

Service of Remembrance

(As of January 10, 2023)

Sharon L. Allen

Sister-in-law of Sandy (Doug) West, MFDA's Office Manager. Sharon died Monday, November 28, 2022 at the age of 58. She is also survived by her husband Gary; stepchildren, Karri (John) Johnson, Kelley (Chris) Koenigsnecht, and Jason Allen; grandchildren, Kyle (Jessie) Yordy, Morgan (Kaleb) Fairchild, Ellie and Charles Johnson, and Aidan Allen; and 2 great grandchildren, Emmett and Franklin; a niece Emily West, and a nephew Ryan (Jasmin) West.

John E. Anderson Sr.

Former partner of McFall Brothers Funeral Home in Detroit and River Rouge. Mr. Anderson died on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at the age of 98. Mr. Anderson is survived by his 3 children, John E. Anderson Jr., Janice Huffman, and James Anderson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Anderson.

Sicora Kristeen Atwell

Daughter of Kristen Sicora Orme, licensed funeral director with Chas. Verheyden, Inc of Grosse Pointe Park. Sicora passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at the age of 24. She is also survived by her father, David Atwell; sister, Sianna Atwell; step-father, Jason Orme; grandparents, Darcel Atwell, Roland Gagnon and Valerie Ivey (Dan Niespial); cousins, Veronica (Steve) Witek, Madelaine Atwell and Caleb Atwell; Aunts, Jennifer (Vinnie) Goldman and Gabrielle Harp and many others.

Joan Faye Badgero

Mother of Darci (Nate) Fennell, licensed funeral director at Hauss-Modetz Funeral Home in Macomb and Tiffany-Young Hauss Funeral Home in Armada. Ms. Badgero died Friday, June 3, 2022 at the age of 85. She is also survived by her children, Sherry (Tim) Paulus, Kay (Ron) Ozog, Jim Badgero, Jr., and Staci (Chris) Bishop; grandchildren, Erika (Rick) Price, A.J. Paulus, Erin (Stan) Chaskey, Levi (Rebecca) Bishop, Laura (Mark) Tippetts, Brice (Abby) Bishop, Holly (Chili) McNeil, Adam (Jazmyn) Bishop, Simeon (Heather Kullgren) Bishop, Garrett (McKenzie Milner) Badgero, Morganne (Joseph Nardi) Badgero, Haley (Todd Coyne) duBarry, Tyson duBarry, Nathan Fennell and Ivy Fennell; great-grandchildren, Taylor Price, Jillian Chaskey, Tucker Price, Jackson Chaskey, Landon Bishop, Ella Tippetts, Samantha Tippetts, Evelyn Bishop, Riley Bishop, Mary Bishop, Leigh Bishop, Madelyn Bishop, Rowan Bishop, baby Jace Coyne (on the way) and baby Badgero (on the way); great-great-granddaughter, Navy McDonald and a multitude of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great nephews, extended family and friends.

Suzanne Seitz Behan

Licensed funeral director at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors in Troy. Suzanne died Thursday, July 21, 2022 at the age of 69. Suzanne was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Noel Behan; brother, Paul J. Seitz; and niece, Katie Seitz. Dear sister of James (Diane) Seitz of Sugar Land, Texas; and sister-in-law of Carolyn Seitz Keller of Port Huron, Michigan. Proud aunt of Paul Seitz, Jacob Seitz, Francis Seitz, Rebecca Seitz, Matthew Seitz, Michael Seitz, and Allison Seitz. Treasured great-aunt of 9.

Douglas A. Covell

Former owner of Covell Funeral Home in Traverse City, Michigan and current co-owner of Covell Funeral Home in Bradenton, Florida. Mr. Covell died on Monday, May 9, 2022 at the age of 76. Mr. Covell is survived by his daughter, Nikole (Paul) Channels; son, Cassidy (Rosa); grandsons, Ben and Mark Channels; granddaughters, Morgan Channels and Anna Covell; brother, Dennis (Ann) Covell and many nephews. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Doris and his second wife, Cheryl.

Rebecca (Becky) Ann Crane

Dedicated and long time staff member of MFDA. She started her MFDA career October 26, 1981 and retired December 31, 1997. Becky died Monday, August 15, 2022, at the age of 80. Rebecca is survived by her children; Cathy (Steve Parks) Crane, Jill Crane, and Bart (Emiley) Crane, her grandchildren; Madisen, Riley, and Peyton Crane, and her brother; Victor E. "Butch" (Vicki) Moiles. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband James, her infant daughter, Sybil Elizabeth Crane, and her brother, Johnny Moiles.

Beth G. Dryer

Mother of Bruce Gordon Dryer owner of Dryer Funeral Home in Holly and grandmother of Paul Dryer, licensed funeral director at Dryer Funeral Home. Ms. Dryer died on October 28, 2022, at the age of 92. She is also survived by her daughters, Lori (Chuck) Keefer, Jane (Thom) Watkins, and Nancy (Dr. Michael) Deeb; 12 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Bruce Dryer, daughter Paula, and brother Lee Gordon.

Veronica "Dolly" Dwornick

Mother of Joseph Dwornick, licensed funeral director at the Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home in Temperance. Mrs. Dwornick passed away on December 7, 2022 at the age of 88. She is also survived by daughter Annelise (Edward) Belchunas; sons, John (Bea) Dwornick, Gerard (Kathi) Dwornick, Daniel Dwornick, Joseph (Becky) Dwornick, and James (Lois) Dwornick; sister-in-law, Lolly Burtka; brother-in-laws, Amos Dwornick, Jerry Barnosky and Dale Brennan; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Cherished by many nieces and nephews.

Suzanne E. Farrell

Wife of the late Patrick Farrell, former General Manager of Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association. Mrs. Farrell died on Friday, May 13, 2022 at the age of 78. Mrs. Farrell is survived by her brother, Albert (Verna) Leoni; children, Mark Farrell, Beth Farrell, Karen (John) Ureel, Richard (Laura) O'Herron, Colleen (Michael) Nagher, and John-Patrick (Kate Steeby-Gaffey) Farrell; and grandchildren Evan Panichella, Austin Panichella, Peyton Nagher, Tess Nagher, Samantha O'Herron, Alivia Gabler, Jamieson Farrell, and Carson Farrell; and great-grandchildren Eliza Panichella and Theo Panichella.

Melvin A. Gillis

Father of Richard (Joy) Gillis, owner of Stone Funeral Home, Inc. in Petoskey. Melvin died Monday, August 22, 2022, at the age of 80. Melvin is also survived by his daughters, Cheryl (Dave) Walter and Lynnsey (Dan) Bechtel; grandchildren, Nickie (Adam) Macheliski, Kaity (Blake) Biewer, Jake Walter, Kailey Walter, Nathan Bechtel, Grace Bechtel, and Maggie Bechtel and great-grandchildren, Audrey Macheliski and Wynn Biewer.

Alicia Dionne Hardy

Sister of Rita (Gregory) McClary, owners of Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home in Westland. Alicia died on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

Mr. Clifford A. Jablonski (AKA Cliff Jay)

Legendary owner and operator of Carriage Services. Cliff passed away on November 30, 2022 at the age of 87. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph C. and Frances M. (Wujek) Jablonski and his wife Shirley Jablonski. Cliff is survived by his longtime family friend, John B Smigielski of Uby, MI.

John Henry "Jack" Jacques,

Former owner Jacques & Kobs Funeral Home, which is now Buresh Funeral Home in Tawas City. Mr. Jacques died on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at the age of 80. Mr. Jacques is survived by sons, Edward and John; brothers, Tom (Pam) and Jerry (Patti); brother-in-laws, Roger Bauer and Michael (Anita) Hearl and grandchildren, Liberty, Drake, Chloe and Donovan.

Nancy Jane Lanham

Mother of Peg (Daniel) Jonkhoff owners of Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City and MFDA past president (1991-1992), grandmother of Christy (Brian) Jonkhoff-Hater District #8 Director and licensed funeral director, and Lindsey (Chris) Rogers, licensed funeral director. Mrs. Lanham died Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at her home at the age of 88. She is also survived by her children, Randy Lanham, Tom (Pam) Lanham and Kathy (Doug) Gauthier; grandchildren, John (Fiancé Becky) Lanham, and Zach Cooper; great grandchildren Harvey and Carson Rogers and Maxine and Molly Hater; brother, Duane (Mary) Newman and many other family members and friends.

Joan M. Lintz-Larkin

Wife of Past President Roger Lintz (2001-2002), who preceded her in death in 2010. Joan died Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at the age of 75. She is survived by her husband, Frank; daughters, Lisa (Ernie) Seebeck, Amy (Jeff) Mann, Katie (Jason) Sloat; son, Michael (Lisa) Lintz; grandchildren, Lauren (Noah) Mercer, Katie and Brendan Seebeck, Dylan (Alli Furst) and Conner Mann, Ella and Thea Sloat, Lauren and Adam Jackson; brother, Jim (Denise) Stark.

Marlene J. Osmond

Mother-in-law of Ronald (Michelle) Snow, Jr. co-owner of Snow Funeral Home in Saginaw. Ms. Osmond died Thursday, June 2, 2022 at the age of 86. She is also survived by her husband, Tom; children, David Osmond, Barbara Osmond, and Mary Osmond; grandchildren, Candice Osmond, Carisa and Jeremy Mendyk, Thomas and Nikki Snow, Patrick and Stephanie Snow, Rochelle Snow, Christopher Bailey, Brittany Bailey, Gary Ursuy, Kayla and Tyler Jensen, Angeline Medina, Ryan Nestell; several great-grandchildren; many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.

John A. Pawlak, Sr.

Former employee of the Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home and father of Michael W. (Deborah) Pawlak, owner of Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home. Mr. Pawlak died Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at the age of 92. He is also survived by his loving children, Amy (Michael) DeYoung, John (Gail) Pawlak, II, and Becky (Joseph) Dwornick; grandchildren, Ashley (Tonya Breaux) DeYoung, Elizabeth (David Pitz) DeYoung, Rachel (Cody Johnson) DeYoung, John (Erin) Pawlak, III, Daniel Pawlak, Sarah (Justin) Pattermann, Matthew (Brittany) Pawlak, Melissa (Seth) Fields, Mitchell (Marisa) Pawlak, Joseph Dwornick, Caleb (Rachel) Dwornick and Samuel (Kayla) Dwornick; great grandchildren, Evelyn, Jack, Gideon, Levi, Henry, India and Elliott. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; brothers, Robert T. Pawlak, Jr., Frank R. Pawlak, Sr. and sister, Nancy Hall.

Ernestine "Bobbie" Pixley

Wife of the late Don Pixley and mother of Vern (Lori) Pixley of Pixley Funeral Home in Rochester. Mrs. Pixley passed away on December 14, 2022 at the age of 93. She is also survived by her daughters, Martha (Dan) Mishler and Susan (Tony) Lauri; son, David (Neil Silverzweig) Pixley; grandchildren, Philip (Michele) Lauri, Emily Lauri, Jillian (Kyle) Crepeau, Andrew Pixley and Alexander Lauri; and great grandchildren, Mila, Francesca, Vivienne and Bennett.

Brenda Joyce Pye

Co-founder and wife of O.H. Pye III and mother of Ozie H. (Arnessa) Pye IV, of the O.H. Pye III Funeral Home in Detroit. Mrs. Pye died on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Mrs. Pye is also survived by her two grandchildren.

Beatrice Ann Schultz

Former owner of S.K. Schultz Funeral Home in East Detroit, now known as Eastpointe. Ms. Schultz died on October 25, 2022, at the age of 93. She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Lueckhoff; daughter-in-law Julia Schultz; and grandchildren, Breanna Schultz and Alyssa Lueckhoff. She is preceded in death by her husband, Stanley and son, Gregory Schultz.

Bradley H. Spaulding

Father of Steve Spaulding, licensed funeral director at Swartz Funeral Home in Flint. Mr. Spaulding died on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Mr. Spaulding is also survived his son, Rick (Karen); grandchildren, Caleb, William (Claire), Hannah, and Clayton; great-grandchildren, Jackson and Ezra; sister, Nancy Metzger; brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Verna Rosenberg; niece, Michele (David) Ferranti and nephew, Brett (Teresa) Rosenberg.

Michael E. "Curly" Spaulding

Former partner of Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Home in Ferndale. Michael died Thursday, May 5, 2022, at the age of 77. Michael is survived by his son, Chad (Mary) Spaulding; daughters, Melissa (Steven) Wilson and Katherine (Dean Whitmore) Spaulding; grandson, Jeffrey Inklebarger and his first wife Bonnie along with loving cousins, nieces, and nephews.

James Kevin Tidd

Former owner of the J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home in Albion. Kevin passed away at his home in Sanibel, Florida on September 30, 2022, at the age of 65. He is survived by his wife, Nancy White Travis (former co-owner of the George White Funeral Homes in Litchfield, Reading, and Quincy); father, James W. (Shirley Claunchery) Tidd; children, James Kenneth (Stephanie) Tidd and Amanda Steele; and grandchildren, Morgan, Emma, and Ava.

Susan Stieler Varga

Sister of Christopher (Melanie) Stieler, licensed funeral director at Molnar Funeral Home in Wyandotte. Susan passed away on December 26, 2022 at the age of 78. She is also survived by her daughters, Kelley (Gary) Thomson and Kim (Jeff) Anger; grandchildren, Brittany Thomson, Lindsey and Joshua Anger; sister, Laurel Baker; nephews, Brent Baker, Kevin (Leah) Stieler and niece, Melissa (James) Folding. She is preceded in death by her husband Gerald.

Fred N. Voran, Sr.

Owner and co-founder of Voran Funeral Home in Allen Park, Dearborn and Taylor. Mr. Voran died Thursday, June 2, 2022 at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Eleana (Bradley) Keding, Renee (Phill) Lintern and Fred Voran Jr.; grandchildren, Dresden and Brayden Keding; sisters-in-law, Jean Voran, Ann Tanner, Bonnie Dunavant; brothers-in-law, Wendell Webb, George Webb, and John Hojancki.

Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Duane Watt

Former employee of Batesville Casket Company and father of Michael Watt, licensed funeral director formerly with O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home. Mr. Watt died November 30, 2022 at the age of 83. Mr. Watt is also survived by wife, Marilyn (Paschke); children, Sabra (Terrence I) Hardaway, Natalie Watt-Long, and Amanda (Joseph) Kaye; grandfather of, Sadie, Maggie (Zach), Mollie (Sean), Shannon (Dan), Terrence II (Jamie), Marco (Kashmere), Nathan, Maxwell, Amélie (Kevin), Nicholas, and Pixie; great-grandfather of, Mae, Elenor, Terrence III "Trey" and Mikah; caring brother-in-law to Margie Rauch; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.