In Memoriam

Plymouth Canton and Salem Class of 1979
My Old Friend
(written by Steve McEwan & Craig Wiseman, performed by Tim McGraw)

My old friend, I recall
The times we had, hanging on my wall
I wouldn't trade them for gold
'Cause they laugh and they cry me
Somehow sanctify me
They're woven in the stories I have told, and tell again

My old friend, I apologize
For the years that have passed
Since the last time you and I
Dusted off those memories
The running and the races
The people and the places
There was always somewhere else I had to be
And time gets thin, my old friend

Don't know why, don't know why
Don't know why, don't know why

My old friend, this song's for you
'Cause a few simple verses was the least that I could do
To tell the world that you were here
'Cause the love and the laughter
Will live on long after
All of the sadness and the tears
We'll meet again
My old friend...goodbye

Goodbye, Goodbye, Goodbye

My old friend, My old friend
Plymouth Canton High School Class of 1979
Alan G. Andre

(April 8, 1961 – July 22, 1985)

Los Angeles Co., CA
Bruce R. Carr
(July 20, 1961 – February 1, 1998)

Bruce Carr, age 36, died February 1, 1998 as a result of a brain aneurism, having been found unconscious in a diabetic coma two days prior. He was survived by a daughter, Natalynne, and in 1996 his granddaughter Malayna was born.
Jay Cassidy, age 23, died May 6, 1984 in Fort Worth, TX. A memorial mass was held May 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth, MI. Mr. Cassidy was a 1979 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He enlisted and was a sergeant in the United States Air Force. He was stationed in Carswell Air Force Base, TX. Survivors include father and mother Don and Lucy Cassidy, brother Ron, sister Melinda and sister-in-law Sarah. Memorial contributions may be made to the Appalachia Missions, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.
Teresa A. Dingeldey

(February 25, 1961 – July 5, 1990)

Canton, MI

Teresa went to school with us until about the 10th grade, then moved to Belleville.

Teresa Ann Dingeldey was born on February 25, 1961 in LeSueur County, MN. She was the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Zeiher) Dingeldey. She died July 5, 1990 of a heart attack at the age of 29.

She was smart, lively, funny and great to be around. She was always positive and full of laughter. At the time of her death, she was actually laughing - a nice way for all of us to go. Remember her always.

- Margaret Dobrick Burns
Patrick G. Gilligan

(October 5, 1961 – August 26, 1981)

Plymouth and Mt. Pleasant, MI

Patrick G. Gilligan, age 19, died Wednesday August 26, 1981 near Waverly, OH as the result of an automobile accident. Pat was a resident of Plymouth, MI and Mt. Pleasant, MI where he was about to begin his junior year at Central Michigan University. He was survived by his parents, James T. and Marian Gilligan; brothers Gene, James, Thomas, Paul, Steven; sister Margaret; and grandmother Hazel Gilligan. Services will be held Monday August 31 at 9:30 a.m. at Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI and at 10:00 a.m. at St. Kenneth’s Catholic Church, 14951 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI. Visitation Saturday 7-9 p.m., Sunday 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The family suggests contributions to the Central Michigan University Development Fund, 105 Rowe Hall, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859.
David S. Hilbert


Garden City, MI

Lynne M. Lepkowski

(January 4, 1962 – October 31, 2008)

Ypsilanti, MI

Lynne Marie Lepkowski, age 46, died suddenly Friday, October 31, 2008, in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She was a former resident of Ann Arbor and Pinckney. Beloved wife of Arthur Myers and stepmother to his two daughters, Sara and Claire, of Chelsea, Michigan. She is survived by her father, Edward and his wife Irene of Westland, her sister Cheryl Symes of Salt Lake City and brother, Paul Lepkowski of Westland. She was preceded in death by her mother, Caroline (Nee Chanady) in 1989. Lynne grew up in Redford and Plymouth, graduated from Plymouth Canton High School and later graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education. She spent her entire post graduate career in Early Childhood and touched the lives of countless children over the years as a professional at Child Care Connection, Ann Arbor; Bright Horizon, Ann Arbor; and For Kids Sake, Pinckney. She was a devoted animal rights advocate and worked diligently for placement of orphaned and physically disabled animals and personally adopted her beloved Quincey and Stuart. Visitation will be on Tuesday, November 4, from 4-8pm at Janowiak Funeral Home, 320 N. Washington St. Ypsilanti, Michigan, 48197. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 10:00am at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Michigan Humane Society.
Angela L. Lipford, a 47 year old of Canton, passed away with her family at her bedside on January 24, 2009 after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. Born November 19, 1961 in Livonia, Mi. Angela graduated from Plymouth-Canton High School in 1979 and was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University's School of Education in 2001. Angela was a dedicated teacher whose passion was changing the lives of special need students in her classroom at Discovery Middle School in Canton. Her zest for life also influenced most everyone at Discovery. Diagnosed in 2004 with breast cancer, Angie became a passionate advocate for breast cancer awareness. She proudly completed the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk on two occasions, benefiting The Susan G. Komen Foundation. Angela received great comfort from weekly visits to The Wellness Community Group in Ann Arbor, MI. Determined to live life to its fullest, Angela and her three sons enjoyed touring the Grand Canyon this past summer. Angela is survived by her sons, Matthew Levi, David Loren and Daniel Lucas; parents, Dorothy Schoenneman and Calvin (Bill) May; siblings, Howard (Carol) May, Kevin (Lillian) May and Jamie May; nieces, Sarah (Arthur) Ebert, Shauntina May; nephews, Adam May, Jared May, Easton May, Nicholas May; great nephews, Walter Ebert, George Ebert and Baby Ebert. A Memorial service will be held Tuesday 1:00pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Monday 2-4 and 6-9pm. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to the "Angela Lipford" Fundraiser 1861 N.Arbor Way #26, Canton, MI 48188.
Dean M. Liske

(July 2, 1960 – September 7, 2001)

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

From Margaret (Dobrick) Burns:

Dean Liske died of health complications due to AIDS. He was a very dear person and a loving friend - someone you could always count on and who would always be there for you. He is greatly missed!
Jeffrey L. Nelson


Plymouth, MI

Jeffrey L. Nelson, age 42, died November 25, 2003. Beloved husband of Julie. Dearest father of Emily. Son of Ken and Nancy Nelson. Brother of Shelley Nelson, Lisa (Steve) Massie and Amy (Mark) Grenier. Also survived by his paternal grandmother, Ruth Nelson, and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Funeral from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Saturday 12:30 p.m. Friends may visit at church beginning at 11:30 a.m. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Friday 2-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Emily Nelson Education Fund.
Linda L. Nelson  

(December 19, 1960 – August 15, 2011)  

Gladwin, MI  

Linda L. Nelson, age 50, died August 15, 2011 of an apparent heart attack. She is survived by her mother (Marion) Jane Nelson of Covert, MI, sister Susan (George) Cummings of Kalamazoo, and her beloved cat Prinnie. She was predeceased by her father, Robert E. Nelson. The funeral was held Saturday August 20, 2011 at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, 1076 South Bailey Avenue, South Haven, MI with burial in the Covert Cemetery. Linda had suffered for many years with Multiple Sclerosis and was finally diagnosed in 2009. In recent years she had reconnected with many old friends and discovered many new friends in the MS community via Facebook. She had many friends with MS in the Gladwin, Pruddenville and Harrison area and the dozens of condolences left on her Facebook page are a testament to all of the lives she touched. May she rest in peace.
Plymouth Salem High School Class of 1979
Kyle L. Baker

(June 15, 1960 – August 17, 2006)

Plymouth, MI

Kyle Lynn Baker was born in Kentucky on June 15, 1960 and moved to Plymouth in the mid 1970’s.

Death Notice:

Sandra Lucille (Spencer) Browning

(August 28, 1961 – April 30, 2012)

Sheffield Lake, OH

Sandra Lucille (Spencer) Browning, of Sheffield Lake, OH died April 30, 2012 at the age of 50 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born August 28, 1961, the daughter of Wayne and Lennie Spencer. Sandy grew up in Plymouth, MI where she was a member of the Plymouth Salem High School class of 1979.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wayne Spencer. She is survived by her husband Stephen Browning of Sheffield Lake; daughters Karen Spencer of Sheffield Lake, Stephanie (James) Sammons of Cincinnati, and Katrina Sheely of OH; several grandchildren; her mother and step-father Lennie and Richard Ferguson of Plymouth, MI; a sister Terry of Everett, PA; a Wayne Jr. of FL; and a step-sister Teresa (Johannes) Isley of Milan, MI. She is also survived by close friends Bob Lambert of Elyria, OH and Janet Dunlap Armentrout of Bowling Green, KY. Sandy’s wishes were to be cremated with no viewing or service.

A special note from her Sandy’s life-long friend upon the news of her death on April 30, 2012: Heaven has received another angel with sparkling eyes and golden wings this evening. Sandy Spencer Browning passed away about an hour and a half ago. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers. She fought long and hard and held on to see her daughter get married (her daughter got married on April 28th, two days before Sandy’s death)...God knew of her suffering and released her of all her pain. She achieved her last goal. God please be with all of us as you also took our angel from us as well.....but we trust she is safe and out of pain and no longer suffering in your arms. Again...Prayers for the family please. Sandy, I will miss you more than you will ever know, you were my EVERYTHING! Peace be with you now. HUGS to my angel, blowing kisses! ♥ ~ Janet Dunlap Armentrout
Christopher N. Chiado

(July 23, 1960 – September 9, 2001)

Christopher N. Chiado, age 41, died September 9, 2001. Beloved husband of Jody; dear father of Garrett, Brittany and Ashley; stepfather of the late Brittany Perry. Son of Russell and Mary. Brother of Russell, Mary Kay and Elissia. Visitation Thursday 2-8 p.m. Services Friday 10:30 a.m. at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd, Garden City, MI.
Jeffrey J. DuCharme

(May 7, 1961 - March 8, 2001)

Mt. Pleasant, MI

Jeffrey John DuCharme, 39, of Mt. Pleasant died on Thursday, March 8, 2001, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Saginaw, MI. A Funeral Mass for Jeffrey J. DuCharme will be held on Monday, March 12th, at 11:00 a.m. from St. Mary’s University Parish in Mt. Pleasant, with Fr. Jeffrey Donner officiating. Interment will take place in Memorial Gardens Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Clark Funeral Chapel on Sunday, March 11th, from 12-3 and 5-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to The DuCharme Children’s Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral chapel.

Jeffrey John DuCharme was born on May 7, 1961, in Detroit, the son of Robert J. DuCharme and Helene C. (Goettler) DuCharme. He married Lisa D. Dallman June 9, 1984, in Plymouth, MI. Jeffrey served in the United States Air Force from 1983-1988 and was a member of the National Guard through 2000. Jeffrey graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Business Degree. He worked as a cellular site manager for LCC International for the past year. Prior to that, he had worked for GTE from 1988-2000. He was a member of the General Agency Hockey League. He served as a coach for the City Soccer League and as a Tee Ball assistant coach.

Jeffrey is survived by his wife, Lisa DuCharme and his children, Joseph Lawrence, Danielle Diane, and Samantha Mae DuCharme, all of Mt. Pleasant; his parents, Robert and Helene DuCharme of Canton, MI; his parents-in-law Diane and Gary Shockey of Plymouth, MI and Lawrence and Betty Dallman of Kingston, MA; his brother Michael (Kathleen) DuCharme of Kent, WA; and his sisters Margot (Tom) Washington of Bellevue, WA and Sally (Jim) Mitchell of Canton, MI.
Pamela Jose
Jeffrey A. Little

(August 2, 1961 – November 16, 1978)

Plymouth, MI

Jeff died in the fall of his senior year, reportedly after being hit by a car while riding a bicycle.
Jerry Ray Peck, 24, of Arlington, VA, died Aug. 8 in Washington DC. (reportedly of Legionnaire’s Disease) Services were Aug 13 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Forrest Sevenson officiating. (Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, MI.)

Mr. Peck was born in Wayne in 1961. At the time of his death, he was attending Northern Virginia College and was employed as a computer programmer analyst.

Survivors include: parents Lessie and Barbara Peck; sisters Mrs. Lisa (David) Kraus, of Springhill, VA; Mrs. Connie Buchler, of Ypsilanti; Mrs. Joann (Bill) Troup, of Paducah, KY; Mrs. Donna Cawley, of Lincoln Park; brothers Todd Brown of Alaska; Robert Brown of Garden City; Craig Brown of Okinawa, Japan; Robert Peck, of Kalkaska; Jack Peck, of Pigeon; Jerry Peck, of Lubock, TX; Lessie Peck, Jr. of Plymouth; grandmothers Mrs. Louise Plummer of Plymouth, and Mres. Hallie Wiggins of Allen Park. (The Community Crier, Plymouth, MI, August 21, 1985 P. 16)
Thomas S. Reuther

(February 16, 1961 – July 8, 1995)

Chicago, IL
Gregory Tallman

(circa 1961 – early 1980’s)

Arizona(?)

It has been reported, but not confirmed, that Greg died in an ATV accident in Arizona in the early 1980’s. This picture of Greg is from third or fourth grade.
Richard D. Wells

(December 21, 1960 – August 20, 2001)
Clyde P. “Perry” Younce III

(February 4, 1961 – August 2, 1996)

Canton, MI

Clyde Perry Younce III, age 35, died suddenly on August 3, 1996 as the result of an accident while racing midget cars at Michigan Ideal Speedway in Springport, MI. Beloved father of Taylor and Alexander. Fiance’ of Tina McGill. Dear son of Clyde Perry II and Shirley. Dearest brother of Karen (Hugh) Sutherland, Mary (Don) McFarland, Cecilia (David) Harrah, Marilyn Younce, Cynthia (Randy) Fleming and Cory (Kevin) Sulpana. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. In state Tuesday 9:30 a.m. at St. Thomas A’Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilly Rd in Canton, MI until mass at 10:30 a.m. Visitation Monday 2-9 p.m. at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI. Wake service Monday 8 p.m.
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