

Wheat is a symbol of the harvest  
of this life.

The separation of the wheat from  
the chaff is symbolic of the  
judgment.

The planting of the wheat in the  
ground to await springtime is  
symbolic of the resurrection.



*Dying, you destroyed our death;  
Rising, you restored our life.*

Christ's presence is here among us.  
He reaches down His consoling hand  
He is here beside us. But, most of  
all, He wants us to know that He  
has not taken our loved one. He  
has given back that fullness of  
life promised . . . and one day, He  
will give our loved one back to us.

Dying, you destroyed our death,  
Rising, you restored our life.

*In Memory Of*  
**LILAH R. SIBLEY**

*Date Of Birth*  
May 17, 1897  
Riley Township

*Date Of Death*  
April 16, 1981  
Lansing, Michigan

*Services*  
DeWitt Community Church  
Saturday, April 18, 1981 – 1:00 PM

*Officiating*  
Barney Ford

*Interment*  
DeWitt Cemetery



## **SKOCZYLAS, JOAN R. "JO"**

**DeWitt**



Age 67,  
died June 9,  
1998. Sur-  
viving are  
her hus-  
band of 47  
years, Ben;  
6 children,  
Steven  
(Elaine),  
Cathy (Mi-  
chael) Rob-  
ertson,  
Greg,  
Christo-  
pher, The-

resa (Rick) Farr, and Jane (J.D.) Crocker; 10 grandchildren; 1 brother, Michael (Sally) Marks; and 1 sister, Ruth (Jesse) McCoy. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated **Thursday, June 11, 1 p.m. at the Catholic Community of St. Jude, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt**, with the Rev. Richard Preston officiating. The Rite of Committal will be held in Gunnisonville Cemetery, DeWitt. The family will receive friends at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt, on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with the Rosary being recited at 7 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the Church for Masses in memory of Mrs. Skoczylas.



## **SMEAGE, DICK F.**

### **DeWitt**

Born January 6, 1936, in New Lothrop, MI; died after a courageous battle with cancer, December 28, 1995 at the age of 59. Mr. Smeage served 8 years in the U.S. Air Force and had retired in 1992 as an Air Traffic Control Specialist. He was on the DeWitt School Board in 1982 and was awarded the DeWitt Citizen of the Year in 1995. Mr. Smeage was involved with the DeWitt Boosters, the DeWitt Lions Breakfast Club and the Knights of Columbus DeWitt Council #7237. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and served on the Board for the Design of the New Church. Mr. Smeage was preceded in death by his father, Bedrick Smeage. Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Lucille; 1 son, Richard (Catherine) Smeage; 1 daughter, Theresa (Joseph) Watters; 4 grandchildren, Samantha and Alexandra Smeage and Tyler and Ryan Watters; his mother, Mary Smeage; 1 sister, Barbara (Dale) Coon and several nieces and nephews. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, January 2, 11 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt, with the Rev. Bernard L. Reilly, Pastor, 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 2 p.m. where the family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. 7-9 p.m. and on Monday, Holiday Hours will be from 2-4 p.m. at the Chapel and 7-9 p.m. at the Church with the Vigil Service being prayed at 7:30 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the St. Jude Building Fund or the Leader Dogs For The Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd., P.O. Box 5000, Rochester Hills, 48307, in memory of Mr. Smeage.



**SMITH, SR., DOYLE E.**

**DeWitt**

**Mecosta)**

Born August 30, 1930 in Gleason, TX; died July 8, 1997, at the age of 66. Mr. Smith was a resident of DeWitt for 33 years and a local Plumber for many years before retiring to Mecosta. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Smith; and 1 brother, Bill Smith. Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Koreen; 2 daughters, Diane (Jim) Mosier of DeWitt and Debra (Rick) Johnston of Utica; 2 sons, Doyle E. "Ed" (Robbin) Smith Jr. of Castle Rock, CO and Dwayne (Michelle) Smith of DeWitt; 10 grandchildren, Scott, Robin and Kevin LaMacchia, Jody, Holly and Mandy Johnston, Andrea and Derrek Smith, Shayne Smith and Aleisha Leighton; his mother, Celia Smith of Lansing; 2 brothers, Harold (Gladys) Smith of Pewamo and Dale (Nancy) Smith of Lansing; 3 sisters, Betty (Chuck) Garner of Crystal, Linda Dunlap and Brenda (Tom) Kyriakou, both of Lansing; and 1 sister-in-law, Brenda Smith of Aurora, CO. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 11, 10 a.m. at the **Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt**, with the Rev. Donald Weston, Outreach Pastor of South Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Interment will follow in Hurd Cemetery, DeWitt, with Mr. Smith's grandchildren serving as casket bearers. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Thursday 2 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the Hospice of Clinton Memorial and Sparrow, Clinton Memorial Hospital, 85 S. Oakland, P.O. Box 260, St. Johns 48879, in memory of Mr. Smith.



## The Smiths

Elden and Ida Smith of Caro will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with a card shower. Cards may be sent to 1724 Sunrise Drive, Caro, MI 48723.

He worked for Farm Bureau Services, was mayor and city manager of DeWitt and is retired. She is a homemaker.

The couple, married Aug. 8, 1933, in Tuscola County, have two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.





*In Remembrance*

### **James W. Staub**

James W. Staub, 101, Sarasota, died Sept. 2, 1996.

He was born April 17, 1895, in Carson City, Mich., and came to Sarasota 39 years ago from Lansing, Mich. He was a buyer for General Motors in Lansing. He retired in 1960. He was a member of Doctors Hospital Auxiliary, Oldsmobile Quarter Century Club, and General Motors Alumni Salary Employees of West Florida.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sept. 18 at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel. Inurnment will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 5899 Whitfield Ave., Sarasota, FL 34243; or the American Cancer Society, 1750 17th St., Suite A, Sarasota, FL 34234.

**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 forever.

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

IN MEMORY OF

JAMES W. STAUB

1895 - 1996

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wednesday - 3:00 PM

September 18, 1996

Colonial Chapel

OFFICIATING

Rev. Robert Sherman

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TOALE BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME

**Trust 100**



Rosary services will be Wednesday evening, 8 p.m. at the Neller Funeral Home, Portland. Mass of the Christian Burial will be Thursday, 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Portland. Burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers are Jeffrey Scheurer, Michael Skinner, Joseph, John, James, Fred, Tom and Charles Russman.

## STAUB, MATIE ROSENAH

### DeWitt

Died August 15, 1988 in St. Johns. A lifelong resident of Clinton County, she was born in Bengal Twp. on July 4, 1899 a daughter of John E.H. and Maud (Krebel) Vaughn. She was reared in the country ways upon the family farm in Riley Twp. where she attended the Jason School. She continued her education at St. Johns High School followed by Clinton County Normal. She taught for a short time at the Simmons and Brown Schools. On February 9, 1917 she was married in St. Johns to Thomas E. Staub of Olive Twp. who predeceased her March 20, 1969. In 1923, she and her husband purchased a home just north of DeWitt which remained Mrs. Staub's residence for over 50 years. She was an early member of the DeWitt-

Olive Sunshine Club and the DeWitt Royal Neighbors among other social groups. Mrs. Staub's survivors include daughter, Janet Dunn of Lansing, daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Eugene Coin of DeWitt; 4 grandchildren, Thomas B. Dunn of Lansing, Debra (Dunn) Spatrisano of DeWitt, Penny (Coin) Finney of Willow City, TX and Kenneth R. Coin of DeWitt; 6 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Myron and Dorward Vaughn; and sister, Clementina Carter. She was predeceased by a son-in-law, Francis "Bud" Dunn; brother, Clarence Vaughn; and sister, Vera Sturgis. Funeral services will be held Thursday, 11:30 a.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman DeWitt Chapel with interment will be in DeWitt Cemetery. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Tuesday, 7 p.m. where the family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

## HAMMERMEISTER, BERTHA (STEVENS)

Age 79, formerly of 117 East North Street, Lansing. Passed away Sunday, August 14, 1988 in St. Petersburg, FL after an extended illness. Bertha Stevens Hammermeister was born November 13, 1908 in Lansing. In 1924 she



**STANKULA, ALICE M.  
(BENTLEY)**

**DeWitt**



Age 85,  
died De-  
cember 21,  
1997, after  
a long ill-  
ness. Born  
August 4,  
1912 in  
Grand  
Ledge, Mrs.  
Stankula  
was a  
DeWitt  
Homemak-  
er and a  
member of

Edwin J. Leyanna VFW #671  
DeWitt Ladies Auxiliary. Surviving  
are 1 daughter, Mary Ellen (Ray-  
mond Sr.) Tanto of Lansing; 2  
grandchildren, Alice (Dave) Van-  
nest of Lansing and Raymond (Lori)  
Tanto Jr. of Holt; 3 great-grandchil-  
dren. Funeral services will be held  
**Wednesday, December 24, 2 p.m.**  
**at the Gorsline-Runciman Co.**  
**DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin,**  
**DeWitt,** with the Rev. Bernard L.  
Reilly, Pastor of the Catholic Com-  
munity of St. Jude, officiating. Inter-  
ment will follow in Wacousta Ceme-  
tery, Wacousta, MI. Friends may  
call at the Chapel beginning Tues-  
day 2 p.m., where the family will  
receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9  
p.m. Those desiring may make con-  
tributions to the W.K. Kellogg Eye  
Center, U of M, 1000 Wall Street,  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105 in memory of  
Mrs. Stankula.



## STANKULA, JOHN

DeWitt



Born October 17, 1915 in Lucerne-mines, PA; died November 4, 1997, at the age of 82. Mr. Stankula was a Veteran of World War II having served with the U.S. Army, 29th

Division. He had been employed at Pat McCrackin Ford Inc. Surviving are his wife, Alice; daughter, Mary (Raymond) Tanto; and 2 grandchildren, Alice (Dave) Vannest and Raymond (Lori) Tanto Jr., all of Lansing; 3 great-grandchildren; brother, Paul of Grand Rapids; 2 sisters, Mary Stankula of Southgate and Irene Kiss of Florida; sister-in-law, Helen Stankula of Luther; several nieces and nephews. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, November 7, 10 a.m. at Catholic Community of St. Jude, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt, with the Rev. Bernard L. Reilly, Pastor officiating. Military services will be provided by the V.F.W. Edwin J. Leyanna Post #671, DeWitt. The Rite of Committal will be held in Riverside Cemetery, Vassar. Friends may call at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt, beginning Thursday 2 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The Vigil Service will be celebrated Thursday at 7 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the Church or the V.F.W. Edwin J. Leyanna Post #671, 12550 S. US-27, DeWitt 48820, in memory of Mr. Stankula.



## **STEVENS, ROSE M.**

### **DeWitt**

Born December 1, 1923 in Jackson; died April 26, 1998, at the age of 74. Mrs. Stevens enjoyed sewing and was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by siblings, Mary, Edward, Leo, Joseph and Edward II Danielewicz. Surviving are her husband of 42 years, Harold; 3 children, Joan (David) Bush of Bath, John Vancalbergh of St. Johns and Sandra (Dale) Badgley of Bath; 6 grandchildren, John Paul Vancalbergh, Courtney and Matthew Bush, Erin, Derick and Carrie Badgley; 1 brother, Tod Danielewicz of St. Johns; and 1 sister, Josephine Gajewski of Jackson. Funeral services will be held **Saturday, May 2, 12 Noon at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt.** Relatives and friends may call at the Chapel Friday from 6-8 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Legion Post #412, Bath 48808, in memory of Mrs. Stevens.

