

Corunna High School

Class of 1939

Updated 7-12-2021

**Max Boursmith
Deceased**

1939

**Pauline Boursmith
Deceased**

1939

T. Maxine Butcher
12-21-1921
Deceased 11-23-1976

Lloyd G. Matthews
3-21-1944

Theo M. Matthews

Theo M. Matthews, 54, 4588 N. Geeck Rd., died Thanksgiving Day at Flint's Hurley Hospital where she had been a patient for the past six weeks. She had been ill since early August.

A funeral will be held from Owosso's Jennings-Lyons Chapel Monday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Charles F. Kitchenmaster officiating.

Burial is scheduled to follow in West Haven Cemetery.

The body rests at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials to a favorite church or charity.

A daughter of Ward and Lena (Brodsick) Butcher, Mrs. Matthews was born Dec. 21, 1921 and was a graduate of **Corunna** High School and Central Michigan University.

She had been a teacher in the Hintz and Lewis rural schools and also worked for nine years in sales at Storrer's in Owosso.

She was a life-long resident of this area.

Mrs. Matthews married Lloyd G. Matthews in New Haven Township on March 21, 1944. She was a member of the New Haven United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: Her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Gary (Elaine) Woodruff, St. Johns; one son, Dennis D., Hazelton Township; one granddaughter; and a brother, Gerald Butcher of New Haven Township.

**Marie C. Chipperfield
Deceased**

1939

Beatrice Clark

1939

Margaret Collins
9-12-1921
Deceased 8-8-2012



William E. Brown (40)
10-15-1949

1939

Margaret E. Brown

Age 90, of Corunna, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012, at Memorial Healthcare.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, 2012, at Nelson-House Funeral Home with the Rev. Russell Merrill officiating. Burial will take place at Pine Tree Cemetery in Corunna. The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 1 p.m. until the time of service.

Margaret was born Sept. 12, 1921, in Owosso, the daughter of Honorable Joseph H. and Lena (Jean'dheur) Collins. She was a graduate of Corunna High School, class of 1939 and the University of Michigan class of 1943, where she was trained as a social worker. Margaret was a member of St. Paul Episcopal Church in Corunna and was an active volunteer for many organizations. She was a member of the Corunna Women's Club, Current Topic Club and served on the board of Corunna Building Authority.

Margaret married William E. Brown Oct. 15, 1949, in Owosso; he predeceased her in 1994.

In her earlier years, while in Chicago, she worked for the American Red Cross and Marshall Fields; returning to Owosso she worked at Mitchell Corporation.

Margaret is survived by sons, William C. (Jayne) Brown of Owosso and Joseph P. (MaryKay) Brown of Overland Park, Kan.; grandchildren, Billy, Patrick, Libby and Jack Brown; special friend Mickie Koenig.

Florence Diamond Deceased

1939

Amber Elkins
6-18-1919
Deceased 5-26-2006

Oliver J. Weber
11-25-1954

1939

Amber A. Weber

Age 86, of Corunna, passed away Friday, May 26, 2006, at Memorial Healthcare.

Mrs. Weber was a homemaker.

The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fr. Robert D. Kolenski officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul Cemetery. Visitation at Jennings-Lyons Chapel will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., with a Rosary being prayed at 7 p.m.

Amber was born June 8, 1919, in Corunna, the daughter of John M. and Mildred P. (Kinney) Elkins, and had resided her entire life in the Owosso/Corunna area. On Nov. 25, 1954, she married Oliver J. Weber in Owosso. Mr. Weber passed away in 1981.

She was a member of the American Legion Owosso Post 4008; an active member of Shiawassee Council on Aging (SCOA) and the Red Hat Society. She was an active member of St. Paul Catholic Church, the parish choir and the Altar Society.

Amber served her country during World War II in the Navy Waves and was extremely proud of her military service.

Survivors include: daughters, Karen (Robert) Wright of Lennon, Sharon (Kim) Buchholz of Perry and Bonnie Courtney of Ovid; stepson, Gene Weber of Tucson, Ariz.; step-daughter-in-law, Margot Weber of Owosso; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Gladys (Don) Vibbert; sister-in-



law, Vivian Langdon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Oliver; son, Oliver; stepson, Rodrick Weber; stepgrandson, Mark Weber; five brothers; and six sisters.

Memorial bequests may be made to Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility or SCOA.

Lawrence A. Fernette
9-11-1921
Deceased 6-2-1962

Lawrence A. Fernette of Midland Dies

CORUNNA — Lawrence A. Fernette, 40, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fernette, 1540 Parmenter Rd., died Saturday at his home in Midland after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday from Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. today, at the Bradley Funeral Home.

The deceased was born on Sept. 11, 1921, in East Tawas, but resided in Corunna for a number of years. He graduated from Corunna High School and was a veteran of service with the U. S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He had resided in Midland for the past five years

and was employed by the Dow Chemical Co.

Besides his parents, Mr. Fernette is survived by his widow, Ruth; two sons, James and Michael, and one daughter, Vicki, all at home; also by four brothers

—Thomas, Arthur and Charles Fernette of Corunna and Oliver of Owosso; four sisters, Mrs. Catherine Reich and Mrs. Dorothy Thiele of Owosso and Mrs. Margaret Teachworth and Miss Ruth Fernette, both of Ionia.

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Ruth ...

1939

James Fitzpatrick Deceased

1939

Ruth Frank

Steve Mitosinka

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Madeline Geib

... Morgan

1939

Don Griffin
12-11-1920
Deceased 1-16-1959

Betty Hasselback (39)
6-19-1942

1939

Griffin Rites Set for Monday

CORUNNA — Funeral services for Donald R. Griffin, 38, of 203 W. McArthur St., who died yesterday in Memorial Hospital, will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church here Monday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Ward Clabuesch officiating.

The body will rest at Kribs Funeral Home with burial at Pinetree Cemetery.

The owner of the Griffin Insurance Agency was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Rotary Club, Corunna Lodge 115 F. & A. M. and Elks Lodge 753 in Owosso.

He was born in Genesee County Dec. 11, 1920 the son of Floyd and Florence Griffin. Following graduation from Corunna High School in 1939 he attended Albion College for 18 months.

Mr. Griffin married Betty Hasselback June 19, 1942 in Toledo.

Besides his wife and parents he is survived by one son, William; one daughter, Carolyn; one brother, Edward of Royal Oak, and one sister, Mrs. Joe Williams of Owosso.

Betty Hasselback
7-31-1921
Deceased 1-22-2001

Betty R. Brown

Age 79, of Lake Isabella in Weidman, Michigan, formerly of Corunna, passed away Monday, January 22, 2001, at home.

Mrs. Brown was a registered nurse.

Services will be held at Smith Funeral Homes, Corunna Chapel, Saturday, January 27, 2001, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Russell Merrill officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Corunna. Visitation at the funeral home will be Friday from 3 to 9 p.m., with the family present from 3 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Brown was born in Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1921, the daughter of Fred W. and Bernice (Curry) Hasselback. Betty's first husband was Donald Griffin who owned Griffin Insurance Agency. After his death she got her insurance license and carried on the business for 25 years until retiring in 1978. They were blessed with two children, William and Carolyn Griffin. Her son died at the age of 27 from a diving accident. In 1961, she then married Allan Brown. They had nearly 40 years together and bought a winter home at Impereal Terrace, Tavares, Florida, in 1979, and have had a beautiful retirement.

She belonged to the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Corunna, and when in Florida, St. Edwards Episcopal Church of Mount Dora. She also was a member of Women's Club of Corunna; VFW Auxiliary 4005; Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Development Corporation.

Survivors include; her husband, Allan Brown of Tavares, Florida; daughter, Carolyn (Jerry) Mars of Corunna; grandchildren, Patrick, Benjamin and Shannon Mars; brother, James (Loretta) Hasselback of Corunna; sister, Mary Ann (Garrett) Loode of Flushing.

She was predeceased by; first husband, Donald R. Griffin; one son, William E. Griffin; and three brothers, Fredrick W. Hasselback, Robert Hasselback, Richard Hasselback.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lake & Sumter Hospice or charity of donor's choice.

Online condolences can be sent to: www.smithfamilyfuneral-homes.com.

Donald Griffin (39) 6-19-1942
Allan Brown (35) 1961
1939

Myrtle Hawn
5-4-1929
Deceased 6-16-1990

Robert A. Buck
3-1943

1939

Myrtle L. Buck

Age 69, of 1090 S. Warren Rd., Ovid, died Monday evening, July 16, 1990, at The Memorial Hospital, Owosso.

Mrs. Buck was a homemaker.

Services will be held Friday, 1 p.m. from the Jennings-Lyons Chapel, Owosso. The Rev. John D. Eckelbarger will officiate with burial in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the chapel Wednesday and Thursday 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Buck was born in Corunna, Mich. on May 4, 1921, the daughter of Bert and Flossie (Collard) Hawn. She graduated from Corunna High School, Class of 1939, and was a life long resident of the Owosso/Ovid area. In March of 1943, she and Robert A. Buck were married in Owosso. She attended the First Church of God, Owosso.

Survivors include her husband, Robert A. Buck; two daughters, Mrs. Anthony (Charlene) Kim of Owosso, Mrs. Charlie (Donna) Kim of Corunna; one son, Robert A. (and Kathy) Buck Jr. of Goodrich; five grandchildren, Kristine Kim, Chuck Kim, Bobbi Jo Buck, Jenny Buck, Maegan Buck; three brothers, Donald Hawn of Owosso, Harry (and Trudy) Hawn of Owosso, Hubert (and Beverly) Hawn of Owosso; several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Buck was predeceased by her parents and one sister, Lillian Rodgers.

**Don Hein
Deceased**

1939

Jean Hilden

Byron Pierce

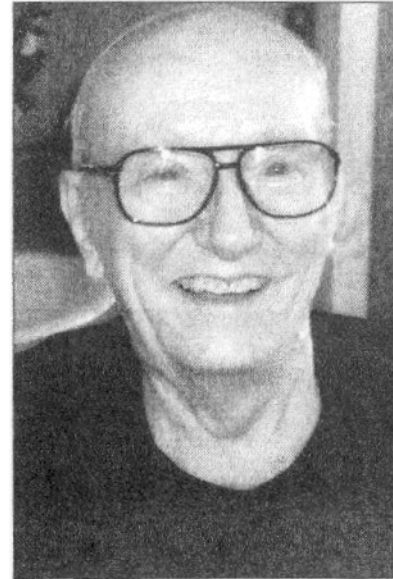
1939

Rolland "Ron" Hofacker
9-4-1920
Deceased 4-18-2005



Muriel I. Morse
4-8-1950

1939



Rolland "Ron"
Hofacker

Age 84, of Corunna, passed away Monday, April 18, 2005, at Memorial Healthcare.

In 1980, Ron retired from General Motors, Fisher Body Plant #1, in Flint, after 30 years of service.

Services will be held at Jennings-Lyons Funeral Chapel, Friday, April 22, 2005, at 1 p.m., with the Rev Grant R. Lobb officiating. Burial will be at Pine Tree Cemetery. Visitation at the funeral chapel will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.



Mr. Hofacker was born September 4, 1920, in Caledonia Township, the son of Samuel and Emma (Mills) Hofacker. He was a 1938 graduate of Corunna High School, and resided most of his life in this area, living 12 years in Saginaw. Ron married Muriel I. Morse, April 8, 1950, in Montgomery, Michigan.

He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and a former member of the Ames United Methodist Church in Saginaw. Ron was a member of UAW #581 in Flint.

Survivors include: wife, Muriel Hofacker of Corunna; sons, David (Susan) Hofacker of Flint, Charles (Connie) Hofacker of Owosso; grandchildren, Angela (Scott) Wandrie of Owosso, Chris Hofacker of Corunna, Tracey (Tracie L.) Hofacker of Wellston, Michigan, Todd (Tara L.) Hofacker of Lamore, California; great-grandchildren, Sarah, Heather, Codie, Jacob; several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by: parents; two brothers; and four sisters.

Memorial bequests may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

Eileen M. Huff
Deceased

1939

Rose E. Huszar

1939

Helen Kimble

Bud Campbell

1939

G. Joseph Kisosky Deceased 1-13-2015

Lucy Stiff
11-14-1942

1939

65TH ANNIVERSARY



JOE and LUCY KISOSKY

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kisosky

Joe and Lucy Kisosky of Naples, Fla., will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Nov. 14. They have been residents of Naples since 1999 when they relocated from Rosebush.

They were married at Mineral Wells, Texas, where Joe was stationed for basic training in the Army.

Joe saw combat in France with the Army Infantry where they paraded through Paris. He retired from WCEN Radio in Mount Pleasant after being on the air for 30 years.

Joe graduated from Corunna High School and ran the Skyway Drive-In outside of Corunna in the early 1950s.

Lucy worked in retail sales most of her life after a stint in factory work during WWII.

Joe and Lucy have two daughters: Kathy (Joe) Graves of Rockford, Ill. and Elizabeth (Dale) Dillingham of Naples, Fla.

Four grandchildren and one great grandson complete their family.

Cards may be sent to them at 98 Enchanting Blvd., Naples, FLA 34112

G. Joseph Kisnosky Deceased 1-13-2015

Lucy Stiff
11-14-1942

1939

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010

Honored legion



NICOLE NIRSIN, vice president of The American Society of the French Legion of Honor, back to camera, awards Joe Kisnosky his Legion of Honor medal at the ceremony on the French navy destroyer Chevalier Paul in Miami, Fla.

WW II veterans, Corunna man receive Legion of Honor for service to France

By JULIANNE MATTERA
Argus-Press Staff Writer

MIAMI, Fla. — A few weeks after the invasion of Normandy, France, in 1944, Sgt. Joe Kisnosky landed on Omaha Beach, along with the 28th Infantry Division.

Then in his early 20s, Kisnosky saw combat from Saint-Lo, in France, all the way through Belgium, Luxembourg and into Germany.



JOE KISNOSKY

earned again as the soldiers left the city.

"It was combat, and it wasn't pretty. And especially because of, well, the bombing," Kisnosky said. "Where we went there were dead cattle and dead men all the way. And each day we would have a little skirmish and then walk most of the way through there chasing the German army."

On May 8, the 60th anniversary of V-E Day, the 80-year-old former Corunna resident was honored for his service in liberating France during World War II. On board French navy destroyer Chevalier Paul in Miami, Kisnosky and a small gathering of veterans were awarded the Legion of Honor — the highest distinction given to French citizens and foreigners.

"To see this group of people gathered together on the deck of this destroyer was, for us and for this generation, it was quite a

sight," said Kisnosky's daughter, Betsy Dillingham. "The books that Tom Brokaw wrote, I think it's called 'The Greatest Generation,' that was just so true."

Kisnosky, who attended the ceremony with his family, was honored to receive the award.

"It was very impressive, and they put on just a beautiful show," Kisnosky said.

Born in Saginaw, Kisnosky was a toddler when his family moved to Corunna. He attended Corunna High School and graduated in 1968. Following his time in WW II, Kisnosky worked as a radio announcer and a time salesman at WOAP in Owosso and later worked for 25 years at WCEN in Mount Pleasant.

And, while Kisnosky has lived in Naples, Fla., since 1980, he remains a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4005 in Corunna.

Kisnosky was originally drafted to fight in WW II with other members of the Michigan National Guard in Owosso, but failed to pass the physical examination. Six months later, Kisnosky said "Uncle Sam" had a change of heart and decided the country needed his services as an infantryman in the Army.

Kisnosky served in the Army from 1943 until 1946, and he remembers feeling worried and even afraid as he and other soldiers fought the Germans. But Kisnosky said he took the task "in style" and persevered.

"This was still war and we had to keep going until we defeated Germany," Kisnosky said.

Dillingham is still in awe of what her father and other members of the greatest generation accomplished.

"They went through the depression. Some of them were alive for the end of World War I, I believe, or fairly close to it — they were born shortly thereafter. And then they had to go through the Depression and then the war," Dillingham said. "Like in my father's case, it derailed his college education. He was going to Michigan State, which was Michigan State College at the time, and he withdrew because he wanted to serve his country. And when he came back, there was no time to go back. He was married then and it was time to start a family."

Growing up, Dillingham said her father rarely spoke about WW II because of the many horrible things he saw and endured. And while Dillingham estimates her father has seven or eight other medals commemorating his service in WW II over the years, he's remained very humble.

Dillingham is extremely proud of her father's achievement, and she attended the Legion of Honor ceremony with her sister, Kathy Graves, and mother, Lucy Kisnosky.

Following the ceremony, Dillingham said she saw many of the French sailors present at the event thanking each of the Legion of Honor recipients for their service. Dillingham was especially moved by one French sailor who made a point to introduce his two sons to Kisnosky and the other veterans on board.

"I know my dad, he was very pleased about it — the fact that they all came up and said, 'Thank you,'" Dillingham said. "It was a very touching day just the whole event."

**Edward Leitow
Deceased**

1939

J. D. Lewis

1939

James Martin
3-4-1921
Deceased 12-30-2007



Norma H. Nason
8-19-1944

1939

James W. Martin

Age 86, of Corunna, passed away Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007, at Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility in Corunna.

Mr. Martin worked as a mail carrier in Corunna, at Redmonds, and then at Consumers Energy out of the Owosso office before retiring in 1976. After retirement, he worked for the Corunna schools.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Smith Family Funeral Homes in Corunna Chapel with Pastor Ron Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Pine Tree Cemetery in Corunna. Visitation at the funeral home will be today from 2 to 8 p.m., with family present from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

James was born in Corunna, March 4, 1921, the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Hawn) Martin. He was a graduate of Corunna High School, class of 1939, and resided all of his life in Corunna. On Aug. 19, 1944, he married Norma H. Nason in Big Rapids.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and canoeing. He loved to go up north and spend time in the woods. He also liked sporting events and going to Corunna athletic events. His greatest joy was spending time with his family. James served on the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department, starting in 1940.

Survivors include: wife, Norma Martin of Corunna; three daughters: Virginia and



Charles Carsten of Mio, Linda and Gary Terry of Corunna and Patricia and Chester Terry of Chesaning; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by three granddaughters: Jennifer Griffin, Trisha Terry and Wendy Terry; one great-granddaughter, Brandy Rollings; one brother, Raymond Martin; two sisters, Gertrude and Margaret.

Memorials may be made to: Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility, Corunna.

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Frank McBride Jr.

K. Jean Ritter (41)

1939

Alfred McEwen
Deceased

1939

Linford Mead
5-25-1922
Deceased

Dona Jean Middleton

... Rose

1939

Lester C. Neal

Thora G. ...

1939

Ruth Neal

... Gurney-Alldridge

1939

Max L. Noe
8-27-1920
Deceased 11-8-2001

Ruth Inez Reynolds
10-2-1942

1939

Max L. Noe

Age 81, of Owosso, passed away Thursday, November 8, 2001, at home.

Mr. Noe worked for 21 years at Globe Union, retiring in 1983.

Services will be held at Jennings-Lyons Funeral Chapel, Saturday, November 10, 2001, 1 p.m., with the Rev. Norman R. Beckwith Sr., officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation at the funeral chapel will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Mr. Noe was born in Shiawassee Township, August 27, 1920, the son of Charles and Emma (Glinke) Noe. He was a 1939 graduate of Corunna High School and had resided all his life in Shiawassee County. On October 2, 1942, he married Ruth Inez Reynolds in Detroit.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church; and was past president of Shiawassee Historical Society; and a member of the Genealogy Society. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include; wife, Ruth Noe of Owosso; daughters, Virginia Duntley of Owosso, Susan (Wally) Hall of Oscoda, Nancy Seward (Dan) Alacheff of Owosso; eight grandchildren; 13 great-



grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; sister, Ruth Ehrlich of Owosso; brother, Phil Noe of DeTour, Michigan.

He was predeceased by; his parents; three brothers, Robert, Virgil, and Leon; sister, Jean; and son-in-law, James Duntley.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Jennings-Lyons Chapel

Owosso
725-7171

Shirley Pennell

1939

Beatrice Pierce

1939

Leota Price
10-12-1920
Deceased 4-8-2007



Russell H. Allen
6-29-1941

Leota H. Allen

Age 86, of Corunna, passed away Sunday, April 8, 2007, at Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility, Corunna.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Northgate Wesleyan Church, Owosso, with Pastor Cal Emerson officiating.

Leota was born Oct. 12, 1920, in Saginaw, Mich., the daughter of Ole Elmer and Florence Mildred (Niles) Price. She was a graduate of Corunna High School, and had resided most of her life in the Corunna Area.

On June 21, 1941, she married Russell H. Allen. He passed away in 2002. Leota was a member of the Northgate Wesleyan Church.

Survivors include: daughter, Betty and Roger Bannister of Perry; three grandchildren, Robert Hess of Indian River, Mich., Timothy and Carolyn Hess of Henderson, Allen and Lori Fookes of Perry; great-grandchildren, Dan, Sarah, Casey, Carrie and Caleb; sisters, Alice and Richard Lewis, Phyllis Baker; and several special



nieces, nephews and close friends.

She was predeceased by: her husband; one son, Robert Allen; one granddaughter, Victoria Hess; sister, Ialene; and brothers, LeRoy, Kenneth and Ole E. Jr.

Memorials may be made to Shiawassee Medical Facility-South Garden Fund.

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**Mary Alice Ritter
Deceased**

James K. Fitzpatrick

1939

Beatrice Robinson

1939

Charles R. Sack
6-14-1921

Virginia Coakes

1939

Betty Ellen Schooley

1921

Deceased 2-18-1999

Joseph Zwolensky

11-3-1945

1939

Dorothy Lee Seward

Robert L. Blue

1939

Max Slesseman

Betty ...

1939

Lester A. Sutton

**Marion ...
1-17-1941**

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Mildred Sworthwood

1939

Anrella Warner

Ed Klee

1939

The End

1939