

Corunna High School

Class of 1945

Updated 7-4-2023

Naomi M. Becker

1945

Frank Bendall
3-1-1927
Deceased 1-25-2006



Rita Mills
9-17-1949

1945

Frank L. Bendall

Age 78, of Corunna, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at Memorial Healthcare.

Mr. Bendall had worked as a millwright, retiring in 1989 from Johnson Controls.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at St. Paul Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fr. Robert D. Kolenski officiating. Burial will take place at St. Paul Cemetery. Visitation at Nelson-House Funeral Home will be Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m., with a Rosary being prayed at 5 p.m.

Frank was born March 1, 1927 in Jackson, the son of Frank I. and Lilah (Brandeberry) Bendall. He served in the United States Merchant Marines in 1945; graduated from Corunna High School in 1946; and then served in the United States Air Force from 1946 to 1949.

On Sept. 17, 1949, he married Rita Mills at St. Paul Catholic Church in Owosso. Mr. Bendall was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Corunna VFW Post 4005 and St. Joseph Workers at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Rita; four sons, Michael (Deborah) Bendall of Fort Wayne, Ind., Gary (Deborah) Bendall of Corunna, Robert (Darlene) Bendall of Owosso and Richard Bendall and fiancée Susanne Hubbard of Owosso; nine grandchildren, Margaret (Dave) Jaskula, William (Becky) Bendall, Johannah Bendall, Andy Bendall, Amanda Bendall, Katy Bendall, Jesse



Bendall, Hannah Bendall and Josh Bendall; one great-granddaughter, Madison Bendall; sister, Norma (Eugene) Marriage; four brothers, Dan (Joyce) Bendall, Jerry (Margie) Bendall, Phillip (Marilyn-Kay) Bendall and John (Mary) Bendall; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Catholic Church or The ARC Shiawassee.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.nelson-house.com

Graduated
in 1946

Florence A. Brands
5-7-1926
Deceased 11-10-2020



Forrest Benjamin
7-3-1948

Florence A. Benjamin

Age 94 of Owosso passed away Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at the Owls Nest .

The family will receive friends at Nelson-House Funeral Home on Saturday, November 14, 2020 from 4pm to 7pm. Burial will take place at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Florence was born May 7, 1926 in Corunna, the daughter of Ivan and Elsie (Webb) Brands.

She graduated from Corunna High School in 1945.

She married Forrest Benjamin on July 3, 1948 at Owosso First Baptist Church .

Florence worked at Toledo Commutator for 19 years.

Florence is survived by her 2 daughters, Dorothy Broom and Donna Holzheuer; sisters-in-laws Phyllis Brands and Laura Brands.

Florence had 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephew and other loving family and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, parents, son Carl Benjamin, son-in-law Dale Broom, brothers Owen, Ivan, Floyd and Howard Brands and sister Edith (Brand) Horton

1945

Mary Lou Bruckman
6-8-1927
Deceased 5-6-2018



Alex Ostipow
10-26-1946

1945

Mary Lou 'Peg' Ostipow

Age 90, of Owosso, passed away Sunday, May 6, 2018, at Pleasant View.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 11, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Owosso with the Rev. Michael O'Brien officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Nelson-House Funeral Homes, Owosso Chapel, with a Ladies VFW Auxiliary service at 6:45 p.m. and a rosary prayed at 7 p.m.

Peg was born June 8, 1927, in Hart, the daughter of Leo and Pearl (Bushaw) Bruckman. She graduated from Corunna High School. Peg was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, St. Paul Altar Society, St. Ann's Guild, DAV Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary.

She married Alex Ostipow Oct. 26, 1946, at St. Paul Church in Owosso. He predeceased her Oct. 16, 2014.

Peg is survived by her children Michael (Patricia) Ostipow and Jane (David) Cantrell; grandchildren Eddie (Courtney) Ostipow, Scott (Kaye) Ostipow, Matthew (Brenda) Cantrell and Keith (Cindy) Cantrell; great-grandchildren Makaila, Chelsea (David), Evan, Owen, Auden, Jackson, Joshua and Jenna; sisters Carol Winterly and Barbara Pilot; sister-in-law Mary (Leonard) Kurylowich; several nieces and nephews; and many other loving family and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, daughter Linda, sister and brother-in-law Sally and Pete Johnson, and brothers-in-law Ken Winterly and Al Pilot.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Paul Catholic Church or the Ladies VFW Auxiliary.

John R. Cooley

1945

Delores L. Copes
5-26-1927
Deceased 2-21-2006

James B. Hafelein
Carl E. Bard

1945

Delores "Dee" Lorraine Copes Bard

Wednesday, February 22, 2006 10:11 AM EST

Of Traverse City, formerly of Corunna, passed away peacefully of cancer at Munson Manor Hospice House in Traverse City on Tuesday morning, Feb. 21, 2006.

Born May 26, 1927 in Highland Park, she was raised in Corunna. Delores was the daughter of Zefferiono Copes of Italy and Victoria Sylvestre Copes of Detroit. Delores, formerly of Reed City, lived in Traverse City the last several years of her life.

Earlier in her life, she married James. B. Hafelein. They had two children. Later she married Carl E. Bard.

Dee was always active in community affairs. She began by volunteering for The Salvation Army in Elsie in the mid-50s. Throughout life, where she saw the need, she tirelessly added her efforts as a volunteer. One of her favorite charities was helping with the Osceola County Food Pantry, which she helped with for several years. Another of these efforts included raising money for Osceola County's first mechanical extrication equipment, for which she went door-to-door for contributions.

Dee's hobbies included collecting antiques, Cobalt blue glass and angels. Earlier, she was a member of the Reed City Business and Professional Club, the Reed City Moose and Osceola/Mecosta Antique Club.

Delores is survived by: her son, Jim (Jane) Bard of Traverse City; daughter, Judith Rose Clarady of Nashville, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Rene and Mary Copes of Chesaning; and sister, Elaine Tuttle of Durand.

She was predeceased by sister, Virginia Jones; brother, Carl Copes; one grandson; and one great-grandson.

Delores will always be remembered for her never-ending kindness and generosity. The lesson that she always taught her family was and still is: "To Remember the Love."

The funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Chesaning on Thursday, Feb. 23, at noon. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until time of the service. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Dee with your love by sending all contributions in her name to Munson Hospice House and Palliative Care, 1105 Sixth St., Traverse City, MI 49684.

Arrangements by Walker-Martin Funeral Home, Chesaning.

Herbert C. Diamond

Deceased

1945

Robert G. Fell

Mary Lou ...

1945

Joyce Ada Heckman

Earl Landon

1945

Helen Hickey
8-14-1928
Deceased 2-13-2016



Walter Norcross

Helen Norcross Obituary

NORCROSS, Helen Jean, age 87, of Winchester, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016, in Brentwood, after a long illness. Born Helen Jean Hickey on Aug. 14, 1928, in Corunna Mich., she was a devout Christian and active in the church her entire life. Helen was a beloved and highly valued participating member of Christ the King Anglican Church in Winchester. She loved youth and music ministries and was a prayer life role model for many. Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Walter Norcross to whom she was married for 55 years; parents, Dewey and Bernice (Richardson) Hickey; son, Joel Norcross; sister, Ruth; and brothers, James and Robert Hickey. Helen is survived by her children, Charles Norcross (Kellye) of Franklin, Michael Norcross of Spring Hill, Fla. and Vickie Warren (Walter) of Manchester; daughter-in-law, Kimberly Norcross of Ringgold, Ga.; brother, Earl Hickey of O'Brien, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and multiple great and great-great-grandchildren. A loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, she will be greatly missed. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Christ the King Anglican Church in Winchester. A celebration of life will follow at 3 p.m. at Christ the King Anglican Church with Father Bill Midgett officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Christ the King Anglican Church, Winchester, TN or Gentiva Hospice of Nashville, TN. Honorary pallbearers will be: Dick Austin, Chuck Bartlett, Bryan Norcross, Chris Norcross, Cory Norcross, Paul Norcross and Chris Rose. Moore-Cortner Funeral Home, 300 1st Ave. N.W., Winchester, TN 37398 in charge of local arrangements, 967-2222.

Frances G. Hilden
2-6-1927
Deceased 1-1-2022

Don Condry

1945

Gretchen W. Huckins
4-24-1927
Deceased 5-30-2011

Gretchen W. Weidman

Age 84, of Fincastle, Va., formerly of Corunna and Owosso, passed away surrounded by loving family Monday, May 30, 2011, in Virginia.

Funeral services will held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Final rest will be at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Gretchen was born on her family's farm in Shiawassee Township April 24, 1927, the daughter of Roland C. and Oleta (Kent) Huckins. She graduated from Corunna High School with the class of 1945. She was married to David Olin Weidman,

who preceded her in death in 2007. She was a "farm wife" who enjoyed her family and filling her home with antiques.

Survivors include sons Clare and Michael; grandchildren Corey, Amy, Erin and Taylor; and great-grandchildren Brandon, Skyler, Zane and Bret.

Services are entrusted to Mowen Funeral Home, William A. Scarlett Memorial Chapel.

David Olin Weidman

1945

Margaret C. Katt

1945

Charles J. Kincaid

1945

William L. Kroske
8-3-1926
Deceased 11-7-2015

Ruth Wise
4-14-1951

Age 89, of Owosso, passed away Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, at Memorial Healthcare in Owosso.

Bill was born Aug. 3, 1926, in Detroit, the son of William and Sadie (Wainwright) Kroske. He had lived in the Corunna and Owosso area since 1934, and graduated from Corunna High School in 1945. On April 14, 1951, he married Ruth Wise in San Pedro, California and she predeceased him Sept. 30, 2000. He served in the Korean War from 1951 to 1953.

Bill retired from Western and Southern Life Insurance Company after 25 years of service. He managed Kiwanis Village of Owosso for 9½ years and also worked as the “Candyman” at Meijer in Corunna until 2004. He was a life member of the Corunna VFW Post 4005.

Survivors include daughters Sue Markowitz, Becky Kroske, Nancy Tucker and Kelly (Steve) Hollister; sons Greg Kroske and David (Diane) Kroske; seven grandchildren; and sister Geraldine Hamill.

He was predeceased by son-in-law Howard Markowitz; daughter-in-law Gail Kroske; brothers Harold and Richard Kroske; and sisters Ruth Reno, Clara Helms and Lela Escott.

A graveside service will take place Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery in Owosso.

Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at watkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Lawrence E. LeCureaux
1927
Deceased 8-17-2016

Elaine Mehig

William Anderson

1945

Robert J. Nasser
2-16-1927
Deceased 12-28-2009

Verdetta J. Rumrill (46)

Robert John Nasser Sr. beloved husband and father, was called home to our Lord on December 28, 2009. He was born February 16, 1927 in Detroit, MI., and served as a combat engineer in the European Theater during World War II. He worked for Armour and Company for 27 years where he was affectionately known as "Dr. Tape." Later he worked as a manufacturer's rep. until he retired to Hot Springs Village, Ark., in 1992. In 1999 he moved to Sun City West, AZ., where he remained until his death. Rober was a 4th degree Knight of Knights of Columbus. 1994-95 was Knight of the year. He was a member of the VFW and was an avid and award-winning gardener. He attended Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Verdetta, four children: Robert (Monica) of Pahrump, NV., Nancy (Bruce) of Portland, OR., Richard (fiance Peggy) of Phoenix, AZ., and Joni (Ricardo) of Temple City, CA., three siblings: Rudy of Clio, MI., George of Sarasota, FL., and Martha of Flushing, MI., five grand children and one great-grandchild, many cousins, nieces, nephews and countless friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Elias and Frances and his brother Louis. Services were held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church December 31, 2009. Internment will be February 16, 2010 at Sunland Memorial Park Sun City, AZ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The [American Stroke Association](#). Visit this person's Guest Book at www.yourwestvalley.com

Harold W. Phillips Jr.
8-11-1927
Deceased 9-7-2009

Harold W. Phillips

Age 82, of Traverse City, formerly of Owosso, passed away Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City.

Harold was born Aug. 11, 1927, in Owosso, the son of Harold Sr. and Jessie (Perry) Phillips. On April 2, 1949, he and Janey Rust were married in Angola, Ind. They lived in Owosso until 1958, then Flint, and in 1996, moved to Traverse City.

He graduated from Corunna High School in 1945, then went into the Navy. He was at the atomic bomb tests at Bikini in 1946, then went on destroyer duty in the Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea. He was honorably discharged as a Radarman 2/C in 1948.

He was printer at The Owosso Argus-Press until 1955, then for The Flint Journal until 1987 when he retired. He was a so-so golfer, but enjoyed the camaraderie. He was a member of Corunna VFW Post 4005.

Survived by sons Jerry (Helen) and Denny (Courtney), and daughter Penny, all of Traverse City; grandchildren Joshua Phillips, Jamie Phillips,

Ben Phillips and Benn Overholt; great-grandson Joshua Phillips; brother Gene (Donna) of Tawas City and Yuma, Ariz.; sister-in-law Carol (Jack) Holmes of Elk Rapids; granddogs Hunter, Polar and Cuppy; multiple cousins, nieces and nephews; and longtime friends Jack and Jeanne Boursmith of Corunna.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Janey, in 2003; and his parents.

Cremation has taken place and inurnment will be at Traverse City Memorial Gardens. A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday at Faith Reformed Church, 1139 E. Front St., Traverse City, with Pastor Les Wiseman officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Munson Hospice, 550 Munson Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Online condolences and guest book for Mr. Phillips available at www.mowenfuneralhomeinc.com.

Janey Rust
4-2-1949

Phyllis M. Price

... Baker

1945

Barbara Raymond
8-25-1927
Deceased 9-24-2015



Dale Sworthwood (47)
6-21-1947

1945

Barbara Jane Sworthwood

Age 88 of Owosso passed away Thursday, September 24, 2015 at her home.

Funeral Services will be held at 3pm Sunday September 27, 2015 at Nelson-House Funeral Home with Pastor Alice Lewis officiating. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 1pm until time of service.

Barbara was born August 25, 1927 in Owosso, the daughter of William and Bernice (Bigelow) Raymond.

She graduated from Corunna High School in 1945.

She married Dale Sworthwood on June 21, 1947. She and Dale celebrated 59 years of marriage in 2006.

Barbara worked at the Shiawassee County Health Department for 7 years, two of those years while she was in high school and 5 years after graduation. She worked in the records department at Clinton Memorial Hospital for 3 years (1960-1962). In 1963 she and Dale bought and ran the Little Giant Market in Corunna for 26 years.

Barbara enjoyed reading, traveling, family get together's, playing cards and going to the casino.

Barbara is survived by her daughters Terry Sworthwood, Patty (Mick) Kazen; grandson Dale Kazen; sister Betty Hart; sister-in-law Nancy Hunter; brother-in-law Dave Valliant; several cousins and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband in 2007, sisters-in-law Norma Valliant and Lucille Benford, brothers-in-law Ned Hart, Jerry Hunter and Lyle Benford.

She will be buried with her husband at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Memorial Hospice or Hospice House of Shiawassee County.

Mildred Davis Schultz
5-30-1927
Deceased 3-9-2012

John J. Schultz
9-30-1943

1945

Mildred Schultz

Age 84 of Corunna passed away Friday, March 9, 2012, at the Hospice House of Shiawassee County.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 31, at Corunna United Methodist Church with Pastor David Strobe officiating. The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Mildred was born May 30, 1927, in Corunna, the daughter of George W. and Nella M. (Kinny) Davis.

She graduated from Corunna High School, class of 1944, served on the Corunna Board of Review, was a member of the Corunna United Methodist Church and the Corunna VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Mildred was active as both a Cub Scouts den mother and a Girl Scouts Brownie leader.

She enjoyed ceramic painting, scrapbooking, singing in the church choir and traveling with family and friends; there were only three states she had not visited.

Mildred married John J. Schultz Sept. 30, 1943.

Retiring in 1990, Mildred had been employed through the years at Universal Electric, Mitchell Corporation, the Shiawassee Intermediate School District (SRED) as a driver and



Clara A. Seib

1945

**Dorothy L. Shipman
Deceased 8-16-2012**

Dorothy (Dottie) Kulvin

After a long illness with Alzheimer's, Dottie passed away peacefully on August 16th. Dottie was married for 53 years to Dr. Robert Kulvin. She is survived by her 4 daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Bob Frahm, Lori and Ray Crawford, Jody and Michael Hine and Tracy and Dennis Albers. She was loved and adored by her 10 grandchildren and her great-granddaughter.

Dottie spent her life in San Francisco involved in many aspects of the community, both political and charitable. Her legacy was as a co-founder of Western Women's Bank, the first women's bank in San Francisco. She spent her final years in Napa and Palm Desert. Private services will be held.

Robert E. Kulvin

Gloria J. Siewart

1945

Lois E. Swan
5-12-1927
Deceased 4-21-1998

Frank Teijkl

1945

June E. Wetherbee

1945

The End

1945