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Aldershof, Richard Dee

Richard Dee Aldershof, 75, of Cedar Rapids, died Jan. 8, 2011, following an apparent heart attack. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. A visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Cedar Memorial Park Chapel of Memories. A Masonic service will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapel of Memories. Burial will take place at Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery.

Surviving are his children, Dawn Janopoulos and husband Mike of Waterloo and Linc Aldershof of Marion; grandchildren, Abbey and Adam Thomas of Waterloo, Annie Thomas of Cedar Falls, Heath Aldershof and wife Jennifer of North Carolina, and Brock Aldershof of Cedar Rapids; great-grandchildren, Ethan, Kamren and Jessica; and brothers, Kent Aldershof of New Jersey, John "Jack" Aldershof of Cedar Rapids and William "Bill" Aldershof and wife Carla of Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Joyce.

Richard Dee Aldershof was born May 1, 1935, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the son of Peter and Margaret (Nordstrom) Aldershof. He married Joyce E. Kennedy on March 6, 1954, in Annapolis, Md., and they enjoyed 49 years of marriage. Joyce preceded him in death in 2003. He was the president of Cedar Rapids Tent and Awning Co., a life long family business. He served as president of the Upper Midwest Canvas Products Association and served on various boards in the Industrial Fabrics Association International.

Richard was a member of several Masonic bodies and held positions of leadership in those organizations. Those memberships and accomplishments include member of Crescent Lodge No. 25 AF&AM, where he served as Master in 1970 and was a 50-year member and served as Senior Grand Deacon at the state level, a member of Cedar Rapids Consistory, where he received the Inspectors General Honorary 33rd degree and served for many years as the personal representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, a member of the El Kahir Shrine AAONMS, where he was Potentate in 1973, and a member of the York rite (Knights Templar), where he was a Knight of the York Cross of Honour.

In addition to his career and Masonic activities, Richard's enjoyments included fishing, golf and hunting. His greatest enjoyment was time spent with his family, especially his beloved grandchildren.

Jo Brandt (1932-2011)



MASON CITY - Jo Anne Brandt, 78, of Mason City, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, at Heritage Care Center.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 213 N. Pennsylvania Ave., with Pastor Kathy Graves officiating. There will be no visitation. Per the family's request, her body has been donated to Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Jo was born May 14, 1932, in Fairfield, the daughter of Ernie and Florence (Baldwin) Peters. She graduated from Fairfield High School and later moved on to the University of Iowa, where she majored in radio-speech and dramatic art gaining experience at WSUI, the university radio station.

At Iowa, she met her husband. Jo and Duane were married June 8, 1952, in Waverly. For several years, Jo was employed at KGLO Radio and TV doing air time and writing commercials. Later on, she hosted foreign exchange students in her home and became regional director of the Student Exchange Program covering the states of Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska.

In 1980, Jo discovered the multiple joys and frustrations of pottery and became a mud worker. She enjoyed the hobby that brought benefits of education, friends, and a lasting commitment to the MacNider Art Museum.

Jo was responsible to research, document and successfully apply to place the old Mason City Library, a Carnegie Building, to the list for historic preservation. In retirement, Jo and Duane traveled extensively by going to over 50 Elder Hostels and trips to Europe and Alaska.

Jo enjoyed needlework and served as regional representative in the Embroiders Guild. She was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes football fan, reader, enjoyed playing cards with her friends and volunteered for many years at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa. Jo was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, serving of numerous committees through the years.

Jo is survived by her husband, Duane of Mason City; daughter, Deborah Brandt of Vienna, Va.; son, Barry (Tammy) Brandt of Cedar Rapids; and grandson, Aaron (Angela) Brandt of Denver, Colo.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Jim.

Catherine M. "Kay" Ward (1924-2011)



Catherine M. "Kay" Ward, 86, of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, March 16, at Windsor Nursing and Rehab Center, Cedar Falls.

She was born Sept. 15, 1924, in Wakefield, Mass., daughter of Thomas and Florence Doucett Sullivan. She married Donald Louis Ward June 5, 1943, in Wakefield.

She was a supervisor at Santa Claus Industries in Waterloo from 1959-70, and worked in housekeeping at the University of Northern Iowa from 1971-73.

Survived by: her husband; a son, Donald L. (Pam) Jr. of Florida; a daughter, Patricia (Richard Sr.) Olsson of Cedar Falls; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: three brothers, "Dinty" Sullivan, Warren "Sully" Sullivan and Robert "Bobby" Sullivan; and a sister, Doris Orkney.



Chris Kelly

Christine "Chris" Kelly, 88, of Rock Island, passed away Monday, April 4, 2011, at Trinity Rock Island.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Friday in the chapel at Friendship Manor, Rock Island. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, Rock Island, with a rosary recited at 4 p.m. by the St. Pius Altar and Rosary Society. Inurnment will be at a later date at Memorial Park Cemetery, Memphis, Tenn. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Friendship Manor or St. Pius X Catholic Church, both of Rock Island.

Chris was born on Oct. 7, 1922, in Memphis, the daughter of Thomas B. White and Wilma G. Walker. She married Thomas F. Kelly on Dec. 21, 1940, in Hernando, Miss.

Mrs. Kelly was employed as a supervisor in the service department at American Contract Bridge League, Memphis.

She was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church, Rock Island, Rock Island Woman's Club, Allouez Council 658 Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, St. Pius Altar and Rosary Society, American Contract Bridge Teachers Association, American Contract Bridge League and AARP.

Chris enjoyed playing bridge and was a master bridge player.

Survivors include her grandchildren and spouses, Thomas F. and Carrie Kelly, Chicago, Denise Kelly, Naperville, Ill., Kristin and Chris Power, Geneva, Ill.; great-grandchildren, Hailey and Sean; dear friends, Bob and Mary Jo Pulford, Moline, and Irene Kerr, Moline.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and son, Thomas Benjamin Kelly.



Dr. Richard Nelson

CLINTON, Iowa — Dr. Richard Usher Nelson, 65, of Clinton, Iowa, died peacefully on Saturday April 9, 2011, at his home. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Lemke Funeral Home – South Chapel. Pastor Becky Nissen-Weaver will be officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday from 2 p.m. until the time of the memorial service.

Dr. Nelson was born April 12, 1945, in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Richard and Lois (Gardiner) Nelson. Dr. Nelson was a 1962 high school graduate in Pleasantville, New York. He then went on to receive his English/Literature degree at UCLA. He then received a Health and Science degree at the University of California. In 1980, he graduated from UCLA Medical School. From 1981 to 2010 he was an emergency room physician, for over 20 years practicing at Clinton Mercy Medical Center. Dr. Nelson married Sally Thomas on April 22, 1978, in Grand Terrace, Calif.

Dr. Nelson was a military veteran serving during Vietnam from 1968-1970. Family always came first for Dr. Nelson. He was a top-rated bridge player and at one time was rated in the top 15 percent in the country.

Survivors include his wife, Sally of Clinton; two daughters, Melani Frantz, of Clinton, and Shari (Tim) Determan, of Clinton; three sons, James Nelson of Des Moines, Michael Nelson of Clinton, and Ryan Nelson of Clinton; eight grandchildren, Christine, Danny, Sean, Bret, Jordan, Taylor, Kali and Mathew; one great-grandchild, Bralynn, and one on the way, Parker; and one brother, Greg Nelson of Venice, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, David.

Marjorie A. Mixdorf (1925-2011)



CEDAR FALLS - Marjorie A. Mixdorf, 85, of Cedar Falls, died Tuesday, April 12, at The Western Home Communities Thalman Square in Cedar Falls.

She was born July 3, 1925, in Greeley, daughter of Ben and Gertrude Ryan Odell. She married Merwyn H. Mixdorf Aug. 21, 1949, in Greeley.

She graduated from Greeley High School and University of Dubuque. She was a primary school teacher at Head Start for 27 years, retiring in 1985.

Survived by: her husband; a son, Jon (Robin) of Center Point; three daughters, Mary (Ken) Conlee of Lees Summit, Mo., Julie (Gary) Read of Carrollton, Texas and Michelle "Shelley" (Bruce) Verink of Cedar Falls; 10 grandchildren; and a brother, Ben (Betty) Odell of Shorewood, Ill.

Preceded in death by: a sister, Sandra Kreuz.



William B. Smith

June 26, 1947 - April 19, 2011

William B. Smith, 63, of Memphis, died Tuesday, April 19, 2011. Born June 26, 1947 in Oskaloosa, IA to Bernard and Blanche Van Zante Smith, he graduated from Eddyville High School in 1965 and attended the University of Iowa. Will married Marlys Norby February 1, 1969 in Osage, IA. While living in Iowa City, he worked at Dombys Boot Shop for ten years. In 1977 Will and Marlys purchased Cook and Love Shoe Stores in Memphis, TN and within two years had expanded to the Mid-South area. In 1982 Will was a finalist for the Mid-south Small Business Award. Cook and Love expanded into the men's shoe business in 1984. Will was a member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. He was a founder and board member of the Memphis Iowa Club and an avid sports fan. Surviving are his wife, Marlys; son Greg (Sarah) Smith of Michigan City, MS; daughter Kari Smith of Memphis; a brother, Larry (Ruth) Smith of Des Moines, IA; and two sisters Louise (Mike) Speers of Stillwater, MN; and Marilyn (Leroy) Powell of Wellman, IA. He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Belle Markovitz Krantz

Krantz, Belle Markovitz passed away of natural causes on April 22, 2011, in Minneapolis.

Belle was born Feb. 28, 1914, near Gomel, Russian Empire (now Belarus). She emigrated with her mother and sisters through Ellis island in 1921. They were reunited with her father in America, and she grew up in Iowa City, Iowa. She was a graduate of the University of Iowa, a teacher, homemaker and an extraordinarily determined and accomplished athlete until well into her 80s. Belle was married to Seymour E. Krantz for 61 years. They lived in Waterloo, Iowa, where they raised their daughters Susan (Lazar) and Judy (Gaviser).

Belle is survived by her daughters, son-in-law James Gaviser, grandchildren Mark Lazar (Sarah Quimby), Debbie Winick (Adam), Michael Gaviser (Lauren), and Sara Leslie (Josh), and nine great-grandchildren.

Christina Larrison

APACHE JCT., Ariz. — Christina T. Larrison, 91, of Apache Junction, formerly of Davenport, passed away peacefully Good Friday, April, 22, 2011, in Arizona.

Family services in Arizona will be private.

Christina Lydia Thommen was born Dec. 1, 1919, in Chicago to Adolf August Thommen and Anna (Lange) Thommen. She married Edward Larrison in 1948. He passed away in September of 1997.

She made a loving home for her family and did volunteer work helping the lives of others. She was a kind, caring person who made friends easily. She and her husband Ed enjoyed traveling and having fun with family and friends.

She often said she was thankful that God blessed her with a long, wonderful life in every way. She was at peace with her life and with God, but she will be deeply missed by her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband and nine brothers and sisters. Survivors include her sons, Gregory (Sharon), Davenport, and Randall (Kay), Mclean, Ill.; a grandson, Thomas Larrison, Davenport; and a sister-in-law, Nell, Indianapolis.

Lyssie Guyer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Lyssie (Brown) Guyer of Alexandria, Va., formerly of Davenport, Iowa, died Sunday, May 1, 2011, at INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

Lyssie was born on September 6, 1947, daughter of Walter and Mildred Brown. Lyssie graduated from Central High School in 1965 and was formerly married to Keith Guyer.

She worked for the U.S. Army Materiel Command for more than 30 years. Lyssie enjoyed playing cards, shopping for antiques, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Michele (Robert) Cleveland; grandchildren, Jessica (Mike) Willis and Jeremy Guyer; great-grandson, Nicholas Willis of Alexandria Va.; sister, Betty Jean Daley, Davenport, Iowa; and two loving dogs, Baby and Sissy.

Lyssie was preceded in death by her parents.



James Huelskamp

James Michael Huelskamp 81, beloved husband and father, passed away from a short illness on Saturday, May 7, 2011 in Sun City West, AZ.

James was born on August 30, 1929 to Martin J. and Clara C. Huelskamp in Fowler, Kansas.

He grew up on a farm near Fowler where he met his future wife Margaret Houser. They were united in marriage on August 8, 1950 in Fowler.

He enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Anchorage, AK from 1951 to 1955.

James received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg in 1958 and later also earned his Master of Science. He then earned a Specialist in Education Degree from Drake University.

James began his career as a teacher/coach at Minburn, IA and moved into administration as a high school principal at Melcher-Dallas, IA. He was the Bedford High School Principal from 1963 to 1972. In 1972 James and Margaret moved to West Burlington, IA where James became the Superintendent of Schools.

After a long and rewarding career as a school administrator, James retired in 1989. James and Margaret moved to Sun City West, AZ in 1991 where he was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

He was also a member of various organizations including: American Association of School Administrators, American Legion, Northwest Valley Korean Veterans, Kiwanis Club, St. Vincent DePaul Society, and Knights of Columbus where he was a Fourth Degree.

James and Margaret were married for 58 years sharing a love of travel and meeting many wonderful friends whom they kept in contact with over the years.

James was a lifelong Notre Dame football fan, but also closely followed the sporting activities of his grandchildren. James also enjoyed working as a volunteer at local schools where he read books to children.

He will be dearly missed by family and friends.

James was preceded in death by his wife Margaret in 2009. He is survived by his son Greg (friend Sallee Borneman) of Phoenix, AZ and two daughters Debra (Steve) Gray of Bedford, IA and Julie (Garvin) Roth of Farmington, IA; one brother Leroy (Stellie) of Fowler, KS; and three sisters Florence (John) Hampel of Wichita, KS; Betty (Art) McCullough of Liberty, TX; and Helen (Bob) Spachek of Marion, KS.

He is also survived by 6 grandchildren Amanda Sockrider of Council Bluffs, IA; Nick (Danielle) Gray of Bedford, IA; Wyatt (Melinda) Gray of Bedford, IA; Jared Gray of Beloit, KS; Eli (Heather) Roth of Hudson, NH; and Jason (Jennifer) Roth of Gladstone, OR and 8 great-grandchildren.

Patricia Evans, 79

Patricia Anne Evans, was born July 6, 1931, in Nashua, Iowa the daughter of Gurdon Curry and Margaret Alice (Troutner) Chandler. They lived in Nashua when she was little then to Williamsburg. She graduated from Williamsburg High School and went on to receive her teaching certificate. She taught country school for 1 year, and was the bookkeeper for Evans Sales, Co. She married Carl D. Evans on April 22, 1950 at the Little Brown Church, Nashua, Iowa.

She was a former member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Williamsburg. She enjoyed playing duplicate bridge and going to tournaments, bowling and golfing.

Patricia died on Friday, June 17, 2011, at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City at the age of 79 years. She is survived by her husband Carl of Williamsburg; a daughter Nancy (Richard) Bohrn of Iowa City; 3 sons: Richard (Julie) Evans, Robert Evans all of Williamsburg, and Paul (Amy) Evans of Austin, Texas; 7 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; a sister Lorelee Brown of Fairfield, Iowa and a brother Robert Chandler of Marshalltown, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Peggy Griffis, a son Steve Evans and a grandson Calvin Evans.

Everett Meeker



Everett Glen Meeker, 86, of Washington, died Sunday, June 19, 2011 at the United Presbyterian Home in Washington following a decline in health.

Celebration of life services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2011 at the United Presbyterian Church with Rev. Bob Wollenberg officiating. Visitation will begin noon Thursday at the Jones Eden Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Thursday. Interment with military honors conducted by Washington American Legion Post 29 will be held at Elm Grove Cemetery in Washington. Memorials have been established to Hospice of Washington County and Camp Courageous.

Everett was born April 13, 1925 in Galt, Iowa the son of Howard Everett and Anna Fern (Simpson) Meeker. He graduated from West High School, Des Moines, Iowa in 1943. Everett was a veteran of World War II where he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 until 1947. In 1950, he graduated with High Distinction from the University of Iowa College of Commerce with a BSC degree. He later received his JD Degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in June of 1953 where he was awarded the Order of the Coif, which honors graduates in the top 10 percent of their class. In July of 1953, Everett passed the CPA Exam and was awarded the Elijah Watt Sells certificate of Honorable Mention for outstanding performance on the Uniform CPA Examination.

Everett was united in marriage to Gladys "Lee" Poorbaugh on August 29, 1948 in Farrar, Iowa. Following law school, he worked at the 3M Company in St. Paul, MN from 1953 until 1955 when he moved to Washington to work for Livingston, Day and Meeker Law Firm. Everett then moved to Iowa City where he was a partner in the Clearman, Oehler, Barker and Meeker Law Firm from 1960 until 1966. In 1966, he returned to Washington where he became a partner in the Livingston, Day, Meeker, and Bates Law Firm.

Everett was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Washington and the Washington Noon Kiwanis Club. He was a proud member of the Washington County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and was a fifty year member of the Iowa State Bar Association. His hobbies included boating, flying, traveling, and attending Elderhostel programs.

Everett is survived by his son, Thomas Meeker and wife Susan of Indianapolis, Indiana; daughter, Mary Jane Meeker of Iowa City, Iowa; granddaughter, Emily Ann Meeker of Indianapolis, Indiana; sister Carol Flickinger of Washington, Iowa; brother Robert Meeker of St. Louis, Missouri; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and daughter Susan Elizabeth Meeker.

Jo Ann Sloan

(June 19, 1926 - June 29, 2011)

As per her wishes, Jo Ann was cremated and a memorial service will be scheduled later this summer at the Union Church in Quasqueton, Iowa. Inurnment will be in Ohio.

Survivors include her son, William (Susan) Sloan of PO Box 205; Quasqueton, IA 52326; one step son, Vernon Juel Sloan III; and two granddaughters: Jessie Erin Sloan and Jenna Marie Sloan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Irma Parks Tinbdall; her husband, Dr. Vernon Juel Sloan II; and her sister, Virginia Lee Mills.



Schmieder, Ruth Marie

Ruth Marie Schmieder, well known local artist, died Monday, July 4, 2011, in her beloved Middle Amana, Iowa at the age of 89. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9, at the church, with Elder Emilie Hoppe officiating. Burial will follow at Middle Amana Cemetery. Arrangements are with Kloster Funeral Home in Marengo.

Ruth was born May 26, 1922, in Middle Amana, to Dr. Christian and Johanna (Jeck) Herrmann. She grew up in Middle, graduating from Amana High School in 1939 and attended the University of Iowa for two years. On April 24, 1944, she was united in marriage with Adolph C Schmieder in Roswell, N.M., where Adolph served in the Army Air Corps. When Adolph was discharged from the service after World War II, the couple returned to the Amanas, where they lived and raised their family. After Adolph retired they spent winters in their condo overlooking Tampa Bay, Fla., returning every spring to the family home in Middle.

In the early 1960s Ruth and some friends decided to take an art class at the YWCA in Cedar Rapids. There Ruth discovered her passion and talent for painting. Working mainly in oils and acrylics, she painted the scenes she knew and loved best, the Amanas and the rural Iowa countryside. Later in her career she switched to painting miniatures. She especially enjoyed painting beautiful blooming flowers from local gardens.

Ruth loved Amana, the church, and little children who she taught faithfully for 22 years in her Sunday school class. She and Adolph enjoyed playing bridge and she attained the status of Life Master. She was talented as a seamstress and quilter but most of all she enjoyed knitting. She and other Amana ladies knit and then sold ski hats and toe socks to a skiing store in Aspen, Colo., for many years. Later, as a volunteer, she knit countless sets of caps and booties for the newborn babies at Mercy Medical Center. She and Adolph were avid Hawkeye fans attending games as season ticket holders for over 50 years. She was a faithful follower of the Cubbies, Da Bulls, (especially Michael Jordan and B.J. Armstrong) and Tiger Woods.

Most of all Ruth loved her family. She is survived by her daughter, Terry and husband Jim Roemig of Amana; her son, Eric Schmieder of Albuquerque, N.M.; four grandchildren, Jason Gauna and wife Lynette of Albuquerque, Karlos Schmieder of Oakland, Calif., Sarah Roemig and husband Scott of Excelsior, Minn., and Rebecca Selzer and husband Neil of Verona, Wis. Also surviving are six much loved great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Adolph in 2002; her parents; her brother, Roy Herrmann; and a daughter-in-law, Jeanne Gauna.



William C. Forde

Birth date: February 12, 1937

Death date: July 09, 2011

William Clifford Forde passed away July 9, 2011 at his home in Iowa City of melanoma.

The family will greet friends Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Lensing Funeral Service in Iowa City. Private interment of cremains will be in Oakland Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Iowa City Hospice or to the Friends of the Iowa City Animal Shelter Foundation.

He was born February 12, 1937 in Minot, North Dakota and 3 days later was making his way to Chicago to meet his adoptive parents, Clifford and Ann (Berger) Forde. Bill lived there for 35 years and always remained a Chicagoan right down to his unwavering loyalty to the Chicago Cubs. A graduate of Lane Tech, he went on to receive Bachelors and Master degrees from Northwestern Illinois State College in History.

He lived for several years in Oregon and then moved to Iowa City with his first wife, Barbara Moore. Together they have a son, Dan, in whom Bill found constant cause for pride and a willing playmate. Here, he worked for Iowa Precision Industries in Cedar Rapids and retired from Mercy Hospital in Iowa City in 2000.

Bill was always an avid sportsman, both as participant and spectator. Baseball was a favorite and once he hung up his cleats, he fueled his passion with Rotisserie (fantasy) baseball. Leaving the softball field, he moved to the golf course, a sport he could pursue for the rest of his life. In retirement, he also rekindled a love of bridge which he enjoyed not only for its competitive possibilities but for the camaraderie of the avid players in the area.

Bill is survived by his wife Sue, with whom he shared his love of golf, travel, and their pup Sophie; his son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Blair Forde, and their daughter Audrey, all of La Mesa, California; sister and brother-in-law Kathy and Tim McLaughlin and their sons Ryan and Evan of Chatfield, MN; brother-in-law, Dennis Woratschka of New Ulm, MN; his cousin Tom Ellerman of Eagan, MN.; and many great friends he cherished.



Brian D. Crane

Date of Birth: March 30, 1940

Date of Death: July 17, 2011

Brian D. Crane, 71, of Charles City, died Sunday afternoon, July 17, 2011, at his home after a long and courageous battle with cancer. A celebration of Brian's life will be at a later date. Per Brian's request his body was donated to the University of Iowa Hospital for medical research in hopes for a cure for cancer.

Brian Donley Crane was born March 30, 1940, in Glendale, California, the son of Delbert V. and Georgia Mae (Sage) Crane. He graduated from Lake Preston High School in 1958 and attended one year at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D. On July 11, 1959, he was united in marriage to Patricia Rogholt.

Brian was a true entrepreneur who enjoyed every aspect of his business life. Brian and Pat established Growth Properties 20 years ago and started their property portfolio. Prior to that Brian spent many years in the printing business dating back to the late 1960's in Rapid City, S.D., and eventually moving to Mason City, IA.

Brian believed in giving back to his communities and served on many boards. Some of which included: NIVC of Mason City, the Mason City YMCA, the original Hospice Board of Finances, KUNI Radio (Cedar Falls), Co-Chair of the Republican Party of Floyd County. He became a Mason and a Shriner by age 23.

Brian and Patricia were most proud of the scholarship fund they created for their Alma-Mater in Lake Preston, S.D. They established the LPHS Higher Education Foundation many years ago. Also, Brian was recognized for his involvement with the Charles City Excellence in Education Fund.

Brian's interests included: playing duplicate bridge (achieving Life Master in 1992), gardening, fishing, cooking, hosting dinner parties for family and friends, music (especially jazz).

Brian had an exceptional sense of humor and memory. Storytelling and jokes were available in any circumstance. He would put a smile on your face with his stories.

Brian loved spending time with his daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren any chance he had and loved having family and friends around.

Living family members include his wife, Patricia Crane of Charles City; three daughters, Cheri (Dan) Jaacks of Toddeville, Melanie Crane of Charles City and Michelle Crane of Columbia, Mo; a sister Linda Crane of Simi-Valley, Calif.; five grandchildren, Jacob Jaacks, Gram (Jennifer) Short, Brynn Short, Jennifer (Joel) Sommerfield-Sager and Shelby Lyn Crane; 4 great grandchildren; Oliver, Adrian, Finneas and Addison; two special aunts "the Merdynes" and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



Robert Arzberger

Funeral services for Robert E. Arzberger, 85, of Davenport, will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 29, 2011, at the Cunnick-Collins Mortuary chapel in Davenport. The family will greet friends from 9:30 until the 11 a.m. service at the mortuary. Interment will be at Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery, where military honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post #26. Mr. Arzberger passed away on Monday, August 22, 2011, at Trinity Bettendorf.

Robert Ernest Arzberger was born in Davenport on August 31, 1925, the son of Hugo and Magdalene (Albers) Arzberger. He served as an Ensign in the United States Navy during World War II. Mr. Arzberger earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business from the University of Iowa. In 1949 he married Donna Dodson in Davenport. She preceded him in death in 1997. Mr. Arzberger worked as Sales Manager for the Quad-City Credit Bureau until he retired in 1985. He then began working for the Davenport Chamber of Commerce as a Member Relations Manager. In 1998, he married Kay Hiegel in Davenport.

Mr. Arzberger was a member of the Rotary Club, the Outing Club, and a former member of the Y's Men's Group. He enjoyed playing bridge and growing his many tomato plants. He prided himself on using the rain barrel method to water his tomato plants. Mr. Arzberger was also an avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Arzberger of Davenport; a daughter, Susan (James) Arzberger-Eicken of Bradenton, Fla.; a son, Stephen Arzberger of Davenport; two stepdaughters, Mari Pauszek of Bettendorf, and Nancy (Paul) Miclot-Quinn of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three stepsons, Andrew (Sharlene) Miclot of Austin, Texas, Dr. James Miclot, PhD, of Chicago, and John (Kit) Miclot of Pittsburgh, Pa.; 11 grandchildren, Drs. John (Meredith) Eicken, M.D., of Boston, Mass., Jessica Eicken of Detroit, Mich., Kay Pauszek of San Diego, Calif., Leo Quinn of Davenport, Luci (Jason) Belcher of San Jose, Calif., Grace Quinn of Scottsdale, Ariz., Jake Miclot, Adam Miclot, Sam Miclot, all of Pittsburgh, and Christopher Miclot and Caitlin Miclot, both of Austin, Texas.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Donna, and his brother, William.



NARDIE -- MAXINE BROWN passed away Wednesday, September 7, 2011. She was born in Sidney, IA July 13, 1927 and lived there until her marriage to Oral Brown. Moving to Osceola, IA, they raised four children and owned the Brown Shoe Store. Her retail experience allowed her to live in multiple cities in Iowa and she finally settled in Tama, IA. Maxine married Burt Nardie in 1977, with whom she traveled and loved until his death. She then retired to Albuquerque and continued her life long interests with the DAR, Kiwanis, duplicate bridge, and The Republican Party. Maxine will be remembered for her zest for life and wanting it done her way.

Maxine was preceded in death by her mother Sylvia Dillman Gore; her father, Lee Gore; sister, Elizabeth Hall; brother, Austin (Buddy) Gore; and husband Burt Nardie. Maxine is survived by her four children, Charles Brown, Gene Brown, Pam Brown Coley, Bruce Brown; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at French-Wyoming Chapel, Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., with visitation at 1:00 p.m. Graveside services will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo, IA Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 12 noon.

Howard C. Easter (1917-2011)



Howard C. Easter, 94, of Waterloo, formerly of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at Lakeview Landing Health Center in Waterloo.

He was born June 5, 1917 in Cedar Falls, the son of Ersie and Leda (Mattingly) Easter. Howard married Mary Brinley in 1941 in Cedar Falls.

He graduated from Iowa State Teachers College Campus School, Iowa State Teachers College (UNI), and pursued graduate studies at the University of Michigan. Howard served honorably in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a band teacher for several years and was a sales representative for the Evans Corporation for many years. Howard was also a jazz pianist with the Howy Curtis Trio Band.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Easter, of Waterloo, a son, Larry Easter, of Pasadena, California, and a brother, Marvin Easter, of Columbus, Ohio.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be 10:30 am Monday, September 26, 2011, at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home in Cedar Falls, with burial at Garden of Memories in Waterloo.

Warren W. McElhinney (1926-2011)



Warren W. McElhinney, 85, of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, at New Aldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls after a long illness.

He was born March 20, 1926, in Traer, son of Eric and Judith Nelson McElhinney. He married Patricia Peterson in 1954. She died in 1985. He then married Patricia Porter March 22, 1986, at Geneseo United Methodist church in Buckingham.

He graduated from Geneseo High School in 1943. Mr. McElhinney served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1945-46. He received a bachelor's degree in agriculture engineering from Iowa State University in 1950. He was an engineering supervisor for Chrysler in the Chrysler Space Division, worked on the first space ship Booster Rocket, and was senior engineer in the Chrysler Missile Division.

Survived by: his wife; a son, Mark "Skye McCloud" of Oregon; two stepsons, John Stein and James Stein, both of Raytown, Mo.; a daughter, Nancy Gulsvig of Waterloo; a stepdaughter, Brenda (John) Rees of Cedar Falls; three grandchildren, Charles (Emily) Tumath, Chad (Sara) Tumath and Lynsey Gulsvig; two stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Ralph (Helen) of Sterling Heights, Mich.; and a sister, Judith (Joe) Peluso of Land O' Lakes, Fla.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Donald; and a sister, Doris Kimmelshue.



Doris Turney Gibbs

Doris Turney Gibbs, 87, of Cedar Rapids, formerly of Slidell, La., passed away on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at her home in Cedar Rapids. A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Keystone Cedars Assisted Living. Mike Patterson will officiate, with burial at Green Lawn Cemetery in Plattsburg, Mo., at a later date.

She is survived by her daughter, Beth (Preston) Johnson of Mount Vernon; sons, Randy (Cheryl) Gibbs of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Kenneth Gibbs of Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Commander (Retired) USN Howard Ben Gibbs; and her parents, Gerald and Helen Turney.

Doris Marie Turney was born Aug. 16, 1924, in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Gerald and Helen (Scott) Turney. Doris married Howard Gibbs on July 15, 1945, in Kansas City, Mo. She graduated from The University of Kansas with a degree in music. Doris played violin in the symphony in Albuquerque, N.M. She taught grade school in Norfolk, Va., and she taught music throughout her life. Doris was a 40 year member of the First Presbyterian Church in Slidell, La., and she was an avid bridge player, earning the Silver Life Master ranking.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church in Slidell, La.



Mary E. Young

Mary E. Young, 94, of Davenport, died Thursday, October 27, 2011 at Crest Health Care Center, Davenport. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:30 AM Monday, October 31st at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1506 Brown St., Bettendorf, with Mary's nephew, Msgr. Tom Mack officiating. Visitation will be held from noon until 3:00 PM Sunday at Weerts Funeral Home, Kimberly at Jersey Ridge Rd., Davenport. Burial will be in National Cemetery, Rock Island. Memorials may be made to Ridgecrest Foundation or to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Mary was born in 1916 in Preemption, IL to Michael and Mary Ethel Mack. She married Robert F. Young on January 6, 1941 at Holy Family Church, Davenport. They celebrated 67 years of marriage before his death August 12, 2008. Mary graduated from the former Mercy School of Nursing, Davenport, in 1939 and devoted her life to nursing, last working as a nursing supervisor at Mercy Hospital, Davenport, until her retirement.

Survivors include her two sons, Bob (Lynne) Young of Davenport, Iowa and Bill (Ruth) Young of Waterloo, Iowa; two grandchildren, Kimberly (Bob) McCarthy of Union, Kentucky and Sean (Angie) Young of Colorado Springs, Colorado; two great-grandchildren, Logan Mountain and Kaylee Young; and brother, Francis (Donna) Mack of Reynolds, Illinois.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and eight brothers, Paul Mack, Leo Mack, Bernard Mack, Joseph Mack, Daniel Mack, William Mack, James Mack and John Mack.

Loella M. Ziegler (1913-2011)

Loella Mae Ziegler, 98, of Cheyenne, Wyo., formerly of Waterloo, died Thursday, Oct. 27, in Cheyenne.

She was born May 10, 1913, in Goodrich, N.D., daughter of Adolph and Anna Gleitz Augustadt. She married Gerald P. "Jerry" Ziegler Nov. 10, 1936, in Mason City. He preceded her in death.

She received a degree in teaching at Valley City State University in Valley City, N.D., and taught in a country school in North Dakota. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Waterloo Elkets. The couple resided in Waterloo for about 50 years.

Survived by: a daughter, Jo Ann Ziegler of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Preceded in death by: three brothers, Leonard Augustadt, Paul Augustadt and Wayne Augustadt.

Henry Lunde Jr.

Henry Marcus Lunde Jr., 76, of Richardson, Texas, formerly of Davenport, passed away Oct. 30, 2011, at the Gardens of Richardson while in hospice care.

Henry was born on May 19, 1935, in Mona, Iowa. A former school teacher in Burlington, Iowa, he also subbed in the Davenport school system. Henry was an ACBL Bridge Life Master and loved playing the game.

His survivors are two brothers, Richard of Osage, Iowa, and Hugh of Lynwood, Ill. Burial will be in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

Dixie Mae Hart (1918-2011)



Dixie Mae Hart, 92, of Cedar Falls, died Monday, Oct. 31, 2011, at Cedar Valley Hospice Home, Waterloo. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Lilia Maude (Harrington) Foulk of Sioux City. She graduated from Central High School and Midwest College. She married Kenneth Hart on Oct. 14, 1995. He died Sept. 3, 2009.

Mrs. Hart owned and operated Hummel's Smoke Shop, Waterloo, for many years. Teaching and directing duplicate bridge was her passion. She was the first woman from Iowa to be inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame. Her greatest pleasure, outside of her children and grandchildren, was being on the National Charity Board of the American Contract Bridge League, which raised millions of dollars for national and local charities. She became a Life Master of the ACBL in three years and made her 12th Life Master shortly before her death. She was a member of Cedar Valley Community Church.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald (Jo Ann) Bourret of Lake Mary, Fla., and Brent (Maureen) Hastings of Cedar Falls; a son-in-law, Brian Perry of Marion; grandchildren, Scott (Kathy) Bourret of Stuart, Fla., Michelle Bourret of Minneapolis, Alexandra (Tyler) Hunt and Roman Bourret, both of Alpharetta, Ga., Alec Bourret of Orlando, Fla., Valaria and Ricky Bourret of Stuart, Stacy (Jon) Dorsey of Corona, Calif., Shelly (Brock) Ackerman of Sioux City, Dr. Christopher (Deliah) Perry of Toledo, Ohio, Dr. Blake (Shannon) Perry of Mount Vernon, Wash., Tasha (Justin) Irving of Minneapolis, Wade (Ola) Hastings of Chicago and Calvin Hastings of Waterloo; 25 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Bourret; a daughter, Robin Perry; and a grandson, Luke Patterson.

Betty L. "Beth" Tomanka (1938-2011)



Betty L. "Beth" Tomanka, 73, of Cedar Falls, died at home Monday, Nov. 7.

She was born March 22, 1938, in Decorah, daughter of Telford and Agnes Solem Barth. She married Gordon Alex Berg in February 1958 in Minnesota. He died Sept. 3, 1964. She married Donald Tomanka Sr. on Sept. 19, 1970, in Chicago.

Mrs. Tomanka graduated from Capri Beauty School. She was a beautician in Cedar Rapids from 1962 to 1971, worked at Les Dolls Boutique in Waterloo and also worked in the floral department at the Cedar Falls Hy-Vee Store.

Survived by her husband; three sons, Donald Jr. (Vicky) Tomanka of Marion, Scott (Shelly) Berg of Modesto, Calif., and Ronald (Terri) Tomanka of Mansfield, Texas; two daughters, Pam (Brad) Myhr of Waterloo and Connie Trout of Marion; nine grandchildren, Britt (Anya) Myhr, Katie Berg, Dirk (Beth) Myhr, Deserae (Michael) Paige, Trent Berg, Taylor Tomanka, Taryn Tomanka, Turner Tomanka and Jake Tomanka; and seven great-grandchildren, Devin, Jesse, Alexander, Aaden, Annaleis, Luke and Zoey.

Preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Miles Trout; a great-grandson, Dane Aaden Myhr; and a brother, Wayne Barth.