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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Welcoming RemarksJerry Ford
American Legion Post 52 Drill Team Valley Of Fire & Taps
Invocation.....Jim Irwin, Pastor Bethel/Gilead Church
National Anthem.....Joe Renshaw
Comment SpeakerTom Kramer, Mayor
Battle Hymn Of The Republic.....Joe Renshaw
Surprise SpeakerGuest Speaker
Joi Luckadoo Villa & Children
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Thank You For Your Service AwardMerlon W. Parks
Closing RemarksJerry Ford
Benediction.....Pastor Jim Irwin

“A Story That Needs To Be Told.....”

Merlon S. Parks, Seaman 2 was born December 13, 1922 in Angola, Indiana to Utley and Lola (Worthington) Parks. He joined the US Navy at the outbreak of World War 11, serving in the South Pacific until the end of the war. He was stationed on the USS New Orleans, a heavy cruiser. It was during the battle of Tassafaronga on Nov. 20, 1942 off Guadalcanal the New Orleans sustained its heaviest damage. A Japanese type 93” “Long Lance” torpedo detonated the forward magazines and destroyed 150 feet of hull. That caused the ship to crash into another ship, blowing away much of the bow to the 2nd turret. The impact killed 182 men. A further 50 yard length of the ships bow and forecastle tore away from the ship as she struggled to stay afloat. December 2nd the ship limped back to Tulagi Harbor and Merlon, among other sailors chopped down some coconut trees to repair the bow so they could sail to Australia. They had to sail backwards to prevent flooding from sinking the ship. It needed more that could be done there, so they sailed to Puget Sound in Washington state to be properly repaired. They then returned to the Pacific after repairs. The New Orleans was awarded 17 battle stars for its service in the Pacific, tying for the third most in the theater. The coconut log was brought to the states and is a part of the display in the New Orleans Museum in Louisiana. Merlin passed away July 17, 2011, his wife, Edna preceded him in death on October 11, 2005. He is survived by sons Larry (Barbara), Rick and brother Roscoe (Barbara) Parks.

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& Rick Parks, brother
Roscoe and grandchildren
Adam and Sarah.
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by his parents, Utley Sr.
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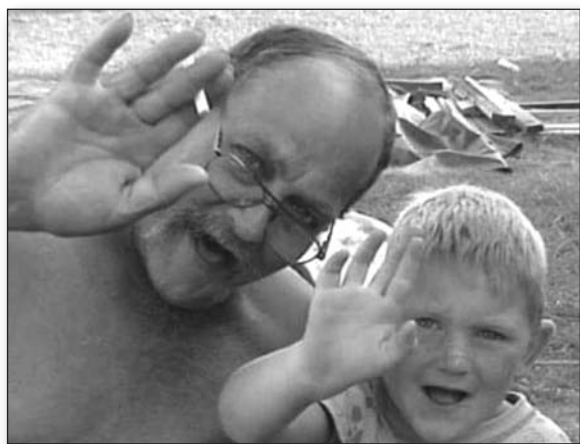
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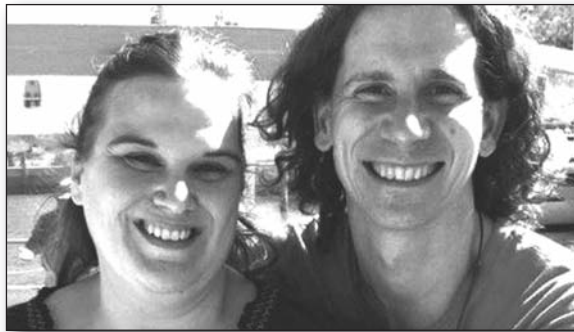
OBITUARIES

OBITUARY Clair Buster Berry



Clair Buster Berry of Coldwater Michigan, born November 12, 1948. Clair passed on Wednesday May 6, 2020 surrounded by his family at his home in Florida. Clair was preceded in death by his father Glenn Berry, his Mother Wilma A. Ransom, four sisters Patrisha Adkins, Jacqueline Lipman, Sharon Parker, Jerry Lou Strouse and also one Granddaughter Marissa Berry. He was survived by his wife of 44 yrs Sherrie (Peet) Berry, five children Jerry Trampus Berry, Trinity Berry, Angie Berry, Troy Berry, Terra Berry Van Alst. Brothers Gary Berry, Bill Stalhood, Ben Stalhood and sister Carolyn Stalhood. He also had 7 grand kids Peety, Ryne, Jazmyne, Alex, Tyler, Devon, and Haylee, 4 great grandkids, MaKenzi Jaidyn Isabelle, and Ivory. He will be forever missed.

OBITUARY Amy L. Snapp



Amy L. Snapp, 50, of Quincy, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2020 at home surrounded by her family. A private graveside service will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Quincy. A memorial service for Amy will be held at a later date. Amy was born January 12, 1970 in Coldwater to William Harrison and Nancy Lou (Crapo) Swallow. She graduated from Spring Arbor College with a Bachelor's Degree in Family Life Education. On May 1, 1992 she married Glenn Snapp, who survives her. Amy and Glenn were members of Lockwood Community Church. Amy's passion was for children and she had a true calling for their care and education. She served as a Reading Specialist for Pansophia Academy, a daycare director, and the Children's Ministry Director at Lockwood Church for eight years. She enjoyed scrapbooking, entertaining, and gaming with her friends. She was a caretaker by nature, empathetic with a helpful and adventuresome heart, and will be missed by many. She eagerly anticipated her next great adventure by Jesus' side. In addition to her husband Glenn, she is survived by her mother Nancy Swallow of Quincy; her children Kathryn (Zack) Kiehnau of Seward, Alaska, Gabriel Snapp, and Rachel Snapp, both of Quincy; her siblings Cindy (Ray) Conley of Quincy, Susan (Brent) Clock of Coldwater, Diane Swallow of Quincy, Eileen (Derek) Schroeder of Dunedin, Florida, Bill (Barb) Swallow of Quincy; two grandchildren, Lucian and Octavia Kiehnau; and her large, loving, extended family. She was preceded in death by her father Bill, one infant sister Kathy Swallow, and one grandchild Christina Kiehnau. Memorial contributions are suggested to ProMedica Hospice and blood donations to the American Red Cross. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater. www.dutcherfh.com.

OBITUARY Sandra K. Pickford

Sandra Kay "Sandy" Pickford, 72, of Burlington Township, passed away at home on Saturday, May 2, 2020 under the care of Nikki Palaszkeski and Oaklawn Hospice.



No public funeral service is planned at this time. The family is being served by Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation of Union City.

Sandy was born November 14, 1947 in Battle Creek, MI to Wilber and Ida (Broadhurst) Mead.

She grew up in Richland and graduated from Richland High School in 1965, then later lived in Burlington as an adult. In 1986 she married Russell L. Pickford in Burlington. Sandy was a homemaker who enjoyed reading and watching movies.

Survivors include her children, Terri New of Angola, IN and David (Jean) Priest of Louisville, KY; step-children, Christina Pickford Combs and Michael Pickford, both of Howe, IN; seven grandchildren, Drake, Griffin, Traigh, Rayce, Galatea, Kody and Tia; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bev Moore.

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OBITUARY Harry Brooks



Harry Brooks took his final breaths before leaving us on Monday, April 13th. His Home-going was peaceful as he was looking forward to a wonderful day! We know he entered thru the Gates of Heaven into the Presence of Jesus on that day.

Harry was a devoted & dedicated Husband to his wife Diane & Father to his children Tyler (Pricilla & grandson Caleb) and Courtney Garrett (TJ).

He also leaves behind a sister, Rose Clark & his nephew, Tracey Radley & niece Krisdee Davies & their families.

Harry was born in Coldwater, Michigan on April 11, 1947 to Florence and Earl Brooks. He was an energetic kid who loved many activities from baseball, tennis, ice skating, biking and any activity that included the outdoors with his cousin Larry and other friends. Living in a small town led Harry to become very industrious & creative in his many adventures. He made the Varsity Tennis Team his Freshman year which opened the door to his future scholarship. During his high school years he also held a very responsible position at the local bank.

Harry furthered his education on a tennis scholarship at Davenport University in Grand Rapids eventually majoring in Business at University of Detroit. Upon his graduation he was hired by IBM & subsequently worked for other corporate entities including Western Craft & BASF.

Moving to California in 1969 to pursue his business endeavors with NCR, Harry continued to be active in competitive tennis, attending Warriors games (he was a life long die-hard fan to the end) & early Sharks hockey games. He loved California & all of the opportunities & adventures that were available. Harry's business endeavors led him to eventually focus on the printing industry - initially as a business forms broker and soon starting his own business.

Abacus Business Forms was the first business followed by several ventures in Southern California and finally founding Tab Label Company in Oakland. Harry was a self made man and inventive entrepreneur, who was President/CEO for over 22 years until his health declined.

Harry was active in his community coaching his son Tyler in baseball, soccer & basketball. His true passion was coaching basketball thru CYO, San Ramon Valley Christian Academy & Valley Christian. He was also a mentor to his daughter Courtney in her basketball endeavors. He was instrumental in taking his teams to many Championships & winning which left an indelible mark on all those under his coaching care!

Harry's love & commitment to his family & friends was beyond compare. He let his light shine; his bright smile and dedication always making a difference in the lives of others. It was truly a mark of his greatness as well as working diligently & giving to others.

In his later years, Harry was an active participant in the Aphasia Program at Cal State East Bay. His dedication to this program & love of all participants was beyond compare!

He always valued & lifted up his fellow members with encouragement & a big smile!

A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. Donations in Harry's memory can be give to the CSEB Aphasia Program. C/O Ellen Bernstein Ellis.

OBITUARY Charles K. Ludwick Sr.



Charles K. Ludwick Sr., beloved husband, father, grandfather and member of the community of Sault Ste Marie, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2020 in Petoskey, MI at the age of 74 after a lengthy battle of complications related to Agent Orange.

Chuck was born on March 27, 1946 to Florian and Dolores (Seiler) Ludwick. Raised on the family farm, the oldest of 7 brothers and 2 sisters, he graduated from Bronson High School in 1964.

Chuck was drafted into the US Army in 1965 and served as a Radio Operator in a M.A.S.H unit in the 1st Infantry Division in the Vietnam War, earning a combat commendation medal for Meritorious Service under combat conditions. After returning from duty, he was accepted into the 72nd Recruit School of the Michigan State Police Academy and was stationed in Mount Pleasant, MI. Here, he met and married the love of his life, Victoria Cook, on May 9, 1970.

As a Michigan State Police Officer, Chuck served throughout the state in Mount Pleasant, Detroit, Manistique and Wakefield. He settled in Sault Ste. Marie where he achieved the rank of First Lieutenant V and served as Post Commander, retiring in 1995. In 1977, Chuck took a leave of absence from the MSP to attend college at Michigan Technological University where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Forestry, with a minor in Business. In 1990, Chuck's valor in the Line of Duty earned him the Bravery Award, and a vignette on the CBS TV series Top Cops which aired on May 2, 1991.

Charlie's life has been an example of Community Service. At his Wakefield post, he served on the city council and he later became the town mayor. After retirement, Charlie taught Crisis Intervention in the Criminal Justice program at Lake Superior State University. He volunteered with the Diane Pepler Resource Center and proudly donned his tights for many years at the Madrigal. He also dedicated his time performing mediation services for the Community Dispute Resolution Center.

Charles is survived by his wife of 50 years, Vicky, son Charles Jr. (Olga) of Warren, MI, and twins Matthew (Ruth) of Midland, MI and Rebecca (Toby) of Grand Haven, MI. Chuck and Vicky have 5 Granddaughters, Samantha, Erica, Monica, Helena & Miranda and 1 Grandson, Theo. He is also survived by brothers, Dan (Cheryl), Tom (Karen), Randy (Faith) and Rock and sisters, Tami and Kari, all of Bronson, MI. On his wife's side, he is survived by his sisters-in-law, Nancy Cook of Shepard, MI, Helen Erickson of Austin, TX, and brother-in-law, Galen Tower of Fort Myers, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Butch and Ted Ludwick, sisters-in-law, Kathy Ludwick and Kay Tower and brothers-in-law Ronald Cook and Lance Erickson.

Per Chuck's wishes, he will be cremated with a Memorial Service to be held at a later date.

OBITUARY Judy Marie Cole



Judy Marie Cole, 76, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 4, 2020 in Kalamazoo, Michigan following a long battle with cancer.

A public visitation was held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 4-7:00PM at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater. Private family services will be held with interment following at Oak Grove Cemetery. Social distancing will be enforced and all visitors must wear a face covering..

A memorial service for extended family and friends will be held at a later date.

Judy was born March 16, 1944 in Concord, Michigan to Clarence and Leona (Bills) Butters. On June 17, 1961, she married John Richard Cole in Coldwater, Michigan, where she would reside the rest of her life. They raised four children, which Judy recently described as "the best thing I ever did in my life."

Judy was a caring friend, a devoted wife, a loving mother and a wonderful grandmother. Judy was passionate about traditions—both continuing and creating them. Among her children and grandchildren, she is probably most dearly remembered for creating Kiddie Night. For well over twenty years, Judy invited her grandchildren, children and spouses, and often friends of the grandchildren to a weekly dinner at her home. Kiddie Night created hundreds of memories—playing at the lake, games, "birthdays observed," dress up nights, movies and more. The children loved her food and she always claimed the secret was love. Judy loved holidays as well, and celebrated those with Christmas Tree Picking Parties, Christmas Eve gatherings, favorite family dishes at the Thanksgiving table, Easter Egg Hunts and Fourth of July celebrations. She also enjoyed recurring breakfast and lunch dates with family and girlfriends, as a way to keep in touch with those who were important to her.

Knitting, crocheting, cross-stitching, sewing, ceramics, basket-weaving and other crafts were some of Judy's hobbies. She was a prolific knitter and her dishcloths were a popular gift. Most recently, those who helped care for her, such as staff at ProMedica-Coldwater and Maple Lawn, were touched by her generous gifts of dishcloths and scrubbies.

Judy retired in 2009 as the Branch County Circuit Court Clerk, having worked for the County of Branch for over 25 years, first as a Deputy in the Clerk's Office. In her earlier years, she also worked at Branch County Bank, the Coldwater Regional Center, Coldwater Credit Bureau, Coldwater Optometrics and the Community Health Center. Judy enjoyed the friendships she developed at each of her positions—many became lifelong friends. Judy was an active member of the parent-teacher associations at her children's schools and shared her love of holidays in many parade floats. As a member of the Jaycees Auxiliary, Judy was a founding member of the Buckle Up Babes program.

Judy is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, John, her daughter Wendy (Ryan) Bethel of Muskegon, Michigan, her son Ben (Peggy Wright) Cole, and twins David (Melissa Diotte) Cole and Dennis (Jessika) Cole, all of Coldwater, Michigan, her grandchildren, Kiera Shaffer, Jenny Adams, Dana Cole, Amy Cole, Garrett Cole, Marshall Cole, Kelsey Thomet, Keegan Sherman, and Zachary Diotte, her sisters Alice Clark, Mary Ann Fisher, and Colleen Wendorf, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence Butters and Leona Katz, her brother William Butters and her sister Jeanie Stempien.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Judy's memory to the First Baptist Church of Coldwater. www.dutcherfh.com.

OBITUARY Gerald Lohmeyer Jr.



Gerald (Jerry) Lohmeyer Jr., 63, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Jerry was the owner and operator of 72 Degrees Heating & Air The Comfort Company based out of Fremont, IN. Jerry had the knowledge to fix equipment that was unique. Jerry worked in the heating and air conditioning field for over 47 years. He was the sole owner and license holder.

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Pastor's Page

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

In the original language the word translated "mocked" has the idea of making faces. This would include any contemptuous display, and would include eye rolling, smirking, or saying "Nyah!, Nyah! Nyah!" It includes, really, any contemptuous commentary on God's Person or will.

When people live their lives ignoring God, they are effectively scorning Him. They are mocking not just a moral precept or religious book - they are mocking God. It is effectively contempt directed at Him. Such a person will inevitably reap consequences for ignoring and having contempt for God. Like partying college students on spring break laughing at the warnings of a contagious virus, they reap what they sow.

Decades ago I was a school teacher. On one occasion I was giving a test. During the test, one particularly insolent young man was muttering loud enough for me and the class to hear, "This is stupid. This is dumb." I called him out loudly, "Tests are not stupid. People are. I produced this test. You are not going to sit there and call me stupid." He learned a lesson that day!

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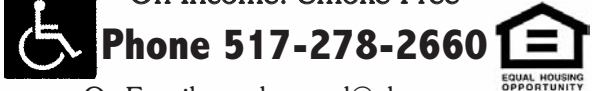
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