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Ellen B. Hitchings



Oct. 31, 1908, to Oct. 20, 2002

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Ellen B. Hitchings, 93, of West Liberty, died Sunday, Oct. 20, following an extended illness at the home of her daughter in West Liberty.

She was born Oct. 31, 1908, in LeGrand to Aldus and Flora Adkins Hayes. She was a graduate of Marshalltown High School in 1928. On March 29, 1931, she married Wilbert Earl Hitchings in Eldora, and they farmed in Marshall and Story counties, retiring to move to West Liberty in 1977. She had also been employed with Scudder's in Nevada for many years. She was a member of the Nevada Christian Church and later the First Church United in West Liberty.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn (and Ken) Ruegsegger of West Liberty and Marlys (and Keith) Allen of Penticton, British Columbia; one son, Gerald (and Meredith) Hitchings of Bremerton, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1989; an infant son, Merrill Duane; two brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services were held today (Oct. 24) at 10 a.m. at the First Church United in West Liberty. Burial was held at 2:30 today in the Nevada Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. The Barker Funeral Home, West Liberty, handled arrangements.

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Patrick Meade



March 6, 1983, to Oct. 12, 2002

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Patrick "Rick" Meade, 19, of Urbandale, died Saturday, Oct. 12, of injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident in Ola, Ark.

He was born in Des Moines on March 6, 1983, to Dawn (Parrish) and John Meade and had lived in the Urbandale area most of his life. He was an aviation technician with the Air Force for the past one-and-a-half years.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Dawn Meade and Rick Geppert of Urbandale; his father, John A. Meade of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Jason, of Hartford, Conn.; and his grandparents, Vonis Parrish-Lokken of Nevada, and Mary Lou and Carl Meade.

Services were held Friday, Oct. 18, at Hamilton's Near Highland Memory Gardens Funeral Home with burial at Linwood Cemetery in Boone. Memorial contributions may be made to the U.S. Air Force Aid Society.

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Arlene L. Oakes



Oct. 26, 1924, to Oct. 17, 2002

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Arlene L. Oakes, 77, of Zearing, died Thursday, Oct. 17, at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames of cardiac arrest.

She was born Oct. 26, 1924, in Eldora to Henry and Alma (Ziebell) Herbrechtsmeier. A lifelong resident of Zearing, she married Asher Oakes on March 19, 1945, in Des Moines. She was a homemaker and housewife and had also worked at the Colonial Manor in Zearing as a cook. She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in McCallsburg, the American Legion Auxiliary Post 116 of Zearing and a member of the Sorosis Club of Zearing.

Survivors include her husband, Asher, of Zearing; one son, Jim (and Reda) Oakes of rural Zearing; one daughter, Beth (and Clark) Lawler of Eldora; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Harry (and Olive) Herbrechtsmeier of Garden City and Adolph (and Elizabeth) Herbrechtsmeier of Iowa Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 21, at Bethany Lutheran Church in McCallsburg. Burial was in the Lincoln Township Cemetery in Zearing. Fredregill Funeral Home, Zearing, handled arrangements.

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Hartley "Hap" Westbrook



Jan. 29, 1919 - Oct. 21, 2002

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Hartley "Hap" Westbrook, 83, of Ames, died of heart failure on Monday, Oct. 21 at Rolling Green Village in Nevada where he lived for only one week.

He was born in Letts on Jan. 29, 1919 to Benjamin Harrison and Mabel (Wagner) Westbrook. He married Augusta Jane Bower on July 29, 1942 in Bayard. He was a pilot, he served in the Army Air Corp from 1942 until he retired as a Lt. Col. in 1965. He was a member of Collegiate United Methodist Church, Ames Noon Rotary, Atlantic Elks Club, Pymosa Lodge AF and Nishna Valley Shrine. He was a volunteer fireman in Atlantic for 25 years. He was instrumental in starting the Iowa Air Guard and was to receive the Elder Statesman of Aviation Award on Oct. 21. He was inducted into the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame in 2000, was the 1989 Airport Operator of the Year for the state of Iowa, and he started the Aviation Mechanics Program at Iowa Western Community College.

Survivors include three daughters, Diana Holden, of Ames, Judy Mewhirter, of Dallas, Texas, and Jeanne Westbrook Smith, of Ankeny; one son, Richard Westbrook, of Ames; 11 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two sisters, Jessie Lee Butcher, of Bettendorf and Jeanette Berkley of Des Moines; four brothers,

Robert, of Moline, Ill., Fredrick, of Fairfield, Donald, of Wesley, Calif. and Richard, of Letts.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane Westbrook on Nov. 3, 2000; a son, John H. Westbrook on May 1, 1999 and a brother, Jr. Westbrook.

Visitation will be held Friday, Oct. 25 at Adams Funeral Home in Ames after 3 p.m. with family present from 6-8 p.m.

Services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. at Collegiate United Methodist Church with Rev. Cynthia McCalmont officiating. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Wagner Cemetery in Letts.

Memorials may be made to Iowa Aviation Museum in Greenfield. Adams Funeral Home in Ames handled the arrangements.

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Gale White

July 9, 1915, to Oct. 8, 2002

Gale White, 87, of Kelley, died at his home Tuesday, Oct. 8, from respiratory arrest.

He was born July 9, 1915, at Maxwell, to Francis Marion and Gennettia (Reagan) White. He married Alice Gardner on Feb. 26, 1933, at Maxwell. He had worked in Des Moines at Diller Battery and also as a security officer at the National Disease Lab in Ames for many years. He served in the south Pacific with the Navy during WWII. He was a member of the Garden Prairie United Church of Christ, the VFW and Slater American Legion.

Survivors include a daughter, Gennettia Coon of Redding, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Judy K, White of Kelley; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alice, on Aug. 18, 2002; a son, Marion Everett White in 1984; a great-grandson, Jacob Morgan; six brothers, Glenn White, Ralph White, Lem White, Asa White, Bill White, John White; and five sisters, Martha Green, Lorena Griffith, Anna Kirby, Pauline Griffith and Lola Davis.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Garden Prairie United Church of Christ with the Rev. Walter Rehberg and the Rev. Phil Davis officiating. Burial was in the Maxwell Cemetery. Military honors were given at the cemetery by the Slater American Legion Post 260. Memorials may be made to the Slater American Legion

**and to the Building Fund of Garden Prairie United Church of Christ. Bacon
Funeral Home in Maxwell handled arrangements**

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