon the farm, giving a father's care to his grandsons until the infirmities of age and ill health compelled him to give up all activities. For the past seven years he had been a great sufferer from heart trouble.

Three years ago he sold the farm and purchased a home in Dewitt where he lived a year with his daughter-in-law, but for the past two years he had lived with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Steinhardt in East Dewitt. His last illness began with the new year, and he grew steadily worse until Wednesday evening, Jan. 20, when his prayers were answered and he was called above, aged 79 years, 4 months and 4 days.

The deceased was a believer in universal salvation and his religion consisted in doing good. His greatest pleasure in life was in performing generous acts and kindly deeds for others. He was a kind husband, father, friend and neighbor and no one enjoyed his friends or appreciated a kindness more than he. Besides his daughter, Mrs. Agnes Steinhardt, he is survived by a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edna Pike; three grandsons, Glenwood, Loyde and Gerald Pike; two brothers, D. Scott Pike of Dewitt, and William J. Pike of Newaygo; a sister, Mrs. Agnes Fair of Knoxville, Tenn., two great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. The funeral was held at the Baptist church in Dewitt Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and he was laid to rest in Dewitt cemetery beside his wife. Rev. Northrup of St. Johns spoke comforting words to the sorrowing friends and Mr. and Mrs. Marc Cutler sang, "When I Have Crossed the Bar," and "Jesus Remembers When the World Forgets." Miss Rhoda Bell Reynolds acted as pianist. He was borne to his last resting place amid a profusion of flowers by Glenwood and Gerald Pike, Donald, Neil and Vernon Cutler and Hugh Bond.



## Killed



RICHARD PIKE

\* \* \*

## DeWitt Soldier Killed in Islands

### Body of Richard G. Pike To Be Returned

(Special to The State Journal)

DEWITT, Jan. 19—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pike have been informed of the death of their son, A/2 Richard G. Pike, 22, at Clark base in the Philippine islands.

Death was caused by electric shock received while repairing a 4,000-volt transmitter at Camp O'Donnell, near the base. He died Jan. 13.

Airman Pike was a graduate of the DeWitt high school and had attended Michigan State college before entering service in January, 1951. After entering the service he was stationed at Lakeland base, Texas; Scott Field, Ill., and in California. He spent 27 days at home before going overseas last September.

Besides the parents, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Joan Garber, whose husband is with the armed forces in Japan.

The body will be returned to the Vincent funeral home here.

## Rites for Airman To Be Wednesday

### Body of Richard Pike Is Expected Sunday

(Special to The State Journal)

DEWITT, Feb. 27—The body of Richard G. Pike, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pike of DeWitt, who was electrocuted Jan. 13, while repairing a high voltage transformer at Camp O'Donald on Luzon, is being returned here for burial.

The body is scheduled to arrive in Lansing via the Grand Trunk railway Sunday afternoon and will be taken to the Vincent funeral home in DeWitt. Services will be conducted at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at the DeWitt Community church with Rev. LaVern Bretz officiating. Burial will be in DeWitt cemetery.

Airman Pike was born March 9, 1931, in DeWitt, and was graduated from the DeWitt high school. He attended Michigan State college for one year and was employed by the Motor Wheel corporation in Lansing for sometime before entering the service on Jan. 8, 1951.

After receiving his air force training at Lackland air force base, San Antonio, Tex., and Scott field, Ill., Pike was sent overseas in November, 1951. He was serving as a radio mechanic at Luzon.

Surviving besides the parents are a sister, Mrs. Joan Garver living at home.



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IN  
REMEMBRANCE





### Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be *no*  
no moaning of the bar;  
When I put out to sea.

For though from out *our*  
our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far  
I hope to see my Pilot  
face to face *when*  
When I have crossed the bar.

— ALFRED TENNYSON

In Memory of

Richard G. Pike

Airman Second Class

March 9, 1931-January 13, 1953

21 years - 10 months - 4 days

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Services From

DeWitt Community Church

Wednesday, March 4 - 2:30 p.m.

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Clergyman

Rev. LaVern Bretz

Pastor Community Church

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Casket Bearers

Vern Blonshine David Kimball

Robert Blankenburg James Cook

Willard Reed Elwin Serrells

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Organist - Mrs. Wilma Reed

Flag Presentation by

M/Sgt. Hollice I. Thornton

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Interment

DeWitt Cemetery

Arrangements by

VINCENT FUNERAL HOME





**PONTIUS, RUTH**  
**DeWitt**



Born September 10, 1897, in Olive Township; died July 2, 1998, at the age of 100. Mrs. Pontius was a member of Grove Bible Church, St. Johns. Surviving are 3 daughters,

Virgiline (Louis) Zell and Donna (George) Sargent both of DeWitt and Linda (Richard) Lyon of St. Johns; 4 sons, Duward (Madge) of Coral, Kenneth (Beverly) of DeWitt, Gerald (Diane) of Perrinton, and Linn (Gayle) of DeWitt; 28 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 7, 2 p.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt, with the Rev. Robert Prange officiating. Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Monday 2 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

**POWELL,  
SHARON JEANNETTE  
(OHLSON)**

**DeWitt, MI**



Sharon Jeannette Ohlson Powell, beloved wife of George Douglas Powell, treasured daughter of Mrs. Carol John Ohlson of Louisville, KY and the late Dr. Carol

John Ohlson, and cherished sister of Carol Mark Ohlson of Beaufort, NC, made a peaceful transition to her new life October 25, 1996 at her home in DeWitt, MI.

Sharon was born June 5, 1946 in Louisville, KY, graduating from Wagner High School, Louisville, KY in 1964, and with honors from the University of Louisville in 1968.

Sharon and George were married on June 7, 1975. She joyously devoted her life to being a loving homemaker and companion to George, delighting in the every day activities of maintaining hearth and home.

Those who knew her admired her uniqueness. Sharon was the epitome of a southern belle. She had a special beauty and refinement. She loved elegant dress and formal dances.

Sharon was a gracious hostess who loved to entertain and spend time with her family and friends. She had frequent dinners, holiday parties, barbecues, high teas, and assorted get-togethers. She believed that family heirlooms, such as fine china, crystal, and silver-tea sets, should be shared with friends and used daily.

Sharon loved to participate in the Clinton County Fair and valued the ribbons she won for her cooking and sewing expertise.

She volunteered countless hours to the Opera Company of Mid-Michigan, M.S.U. Museum, and the Old Town Triangle Association of Chicago. She was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority and the Brown Bees of Clinton County Extension Services. Sharon was a founding member of the Fellowship for Today, East Lansing, MI.

Those fortunate enough to have known Sharon will forever treasure memories of her.

Friends are invited to the Powell home on Sunday from 5-9 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 30, 1996, by the Fellowship for Today, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lansing, 855 Grove St., East Lansing, MI.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Sharon's memory to the Red Basket Fund of Fellowship for Today, P.O. Box 1433, East Lansing, MI 48826, or the Hospice of Lan-

sing, Inc., 6035 Executive Dr., Suite 103, Lansing, MI 48911.

The family was served by the Gorsline-Runciman Co. Lansing Chapel, Lansing, MI.



# Clara Price celebrates 97th birthday



Clara Price

Who will be 97 years young July 20, 1993? Clara Price of DeWitt. Happy Birthday, Mom, from all your children.

Mrs. Price moved to DeWitt in 1941, and taught for the DeWitt School District until her retirement in 1961. Previous to that she taught in Lakeview and Sheridan.

She was married to Ray Price for almost 64 years. She has three children, Alice Rae (Howard) Gerlach, Peggy (Eldon) Price, and Marcella (Ted) Ward, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She enjoyed a trip to Israel when she was 90, and annually participates in the hunger walk sponsored by the Redeemer United Methodist Church. She also loves hearing from friends and relatives.

Until just recently, Mrs. Price kept the outside of the DeWitt Post Office in flowers.

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*Clara*

A DeWitt resident since 1961, Mrs. Price was born July 20, 1896 in Howard City; died November 11, 1995 at the age of 99. She taught for the DeWitt School District until her retirement in 1961 and had also taught in Lakeview and Sheridan. Mrs. Price enjoyed a trip to Israel when she was 90, and annually participated in the Hunger Walk sponsored by the Redeemer United Methodist Church, where she was also a member. She loved to hear from friends and relatives and until just recently had kept the outside of the DeWitt Post Office in flowers. Mrs. Price was preceded in death by her husband, Ray after almost 64 years of marriage. Surviving are 2 daughters, Alice Rae (Howard) Gerlach of Ann Arbor and Marcella (Ted) Ward of DeWitt; 1 son, Eldon (Peggy) Price of Livonia; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, November 14, 11 a.m. at the Redeemer United Methodist Church, 13980 Schavey Rd., DeWitt, with the Rev. Rodney J. Kalajainen, officiating. Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt. Friends may call at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt, beginning Sunday 6 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 4-8 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the Clinton County Visiting Nurse or the Redeemer Church Building Fund, in memory of Mrs. Price.



## **PRICE, DONNA R.**

### **DeWitt**

Daughter of Dorothy Melin and the late Lawrence Melin of Iron Mountain, MI, age 58, passed away June 27, 1998. Donna was born on August 10, 1939, in Norway, MI, and had lived in the Lansing area for over 35 years. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Evanston Memorial Hospital and her Master's Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. At the time of her death, she was employed as the Director of Health and Human Services at Lansing Community College. Donna leaves behind, her mother, Dorothy Melin of Iron Mountain; 3 daughters and their husbands, Carol and Steven Stier of DeWitt, Kimberly and Kirk Block of Lansing, and Sherri and Kalven Horton of Lansing; son, Michael Price of DeWitt; 5 grandchildren; special friend, Bill Blanchard; and many other loving friends. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 1998, at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Clinton Memorial and Sparrow, in memory of Donna Price.