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● Moriarty, Lawrence R. Sr.

Suddenly 1/25/95 age 78 of Irondequoit. Beloved husband of Mary. Father of L. Robert Jr. (Lorraine) of Erie, PA, Regina of VA, Kevin & Timothy (Brenda). Grandfather of four. Sisters, nieces & nephews. He was a past president and active member of the Rochester Philatelic Assoc. & a member of the Irondequoit Conservation Board. He was also a Veteran of WWII.

Friends may call Thursday 7-9 pm & Friday 2-4 & 7-9 pm at the Dierna Funeral Home, 2309 Culver Rd. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday 10 am at St. Cecilia's Church. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to the American Heart Assoc. in his memory.

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NOTEBOOK

He doesn't know who gave him 'chance of a lifetime'

Thomas Fortunato was probably the only Olympic torch runner who carried a pouch of stamp cancellations attached to his shorts.

The 37-year-old Greece man is president of the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors. Who nominated him to run in the torch relay remains a mystery.

"I'm more of a couch potato," Fortunato said laughing as a horde of family members and coworkers snapped photographs just before his torch was lit yesterday on Chili Avenue in Rochester.

About 30 employees of The Sutherland Group in Victor, where Fortunato is a marketing manager, stood cheering as he led the Olympic procession down the street. But no one seemed more proud than his 63-year-old mother, Rita.

"This is a chance of a lifetime and a great honor for my son," she said.

"Even though we don't know who nominated him."



# Class in online philately has stamp collecting licked

◇ The continuing-education class "Software for the Stamp Collector" will be held on Jan. 28.

By Megan E. Connor

If you're looking for a new twist on the age-old hobby of philately — that's stamp collecting — to the rest of us — Brighton's John Kellas has something just for you.

Kellas, who works at McLeod Stamp & Coin on Monroe Avenue and has been collecting stamps since he was

a child, will teach a one-night class, "Software for the Stamp Collector," next week through Brighton's continuing-education department.

The class, aimed to help those who collect stamps of the United States, is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in one of the computer labs at Brighton High School, 1150 Winton Road South.

Scott Publishing, well known among collectors, released its catalog of U.S. stamps on compact disc last fall. Students can learn about the software, as well as search for stamp-collecting sites online.

"If you are a U.S. collector, then this is something you're

going to be interested in," he said. "It gives you the textural image at your fingertips."

The CD catalog includes a color image and information on every U.S. stamp since 1846, when the mug of Benjamin Franklin, founding father and former postmaster general, appeared on the first American stamp.

Back then, Kellas said, a 5-cent stamp covered delivery up to 300 miles. These days, one U.S. stamp, the price of which just jumped to 33 cents last week, can cover thousands of miles, from New York to California, Alaska or Hawaii.

"It's still the best postal deal

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STAFF PHOTO/ALLISON KNIGHT

Brighton's John Kellas works for McLeod Stamp & Coin on Monroe Avenue. Kellas, who has been collecting stamps since he was a child, will teach a one-night class, "Software for the Stamp Collector," next week.

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## Stamps

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anywhere in the world," he said.

In Canada, where it costs 46 cents to send a letter, the government taxes mail.

"It's one of two countries in the world that taxes letters," Kellas said. "Sweden followed suit."

Speaking of Sweden, did you know the most valuable stamp in the world is Swedish?

The stamp, which dates back to 1855, is a portrayal of a Swedish skilling (coin) that last sold for \$3.1 million, all because the stamp is the wrong color. It's yellow, but it's supposed to be blue.

"For its weight and size, it's the most valuable object in the world," Kellas said. "No other copy has ever been found."

By comparison, the Ben Franklin stamp sells for about \$665.

The difference, Kellas said, is based on how many of the stamps are actually printed. The Swedish stamp, which was the result of a printing error, is truly unique.

Other factors that determine value are the stamp's purpose and condition, and whether there is a market for it.

"Value is not a question of age," he said.

But a stamp's popularity can also wipe out its future worth, Kellas said. About 2.8 billion Elvis Presley stamps were sold in 1993, making it the most popular U.S. stamp ever sold.

"Elvis on a stamp is never going to be valuable," he said.

Those interested in "Software for the Stamp Collector" may register the day of the class. For more information, call the Brighton Central School District's continuing-education department, 242-5097.

# Parrish art debuts as stamp

■ Part of Eastman Theatre history is told on new Postal Service series.

BY STAFF WRITER

**BONNIE REDA**

A stamp based on a Rochester painting was unveiled yesterday at the Eastman Theatre, where the painting was displayed for nearly 80 years.

The U.S. Postal Service chose *Interlude*, a painting by Maxfield Parrish, for its American Illustrators stamp series.

"Thanks to the U.S. post office, there's a little bit of Rochester floating around the country," said Martial Bednar, assistant director of public relations for the Eastman

can be very destructive, because the paint expands and contracts," said Marjorie Searl, chief curator for the Memorial Art Gallery.

So in 1994, the painting was moved to the Memorial Art Gallery, where it now hangs in a room with temperature control devices and proper lighting.

Eastman Kodak Co. made a photographic reproduction to replace the original at the theater.

Other artists whose works are included in the U.S. Postal Service's American Illustrators series of first-class stamps include Norman Rockwell, Frederick Remington and Rose O'Neill, originator of the Cupid-like Kewpie doll.

The back of each sheet of the 20 American Illustrators stamps describes each artist and the city where the artwork originated. □



## PARRISH ART FOR EASTMAN OFFERS POSTAL 'INTERLUDE'



WILL YURMAN  
staff photographer

An Eastman Theatre poster depicts the newly unveiled stamp of *Interlude*, a painting by Maxfield Parrish commissioned by George Eastman. Art Nelson, right, was among the first buyers. **STORY: 4B**



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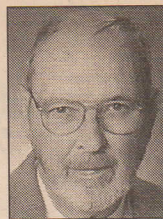
## Stamp focuses on diabetes

A release ceremony for the first day of issue for the new "Diabetes — Know More About It" stamp will be held at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Diplomat Banquet Center, 1 Diplomat Way, near Route 390 and Lyell Avenue.

The half-hour program will feature speakers Beverly J. Gaines, director of the American Diabetes Association; Lynda Campbell of ViaHealth; Robert Scherzi of the U.S. Postal Service; and Geoffrey Bond, a 12-year-old who lives with the disease. □

# Andrews Hale, philanthropist

## OBITUARY



**Andrews  
Brooks Hale**

Small-business owner donated millions, helped many students through college.

William C. Crothers, the president of Roberts Wesleyan College, spent several minutes heaping thanks upon Andrews Brooks Hale at the 1996 opening of the college's new Cultural Life Center.

As the expectant audience applauded, Mr. Hale, who contributed \$1 million for the auditorium, walked to the podium and said, "You're welcome" into the microphone before promptly returning to his seat.

More than speaking about what he had done, Mr. Hale preferred doing. And friends and family said his acts of generosity would be remembered in Rochester long after his time here.

Mr. Hale, small-business owner and philanthropist, died Wednesday morning following a battle with lung cancer. He was 72.

Born in Rochester, Mr. Hale was the great-grandson of one of the founders of the Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co.

Mr. Hale didn't work for the company but inherited wealth because of its success.

After a tour of duty in the Air Force, Mr. Hale lived for about 10 years on the island of Antigua, said his son, Brooks.

Mr. Hale was married briefly and ran a gas station on the island before returning to Rochester in the early 1970s.

For more than two decades, Mr. Hale owned and operated McLeod Stamp and Coin Co. on Monroe Avenue.

More recently, he co-owned Fox Run Vineyards Inc. in Penn Yan, Yates County.

His philanthropy expanded greatly after he joined the Rotary Club in the late 1970s and began making connections with leaders of local charitable organizations.

His friends said he was an honest man of few words who lacked pretense.

An avid sailor, Mr. Hale loved adventure and ribald humor and laughed robustly.

While other members dressed in business suits for Rotary meetings, Mr. Hale usually showed up in slacks and suspenders.

"Andy lived his whole life on

Sunshine Camp, WXXI Public Broadcasting, the Boy Scouts, the University of Rochester, the Rochester Institute of Technology and Ducks Unlimited.

Friends said he also helped a variety of students through college and each year worked in the Rotary Club's Food Tent at the Rochester International LPGA golf tournament at Locust Hill. The proceeds went to help children with disabilities.

A fellow volunteer at least once spotted Mr. Hale doubling the amount he had gathered in food sales on a particular day by dipping into his own wallet, said Bob Enright, executive director of Rochester Rotary Club. Mr. Hale didn't tell anybody about his additions.

"My dad was a simple guy. He just said, 'Do things for other people so that they can do things for other people,'" said Brooks Hale.

Mr. Hale was named "Rotarian of the Year for 2000."

He was a member of the Rochester Philatelic Club.

In addition to his son, Mr. Hale is survived by a brother, William B. Hale of Pittsford; a sister, Anne Hale Johnson of Penfield; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. today at Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs St.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; or to the Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp, 809 Five-Points Road, Rush, NY 14543. □

—JAY TOKASZ

5/24/00  
**Hale honored for  
local philanthropy**

Business owner and philanthropist Andrews B. Hale was honored yesterday with the Rochester Rotary Award for his years of dedicated service to the community.

Hale, 71, owns McLeod Stamp and Coin Co. in Brighton and is vice president and treasurer of Fox Run Vineyards in Penn Yan.

His philanthropy has benefited such organizations as the Al Sigl Center, Easter Seal Society, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, the Health Association, WXXI and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. His gifts to Roberts Wesleyan College helped build an auditorium named in his honor and launch the college's first graduate program.

"This is a gentleman who really gets things going," said Bob Enright, executive director of Rochester Rotary Club.

The award was presented during a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Rochester. □

### ● Hale, Andrews B. (Andy)



At age 72. He passed away at his home on June 20, 2001. He is survived by his son, Brooks Andrews Hale of New York City; a sister, Anne Hale Johnson, her husband, Arthur W. Johnson; a brother, William B. Hale and his wife, Patricia F. Hale; several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hale owned and operated McLeod Stamp and Coin Company at 2423 Monroe Avenue for more than 35 years. He was an owner of Fox Run Vineyards, Inc. in Penn Yan, NY and a member of the Rochester Philatelic Club.

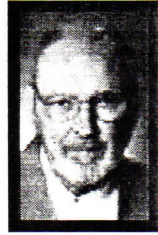
Mr. Hale was very active with the Rochester Rotary Club. In March 2000, he was named "Rotarian of the Year for 2000" and worked every year in the Rotary Club Food Tent at the LPGA Golf Tournament at Locust Hill. He was actively involved with Rotary Sunshine Camp and often contributed to Al Sigl Center, WXXI, Roberts Wesleyan, Boy Scouts, Ducks Unlimited, University of Rochester, RIT and numerous other Rochester charities and educational institutions.

He was an avid sailor, a beloved father, philanthropist and loyal friend with a sense of humor that touched us all. He was truly one of a kind. We will miss him dearly.

Friends may call **Friday 2-4, 7-9** at Anthony Funeral Chapel, Inc., 2305 Monroe Ave. Services will be held **Saturday, June 23, 4 PM** at Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs Street.

Contributions in his memory may be directed to the Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620 or Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp, 809 Five-Points Rd., Rush, NY 14543 or a charity of your choice.

# Tribute to Andy Hale



RPA Mourns the  
passing of  
Andy Hale

Andrews (Andy) B. Hale, 35 year dealer and 20+ year proprietor of "McLeod Stamp and Coin Company" of Rochester, NY, died at his home June 20, 2001 of lung cancer. He was 72, and is survived by his son, Brooks Andrews Hale of New York City; a sister, Anne Hale Johnson; a brother, William B. Hale and his wife, Patricia F. Hale; several nieces and nephews. Services were held on Saturday, June 23, at 4 PM at the Third Presbyterian Church on East Avenue.

He was a highly respected dealer of worldwide material in the US, Canada, Europe, and the Far East. He attended shows throughout the northeast and Canada. His shop on 2423 Monroe Avenue is the largest of its kind in upstate New York.

Besides being an honorary and life member of the Rochester Philatelic Association, Hale held several positions with the club, including president, board member, and chairman of the ROPEX Stamp Show. His support and patronage assisted the purchase of the club's exhibit frames over a dozen years ago. The ROPEX "*Andy Hale Award for Philatelic Excellence*" was named in his honor in 1998. He jointly held American and Canadian Stamp Dealers Association memberships, as well as that of the American Philatelic Society. As for coins, he was active in both the Rochester and American Numismatic Associations.

The Rochester community mourns Mr. Hale's loss as a philanthropist. He was active in many charitable organizations and educational institutions, including the Rochester Rotary Club and its Sunshine Camp, WXXI Public Broadcasting, the Al Sigl Center, Boy Scouts of America, Russian LINKs (a high school student exchange program), Roberts Wesleyan College, University of Rochester, and Rochester Institute of Technology. Through the years he donated many millions of dollars to these groups while additionally sponsoring countless college scholarships and helping out small businesses.

Andy was very active with the Rochester Rotary Club and in March 2000 was named "Rotarian of the Year." He worked all 24 years at the Rotary Club Food Tent at the LPGA Golf Tournament at Locust Hill.

He was also a veteran of the Korean War.

Many people knew him as the principal owner of Fox Run Vineyards, Inc. in Penn Yan, NY. His wines won numerous state, national, and international awards.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; the Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp, 809 Five-Points Road, Rush, NY 14543; or the charity of your choice.

JIM CURRY

RPA lost a good member and friend this month with the death of **Jim Curry**. Jim was found fatally stabbed on Saturday July 7 at the all-night adult bookstore where he worked. He was killed in an apparent burglary attempt sometime between midnight and 3 a.m.

Jim had no known relatives: his mother had died about five years ago. RPA members were his closest "family." Robert Kingston, director of Curran Funeral home and an RPA member, received permission from county officials to handle Jim's funeral and burial. A brief death notice appeared in the *Democrat and Chronicle* on July 12, announcing a graveside service for Jim on Friday at Riverside Cemetery.

As a result, about 25 people assembled for a committal service led by the Rev. Bob Pitcher, pastor of the Church of the Master. The group consisted of stamp club members, some of Jim's former co-workers, and a few distant cousins of Jim, who had lost touch with him, and only learned of his death from the newspaper.

At the service, Norm Wright read a eulogy prepared by Tom Fortunato, who was unable to be present. He said:

*"It's sad but true that it takes times like these to make us pause and reflect on the ultimate questions of human existence: What is the meaning of life and why are we here?"*

*Only each of us in our own way can answer these questions, but most would agree that we would want to be remembered by our peers. Well, Jim, you'll certainly be remembered by us.*

*Jim's path through life wasn't as straightforward or easy as the ideal. He faced many obstacles.*

*For years he took care of his invalid mother with few gripes or complaints. Not driving posed many challenges to everyday life. I'd see him many times walking up and down Ridge Road, often with grocery bags, and occasionally*

*offered him a ride if he was on the same side of the street, or at least honking if he wasn't.*

*Everyone seemed to notice when Jim came into our stamp club meetings. Not everyone knew that his lack of punctuality was really due to the whims of the Rochester Transit System's bus schedule. But despite this he still took the time and made the effort to regularly attend the meetings.*

*Jim needed to find employment close to home and wound up at the "bookstore on the corner," as he put it. The hours weren't great, but he got used to them. He didn't mind being alone most of the time, remarking "It's a living." He was keeping his options open, and thought a new opportunity would come his way with the opening of the Tim Horton's restaurant next door. Life doesn't always turn out the way we hope it would.*

*Many club members have remarked that, in essence, we were his family. The RPA was an outlet for Jim to commune with others who shared his interest in philately. At one time he belonged to some 40 stamp collecting societies via the mail.*

*Jim's sometimes-scruffy appearance wasn't anything like his inside. Those here today and others who can not be with you know this. All who got to know him were soon to discover that he was a very caring person. In the end, isn't that how we'd all like to be remembered?"*

Jim joined RPA in 1991, and was faithful in paying his dues each year – including this one.

POSTSCRIPT: As we drove to the cemetery to bury Jim, we heard on the car radio the news that a man had been arrested and charged with Jim's death: "a thrice-convicted felon" according to the D & C. This person was on parole for another robbery and stabbing, and is being held without bail in the Monroe County Jail on charges of second-degree murder.

# Man slain in adult store heist

BY STAFF WRITER  
**BENNETT J. LOUDON**

A robbery of an adult products store led to a killing early yesterday on West Ridge Road, according to police.

Store employee James Curry, 52, of Rochester was found stabbed inside the Lusty Life adult products store, 95 W. Ridge Road, about 3 a.m., said Rochester Police Lt. Chris Piro.

The killing is Rochester's 19th homicide of the year.

"The investigation begins. We don't have any suspects at this time. It's early. We've got a lot to do. We don't have any witnesses," said Piro, who did not release Curry's street address.

Police are reviewing a surveillance videotape, but the crime was not recorded, Piro said.

"We're working under the assumption that robbery is the motive," Piro said.

Philip Hochheimer, another employee of the shop, said Curry took his place when Hochheimer's shift ended at midnight.

"It's a pretty horrible thing this individual perpetrated on another and a sad day for the city," Hochheimer said.

Despite the crime, Hochheimer said he is not concerned about his safety and is anxious to get back to work.

# Parolee jailed in bookstore stabbing

■ Felon served seven years for '94 adult-store robbery and assault.

BY STAFF WRITER  
**ALAN MORRELL**

A thrice-convicted felon who has been accused of killing a West Ridge Road adult bookstore clerk was on parole for a robbery and stabbing at another adult bookstore.

James Walker, 37, who had no known address, was charged late Thursday with two counts of second-degree murder. He was arraigned in City Court yesterday and ordered held in the Monroe County Jail without bail.

Walker was charged in connection with the July 7 killing of James Curry, 52, an employee of Lusty Life Books, 95 W. Ridge Road, across from Kodak Park near Lake Avenue.

Curry was found in the bookstore about 3 a.m., his throat slit, and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said he apparently was killed during an unsuccessful robbery attempt.

Walker was released



**James Walker** faces two counts of second-degree murder.

Police arrested the 30-year-old Walker about a half-hour later.

Two officers, who had the description of Ogdenski's attacker, spotted Walker on Plymouth Avenue and chased him through streets and yards in the Corn Hill neighborhood, Rochester police Sgt. Louis D'Angelo said.

Walker, who told police he had been staying at a downtown homeless shelter, was charged with first-degree robbery; petit larceny, a misdemeanor; and two counts of second-degree assault in that case.

After he was convicted of second-degree robbery, Walker was sentenced to four to eight years in prison.

He was paroled in May

## ● Curry, James P.

July 7, 2001. Survived by many friends. He was a member of the Rochester Philatelic Assoc. A.P.S. and American Topical Assoc.

Friends may attend a Graveside Service Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Riverside Cemetery. Arr: John J. Curran Funeral Home Inc.

# Cop says man admitted killing

■ Officer alleges J.D. Walker said he saw his wife's face while slaying clerk.

BY STAFF WRITER  
**MICHAEL ZEIGLER**

After initial denials, a Rochester man admitted that he cut the throat of a bookstore clerk last summer, a police homicide investigator said yesterday.

But James Douglas Walker insisted that he was enraged with his wife and saw her face as he killed James P. Curry with a box cutter, Investigator Joseph C. Dominick said. "He said, 'I came up behind her and I ran the razor across her neck,'" Dominick testified in Monroe County Court.

"I asked him about 'her' and he said, 'It was my wife I pictured killing.' He said, 'I was angry at my wife and I pictured killing her that night. It wasn't that man.'"

Dominick testified at a pre-trial hearing for Walker, who is charged with first- and second-degree murder in the July 7 slaying of Curry, 53, at Lusty Life Books, 95 W. Ridge Road.

The hearing will determine

whether Walker's reputed statements can be used as evidence in his trial, which is scheduled to begin March 4.

The trial, however, could be delayed because Walker's lawyer, Joseph S. Damelio, said he intends to assert that Walker, who has a history of drug abuse and mental illness, isn't responsible because of his mental state at the time of the slaying.

Walker was eligible for the death penalty but District Attorney Howard R. Relin decided in October that he wouldn't seek execution. If convicted, Walker, 38, now faces a maximum penalty of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

When he was arrested five days after the slaying, Walker conceded that he might be seen on a surveillance videotape made inside the store, Dominick said. Walker insisted that he left the store, then returned to find Curry dead.

But when investigators hinted that other cameras might have



**James Douglas Walker**

is charged with murder in the throat-slashing death of a store clerk in July.

captured the homicide, he sat silently for a few minutes, then said he cut Curry but was seeing his wife's face at the time.

Walker, who was paroled from prison May 1 after serving seven years for stabbing another adult-book store clerk in 1994, claimed his wife, Rosalind Walker, nagged him into getting money so they could leave Rochester. Both are charged with the unrelated burglary of an East Main Street wig shop June 22.

Walker claimed he unsuccessfully cased several businesses along Lake Avenue and West Ridge Road, including the bookstore, for potential burglaries. He said he called his wife, who berated him for failing and threatened to leave town without him. After hanging up, he got angry and went into the bookstore. Walker allegedly told police he tried unsuccessfully to rifle the cash register after Curry was killed, then took Curry's wallet. But the wallet was empty.

Walker also claimed he told his wife and his son that he had killed the clerk, but neither believed him. □



# Jury sees tapes in slaying of Lusty Life bookstore clerk

BY STAFF WRITER

**MICHAEL ZEIGLER**

Minutes before his throat was cut, Rochester adult-bookstore clerk James P. Curry stood behind the counter and exchanged pleasant small talk with his alleged assailant.

They chatted about children, child support, weather and the cost of transportation while rock songs from the '60s and '70s blared on a radio in the background.

"Take care, buddy," Curry was heard saying on a sur-

veillance videotape as his newfound friend left Lusty Life Bookstore at 95 W. Ridge Road early July 7.

But shortly after, prosecutors allege, James Douglas Walker re-entered the store as Curry stocked shelves with pornographic videos, grabbed Curry from behind and slashed his throat with a box cutter.

Jurors in Walker's Monroe County Court trial on charges of first- and second-degree murder watched silently Tuesday as the prosecution offered two videotapes of the scene

inside the store.

The first tape, which is 13 minutes long, was taken by police after the slaying and showed Curry's body in a back hallway.

The second tape, which ran for four hours, 15 minutes, was recorded by a surveillance camera and shows the moments before, during and after the slaying.

"You will not see the actual killing," Second Assistant District Attorney Kenneth C. Hyland warned jurors in his opening statement. "It takes place just off camera. But you will hear

the events take place."

As the tape was played in court, Walker cradled his head in his hands at the defense table and said, "Oh, man!" He kept his head down during the tape's most graphic scenes.

Walker, 38, is charged with intentionally killing the 53-year-old Curry during an attempted robbery.

Although the slaying didn't appear on the video, the soundtrack captured the sound of falling boxes and a guttural moan while

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Provided by Monroe County District Attorney's Office

Scene from a surveillance tape shows clerk James P. Curry, right, talking with James D. Walker.

## Walker

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the Rolling Stones' song "Start Me Up" played over the radio.

After several seconds, a man whom prosecutors identified as Walker reappeared in view and tried unsuccessfully to open the cash register, then yelled, "How you open it?" to the off-camera Curry.

The man used a rag to wipe fingerprints off the cash register and fled the store while the register's alarm sounded and a telephone rang.

In his opening statement, defense lawyer Joseph S. Damelio conceded that the man in the videotape and his client are the same person. "It's the guy," he said. "He was there. We're not going to tell you he was not in the store. We're not going to insult you. He was there."



**Walker**

But he said he would assert that Walker, who had been paroled from prison two months earlier after serving seven years for stabbing another sex-book-

store clerk, was acting under extreme emotional disturbance because his nagging wife pressured him into getting money so they could leave town.

If the defense is successful, the charge would be lowered to manslaughter.

"The main issue in this case is intent," Damelio said. "The main issue in this case is my client's state of mind."

District Attorney Howard R. Relin did not seek Walker's execution.

Walker faces a maximum penalty of life imprisonment without parole if he's convicted of first-degree murder. □

# Man convicted in clerk's death

■ He faces 20 years to life for knifing adult-bookstore worker.

BY STAFF WRITER

**MICHAEL ZEIGLER**

For the prosecutor and defense lawyer in the murder trial of James Douglas Walker, there was no dispute that Walker killed

Rochester adult-bookstore clerk James P. Curry.

The issue was whether Walker's nagging wife made him so emotionally distraught that Walker shouldn't be convicted of murder for cutting Cur-

ry's throat July 7.

After only 90 minutes of deliberations Friday, Monroe County Court jurors found Walker guilty of first-degree murder. They rejected a defense that would have lowered his conviction to first-degree manslaughter, if it had succeeded.

Jurors never learned that

Walker, 38, killed Curry only two months after he was released from prison, where he had served seven years for stabbing and wounding another adult-bookstore clerk in 1994. Prosecutors didn't introduce information about that conviction because it was too likely to prejudice the jury.

Judge Patricia D. Marks will sentence Walker on April 24. She could give him as little as 20 years to life behind bars or order him to prison for life without the possibility of parole.

Citing Walker's criminal history, which began when he was 12 and includes 18 arrests for crimes ranging from grand larceny

to assault, Second Assistant District Attorney Kenneth C. Hyland said he will ask for the maximum penalty.

"Because of the nature of his record and the severity of this crime, we think that life imprisonment is justified and we'll

**WALKER, PAGE 5B**



Florence Wright has half a roomful of Christmas Seals stamps and other paraphernalia from the American Lung Association.

# Stamping out lung disease

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Brighton  
resident  
Florence Wright  
has been  
collecting  
Christmas Seals  
for years

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By Jennifer Wedow  
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It's a heavy task – but it's helping thousands of people enjoy a breath of fresh air, so Florence Wright doesn't mind the lifting.

Last week, Wright, of Brighton, juggled several heavy photo albums and scrapbooks from a room in the back of her Northumberland Road home on to her dining room table to show off her unique collection.

Her albums are filled with Christmas Seals, small stamps that have served as a fund-raising project for the American Lung Association for almost 100 years. They are similar to postage stamps, but cannot be used as postage through the U.S. Mail, and instead are used for decoration.

Wright's interest in Christmas Seal collecting was sparked about 10 years ago.

"My kids had all moved out of the house and I thought it would be interesting," she said. "I started by collecting Christmas stamps and it was when I was at a stamp show that I became fascinated with Christmas Seals."

Although she doesn't have an accurate count of just how many seals she's accumulated over the years, she does have seals from as far back as 1907, when the seals campaign began and seals were sold for a penny a piece. Wright also has



Many people mistakenly think that Christmas Seals are like postage stamps. In addition to her collection of seals, Wright has several letters and postcards that were sent through the U.S. mail with a Christmas Seal in place of a postage stamp.

seals produced all over the world in countries like Sweden, Denmark, Norway, India and Canada.

Wright also points out that the seals, even though some of them may be rare, aren't worth much in monetary value.

"They're just fun to collect," she said. Over the years, designs for the seals have become more varied and elaborate, Wright said, and among her collection of yellowed old stamps and the brightly-colored newer versions, she said she still has her favorites.

"The styles really reflect the time period," she said. "I particularly enjoy the one with Little Red." Little Red was a famous tuberculosis sanatorium that treated many people in the early 1900s when the disease ran rampant in the United States.

The first Christmas Seal was produced in 1907 and was designed by Emily Bissell, who borrowed \$40 to have 50,000 seals printed. Before that Christmas season was over, she raised about \$3,000 through the sale of the seals.

Today, it is estimated that more than 28 million Christmas Seals are mailed to homes across the country each year, according to the Ameri-

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# Seals

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can Lung Association Web site. The site reports that donations used to purchase the seals help fund the education, research and advocacy for asthma and tobacco con-

trol programs.

As a child, Wright was diagnosed with a spot of tuberculosis on one of her lungs so she said she really identified with the mission of Christmas Seals.

"It made it close to me," she said. "I feel the need to do something to help other people with lung disease. They

need help, too."

In addition to collecting the seals, Wright also shares her knowledge on the subject with others.

She has participated in stamp show exhibits and has won awards for her presentations on the seals and on tuberculosis. She is also secretary of the Christmas Seal and

Charity Stamp Society, a group that has about 400 members worldwide.

For more information on Christmas Seals, visit [www.christmasseals.org](http://www.christmasseals.org) on the Internet.

# Walker

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recommend that to the judge," Hyland said.

Although Walker was eligible for the death penalty, District Attorney Howard R. Relin decided not to seek Walker's execution if he were convicted.

Walker's lawyer, Joseph S. Damelio, said his case was hurt by a surveillance videotape of events inside the store before and after the crime.

"The evidence was difficult," he said.

"We all saw the video. But the video didn't tell what my client's state of mind was."

Curry, 53, was killed during a bungled robbery at 2:40 a.m. at Lusty Life Books, 95 W. Ridge Road.

A videotape showed Walker entering and leaving the store 10 times in the two hours before the slaying. He made friendly small talk with the clerk, accepted matches to light his cigarettes and was allowed to use the store's phone to call a ride.

Although the slaying occurred off-camera as Curry stocked racks of pornographic videotapes, jurors could hear the sound of falling boxes, a guttural

moan as Curry's throat was slashed with a boxcutter, and a thud as he fell to the floor.

The tape also captured Walker as he attempted unsuccessfully to rifle the cash register and demanded that the dying Curry tell him how to open it.

In his closing statement to jurors, Damelio conceded that Walker committed a homicide but insisted that he should be convicted of manslaughter, not murder.

"My client was in the store," Damelio said.

"My client is responsible for this. But that's not why we're here. We're here because he was charged with the wrong crimes."

Citing testimony from Walker's stepson and parole officer that Walker's wife nagged him relentlessly to make money so they could leave town, Damelio insisted that Walker suffered from such extreme emotional disturbance that he wasn't legally responsible for murder.

"He committed a homicide," Damelio said. "He took someone's life. But he didn't commit murder in the first degree and he didn't commit murder in the second degree."

Damelio pointed to Walker's confession to homicide investigators, in which Walker claimed

that he was so "totally enraged" by his wife that he saw her face when he cut Curry's throat.

"James Walker that evening was a simmering concoction, and what happened on the 7th of July was that the pot boiled over," he said.

In his closing statement, Hyland argued that Walker was cool and collected during the slaying and concocted the story of seeing his wife's face in a desperate attempt to evade responsibility.

"Could the defendant have been calmer? Could he have been friendlier to James Curry?" Hyland said after showing portions of the videotape moments before the slaying.

Displaying a gruesome autopsy photo of Curry's neck wound, Hyland said there was no doubt Walker intended to kill Curry so he could rob the bookstore.

"How much force, ladies and gentlemen, does it take to do this?" Hyland asked. "How much force, ladies and gentlemen, would cause a wound this deep, this large?"

"When you look at the wounds that were inflicted, can you honestly say that you have a doubt about the defendant's intent to kill James Curry, let alone a reasonable doubt?" □

## ● Knight, John T. "Jack" 2

Died February 12, 2003 at age 90. Predeceased by his wife, Ruth. Survived by his daughters, Mary Lou Standbrook and Bernice Opalka; also survived by brothers, Philip and Ralph; and sister, Grace Davies; 5 grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Services are private. Memorial Masses at a later date. Contributions may be made to your favorite charity or St. Charles Borromeo Church.

## ● Hackeman, Robert P.

Passed away, Sept. 11, 2002, at age 77. Robert is survived by brother, Leslie Hackeman of Canaan, N.H.; as well as several nephews and nieces.

Family and friends are invited to call Sunday evening 7-9p.m. at McGUIRE/HARGRAVE & MURPHY FUNERAL HOME, 123 E. Jackson St., Palmyra. A Graveside Service will be held 2p.m. Monday at Marion Cemetery. Contributions may be directed to a charity of one's choice.

# Toy stamps get a strong debut

BY STAFF WRITER

DONNA JACKEL

Stamp collectors from as far as Wisconsin traveled to Rochester to attend the debut of postage stamps featuring four of Strong Museum's 60,000-piece antique toy collection.

John Kurtz of Bucyrus, Ohio, was among approximately 225 who attended the event Friday morning at the museum. He arrived with his grandson, Obadiah Kurtz, 3, of Rochester. Kurtz has been sending his grandson "first-day" stamps since the boy's birth.

"Stamp collecting has some value — it teaches

you about history, geography and nature," Kurtz said. "Every stamp has a story behind it."

The Postal Service introduced the first-class 37-cent stamps with a touch of pomp and ceremony. First, museum and postal officials addressed the audience.

"Three billion pieces of Rochester will be mailed throughout America," said Nicholas Fabozzi, district manager, western New York U.S. Postal Service.

Strong curator Patricia Hogan described the selection process for the cast-iron toys — a 1912 replica of a U.S. Mail truck, a circa-1880s locomotive, a 1925

yellow taxi cab and a 1925 steam pumper.

"Toys help us recall childhood before the duties of adulthood take over," she said. "They are a historical record of life in America."

Then the curtains parted and a blowup photo of the toy stamps was unveiled. People rushed to the stage to take photos.

Many said they've been collecting stamps since childhood.

Jim Piecuch of Irondequoit, a member of the Rochester Philatelic Association, said he drove 600 miles from his vacation in Maine to attend.

At one table, Strong and

postal officials autographed programs for a long line of stamp aficionados. At two other tables, collectors sold specially designed postal cards, known as first-day covers, bearing the new stamps.

G. Rollie Adams, president and chief executive officer of Strong Museum, confessed to being a closet stamp collector himself.

"Having Strong Museum's toys on the newest commemorative stamp brings recognition to our toy collection . . . and to Rochester," Adams said. □

JULY 27, 2002

## ● Miller, Betty V. "Dusty"

November 2, 2003 at the age of 84 years. Predeceased by 2 brothers and a sister. Survived by a sister-in-law, Mabel Miller of England; several nieces & nephews including Melanie Ward & Kathy Byles of England, many great nieces & nephews and great-great nieces & nephews. Also survived by many friends including Ann & Virginia Paddock, Jean Freece, Barbara Boyde, Ada Marie Prill & Jimmy Engert. Dusty was a WWII veteran of the RAF 1939-1946. She was a charter member of the Rochester American's Booster Club. She was also a member of the the Rochester Bicycling Club, The Empire State Postal History Society, The Rochester Philatelic Association, The American Philatelic Society, The American First Day Cover Society, the Art Cover Exchange & the Western New York Postcard Club.

A Memorial Service for Dusty will be held at 11:00am on SATURDAY, November 15, 2003 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1008 Main Street in East Rochester (no prior calling). Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory to the Humane Society at Lollipop Farm, 99 Victor Rd., Fairport, NY 14450 or St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 115 East Avenue, East Rochester, NY 14445 or the Rochester Philatelic Association, Box 10206, Rochester, NY 14610 would be appreciated.

**HARLOFF Funeral Home**  
586-5948

*In Loving Memory Of*

**Betty "Dusty" Miller**

November 18, 1918

November 2, 2003

Psalm 23

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 on the paths  
of righteousness for his names 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 prescence of mine enemies; thou  
annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth  
over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life and I will dwell in  
the house of the Lord forever.

Harloff Funeral Home

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2003

## Tribute

# Delight lay over next hill, biking with 'Dusty'

Intrepid, feisty, funny Dusty. Who could forget her? She loved poking fun at pretense. Is that why so few of us knew that her given name was **Betty Victoria Miller**?



**Betty Victoria Miller**

Dusty never had a car, but she traveled the world over, first physically and later among her stamps. When she was a young woman serving in the women's branch of Great Britain's RAF, she and General Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery defeated German Erwin Rommel in Africa.

Several years ago, she honored me by asking me to join her in one of her

many bike trips to her beloved Yorkshire, England.

We began the ride in the mining town of Wakefield at 5 a.m in the fog, the cold and the dark. We rode a narrow, hilly road flanked by loaded coal lorries that caused the road to move like a trampoline, a result of the hollowness of the mines that undercut it. Then day began to break and we could see the lovely English countryside.

That morning Dusty gave me a life lesson — that on the other side of a challenge may be delight.

I remember Dusty's tiny apartment. The book she was currently reading was always propped up on her little kitchen table. There were always lemon tarts. And she had colorful pillows covered with award decals for all the

rides she had taken.

Dusty had many friends and many interests. She loved children and biking and books and stamps and traveling and hockey, too. She was a funny lady. She once said, "When God created man, she was only fooling." But make no mistake; she loved men and they loved her back.

She adopted America but loved her native England and on the Fourth of July she celebrated by wearing her Union Jack socks with the British flag all over them.

None of us whose lives she touched could ever forget her. She lived her life eagerly, raucously, generously. She was rich in the things that mattered.

**MARY LOUISE WALWORTH KOCH**  
PITTSFORD

### ● Pankratz, Audrey W.

FAIRPORT: June 12, 2004. She is survived by her husband, Earl V.; 2 sons & 1 daughter, David (Anne), Penny (John) Bose, Mark (Julie); 9 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Gloria Huff; several nieces, nephews & cousins.

Friends are welcome to call at the Richard H. Keenan Funeral Home, 7501 Pittsford-Palmyra Rd., Fairport (**Egypt location**), Thursday, 5-7. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Open Door Mission, 156 N. Plymouth Ave., Rochester, NY 14608.

### ● Nyhof Sr., William G.



December 19, 2004. Survived by his wife, Wilma Nyhof; his son, William Jr. (Pat) Nyhof; granddaughter, Jessica; grandson, William "Buddy"; niece, Henny; many dear relatives and friends. William was a WWII Navy veteran. He was a member of Genesee Valley Hiking Club and the Wednesday Hikers. William was an electrical engineer and retiree of Kodak.

Family and friends are invited to attend William's Memorial Gathering at the American Legion Greece Post #468, 3444 Dorsey Rd. on Tuesday 4-7 P.M.

**THOMAS FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**  
4545 LAKE AVE. 663-3837

### Doell, Carl R.



Dec. 31, 2004 Carl R. Doell, 89. He is survived by his devoted wife, Eleanore (Bourne) Doell; his sons, Charles (Judith) &

John (Margaret) Doell; 5 grandchildren, Charlene, Sara, Molly, Daniel, Joanna Doell. He was a member of Clio Lodge #779 F.&A.M., Rochester Consistory, Leah Chapter #183 O.E.S. and Parma Grange.

Friends are invited to call MON. 2-4, 7-9 at the **Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home, Inc.**, 735 East Ave., Hilton where a Funeral Service will be held TUES. at 11 AM. Interment, Oakwood Cemetery. Those wishing may contribute to The Episcopal Church Home, 505 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester, 14620 in Carl's memory.

### ● Tritto, Ilse B.

On June 17, 2005. She is survived by her husband, Frank; 1 son & daughter-in-law, Michael H. & Donna of IN; 1 daughter & son-in-law, Susanne & Frederick Hodge; 5 grandchildren, Robert Radigan, Alta Tritto, Christopher (Diane) Stalbird, Kimberly (Scott) Kradle, David Hodge; 5 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at ARNDT FUNERAL HOME, 1118 Long Pond Rd. (South of Maiden Lane) on Monday 3-7 PM, followed by Services at 7 PM in Funeral Home Chapel. Private interment.

### Hull, Mark D

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## Now you can put your own stamp on the mail

USA TODAY

Breaking with tradition, the U.S. Postal Service has approved stamps bearing the likeness of a living person: you.

Stamps.com today announces a service that allows people to design their own postage — from kids to cats to corporate logos — on their computers

"It makes mailing a little more exciting," Stamps.com CEO Ken McBride says.

The Santa Monica, Calif.-based company received exclusive permission from USPS to test its product, dubbed PhotoStamps.

A sheet of 20 self-adhesive, 37-cent PhotoStamps costs \$16.99, more than twice the \$7.40 cost of a sheet of traditional First Class stamps. (There's also a \$2.99-per-order shipping and handling charge.) The personalized stamps also are available in other denominations, including 23-cent postcard (20 for \$13.99) and \$3.85 1-pound Priority Mail (20 for \$89.99).

The process is simple: Log on to photostamps.com, upload an

image, edit the design, place an order. The stamps arrive in four to seven business days. Next to the design is a bar code and unique serial number to prevent counterfeiting.

PhotoStamps fall under the USPS regulations for metered mail, so they are exempt from regular-stamps rules such as no living people can be featured and those dead must be gone for 10 years (except for historic and presidential stamps).

But there are PhotoStamp limits: no nudity, no controversial or politically partisan images and no copyrighted material. Fans hoping to honor, say, the New York Yankees or Jennifer Lopez won't get a stamp of approval. "Of course, if Jennifer Lopez were to order a sheet of herself, that would be the exception," McBride says.

Humans, not machines, will screen each image to make sure it complies with company guidelines. During a brief trial period last week, the most submitted images were babies, pets and family photos. □

If you see Tuesday, July 19, 2005

**Bob S.**  
*today, wish him a*  
**Happy**  
**75<sup>th</sup>**  
**Birthday!**



# Revue to help 2-year-old

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006

## Fall injures spinal cord; Greece girl paralyzed

MEAGHAN M. MCDERMOTT  
STAFF WRITER

GREECE — In the few moments it took Sarah Gerwitz on Jan. 30 to turn around and grab a clean pair of pajamas for her daughter, Emma, both of their lives changed forever.

"She was sitting on the edge of the bed when I turned around," Sarah Gerwitz said this week in her daughter's room in the pediatric intensive care unit at Golisano Children's Hospital. "I went to get the pajamas and the next thing I heard was a 'thud' and she's on the floor."

Gerwitz, a swim instructor and lifeguard with the Northwest Family YMCA, knew immediately that something was terribly wrong.

"She was laying still, face down on the floor," said the 24-year-old, wiping away tears as her voice cracked with the still-raw memory. "I picked her up and put her on the bed, I could see she was struggling to breathe."

Using her first-aid training, Gerwitz gave Emma CPR until police and ambulance crews arrived at their Jamestown Terrace home to take her to the hospital.

There, doctors told Gerwitz that Emma's tumble had apparently injured the girl's spinal cord so severely that she may never be able to move her arms



MAX SCHULTE staff photographer

Sarah Gerwitz comforts daughter Emma on her second birthday. Emma, a quadriplegic after a spinal cord injury, is wearing a dress her mother crocheted while at her bedside at Golisano Children's Hospital.

or legs, or eat or breathe on her own.

Emma has "what we call a contusion, or basically a bruise on the spinal cord up by her neck and that has left her with no function below the level of her neck," said pediatrician Dr. Emily Nazarian, adding that it is unusual for a child to suffer such a devastating injury from a simple fall.

"But to the best of our understanding, it was the way that she landed, and the way the head would have turned," she said, adding that Emma did not break any bones in her neck. "The spinal cord landed just so that it kind of twisted it and the injury

### If you go

**What:** A Magical Journey through Stages presents the Broadway revue *Stages 2006* to benefit the family of Emma Gerwitz.

**When:** 2 p.m. Saturday.

**Where:** The Auditorium Theatre's UpStage 3, 885 E. Main St.

**Tickets:** \$25 for adults; \$15 for children age 12 and younger, available at the Auditorium Box Office and area Wegmans video departments.

**Details:** (585) 935-7173 or [www.mjtstages.com/index.php](http://www.mjtstages.com/index.php).

is to the cord itself."

On Saturday, there will be a fundraiser to assist Gerwitz — a single mom — with a host of expenses related to her daughter's care, from the need for a handicapped-accessible vehicle and place to live to

living expenses for both in the coming months as Emma undergoes out-of-state physical and occupational therapy and her mother learns how to care for a quadriplegic child.

The fundraiser was organized by Sarah Gerwitz's

friend, Carol Burley of Henrietta.

"I couldn't just walk away and not have done anything," said Burley, who sent an e-mail prayer chain that was answered by Kathe Militello of Irondequoit, a member of Magical Journeys Through Stages, a nonprofit community theater group that holds performances from January through March to benefit various causes.

"None of us can change what has been done, but we can help out in another way," said Burley, who said she plans to set up an account in Emma's name and

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# Fundraiser

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hold additional fundraisers in the future.

Gerwitz, a 1999 Greece Olympia High School graduate and the youngest of 11 Gerwitz children, said she's too overwhelmed by what's happening right now to think much about the future.

Last Friday, Emma — a flax-haired beauty who likes to smile and adores watching Clifford the Big Red Dog videos — had surgery to implant a breathing tube in her throat and a feeding tube in her stomach.

On Monday — wearing a blue and white dress her mother crocheted during long hours at her daughter's bedside — Emma celebrated her second birthday unable to eat even a bite of birthday cake, tear the wrapping and bows from her gifts, or play with her new toys.

Gerwitz said she will rely on the strength of her large family and her faith in God.

"They say God never gives you more than you can handle," she said, reaching over to stroke her daughter's motionless leg. "And I know he'll give us what we need to handle this." □

MCDERMOT@DemocratandChronicle.com

Dear Mr. Kingston,

Thank you SO much for your generous donation. Your kindness and thoughtfulness truly touches our hearts.

Emma's spirits are better - She laughs and smiles a lot now!

Thanks again & God Bless!

Sarah & Emma Gerwitz

## 2-year-old's recovery bright so far

MEAGHAN M. MCDERMOTT

STAFF WRITER

GREECE — It's been more than seven weeks since 2-year-old Emma Gerwitz was paralyzed by a fall from her mother's bed, and the youngster has so far made some remarkable progress.

Emma and her mother, 24-year-old Sarah Gerwitz of Jamestown Terrace, traveled March 9 to the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore to begin Emma's course of occupational and physical therapy as she recovers from her Jan. 30 spinal cord injury. That injury — a severe bruising of the spinal cord — caused Emma to lose the ability to move her arms and legs or to breathe on her own.

Since arriving at the Kennedy Krieger center, Emma has regained some motion in her right leg, started moving her arms a little bit and on Wednesday even went 45 minutes without being hooked up to a ventilator, said Sarah Gerwitz by telephone from Maryland.

"She moves her right leg almost nonstop when she's awake," said Gerwitz. "She's kicking and flexing and pulling it toward her



MAX SCHULTE staff photographer

Emma Gerwitz has regained some movement. Her mom sees "a chance" that she'll be walking a year from now.

and pushing it away."

Gerwitz said she and Emma expect to remain in Baltimore until June undergoing physical, occupational and speech therapy. She said doctors have been optimistic about Emma's chances for recovery.

"I know we're not going to walk out of here, but there's a chance a year from now Emma could be walking and running around," she said.

A fundraiser sponsored by Henrietta Moose Lodge No. 2290 and Autosolutions will be held Sunday to help defray Gerwitz's expenses while she's stay-

ing out-of-state and provide for any medical equipment Emma will need when they return.

Previous fundraising efforts have brought in nearly \$14,000 for the family's expenses, said Gerwitz, who was a lifeguard and swim instructor with the Northwest Family YMCA until her daughter was injured.

"I just want to say thank you" to all the people who've donated, she said. "Thank you, thank you, thank you. And that doesn't even start to show my gratitude. The support has been overwhelming and

### If you go

**What:** Barbecue rib dinner to benefit the family of Emma Gerwitz, sponsored by Henrietta Moose Lodge No. 2290 and Autosolutions.

**When:** Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** Genesee Valley Henrietta Family Center, 5375 West Henrietta Road

**Tickets:** \$15.

**Details:** (585) 359-1937.

### How to help

A trust fund has been created to assist the Gerwitz family with expenses related to Emma's injuries. Donations may be sent to Sarah Gerwitz or the Emma R. Gerwitz Irrevocable Supplemental Needs Trust at 119 Jamestown Terrace, Rochester, NY 14615.

### For more information

For updates on Emma Gerwitz, visit [www.caringbridge.com/cb/inputSiteName.do?method=search&siteName=gerwitz](http://www.caringbridge.com/cb/inputSiteName.do?method=search&siteName=gerwitz)

unreal and just a complete and total blessing for us.

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● **Volke, Marjorie A.**

**BRIGHTON:** May 24, 2006. Age 92. Survived by may dear friends. Marjorie was a retiree of Eastman Kodak with a third of a century of service. She was instrumental in establishing the Eastman Kodak Stamp Club in 1957. She was a world traveler who visited 6 continents. She served on the advisory councils of Lifespan (RSVP) Brighton Schools Continuing Education, the local chapter of the National Arthritis Foundation and St. John's Meadows. She served for 22 years as a tour leader for seniors, served as past president for many clubs and participated in many volunteer projects. Marjorie's hobbies included stamp collecting, stamping art, drawing and painting.

No prior calling. Friends are invited to her Memorial Service **TODAY 7 PM** in the Briarwood Multi-purpose Room of St. Johns Meadows, Johnsbtor Drive West off Elmwood Ave. Arr: **Jennings, Nulton & Mattie Funeral Home**.

● **Beatty, William E. ("Bill")**

85, passed away at Kirkhaven Nursing Home on July 9, 2006. Mr. Beatty is survived by his wife, Lorraine, also a resident at Kirkhaven; his sister, Margaret Beatty of MD; special friend, David McNitt of Henrietta, NY; other family and dear friends.

Bill graduated from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) in 1940 and for many years taught in the School of Business at RIT. Bill served with the US Army at Army headquarters in London and Paris. He held Civilian Administrative positions with the US Government in Washington, DC, and the American Embassy in London. He remained active with the US Army Reserve and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1970. Bill was a man of many interests. He loved music, was an active stamp collector and member of the Churchhill Society. Bill was an active member of Faith United Methodist Church since 1970 and served in a variety of positions at the church.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Bill's life will be held at Faith United Methodist Church, 174 Pinnacle Rd., Henrietta on **WEDNESDAY, August 9th at 4:00 PM.** In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the church. Private interment at White Haven. Arr: John J. Curran Funeral Home, Inc.

● **Kiener, Bertram N.**

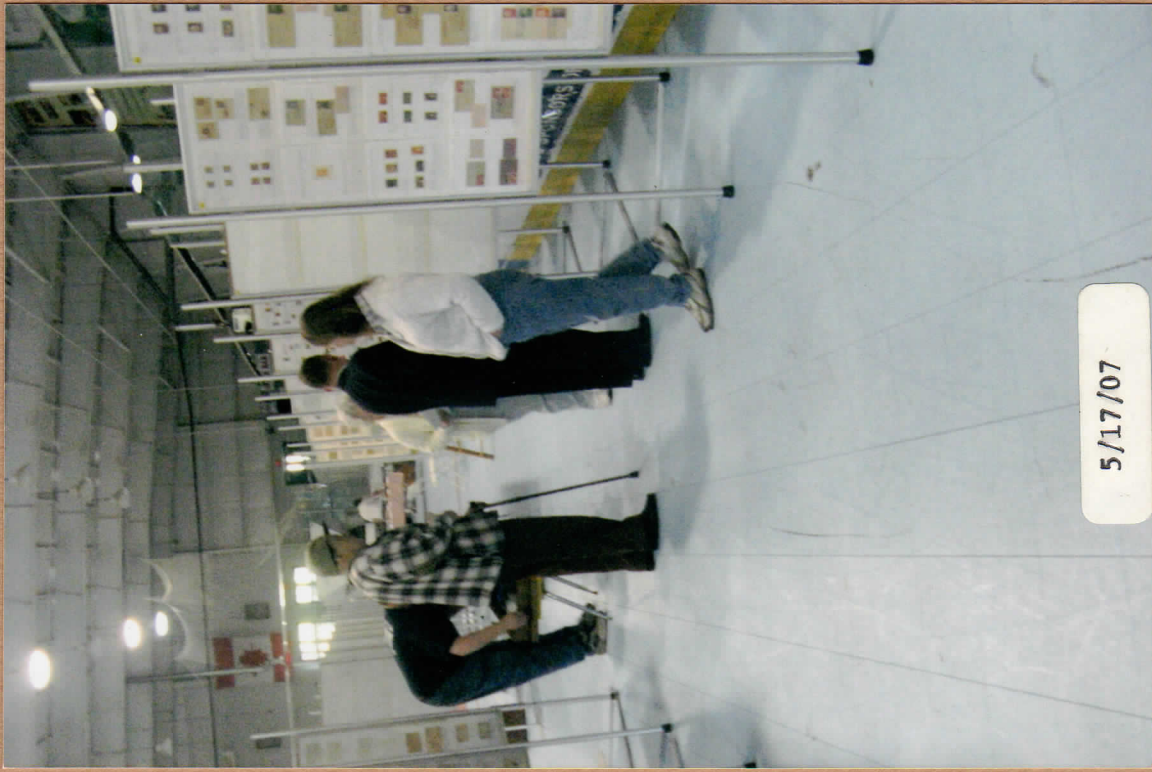
Passed away July 31, 2006 at age 80. Predeceased by son, Barry H. He is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Betty; daughter, Shelley; son, Steve Kiener.

Funeral Services were held privately. Donations may be made to Temple Sinai or Humane Society at Lollypop Farm in his memory. To leave a message of condolence please visit:

[www.brightonmemorialchapel.com](http://www.brightonmemorialchapel.com)

● **Fader, Michael H.**

Beloved son and brother left our family on Thursday, February 8, 2007. Mike was the son of predeceased Harold Fader. He leaves his mother, Edwina (nee) Schaefer; brothers Keith Edwin (Cynthia), David Alan (Lauren); nieces Connie, Rebecca, Alexis; nephew Jason, and good friend Wendy. Mike once took time to travel extensively throughout the U.S., and thus enjoyed many experiences that made him think of the USA as a big hometown. Mike was a graduate of UB and NYU, and worked at the World Trade Center as an Investigator for the City of New York. Mike was born in Philly and always carried fond memories of his early days there. He was an avid stamp collector and former Recording Secretary for the Rochester Philatelic Association. Mike loved history and impressed us with his ability to link historical events with his stamps. No viewing, private fellowship.



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● **Mayer, Lawrence J.**

Fairport, NY: March 4, 2008. Predeceased by wife, Katherine Mayer. Survived by his children, Stephen, Ernest (Laurie) & Phyllis; dog, Dusty; granddaughter, Sarah. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Lawrence J. Mayer Fund c/o ABVI-Goodwill, 422 S. Clinton Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620. **Arrangements: Parsky-Levy Memorial Chapel**



## COLD CASE FILES: 30-YEAR-OLD HOMICIDE

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008

# As his killer grows old, Bob Steeb Jr. is forever 23



WILL YURMAN staff photographer

Robert Steeb Sr. of Greece and daughter Cathy of Hamlin with Investigator Dan Gleason at the grave of homicide victim Robert Steeb Jr. in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The younger Steeb, Gleason's friend, was killed 30 years ago.

## Slain family man's friend now leads investigation

**STEPHANIE VEALE**  
STAFF WRITER

On the night his buddy was shot to death, Dan Gleason was 22 years old and working at a gas station on the corner of Sawyer and Genesee streets.

It was about 6:30 p.m. when Gleason heard police cars screaming by. He followed them three blocks to the Texaco station where his friend Bob Steeb worked. When he got there, he learned the worst.

"A couple of close friends that were standing outside the garage said Bob

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had been shot and he was dead," says Gleason.

That was May 5, 1978. Thirty years later, the killing of Robert Steeb Jr. is still unsolved — and being investigated by his friend Gleason.



Provided by the Steeb family

Bob Steeb Jr. and daughter Erin in 1976. She was 2½ when he was shot dead in a robbery on May 5, 1978.

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# Cold case

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Gleason, now an investigator with the Rochester Police Department, has taken on the homicide case. If the killer still lives, Gleason believes, it's possible that he can bring that person to justice.

What he needs now are more voices, more witnesses. He wants to talk with anyone who might have even the tiniest shred of a memory from the night Steeb was killed.

## The night of May 5

Steeb was alone at the Texaco on Genesee and Magnolia when two people showed up, shot him in the back and made off with about \$150 from the station's cash box. His body was found near an auto bay in the back of the gas station.

Witnesses said the robbers, believed to be a man and a woman both about 20 years old, left the scene on foot. They were never found.

Steeb was 23 when he died. He'd been working part time at the Texaco station for seven years. By day, he worked as a carpenter alongside his father, who owned a business.

Bob Steeb had met his wife, Nancy, through Gleason. In May 1978, the couple's daughter, Erin, was 2½.

"She was the center of his life, that baby was," Gleason says.

Bob Steeb's father, now 77, says he was always worried about his son's safety as a gas station attendant. He had given his son a raise the week before the murder in the hope that the young husband and father could quit that evening job.

The station's owner, Edward J. Bromley, had decided to keep the gas station open in the years after his wife's death because he wanted the neighborhood boys to have a place to spend time and make money, Gleason says.

The boys worked there in part because they knew that the Texaco was all Bromley had left, says Steeb's sister, Cathy Steeb.

After the murder, Bromley closed the station for good.

Cathy Steeb says her mother, Dorothy, didn't take a vacation for years after Bob Steeb's death, saving up the days in case the killers were arrested and put on trial.

## COLD CASE FILES: 30-YEAR-OLD HOMICIDE



WILL YURMAN staff photographer

The gun that killed Steeb, found in the Genesee River in 1980.

"If they ever found the quote, 'SOBs' who did this, she was going to be sitting in that courtroom every single day," Cathy Steeb said.

## Cold cases do get solved

The Rochester Police Department has several hundred open cases from as far back as 1969, and about 60 are more than 25 years old, says Lt. Michael Wood, commander of the Major Crimes Unit.

Last year, however, police cracked a murder case from 1976. Arrests also were made in cases from 1993, 1996, 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2006, proving that there's no clear time frame for declaring a case "cold."

The cold case label applies once all significant leads have been followed to no avail, Wood said. But these cases "can get hot real quick" if new people come forward or new leads crop up, he said.

Gleason joined the Rochester Police Department in 1986. While his friend's death was in the back of his mind, it wasn't what prompted him to become an officer, he says. He just knew it was a job he could do well.

But in his early years as an officer patrolling the 19th Ward, he would drive by the corner where Steeb had been killed every single day, and the memories weighed on him.

When the Police Department went through a reorganization several years ago, Gleason, who primarily investigates child sexual abuse, was given the chance to take on cold cases. In 2004, he went to Cathy Steeb and told her he had become the lead investigator in her brother's homicide case.

She was ambivalent at first. She still tears up when she talks about the murder. She thought dredging up the details might upset the family, and she was



Rochester Police Department

The Texaco station's pay phone, used by an unidentified woman minutes before the robbery.



Police sketch 1978

A suspect, described as 5-foot-5, 120 pounds.

particularly concerned for Steeb's daughter, Erin Greenfield.

"I was worried about her, about having it in the paper," Cathy Steeb says. "What would we do if they found (the killers)? I don't know how we'd handle it now. For a long time, that's all you wanted."

She supports Gleason, though, and Greenfield, now 32 years old, also is behind the effort.

"I think it would be nice to find answers," Greenfield says. "Part of me wants to know what happened, but part of me doesn't."

## The investigation

Gleason says there are reasons to be optimistic about Bob Steeb's homicide case.

Fingerprints found at the crime scene have never been matched.

The weapon is a distinctive .22-caliber handgun, retrieved from the Genesee River in 1980. It has a gold-plated trigger and was threaded for a silencer. Gleason believes someone out there might recognize it.

There's also a mysterious pay-phone woman. Gleason says an unidentified African-American woman used to use the gas station's pay phone — which doubled as the station's business line — almost every night.

On the night Steeb was shot, his wife had tried calling him on that line earlier in the evening and had gotten a busy signal for quite a while, Gleason says.

"When she finally got through, Bob told her (that the woman) had been on the phone," Gleason said. "Within 15 minutes, Bob was found murdered. I'd like to find out what she might have seen."

Gleason can solve the case only if more people come forward. He says some people who live in the Genesee Street area

## Steeb case tips

If you remember something about the time of the Steeb homicide that might help the case, call Crime Stoppers at (585) 423-9300 or Investigator Dan Gleason at (585) 428-1315.

## Other cold cases

Rochester police have dozens of open homicide cases at least 25 years old.

Many don't get much publicity unless a break in the case is announced or a major anniversary nears. Among the cases is that of 17-year-old



Ingham

Carol Ingham, who was found strangled behind a vacant house near the Public Market on Jan. 2, 1976. She had been killed after New Year's Eve celebrations in the city. Her family has now offered \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of her killer. That is in addition to up to \$5,000 offered by Crime Stoppers. For more information, go to [www.carolingham.com](http://www.carolingham.com).

have closed doors in his face. He wants them to reconsider. He believes there are more clues out there.

Meanwhile, he waits.

"I promised Mr. Steeb I'd leave no stone unturned," Gleason says, referring to the elder Steeb.

"I can't promise him the case will be solved. After four years, I'm running out of stones to turn over."

Robert Steeb Sr., while realistic, has hope.

"Somebody out there knows something," he says. □

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## Rochester man gets 20-year term for attacking elderly man

MICHAEL ZEIGLER • STAFF WRITER • AUGUST 1, 2008

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★ Phillips, Solomon E.

Gainesville, FL: January 10, 2009. Predeceased by his wife, Ivy R. Phillips and great-grandson, Micky Evans. Survived by son, Irving B. (Helene) Phillips of El Sobrante, CA; daughters, Bonnie (Ira) Evans of Silver Spring, MD and Karen Kneppar of Gainesville, FL; grandchildren, Joseph Phillips, William & Ariela Evans, Gabriel (Shoshi) Evans, Amy Evans, Aaron (Divina) Kneppar, Jennifer & Michael Kneppar; 4 great-grandchildren; brothers and sister, David (Florence) Phillips, Annette Formicola, Joseph (Sarah) Phillips and Milton Phillips; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside Service will be held, **4:00 PM on Sunday (TODAY), January 11th at Britton Road Cemetery.** In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. Shiva will be observed at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1111 Jefferson Rd., on **Sunday from 6-9 PM. Also Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 193 Daley Blvd., Irondequoit from 6-9 PM.** To leave a message of condolence please visit: [www.ParskyLevy.com](http://www.ParskyLevy.com)

● Gross, Hermann F.

Rochester: Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Predeceased by his wife, Linda. Survived by his son, Stephen (Jana); granddaughter, Stephanie Hilde Gross; sister, Magda Haug; a special thank you to Patty Fuehrer who took care of Herman for the past 2 years. Mr. Gross was a long-time member of The Rochester Schwaben Verein and the American Philatelic Society. Also a retiree of Kodak and a member of R.A.M.S.

Family and friends may attend a Memorial Service Tuesday at 11 AM at Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Reference **John M. Hedges Funeral Home**

# With a little help, Sarah Gerwitz graduated

Sarah Gerwitz graduated this month from the Wegmans School of Nursing at St. John Fisher College. She is engaged to be married and has begun her job search. Daughter Emma, now 5, is doing well. Life is good.

Gerwitz deserves the lion's share of the credit for her success. But the community deserves recognition, too.

Last Dec. 2, I wrote that Gerwitz, 27, had just about run out of money and options for finishing her final semester at nursing school.

At the end of the fall semester, Gerwitz had exhausted her student aid. She and Emma, a special needs child, were living in subsidized housing in Webster. The combination of child support from Emma's father and Social Security disability income dis-



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qualified them for other public assistance. It looked for a time like she would have to quit school — just a few credits from graduation and self-sufficiency.

But when you read about her situation, you came through. St. John Fisher put together an aid package. The Heart of Gold Children's Foundation kicked in \$1,000. The football team from the Pittsford Central Schools began sending her \$200 a month. Two senior citizens send her \$25 a month from their Social Security checks.

Many, many other sent checks and gift cards and well wishes and prayers. Gerwitz was overwhelmed. "I cannot say thank

you enough," she says.

She had a bout of "senioritis" early in the semester. "I just couldn't get organized, but after spring break I got back on track." She finished with all As and a B.

She doesn't have a job yet. "There are a lot of nurses out there," she says, "and the economy isn't great." But she's applied for several jobs and has been encouraged by some of the responses. She hopes to work in a hospital — preferably in pediatric intensive care.

When Emma was 2, she fell off a bed and sustained a serious spinal cord injury that left her unable to walk or breathe without help. It was their time at the Strong Memorial Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit that inspired Gerwitz's career goal. "Those nurses were there for us; they lifted us up," she says.

Cognitively, Emma is fine. She can navigate with a walker and her breathing is much better.

The families in the PICU "are

in crisis at their neediest point. I want to be there to help. I want to pay it forward."

If she doesn't land a nursing job soon, Gerwitz says, she'll do some other kind of work until a job opens up. She hopes within a few years to continue her studies, earning a master's degree and becoming a nurse practitioner.

But she has already learned a great deal from her experience. Struggling to get through taught her to "not worry about tomorrow." Take today for what it is. "I think all the time about what life would have been like if Emma hadn't had her accident," Gerwitz says. "Without it, I doubt I would be going into nursing, and Emma would not have touched as many people as she has."

At first, "you can't see what good can come from it, but then you realize everything will be OK." And so it is for Sarah and Emma Gerwitz. Thanks to Mom's persistence, and thanks to the kindness of strangers. □



Gerwitz



● **Kraus, Thomas J.**

Brighton, June 1, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Maureen; children, Kathleen Kraus, Michael Kraus, MaryTara Wurmser, Theodore Kraus and Tien Luu; brothers, Douglas and Edward Kraus; 10 grandchildren. Tom was a Major (Ret.) in the US Army and served in Vietnam. He was a retired Super Principal, NYS Banking Department, Past President of the Rochester Numismatic Assoc., member of the Rochester Philatelic Association, former Town Councilman in Canadice, past member of the Town of Richmond Fire Dept. He was a Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady Queen of Peace, where he was also involved in the Refugees Resettlement Project.

Friends may call Thursday, 2-4, 6-9 at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.). A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, 10 AM at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 601 Edgewood Ave. Interment at St. Michael's Cemetery, Livonia. Donations in his memory may be directed to Parents of Autistic Children, 1999 Route 88 East, Brick, NJ 08724. To light a candle in memory visit [www.anthonychapels.com](http://www.anthonychapels.com).

**Anthony Funeral & Cremation Chapels**  
2305 Monroe Ave. 244-0770

●★ **Austin, Lorraine B.**

Newark: On January 10, 2010, at age 77. She is survived by three daughters Valerie (Steve) Dulmage of Fairport, Vanessa (Mike) Stewart and Vaun (Tony) Blondell of Newark; two grandchildren, Cara and Christopher Dulmage; a brother Don Bramante of Washington, DC; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Charles in 1997; three siblings Eleanor Lapresi, Pat and Joe Bramante.

Friends may call from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. on Thursday (January 14th) at the Paul L. Murphy & Sons Funeral Home, 127 East Miller Street, Newark, where funeral services will follow at 1:30 P.M. with Rev. Rebecca Laird officiating. Burial will be in Newark Cemetery. Friends are invited to a reception following the services at the Newark Elks Lodge.

Memorials in her name may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1400 Winton Road North, Rochester, New York 14609. Remembrances may be sent to

[www.murphyandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.murphyandsonsfuneralhome.com)

● **Smith, Bernice (Watson)**

Ontario: Went to be with the Lord on February 13, 2010 at age 88. Predeceased by her first husband Earl Watson. Survived by her husband Dr. Rev. Victor Smith; son, Jim (Denise) Watson; 4 grandchildren, Daniel, Michael, Kenneth & Steven; several nieces & nephews.

Friends are invited to call Tuesday 1-3PM at MURPHY FUNERAL HOME 1961 Ridge Road, Ontario. Her Funeral Service will be held 1PM Wednesday at North Ontario United Methodist Church. Interment Furnaceville Cemetery.

● **Smith, Victor L. Rev., Dr.**

Ontario: Died on May 4, 2010 at age 87. Predeceased by his wives, Ruth Minard Smith & Bernice Smith. Survived by his daughters, Sharlene (Donald) Geldof, Victoria (Scott) Satre, Marilyn Smith, Amy Smith; grandchildren, Matthew (Carol) Geldof, Jason Geldof, Jessica, Joel, & Amanda Satre; sister Roberta Locke; several nieces. He was a retired United Methodist Minister & Pastor of many churches in New York State.

Friends & family are invited to attend his Funeral 11AM Tuesday at North Ontario United Methodist Church with luncheon & fellowship following. Donations may be made to Blossom View Nursing Home or Vicky & Scott Satre (Wycliffe Bible Translators) in his memory. Arrangements made by:

**MURPHY FUNERAL HOME**

● **Piecuch, James J.**

Irondequoit: Saturday, March 13, 2010. Predeceased by his daughter, Margaret C. Piecuch and his brothers, Jack & Joseph Piecuch. Mr. Piecuch is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Margaret M. Piecuch; children, Thomas Piecuch, Jane (David Fine) Piecuch, Barbara (Rob) Randall; 4 grandchildren, Carly & Brett Randall, Max & Jonah Fine; also many nieces & nephews. Jim was a city school teacher for over 30 years; a member of Rochester Postcard Club & a life member of Rochester Philatelic Assoc.

His family will receive friends THURSDAY, 4-7 pm at the funeral home. Friends are invited to meet the family FRIDAY 10:00 AM at ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH for his memorial mass. Those wishing may make donations to: Sisters of St. Joseph, 150 French Road Rochester, N.Y. 14618 or Lipson Cancer Center C/O Rochester General Hospital 1425 Portland Ave. Rochester, N.Y. 14621 in Jim's memory.

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In Loving Memory of

**James J. Piecuch**

May 19, 1939  
March 13, 2010

*God saw you were getting tired,  
and a cure was not to be,  
so he put his arms around you  
and whispered, "Come to me".*

*With tearful eyes we watched you,  
and saw you pass away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.*

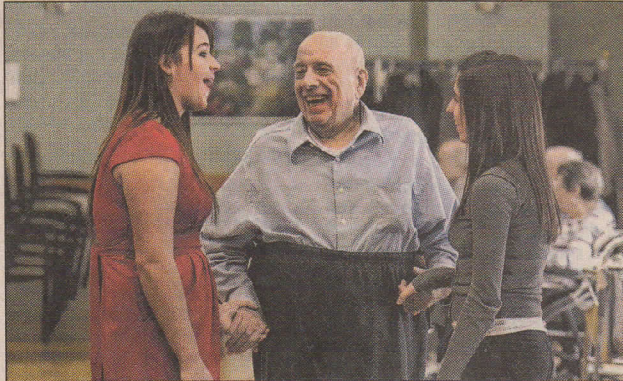
Paul W. Harris Funeral Home, Inc.  
Rochester, NY

### Fortunato, Rita C.

Greece: Monday, December 13, 2010. She is survived by her husband, Anthony G. Fortunato; son, Thomas M.; daughters, Karen M. and Lisa M. (Mark) Stein; sister-in-law, Marie Malone; several aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

No prior calling hours. A Funeral Mass will be held 10:30 AM on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 15 St. Martin's Way, Rochester, NY 14616. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm, 99 Victor Rd., Fairport, NY 14450. To share a special memory please visit

[www.NewcomerRochester.com](http://www.NewcomerRochester.com)



Mark Hull, a resident at St. Ann's, shares a story and a laugh with Brooke LeBeau, left, and Sabrina Rotolo.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

In Loving Memory of

### Norman E. Wright



Born July 28, 1930, Rochester, New York

*Son of*

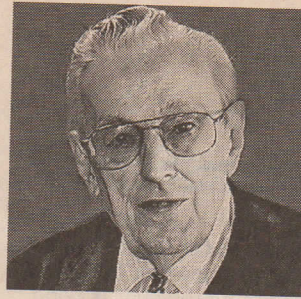
Dennison & Leith (Cox) Wright

*Husband of*

Florence (Hollingworth) Wright  
Married on June 10, 1951

*Father of*

Norman (Cathy) Wright  
Nancy (Gregg) Bender  
Nita (Brett) Barback  
Noreen (Rob) Cherry  
Norma (Valerie Goodfriend) Wright



### Wright, Norman E. Sr.

Brighton: Died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Sunday, June 26, 2011. He was predeceased by parents Leith and Denny Wright, brother and sister-in-law Denny and Carolyn Wright, and sister Janice Lee Wright.

Survived by wife of 60 years, Florence "Tiny" Wright; son Norman (Cathy); daughters Nancy (Gregg) Bender, Nita (Brett) Barback, Noreen (Rob) Cherry, and Norma

Wright (Valerie Goodfriend); eight grand-children: Martin, Clara and Ben Wright, Rebecca Kelliher, Daniel Kennison, Christina Hansen, Sheralyn Bender, and Angela Collins; 10 great-grandchildren; brother Donald (Nancy) Wright, sister Debbie (Dave) Fox, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Norman Elwyn Wright was born July 28 1930, Rochester, N.Y. He graduated from Hilton High School in 1947; attended Denison University at Granville, Ohio; enlisted in the U.S. Air Force December 1950. Stationed originally at Keesler Air Base, Biloxi, Miss., he completed Career Guidance training (Personnel Specialist) at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado. He later served as an Information Specialist at Ashiya Air Base, Kyushu, Japan, where he was sent in October 1952.

There he became editor of the base newspaper (Ashiya Breeze). He was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two battle stars, the United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Commendation Medal for writing an official Air Force History of his troop carrier unit, the Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

His military assignments were managing personnel records and Information Services, the latter of which included editing base newspapers, writing for the Pacific Stars & Stripes while overseas, and sending news releases about personnel to their home-town newspapers. He was present to "cover" the Korean armistice for various newspapers.

Following discharge from active service, he was employed at the Rochester Products Division of General Motors until fall of 1955 when he entered the employ of Sikorsky Aircraft Co. in Bridgeport, Connecticut as a technical writer for the company. Within a year he became sports editor and later assistant editor of the Milford Citizen until 1965. He moved on to the Bridgeport (Conn.) Post-Telegram as county editor until 1967 when he took over as editor of the Southington News at Southington, Conn. He returned to Monroe County in 1971 to accept the position of managing editor of the Genesee Valley Newspapers (later Post Newspapers) at Pittsford, N.Y. He then joined Rochester Institute of Technology as a communications specialist and advanced to the position of Director of Communications over the next few years.

In 1973, he accepted the challenge of helping pioneer the creation of alcoholism and drug abuse treatment efforts in the broad area of Western New York State, where no formal programs ever had been offered. Over the next 20 years, he became the founding treatment director of five chemical dependency agencies. He retired from Huther-Doyle and the chemical dependency/substance abuse treatment field in 1993 after earning the unofficial title of "architect and dean of treatment for substance abuse and dependency in the Finger Lakes areas." He once referred to the years he spent in this field as his ministry. Friend of Bill W.

In his retirement, he had been most active in model railroading and stamp collecting (particularly railway philately), and was author/editor of a published 700-page handbook on World Railways Philatelic, with more than 25,000 items (postage stamps picturing trains and railroads) listed and described. He has been an active and/or supporting member of numerous railway, model railroad and philatelic organizations, both in the U.S. and abroad.

Norman said he has been "a lifetime ecumenical Christian," belonging to and serving in Baptist, and Presbyterian churches, and most recently Atonement Lutheran Church in Brighton. He served as a Deacon, an Ordained Elder, and Clerk of the Session in the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church in Brighton. During his last year in high school, and while at college in Denison, he was a registered student minister and often led services and preached at remote Baptist churches in Ohio.

He was a 50-year member of Hilton's Clio Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. Active in veterans' organizations over the years, he was also a member intermittently of four posts of the American Legion. He joined Hiscock-Fishbaugh Post #779 in Hilton shortly following his discharge from the Air Force in 1954.

He loved his family, his God, and his country.

Friends are invited to call WED. 2-4, 7-9 at the Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home, Inc., 735 East Ave., Hilton, where a Funeral Service will be held THURS. at 1:30 P.M. Followed by Military Graveside Service at Parma Union Cemetery. In place of flowers, memorial donations would be appropriate to his church, Atonement Lutheran Church, or to the Open Door Mission in Rochester.



# Collectors hope to see more stamp ceremonies at stamp shows

There is renewed hope that more United States stamps could be released at stamp shows — and maybe even at the convention of collectors whose collections revolve around the release of new stamps.

“On first days at shows, my initial reaction is that we shouldn’t have pulled back as much as we did,” Stephen M. Kearney, the new U.S. Postal Service manager of stamp services, told journalists Aug. 11 during a press conference at the American Philatelic Society’s Stampshow 2011 in Columbus, Ohio.

Just six days earlier, during a seminar at Americover 2011, the annual show and convention of the American First Day Cover Society, Betty J. Brown, the supervisor of USPS cancellation services, said she had been named to a team that will help choose first-day cities.

Immediately, Foster E. Miller III of Maryland shouted out, “Americover!” which was followed by cries of “hear, hear” (or perhaps that was “here, here”).

For years, when the Postal Service conducted a first-day ceremony at a stamp show, it was usually for a rate-change issue, rather than for a commemorative stamp or set.

The exceptions have been the three biggest shows each year: the two American Stamp Dealers Association shows in New York, and the American Philatelic Society’s Stampshow in the summer.

One reason might be the greater attendance at these shows, but habit could be another reason. Under the terms of a partnership of the Postal Service, ASDA and the APS, the Postal Service promised to issue some of its most interesting stamps at these shows.

The agreement is now defunct, but the custom remains.

Americover has been a victim of the new



**Rick Kase creates and collects first-day covers. At the recent American Philatelic Society Stampshow in Columbus, Ohio, he applied Flags of Our Nation stamps to plates with a flag theme and had them postmarked.**

Postal Service stamp issuance cycle. Often, a U.S. postage rate increase is requested early in the calendar year and implemented in May. Changes in international, Express Mail and Priority Mail rates don’t have to be approved by the Postal Regulatory Commission, so those stamps are usually issued early in the year.

Most domestic-rate stamps come out in late April and May. Americover is in early August.

Also working against Americover is the fact that it is usually scheduled for the week before APS Stampshow. The last first-day ceremony at an Americover show was in 2008, and that was for the third release of

Liberty Bell Forever stamps.

Stamp collectors are “the ones who retain the stamps,” Kearney told the reporters, meaning the stamps bought and saved by collectors are not redeemed for service carrying mail.

And when first-day cover collectors purchase stamps, they’re likely to stay retained: The majority are used on FDCs, and as such, they’re postmarked.

FDC collectors are also more likely than most to put stamps and cancels on practically anything that doesn’t move quickly enough.

Rick Kase, for example, created two first-day souvenirs at the recent APS Stampshow by affixing the Flags of Our Nation coil stamps issued at the show to plates decorated with a flag theme.

For years, the Postal Service has been big on releasing stamps at what officials have referred to as affinity events, in the hopes of garnering more attention for the new issues. An example would be the Aug. 19 first-day ceremony for the Pixar Films: Send a Hello stamps, which was held at the D23 Expo Disney fan event in Anaheim, Calif.

Sometimes it works, and sometimes the first-day ceremony is overwhelmed by everything else going on at these events.

But think of how much better it would be for the stamp hobby if interesting commemorative stamps are issued at stamp shows and the ceremonies are publicized by the Postal Service, perhaps enticing the noncollecting public to attend the show.

When that isn’t possible, an option would be to release a stamp at an affinity event, but on the same day as a stamp show, so the show can arrange to hold a first-day-of-sale event.

It sounds as if the current manager of USPS stamp services is receptive. ■

## Dartmouth House

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Three years after a devastating fire, Dartmouth House Bed & Breakfast is again welcoming guests to the English Tudor in the Park Avenue area.

The home is at 215 Dartmouth St., smack-dab in the midst of the bustling Park Avenue neighborhood. New owner Shashi Sinha took over as innkeeper of the home originally built in 1905.

In late January 2012, a fire that started from a dehumidifier in the basement consumed the staircase and the roof, leaving smoke and water damage to all parts of the house.

Sinha spent more than two years stripping the house to its studs to rebuild the interior, preserving the integrity of the house and neighborhood.

Dartmouth House is now a combination of old and new, combining the historic staircase, leaded glass windows and two fireplaces with modern materials. A new mansard roof created spacious rooms on the third floor, including a master suite with access to a rooftop deck. The house offers six guest rooms with integrated bathrooms, as well as dining and living areas on the first floor.

About a decade ago, my late mother-in-law and her husband stayed at the Dartmouth House and they were charmed by the lovely couple who were the former innkeepers. That’s the beauty of Bed and Breakfast Inns, you get to know the innkeeper and they become part of your family.

# Fire on Dartmouth rages through B&B



Firefighters work to control a fire that consumed all three floors of the Dartmouth House B&B at 215 Dartmouth St., between Harvard Street and Monroe Avenue. TINA YEE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## VICTORIA E. FREILE

Staff writer

A two-alarm fire destroyed a charming Rochester bed and breakfast Tuesday, as firefighters struggled to contain a blaze that forced them out of the structure.

Neighbors described the Dartmouth House, in a Park Avenue neighborhood at 215 Dartmouth St., as well-kept and beautiful. But at about 12:45 p.m., dozens of them called 911 to report smoke pouring from the roof of the three-story structure.

Firefighters arrived to find flames shooting from the second floor, and upon entering the

home saw that the fire had spread throughout the interior walls and ceilings of the house, said Fire Chief John Caufield. Firefighters began fighting the blaze inside, but changed tactics and left the home.

The fire's cause is still under investigation. The fire was not brought under control after 5 p.m. because small flare-ups.

No one was in the home, and the homeowners are out of town, Caufield said.

Next-door neighbor Sheryl Infantino said she heard a noise Tuesday afternoon, looked out her window and saw a wall of smoke. She ran outside and called 911.

## ONLINE EXTRA

To see a photo gallery and a video of firefighters battling the blaze, click on this story at [DemocratandChronicle.com](http://DemocratandChronicle.com).

Infantino said the house had recently been revamped, and said a couple who lived there were in Florida for a few months. No damage to nearby homes was reported.

A website for the bed and breakfast said the "grand 1905 English Tudor" was established as a business in 1988.

It lists its owners as Bill and Ellie Klein.

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## Klein, William C.

Rochester, NY: William C. Klein, 91, died 10.2.12; born-Chicago, IL; US Navy WWII; Electrical Engineer, Purdue; Project Engineer, Eastman Kodak; Adjunct Faculty, RIT; founding member/officer of Rochester Memorial Society, Inc.; Co-founder Dartmouth House B&B. Survived by wife-Elinor Walker Klein; sister, Elizabeth Di-Natale, SC; daughters-Marcella (Rick) Schaeffer, Roberta Klein; step children-Tracy (Karen) Walker, Greg Walker, Jill (Tom) Cicero, Randall (Susan) Walker, Scott Walker; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Service at First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South, Rochester, NY 14610, November 24 at 1 PM. Please no flowers. Contributions to Funeral Consumers Alliance, c/o First Unitarian Church (address above) would be appreciated.

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Staff writer

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Neighbors described the Dartmouth House, in a Park Avenue neighborhood at 215 Dartmouth St., as well-kept and beautiful. But at about 12:45 p.m., dozens of them called 911 to report smoke pouring from the roof of the three-story structure.

Firefighters arrived to find flames shooting from the second floor, and upon entering the

home saw that the fire had spread throughout the interior walls and ceilings of the house, said Fire Chief John Caufield. Firefighters began fighting the blaze inside, but changed tactics and left the home.

The fire's cause is still under investigation. The fire was not brought under control after 5 p.m. because small flare-ups.

No one was in the home, and the homeowners are out of town, Caufield said.

Next-door neighbor Sheryl Infantino said she heard a noise Tuesday afternoon, looked out her window and saw a wall of smoke. She ran outside and called 911.

## ONLINE EXTRA

To see a photo gallery and a video of firefighters battling the blaze, click on this story at [DemocratandChronicle.com](http://DemocratandChronicle.com).

Infantino said the house had recently been revamped, and said a couple who lived there were in Florida for a few months. No damage to nearby homes was reported.

A website for the bed and breakfast said the "grand 1905 English Tudor" was established as a business in 1988.

It lists its owners as Bill and Ellie Klein.

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## Klein, William C.

Rochester, NY: William C. Klein, 91, died 10.2.12; born-Chicago, IL; US Navy WWII; Electrical Engineer, Purdue; Project Engineer, Eastman Kodak; Adjunct Faculty, RIT; founding member/officer of Rochester Memorial Society, Inc.; Co-founder Dartmouth House B&B. Survived by wife-Elinor Walker Klein; sister, Elizabeth Di-Natale, SC; daughters-Marcella (Rick) Schaeffer, Roberta Klein; step children-Tracy (Karen) Walker, Greg Walker, Jill (Tom) Cicero, Randall (Susan) Walker, Scott Walker; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Service at First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South, Rochester, NY 14610, November 24 at 1 PM. Please no flowers. Contributions to Funeral Consumers Alliance, c/o First Unitarian Church (address above) would be appreciated.

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Mass of Christian Burial

**Dr. John B. "Jack" Flannery, Jr.**  
 March 15, 1941 – February 2, 2015

St. Paul's Church  
 February 7, 2015  
 2:00 PM



**Flannery, Jr., Dr.  
 John B. "Jack"**

Webster: Surrounded by his family, Monday, February 2, 2015, age 73. He leaves his wife of 46 years, Linda; 3 children, John B. III (Kristine), Lynn Howlett and Jennifer "D-D" Lazenby; 7 beloved grandchildren, Elise, Sadie and John B. IV Flannery, Casey, Caitlin and Nicholas Howlett, and Noah Lazenby; 2 sisters, Mary Flannery and Elizabeth (Ret. Admiral Glenn) Whisler; nieces and nephews.

A retiree of Xerox after 33 years of service, John was a graduate of St. Vincent College and RPI. He was a Charter member of Webster Fairport Elks, past State President of NYS Elks Assoc. and Founding member of Support for People with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer at Wilmot Cancer Center. He held various positions on the American Philatelic Society's Board of Directors.

Friends may call 4-8 PM Friday at Willard H. Scott Funeral Home, 12 South Avenue, Webster, where an Elks service will be held at 7 PM. Mass of Christian Burial at 2 PM, Saturday at St. Paul's Church, 783 Hard Rd., Webster. Interment, Webster Union Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to St. John Bosco Schools, East Rochester or St. Louis School, Pittsford.

**Loomis, Graydon L.**

Rochester: February 26, 2015. Predeceased by his brother, Carlton, & sister Arlene. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Gloria (Collins) Loomis; children, Rosemary Seymour, Ken (Mary) Loomis,



Mark (Grace) Loomis, Eileen (Ray) Locke, Sean (Helena) Rogers; 5 grandchildren, Meghan & Shannon Locke, Sharon Rogers, Audrey Seymour, & Cole Loomis; also a niece & cousins. Graydon served in the US Army during WWII, was an Eastman Kodak retiree with 33 years of service, a member of The Baptist Temple & The Rochester Stamp Club.

Please join the family to share memories on WEDNESDAY (3/4) from 4-7 PM at Crawford Funeral Home (495 N Winton Rd., between Browncroft & Humboldt). Funeral Service THURSDAY 11 AM at the Baptist Temple (1101 Clover St.). Private interment Bainbridge NY. Contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Online Condolences welcomed at:

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**Trenton, Peter J.**

Chili: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the age of 101. Survived by his wife of 69 years, Ella; children, James Trenton, Stephen (Cathy) Trenton and Debra (Gary) Deane; grandchildren, Christopher (Jennifer) Trenton, Sarah Trenton and Valerie Deane; great-granddaughter, Ashton Trenton; many nieces and nephews. Peter was a general contractor and built many houses in the Town of Chili, an avid hunter, fisherman and was beloved by all who knew him.

Friends may call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home, Saturday 2-4. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Chili Volunteer Ambulance.

**Leo M. Bean and Sons**  
2771 Chili Avenue 426-7830

**Phillips, David**

Irondequoit: March 10, 2016 at age 91. Predeceased by his son, Harold. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Florence; devoted sons, Charles (Rhonda) & Alan (Rebecca Richards); daughter-in-law, Nina Phillips; grandchildren, Saphrin, Brandin, Stacie, Alexa, Christopher & Erica;



12 great-grandchildren; brother, Milton Phillips, many nieces & nephews & extended family including Debbie Phillips & Beth Phillips. David was a proud Navy Veteran & retired from Kodak after 35 years.

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# Artist designs postage stamps

## 4 vintage pickup trucks depicted

**TRACY SCHUHMACHER**

@RAHCHACHOW

Chris Lyons was working on his dream project of illustrating a set of postage stamps when a giant box arrived at his door.

Inside was a large car part, a quarter panel for a 1938 International Harvester D-2 pickup. The manufacturer had sent it to Lyons so that he could refer to the exact color of the vintage vehicle, one of four depicted in the Pickup Trucks Forever stamps, which will be issued Friday. In addition to the International Harvester truck, the stamp set also depicts the 1948 Ford F-1, the 1953 Chevrolet Advance Design and the 1965 Ford F-100.

The project, more than two years in the works, posed several challenges to the full-time illustrator whose work also has appeared on Casa Larga wine labels, a Lilac Festival poster and a Greentopia poster, as well as in national publications like *Consumer Reports*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Forbes*.

The first was deciding on the four

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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Mark D. Hull**  
July 20, 1931  
July 29, 2015

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun, of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Peter J. Trenton**  
December 9, 1913  
September 8, 2015

From this valley they say you are leaving,  
We shall miss your bright eyes and sweet smile.  
For you take with you all of the sunshine that has brightened our pathway a while.

Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home



Chris Lyons is an illustrator from Rochester.

# Stamps

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trucks to illustrate, one from each decade from the 1930s to the 1960s. He researched the most popular colors in the trucks' launch years to decide which ones to use.

Another was the direction that he could not refer to any existing photographs to create the detailed drawings. Through an online search, he found 1:18-scale replicas to use as visual reference.

Lyons used Adobe Illustrator to create stylized renderings of the pickup trucks. On each stamp, the name and model year of the truck is featured in the top left corner over the words "Forever USA." Art director Antonio Alcalá of Alexandria, Virginia, designed the stamps.

"I put so much love into these stamps," Lyons said.

"It's every illustrator's dream to do a set of stamps. It's just a cool thing to do."

He found inspiration in the designs of the retro vehicles, from the curves of the fenders to the chrome to the whitewall tires.

"There was just attention to details in these cars that you don't see anymore," Lyons said.

Working on an illustration that would run at 1½ inches high meant that he had to avoid the temptation to add too much detail.

"You have to soften things," he said. "You can't get too crazy with contrast."

The light source is same in all of the illustrations, and the shadows are the same. He tweaked the perspectives so that they would work as a four-some.

A car publication previewed the stamps earlier this year. Since then, he's been getting a range of

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**CHRIS LYONS**  
ILLUSTRATOR



PROVIDED  
Chris Lyons illustrated the Pickup Trucks Forever stamps for the U.S. Postal Service. They will be issued today.

feedback from stamp collectors and truck enthusiasts, both through the mail and via online comments.

Some have disagreed with his choice of vehicles, such as not including a Dodge model. Others questioned the accuracy of some details.

"People are very opi-

nionated about this stuff," Lyons said. "At the end of the day you're never going to please everybody. I tried to capture the spirit of these trucks as best I could."

He also has received fan mail, including notes from children and people's tales about the various trucks. Twenty people

The stamps are priced at 47 cents each.

The stamps will make their debut at 1 p.m. Friday at the 17th annual PPG Syracuse Nationals classic car show, one of the largest car shows of its kind. More than 8,000 cars and 90,000 people will converge on the New York State Fairgrounds — and Lyons will speak to the classic car buffs at the event.

The stamps are not the end of the road when it comes to vehicle illustrations for Lyons. He is currently at work on a 12-month pinup calendar, making what he calls "gorgeous, voluptuous pictures" of trucks like cement mixers, dump trucks and 18-wheelers.

In addition to his editorial, advertising and corporate illustration work, he also is an adjunct professor in the schools of graphic design and industrial design at RIT.

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# Students' designs shine in competition

MISSY ROSENBERRY EAST EXTRA



Two students from our east-side schools landed top awards in a nationwide art contest.

Bella Lexer from East Rochester Elementary School and Amy Ruan from Martha Brown Middle School in Fairport both won prizes in the annual Design-a-Stamp competition sponsored by the Rochester Philatelic Association.

The contest invites students in grades 3 through 8 to create a "Forever" stamp of their own design. Three winners are chosen in each of two age categories — third to fifth grade and sixth to eighth grade — and awarded cash prizes. This year's contest attracted more than 60 entries from as far away as Wisconsin and Minnesota.

East Rochester Elementary School fourth-grader Bella Lexer took second place in her division with her cheery springtime design, featuring a row of colorful flowers blooming beneath a bright sun.

Bella, age 10, completed her entry as part of East Rochester Elementary School's fourth-

grade Art Club, led by art teacher Ed Mandara.

Her choice of design was a bit out of the ordinary for the contest, Mandara said. When he introduces the project to his students, he shows them some previous examples and talks about patriotism.

"Usually, there's a Statue of Liberty and someone will do a flag.... Since they have to put 'USA' and 'Forever' on their stamp, I think they look towards those kinds of ideas. Ultimately, they all want to win."

For Bella, though, flowers and sunshine just seemed right.

"I knew it was springtime," Bella said. "When I think of spring, I think of flowers and pretty stuff. I like outside and I know it's always pretty nice in spring. So, I decided to draw flowers and I know it's colorful, so I did colors."

Bella's entry was one of 28 submitted by Mandara's Art Club students. This is the fifth year in a row in which Mandara has invited club members to participate in the contest, and at least one of his students has won a top prize every year.

Amy Ruan, a 13-year-old from Martha Brown Middle School in Fairport, took a different

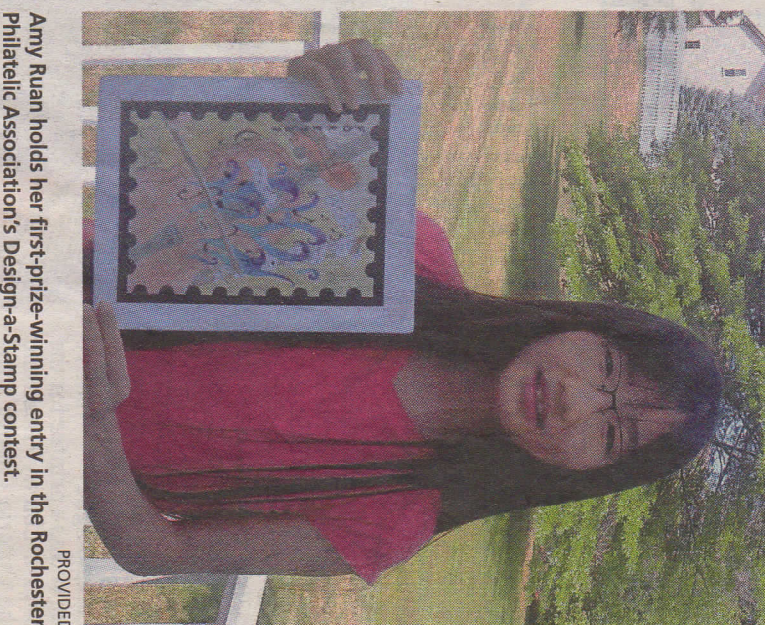


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Bella Lexer, with her art teacher Ed Mandara, holds her second-place entry in the Design-a-Stamp contest.

direction with her first-place entry in the sixth-through eighth-grade category.

Amy is a musician, having played cello since the fourth grade. She decided to illustrate her love for music, and the cello, when she designed her contest entry.

In her stamp, a musician is pulling a bow across a large, colorful cello, which is surround-



PROVIDED  
Amy Ruan holds her first-prize-winning entry in the Rochester Philatelic Association's Design-a-Stamp contest.

students in her school's Mural Club who entered the contest. The club is led by Martha Brown Middle School art teacher Christopher Sequerra.

The winning designs were officially announced at a recent awards ceremony at the Canandaigua Civic Center. Amy received a check for \$50 for her first-place entry, and Bella received \$25.

To see more of the winning stamp designs, and for information on

how to enter next year's design-a-stamp contest, visit the Rochester Philatelic Association's website at [www.rpastamps.org/ropex.html](http://www.rpastamps.org/ropex.html).

Visit the "Our Towns East Extra" Facebook page for more east-side news, and email Missy Rosenberry at [dandecastextra@gmail.com](mailto:dandecastextra@gmail.com) with news tips and story ideas. See more community news at [DemocratandChronicle.com/communities](http://DemocratandChronicle.com/communities)





### Arthur, William E.

Sauquoit, NY: William E. "Bill" Arthur, 89, of Sauquoit (Town of Paris) passed away Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Utica, the result of injuries suffered in an auto accident on June 21, 2016 while on his way to present a program on stamp collecting.

He was born June 9, 1927 in Herkimer, a son of William E. and Celia Lowell Arthur and was a graduate of

Herkimer High School in 1945. From 1945 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Army, and then attended the Rochester Business Institute. William was married to the former Evelyn Dexter for 46 years until she predeceased him. On August 25, 2001, he married Beverley Ball Joyce Brockley in Sauquoit. Bill had worked at Savage Arms in Utica, Bendix Aviation in Utica, General Dynamics Electronics in Rochester, and retired from Eastman Kodak in 1985. Following his retirement, he returned to the Herkimer area where he became very active in the community. He loved to travel, especially taking cruises with Beverley several times a year. He was a life-long stamp collector who belonged to clubs in Utica, Rochester and Herkimer. In his later years, Bill developed a passion for landscaping and building terraces. He also enjoyed logging, cutting and splitting firewood.

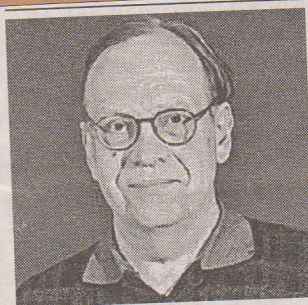
Surviving are his wife, Beverley; a son William E. Arthur, III of Methuen, MA; step-children, Eric Lee and Debbie Joyce of West Winfield; Karl Gordon and Stephanie Joyce of Newark, NY; and Candace Marie Joyce Jones of Phoenix, AZ; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, October 15, 2016 from the Burgess & Tedesco Funeral Home (Kloster & Northrop Memorial Chapel), 210 E. Main St., Waterville, NY 13480.

Interment with military honors will be private at the convenience of his family in the Mohawk Village Cemetery, Mohawk, NY.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to a favorite charity. To send a condolence and sign the Book of Memories online go to [www.burgessandtedescofuneralhomes.com](http://www.burgessandtedescofuneralhomes.com)

Burgess & Tedesco Funeral Homes, Inc.



### Trenton, James M.

Chili: Sunday, September 11, 2016 suddenly at age 70. Predeceased by his father, Peter. Survived by his mother, Ella; brother, Stephen (Cathy); sister, Debra (Gary) Deane; nephew, Christopher (Jen) Trenton; nieces, Sarah Trenton and Valerie Deane; great-niece, Ashton Trenton. Jim was a member of New Horizons Band and had his pilot's license.

Friends are invited to his Memorial Service, Saturday, October 29th, 11 AM at Grace Covenant Church, 224 Chestnut Ridge Road, Rochester 14624. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to New Horizons Program Fund (ECMS) Office of Advancement in c/o F. Democko, 26 Gibbs St., Rochester, NY 14604.

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### *In Loving Memory of*



### William E. Arthur

June 9, 1927  
September 21, 2016

I'd like the memory of me  
to be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways,  
of happy times and laughing  
times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those  
who grieve, to dry before the sun.  
Of happy memories that I leave  
When life is done.

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### *In Loving Memory of*

### Mary A. Robinson

February 9, 1947  
April 7, 2017

LET NOT your heart be troubled;  
believe in God, believe also in Me.  
In my Father's house are many  
rooms; if it were not so,  
I would have told you that I go to  
prepare a place for you?

And when I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and will take you to myself;  
that where I am you may be also.

PEACE I leave with you, my  
peace I give unto you; not as the  
world giveth, give I unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid.  
John 14: 1-3, 27

Crawford Funeral Home  
Rochester, NY

A good poker payout nudged Rich Spinelli back to his long-shelved interest in stamp collecting.

The Greece resident is president of the local stamp-collecting club, the Rochester Philatelic Association. He got into the hobby as a teen, then forgot about it for decades — until he scored big one day. “We had a poker club, and I won some money,” said Spinelli, 71. “It was burning a hole in my pocket.”

A stamp show was in town. Spinelli stopped in, and the spark was rekindled. He left with purchases, and has been at it since.

The Rochester Philatelic Association started with 13 collectors in 1913 and now has close to 100 members, organizers say. A centennial banquet was held in March. The club claims to be the longest-continuously running one of its kind, and perhaps the largest, in the country. Members come from nine states and Canada.

Stamp collecting attracts a lot of history buffs, Spinelli said, and the field has an interesting history itself. The British were the first to issue postage stamps, in 1840, he said. The United States followed suit seven years later.

Spinelli is particularly fascinated with the era just before that.

“My specialty is the ‘stampless covers,’ prior to roughly 1850,” he said. “Letters were written and folded like an envelope, then closed and sealed with wax. The person who got the letter paid the postage. The reason they were kept is because of the notoriety of the people who sent



Rich Spinelli of Greece is president of the Rochester Philatelic Association, which last year celebrated 100 years of studying stamps. JEFF WITHEROW

them out. It might be from, say, the president of the University of Pennsylvania or a U.S. senator.”

Spinelli, of course, owns plenty of stamps, too. He also collects engravings, etchings and lithographs. Collectors focus on all kinds of themes, Spinelli said — some want sports-related stamps, others concentrate on flags or puppies or presidents. Spinelli knew one collector who focused on stamps from German prisoner-of-war camps, where prisoners created their own post offices.

Just like baseball-card collecting, stamp collecting has its Holy Grail. With baseball cards, it's the Honus Wagner T206 card, which has sold for millions. With stamps, it's the Inverted Jenny, a U.S. stamp first issued in

1918 with the image of an airplane appearing upside-down. Sheets of four might sell for \$4 million, Spinelli said.

The Post Office recently issued the Inverted Jenny stamp along with 100 additional sheets of stamps with the plane flying right-side up. Those 100 sheets — essentially, a misprint of a misprint — already are highly collectible, said Tom Fortunato of Greece, president of the Rochester Philatelic Association before Spinelli.

“Man overall is a collecting animal,” said Fortunato, 54. “Some people collect rocks or minerals, some collect stamps or coins.”

Fortunato got into stamps when he was just 5. A neighbor who was a collector died, and Fortunato was the beneficiary

of some of her stash.

“I got the leftovers in a big, clear plastic bag,” he said. “They looked funny. They were very colorful. I kind of picked up on that, and here we are, almost 50 years later.”

He stopped counting his supply years ago.

Spinelli grew up in the Edgerton neighborhood of northwest Rochester and didn't get into the hobby until he was about 13. It was a way to bond with his father, who collected coins and stamps, Spinelli said.

He “put away” the hobby for 40 years or so for the obvious reasons — Spinelli got married and raised a family and went to work. He resumed the philatelic pastime after that poker game some 15 years ago. Most people collect U.S. stamps, Spinelli said,

and some concentrate on “First Day of Issue” stamps or “unused” stamps.

“In some cases, the canceled stamps are more valuable,” he said. “The older stuff, because of the sense of history, is more valuable. With the new stuff, there's some beautiful printed artwork.”

That newer stuff — stamps with a pre-adhesive that are pulled from wax-coated sheets — comes with its own problems for collectors. Yes, kids, once upon a time, you had to lick the back of the stamp to get it to stick.

“That's the biggest change,” Spinelli said. “It's not like in the old days, when you soaked your stamp in hot water (to separate it from an envelope). It's harder to transfer them now. The

» Spinelli's favorite piece from his collection is an 1850 handwritten letter from a noted Rochester civil rights activist that mentioned Frederick Douglass and the Underground Railroad.

» His favorite era of history is the 19th century, particularly the Civil War era.

» Spinelli's favorite movies include “any early Robert De Niro movie,” including *The Godfather*, *Taxi Driver*, *The Deer Hunter* and *Raging Bull*.

## TO LEARN MORE

For more information about the Rochester Philatelic Association, check the group's website: [www.wpastamps.org](http://wpastamps.org).

government thinks it's simpler. The collector doesn't necessarily agree.”

Spinelli worked at Bausch & Lomb, then at Xerox, in engineering and product development. He retired in 2003, giving him more time to devote to his hobby. Spinelli estimated that he spends about 30 hours weekly on the hobby, including time spent in his role as club president. The club meets twice monthly except in November and December.

Spinelli is trying to instill the same philatelic fascination in his 8- and 11-year-old grandsons. He takes them to shows, and he gave the older one a box of used stamps to explore.

So far, like a used stamp, it hasn't stuck. But you never know. They might have their own “poker payout” moment, like Spinelli did, years from now.

*Morrell is a freelance writer from Rochester.*



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# Stamps a tribute to FDR, WPA

## Posters and projects showcased in series

JOHN W. BARRY

POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

In the Great Depression, communities were changed in ways big and small through the Work Projects Administration.

More than 80 years after the program began, the impact can still be seen in buildings, such as area post offices. Now, it can also be seen in the stamps on sale.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park on Tuesday welcomed 175 people for the unveiling of 10 new Forever postage stamps that feature Work Projects Administration posters.

The posters were created by artists hired by the federal government during the Great Depression. The stamps feature posters that focused on a range of topics, including National Parks, New York City airports, work safety and the outdoors.

"They're beautiful postage stamps," said Gregory Schreiber, 51, a stamp collector from Beacon.

The stamps, which went on sale Tuesday, serve as a reminder that FDR brought five new post offices to Dutchess through the WPA, which was launched to create jobs and was originally called the Works Progress Administration.

The murals in those post offices — built in Poughkeepsie, Hyde Park, Rhinebeck, Beacon and Wappingers Falls — showcase the work of WPA artists. Except for the Wappingers Falls location, each post office operates today.

Underscoring it all is the manner in which the legacy of FDR — a Hyde Park native and avid stamp collector — continues to resonate more than 70 years after he died. The FDR Library last year celebrated its 75th anniversary and hosted an exhibit on the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Last month, the library opened an exhibit on the 75th anniversary of Japanese internment during World War II.

David B. Roosevelt is a grandson of FDR and former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt and lives in Hyde Park. Dur-

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ing Tuesday's program, he spoke of the WPA as a pivotal piece of his grandfather's legacy.

"Today's activities, I think, would please my grandfather very, very much," David Roosevelt said. "...They serve to highlight what he undoubtedly would have considered one of the most important achievements, one of the cornerstones of his New Deal..."

WPA posters during the Great Depression were displayed in public spaces and municipal buildings. They encouraged health, conservation, education and other civic ideals; and they encouraged domestic travel.

They also called attention to WPA projects launched by FDR to spur the economy by creating jobs. Those projects focused heavily on infrastructure but also employed artists, some of whom generated artwork for the posters.

Postmaster General Megan J. Brennan said WPA artists "had an incredible impact."

"They gave a visual identity to that era. They had a bold, modern and empowering sensibility, the perfect artistic response for a nation beset by fear and doubt," she said.

Tuesday's event at the FDR Library marked the second time in weeks that Dutchess County was linked with a new U.S. postage stamp.

The U.S. Postal Service last month began selling a stamp that features a photograph of President John F. Kennedy that Ted Spiegel of Fishkill took while working as a Washington state photographer in 1960.

"All of the WPA posters

are meant to be inspirational," said Spiegel, who attended Tuesday's event. "When you see any of these posters, you are on the first step to your own thoughts on the beauty of the parks; about the energy of industry; about the miracle of flight."

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A view of the 10 Forever postage stamp designs based on Work Projects Administration posters. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park last week welcomed 175 people for the unveiling of the stamps.