

WARD, RALPH C.**DeWitt**

Born the son of Glen and Myrtie (Stevens) Ward on September 12, 1920, in DeWitt; died July 28, 1997, at the age of 76. Mr. Ward served during World War II in the U.S. Army-Air Force. He retired from Motorwheel in 1977. He served with the DeWitt Volunteer Fire Department for 17 years and he loved to hunt and fish. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann in 1977; his parents; and 2 brothers, Lawrence and Roger. Surviving are 1 brother, Theodore L. (Marcella) Ward of DeWitt; sister-in-law, Lucile Ward of DeWitt; step-sister, Martha (Stanley) Argersinger of Laingsburg; many Ward and Martens nieces and nephews; and special friends, Art Newman, Howard Courtland and Dick Blood. Funeral Services will be held **Thursday, July 31, 11 a.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin, DeWitt**, with the Rev. Rodney J. Kalajainen, Pastor of Redeemer United Methodist Church, 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 Diabetes Association, 950 28th St., S.E., Bldg. E, Grand Rapids, 49508-1326 in memory of Mr. Ward.



The Wards

Ted and Marcella Ward of DeWitt will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house 1-5 p.m. Saturday at Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg.

He retired from the U.S. Postal Service. She retired from the state of Michigan.

The couple, married Oct. 3, 1947, in DeWitt, have two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE
FIFTY YEARS
OF MARRIAGE FOR

TED & MARCELLA WARD

AT: VICTOR TOWNSHIP HALL
6843 E. ALWARD RD.
LAINGSBURG, MI. 48848

ON: OCTOBER 4TH, 1997

FROM: 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY
SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1997

TO: DEAN WARD AT 517-669-5671
OR

TO: MARK WARD AT 517-641-6627

FEEL FREE TO BRING FAMILIES, MEMORIES, &
PICTURES, BUT PLEASE, NO GIFTS !

Obituaries

Amy Wardell

Amy S. Wardell, 43, of DeWitt, our special angel, mother, wife, sister, daughter and friend left us to shine in heaven on Dec. 28, 1996.

She was born July 13, 1953 in Lansing and graduated from DeWitt High School in 1972. She lived all her life in DeWitt.

Mrs. Wardell used her special gifts at Henry H. North School in Lansing, working with special needs children for 10 years. She loved nature, gardening and collecting her angels. Her love and care for her family was above all else.

Surviving are her husband of 22 years, Roger; two sons, Chris and Nathan both of DeWitt; mother Ruth Cavanaugh of Zephyrhills, FL; two brothers, Mike (Sally) of Falkville, AL and Joe (Janine) Cavanaugh of DeWitt; sister, April (Ron) Gill of DeWitt; father and mother-in-law, Dale and Nelda Wardell of Comins; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leo in 1980.

Services were Dec. 31 at the Redeemer United Methodist Church, DeWitt. Rev. Rodney J. Kalajainen, Pastor officiated.

Those desiring may make contributions to the Michigan Special Olympics, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, 48859 in memory of Mrs. Wardell.

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

WARDELL, AMY S.

DeWitt

Our special angel, mother, wife, sister, daughter and friend left us to shine in heaven on December 28, 1996. Amy was born July 13, 1953, in Lansing. She graduated from DeWitt High School in 1972 and lived all her life in DeWitt. Amy used her special gifts at Henry H. North School in Lansing, working with special needs children for 10 years. She loved nature, gardening and collecting her angels. Amy's love and care for her family was above all else. She was preceded in death by her father, Leo (1980). Surviving are her husband of 22 years, Roger; 2 sons, Chris and Nathan, both of DeWitt; mother, Ruth Cavanaugh of Zephyrhills, FL; 2 brothers, Mike (Sally) of Falkville, AL, and Joe (Janine) Cavanaugh of DeWitt; 1 sister, April (Ron) Gill of DeWitt; father- and mother-in-law, Dale F. and Nelda Wardell of Comins, MI; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held Tuesday, December 31, 12 noon at the Redeemer United Methodist Church, 13980 Schavey Road, DeWitt, with the Rev. Rodney J. Kalajainen, Pastor, officiating. Friends may call at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin, DeWitt, beginning Monday, 5 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the Michigan Special Olympics, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, 48859 in memory of Amy.

In
Memoriam

Rummell
Funeral Home
DeWITT, MICHIGAN

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 Leonard B. Wellington

Date of Birth
June 18, 1904

Date of Death
March 27, 1966

Services
VINCENT - RUMMELL
FUNERAL HOME
Tuesday, March 29, 1966
2:00 p.m.

Clergyman
Rev. W. Ernest Combellack
DeWitt Methodist Church

Interment
DeWitt Cemetery

Honorary Bearers

Harry Bollinger Robert Vaughn
Dewey Iacovoni Raymond Davis

Bearers

Robert Balderson Robert Harmon
Kenneth DeVoe Cecil Morrow
Russell Nelson J. J. Richards

WELLMAN, CHARLENE ANN-HALL

Lansing

Age 40, passed away on August 20, 1997. Charlene was born on October 15, 1956, in Lansing and had been a lifelong resident. She was preceded in death by her mother, Helen in 1992. Surviving are 2 sons, Jarrod and Tyler; father, Billy B. Hall of DeWitt, MI; sister, Madalon (Rich) Cook of DeWitt, MI; brother, Thomas (Melissa) Hall of AuTrain, MI; nephew, Ryan Cook; 2 nieces, Michelle Cook and Sarah Hall; numerous aunts and uncles; and special friend and fiance, Don DeChelbor. Religious services will be conducted by the Rev. Frederick C. Nose at 10 a.m. Monday, August 25, 1997, at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel, with interment in Gunnisonville Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Charlene was a very caring and loving mother, daughter, sister and friend. She is now in God's care and love. She will be sorely missed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jarrod and Tyler Wellman Trust Fund, c/o Michigan National Bank.

WELSH, DONALD**DeWitt**

Age 73, died January 22, 1998. Born April 29, 1924, in Gaylord, MI. Mr. Welsh was a 1942 graduate of Gaylord High

School and attended Michigan State University. He enlisted in the United States Merchant Marines, was a veteran of the Asiatic Pacific Theatre with the United States Army, and was the recipient of the Bronze Star with Combat V. He retired from Oldsmobile after 28 years of employment with the Oldsmobile Security Division. He was a life member of V.F.W. Post #671, DeWitt, serving 3 years as All-American Post Commander; Commander of V.F.W. Shiawassee County Council; past State All-American Commander of V.F.W. District #9; member of Military Order of Cooties, Pup Tent #M1071; Knights of Columbus Council #7237; and American Legion Post #12. Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Doris Jean (Beebe); 8 children, Heather Stringer of Eaton Rapids, Deborah (Patrick) Apostle of Williamston, Mary Beth (Hani) Bawarshi of Sterling, NJ, Sally (Frank) Boyer of Lansing, Richard (Deede) Welsh of Palm Desert, CA, Nancy (James) Heinz of Milford, Thomas Welsh of Muskegon and Kevin (Anita) Welsh of DeWitt; 23 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, January 26, 12 noon at the Catholic Community of St. Jude, 801 N. Bridge Street, DeWitt, with Rev. Larry Delaney, Director of St. Francis Retreat Center, officiating. The Rite of Committal will follow in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, with military services provided by the Edwin J. Leyanna V.F.W. Post #671, DeWitt. Friends may call at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin, DeWitt, beginning Saturday, 5 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. with a Military Ritual provided by the 9th District and the Michigan Department of Veterans at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, 2-4 and 6-9 p.m., with a Vigil Service being celebrated at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the V.F.W. National Home, 3573 S. Waverly, Eaton Rapids 48827, in memory of Donald Welsh.

WHEAT, MARY ELIZABETH

DeWitt



Liz died February 28, 1997 at Sparrow Hospital after a very long illness. Her courageous battle leaves all of us in awe. Our dear sweet mother, grandmother and sis-

ter is now in a place where she can breathe fresh air, run in the wind and be with her beloved husband, Joe. Even though her family and friends will miss her so very much and know our lives will never be quite the same without her, we all know she is in heaven and surrounded by love and peace. Liz was born August 24, 1925 to Leonard and Vera (Wood) Brinker in Hastings, MI. After marrying Joe Wheat, they moved to DeWitt, where they raised five children and made many wonderful and supportive friends who were always there during the many times of need. Liz was preceded in death by her husband, Joe and her parents. Surviving are her children, Mark (Esther) Wheat of St. Louis, MO, Lisa (Bruce) Johnson of East Lansing, Jeff (Jamie) Wheat of American Fork, UT, Cathy (Jeff) Sutton of Haslett and Julie (Bruce) Bright of Okemos; sister, Anne Humphrey of Freeport; brother, Edward (Charlene) Brinker of Battle Creek; her grandchildren, which were the loves of her life, Noah, Brodrick, Joey, Franklin, Sophie, Hudson and Madison; "Stevie" and "Bonnie" Sutton; and her dog, Jingles. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, March 4, 11 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, 801 N. Bridge, DeWitt, with the Rev. Bernard Reilly, Pastor, officiating. The Rite of Committal will be held in DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt. Friends may call at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin, DeWitt beginning Sunday, 2 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. and Monday from 7-9 p.m., with the Vigil Service being celebrated at 7:30 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Lung Association of Michigan, 403 Seymour Ave., Lansing, 48933-1179 or the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing, 48906 in memory of Liz.



MR AND MRS AL WICKERHAM

Couple honored on anniversary

Mr and Mrs Al Wickerham were honored guests at an open house held in Smith Hall Sunday, April 12 in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

The event was hosted by the couple's children, Mr and Mrs Bruce Blizzard and Roger Wickerham. Those serving were Mrs Bernice Wohlfert, Mrs Betty Wright, Mrs Doris Secord, Mrs Marilyn Coin, Penny Coin, Rose and Marie Miller, Kathy Secord and Janice Secord.

Guests were from Lansing, DeWitt, Fowlerville, Mason, Kalamazoo, Laingsburg, Shepherd, Big Rapids, Saginaw and St. Johns.

The couple was married at the Congregational Parsonage in Grand Rapids on April 13, 1945 by the Rev Earl F. Collins. Mr and Mrs Van Harper, sister and brother-in-law of Mr Wickerham attended the couple. They spent their honeymoon in Chicago where the groom was stationed in the Navy.

WILCOX, MARY J

DeWitt

Born August 21, 1929, in Ft. Wayne, IN; died June 19, 1997, after a brief illness, at the age of 67. The angels came and took you away, but in our hearts you will always stay. Mary was the fifth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Driver, Sr. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jill; parents, Dayton and Florence; brothers, Nelson and Dayton Jr. and sister, Marycle. Surviving are her beloved and devoted husband, Jack W. Wilcox, Sr.; loving son, Jack (Debbie); sisters, Florence (Vernon) Coin and Geraldine G. Driver both of DeWitt; brothers, Howard Driver of TX and Stanley Passzkowski of Lansing; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and many, many friends. Mary was a very special aunt to Nancy and Chris. She will be deeply missed by all of us whose hearts she touched. Funeral services will be held Monday, June 23, 2 p.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt. Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Saturday, 6 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society, 416 Frandor, Suite 104, Lansing, 48912 in memory of Mrs. Wilcox.

WILSON, DARLINE P.

DeWitt



Loving wife, mother and friend, passed away Saturday, March 21, 1998 at the age of 55 after a courageous battle with cancer. With her loved ones at her side,

Darlene peacefully went home to her Lord. Darlene was employed at the S.C.C.M.A., was a member of Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church, DeWitt Lions, and secretary of the Southern Clinton County M.U.A. She is preceded in death by her mother, Marorie and father, Dale May. She is survived by her husband, Robert; daughters, Susan (Scott) Moorehead, Deborah (David) Whited, and Roberta (David) Thomas; stepchildren, Rhonda (Jim) Dunneback, Roxanne (Robert) Hubble, and Rick Wilson. She also leaves behind her precious grandchildren, Christopher, Matthew, Amanda, Ianiel, Alec; her 4 brothers; and her best friend of 30 years, Peggy Tice. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Daniel M. Buske and the Rev. John F. Vogt of Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 1998 at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel with interment in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Clinton Memoria and Sparrow.

WINELAND, LLOYD H.

DeWitt

Born July 6, 1937, in St. Johns, he went to be with his Lord on October 12, 1996, at the age of 59. Mr. Wineland had been employed at Motor Wheel for 27 years and was a very active member of East DeWitt Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his mother, Letha. Surviving are his wife, Deanna; 2 daughters, Kimberlee (Richard) Valentine and Carrie (Clifton) Banks; 1 son, Timothy (Chitra Ragavan) Wineland; 1 grandchild, Robert Prowdly; his father, Harold Wineland; 5 brothers, Duane, Dale, Larry, Laurence and Keith; 2 sisters, Doris Leightner and Karen Wineland; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held **Tuesday, October 15, 10 a.m.** at **East DeWitt Baptist Church, 1380 E. Round Lake Road, DeWitt**, with Pastor Derrick Pardee and Pastor Joseph Dedic officiating. Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt. Friends may call at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin St., DeWitt, beginning Monday, 6 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Church in memory of Mr. Wineland.

**WOOD, HELEN INEZ
(CARY, EVERETT)**

DeWitt

Born October 24, 1897 near Alma, MI; died March 23, 1998 at home. She graduated from Alma High School in 1915; worked in Lansing for 3 years, then attended Kalamazoo College graduating in 1922 with a degree in Education. In 1923, she married Harmon Everett, a college classmate, who died in 1951. Also preceding her in death was her husband, Lt. Col. Archie Wood (1980), and her son, Harmon Everett Jr. (1996). Survived by a son, Dr. S. Fred (Cynthia) Everett of Fargo, ND; daughter, Margaret Kimball DVM of DeWitt; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She worked for the State of Michigan from 1938 to 1961, the last 14 years as Associate Editor of Michigan Historical Magazine. After her retirement, she enjoyed travelling in the United States and Europe. She was active in the Women's Historical Club, the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society, as well as in the community and her church. As giving in death as in life, Helen willed her body to the MSU Medical School. Memorial services are Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m. at the DeWitt Community Church with Pastor Terry Alverson officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Everett Scholarship Fund at Kalamazoo College or the charity of one's choice.

And a happy birthday to . . .

Helen Everett Wood will celebrate another birthday Thursday — her 99th.

Her family will have the traditional cake and ice cream treat for her, but Helen might appreciate some cards, said daughter Margaret Kimball.

Helen stays home because of her arthritis, which can make days long and lonely.

Make her day and send her a to 2130 W. Cutler Road, DeWitt, MI 48820-9703.

10-20-96

And a happy birthday to . . .

It isn't often that you get to celebrate a 100th birthday twice, but Helen Wood is doing just that this year.

The family of the retired state employee marked the occasion on Aug. 17 when about 30 members of Helen's family came in for a family reunion.

Today, she'll celebrate, once again, at a potluck dinner for family and friends at the DeWitt Community Church.

Helen has taught school. She also was the associate editor of Michigan History Magazine before she retired.

Her family includes a son, Dr. Fred Everett of Fargo, N.D., and a daughter, Dr. Margaret Kimball of DeWitt.

She also has 14 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

WOOD, RICHARD S. "DICK"

DeWitt



Age 72, died November 2, 1997. Born March 5, 1925 in Lansing, Mr. Wood retired from Sears after 34 years of service and was a Farmer. He was a Veter-

an of the United States Army during World War II. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lawanna Johnson; and brother, Thomas. Surviving are his wife, Ila; 5 daughters, Lenore (Mike) Cornell of Homer, Colleen (Kurt) Schindler of Manistee, Sharon (Frank) Rice of Mt. Pleasant, Jeannine Wood of Raleigh, NC and Karen (Charles) Thomas of St. Johns; 8 grandchildren; brother-in-law, Oscar Johnson of Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 5, 2 p.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel, 111 S. Franklin, DeWitt, with the Rev. Rodney J. Kalajainen, Pastor of Redeemer United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow in DeWitt Cemetery. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Tuesday 2 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions to Mid-Michigan Regional Dialysis Center, 2601 Coolidge Road, East Lansing 48823 in memory of Mr. Wood.

A. L. Woodbury Weds Prominent St. Johns Musician in Sunday Ceremony

A quiet wedding was solemnized at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 2 at St. John's Episcopal church, when Mrs. Grace M. Coon, prominent musician, became the bride of A. L. Woodbury. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate families by Rev. Rollin J. Fairbanks before the altar beautifully decorated with Easter lilies.

The bride was attired in a navy blue lace afternoon frock with matching straw hat. This was complemented by a corsage of pink rose-buds and lilies of the valley.

After the ceremony a delightful luncheon was served the wedding party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Woodbury.

Mrs. Woodbury has been an instructor of piano in this city, for several years, and organist at the St. John's Episcopal church for the last five years. She also directs the junior choir. Last fall she joined the faculty of the Art Studios of Music and Drama, located in the Wilson building in Lansing. Mr. Woodbury is a well and favorably known florist in St. Johns, where he has been in business with his brother, Lee A. Woodbury, for many years. They will reside at the country residence of the groom after May 15.



MRS. A. L. WOODBURY



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In honour of the
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Woodruff
their children
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene D. Morris
Mrs. Russell C. Woodruff
and grandchildren
request the pleasure of your company
at a Reception and Buffet
Sunday, the seventh of June
nineteen hundred and eighty-one
from two until five in the afternoon
DeWitt Community Church
505 Wobbe Drive
DeWitt, Michigan

No Gifts Please

YOUNGLOVE, DOROTHY A.

Bonita Springs, FL

Formerly of DeWitt

Born May 13, 1926 in Lansing; died December 17, 1996 at the age of 70. Surviving are her husband of 50 years, Gerald; daughter, Sherryl (Raymond) Cottom of Louisville, KY; 3 sons, Steven (Julie) of Laingsburg, Samuel (Naomi) of Dorr and Scott (Marsha) Younglove of DeWitt; 2 brothers, Gaylord of Traverse City and Raymond Minier of Chippewa Lake; 2 sisters, Irene Wilcox of Lansing and Teresa Griffith of Laingsburg; 10 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held **Monday, December 23, 2 p.m.** at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. Lansing Chapel, 900 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing with the Rev. Wayne Parker, Pastor of Merriman Road Baptist Church, Garden City, MI officiating. Interment will follow in Wilsey Cemetery, DeWitt. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Sunday, 2 p.m. where the family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

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