



**OBITUARIES FROM PURSEL-DAVIS FUNERAL HOME
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Mary Ferguson

Born: July 29, 1914
Died: October 01, 2004

Services will be held at: 1:30 P.M. on Monday, October 4, at the Center Street Baptist Church with Pastor Bobby Shomo officiating. Burial will follow services at Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown.

Visitation times are: 5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 3 at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory where her family will be present to greet friends from 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be directed in Mary's name to the Center Street Baptist Church.

Mary was born July 29, 1914 in Massachusetts, the daughter of Harry and Alleene (Bond) Wetherbe. Mary was raised and received her early education in Massachusetts. Mary graduated from the Wheaton Academy in Wheaton, Illinois and then furthered her education at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago where she graduated in 1943. Following World War II Mary was united in marriage to Al Ferguson on November 17, 1945 on the family farm in Massachusetts. Mary and Al moved to Center Point, Iowa where the family operated the Linn County Nursery while they raised their children. They retired from the Nursery operation in 1971 and moved to Greenville, Illinois. In 1973 they became Missionaries in Brazil. In 1977 they moved back from Brazil to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to care for their family. In 1984 both Al and Mary attended the Rio Grande Bible Institute to study for further missionary assignments. Due to Al's health they moved to Coralville, Iowa in 1985 and then to the Iowa Veterans Home in 1993. Mary was member of the Center Street Baptist Church. She loved to read, cook, participate in the Veteran's Home activities and spend time with her family. Mary is survived by her children Davis (Lola) Ferguson of Orlando, Florida, Alleene (David) Pingnot of Manhattan, Kansas, James Ferguson of St. Joseph, Missouri, Jeannette (Kaz) Kozajda of West Liberty, Iowa, her sisters Elizabeth Wetherbe of Orlando, Florida, and Harriet Jeffreys of McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania, her twelve grandchildren Jeff, Joe, James,

Jesse, Josh, Mary, Faith, Heidi, Paul, Rebecca, Jennifer and Steve and her six great-grandchildren Justin, Katie, Taylor, Allison, Luke, and Madison. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Al, and her siblings Mead, Clark, Jeannette, John, Horace, Franklin and Dixon.

Ethel Walden

Born: November 08, 1917

Died: October 01, 2004

Services will be held at: Following cremation at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory private family services will be held at a later date.

Sue was born on November 8, 1917 in Hanson, Iowa, the daughter of Harold Raymond and Lida Joy Hawbaker Gillette. Sue is survived by: son: Mel (Leslie) Walden of Marshalltown, son: Mike (Jan) Walden of Yorba Linda, California; son: Dave (Filomena) Walden of New Rochelle, New York, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by: her parents and her brother, Herb Gillette.

Homer Ray Burris

Born: January 01, 1944

Died: October 01, 2004

Services will be held at: Following cremation at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 with Pastor Bobby Shomo officiating.

Homer was born January 1, 1944 in Marshalltown, the son of Ray and Bernice (Donaleck) Burris. He was raised and educated in the Marshalltown and Melbourne areas and graduated from the Marshalltown High School with the class of 1962. Homer then attended college in Highpoint, North Carolina. He was a member of the United States Army actively serving his country during the Vietnam War. Following his honorable discharge Homer returned and was a welder and boiler maker traveling across the United States. Homer enjoyed building hot rods and motorcycles, hunting, and fishing. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign District 6 of Brainerd, Minnesota. Homer is survived by his longtime companion Joyce Dunston of Liscomb, his daughter Lorrie Burris of Marshalltown, his son Randy (Colleen) Burris of Chatsworth, California, his daughter Chandra, and his son Linnie (Lisa) Dunston of Liscomb, and his grandchildren Nathan Burris of Marshalltown and Trent Burris of Chatsworth, California and Courtney, Phillip, and Morgan Dunston of Liscomb. Homer was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Bernice and Mike his son-in-law Mike Carter.

David Buffington



Born: March 10, 1939

Died: October 02, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:30 AM, on Wednesday, October 6, 2004, at Center Street Baptist Church with Pastor Bobby Shomo, officiating

Visitation times are: 5 to 9 P.M. Tuesday at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 5 to 7 P.M.

David Max Buffington was born on March 10, 1939 in Marshalltown, Iowa, the son of Max B. and Dorothy M. Barker Buffington. Raised and educated in Marshalltown, he graduated from Marshalltown High School with the class of 1957. He served in the U.S. Navy until 1960, and later attended Marshalltown Community College. On November 22, 1975, he was united in marriage to Patricia R. Hilleman in Marshalltown. He served the City of Marshalltown as a police officer with the Marshalltown Police Department for twenty-five years, retiring in 1995 as a lieutenant. During his retirement he served with the United States Marshals Service, the Marshall County Sheriffs Department, and was currently employed by Braga Motors in the sales department. He was very involved with Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #313 where he served in all chairs and as the administrator, a Moose Legion International Ambassador, life member of the Harry C. Harter Post #839 of the V.F.W., and was a member of the Police Chiefs Association. Dave is survived by his wife: Patricia Buffington of Marshalltown, daughter: Anita Grocholski of Marshalltown, two sons: Brett (Anita) Buffington and James Buffington both of Marshalltown, three brothers: Floyd (Karen) Buffington of Springdale, Arkansas, Kenneth (Theresa) Buffington and Dennis (Sondra) Buffington, both of Marshalltown, six grandchildren: Matthew Edgington, David Lee Buffington, Brandi Forrest, Logan Jay, Christopher Buffington and Aaron Buffington; and a great-grandson Turuk Rundial. He was preceded in death by his parents: Dorothy in 2001 and Max in 2003, and one grandson.

Bill Ricca



Born: November 03, 1985

Died: October 03, 2004

Services will be held at: Celebration of life services will be held at 11:00 A.M., on Saturday, October 23, 2004 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center. Memorials may be directed to the family in his name.

Bill was born on November 3, 1985 in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Beth and Craig Weuve. He was raised in Nevada and State Center and was a 2004 graduate of West Marshall High School. Bill had enrolled in the culinary arts program at Denison Job Corps. He was an avid reader of technical books and enjoyed pencil sketching. Bill was a confirmed member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center. He loved his family and the family dog. Bill is survived by: parents: Craig & Beth Weuve of State Center; family dog: Princess; sister: Kalie Weuve of State Center; brother: Mike Weuve of State Center; maternal grandmother: Betty Ricca of Clawson, Michigan; paternal grandparents: Hank & Jean Weuve of Colo. He was preceded in death by: grandfather: Frank Ricca; and foster sister: Charity Fazio.

Winifred Peggy Gallentine



Born: November 29, 1910
Died: October 06, 2004

Services will be held at: 3:30 P.M., on Saturday, October 9, 2004, at Central Christian Church. Burial will follow services in the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown. Visitation times are: Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Memorials may be directed to the Central Christian Church.

Peggy was born on November 29, 1910 in Conrad, Iowa, the daughter of Harry and Julia Stevens Harris. Peggy married William Sunday Gallentine on September 12, 1927 in Toledo, Iowa. She was a member of the Gladbrook Card Club, Rebecca Lodge, Central Christian Church and the Womens Circle of the Central Christian Church. Peggy is survived by: daughter: Florence Hughes of Marshalltown; daughter: Doris (Romaine) Pansegrau of Toledo; daughter: Juanita (Alan) Dodd of Marshalltown; daughter: Peggy (Russell) Faircloth of Garwin; daughter: Phyllis (Bob) Miller of Marshalltown, 27 Grandchildren, 66 Great Grandchildren and 35 Great Great Grandchildren and 1 Great Great Great Granddaughter. She was preceded in death by: her husband, William Sunday on December 18, 1975; her son, Dale Gene Gallentine on October 16 1979; Daughter-in-law; Norma Jean Gallentine in November 18, 1992 and Son-in-Law; Tom Charlier in November 4, 1978; 3 Grandchildren, Teri Lynn Dodd, Russell Sewall Faircloth Jr., and John William Gallentine and 1 Great Great Grandchild, Keegan Daniel Levis.

Makayla Marie Levis

Born: October 06, 2004
Died: October 06, 2004

Services will be held at: 1:30 P.M., on Saturday, October 9, 2004, at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will follow services in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Visitation times are: Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. Memorials may be directed to the family in her name.

Makayla is survived by: parents: Theresa VanWaardhuizen and Josh Levis of Marshalltown; maternal grandparents: Melvin and Betty VanWaardhuizen of Marshalltown; paternal grandparents: Joe and Mary Levis of Marshalltown; maternal great grandfather: Alvin and his wife Charlotte VanWaardhuizen of Beaman; maternal great grandmother: Jeanetta VanWaardhuizen of Marshalltown, maternal great grandmother: Luella Freeseaman, Parkersburg, Iowa; paternal great grandfather: Bernard Levis of Marshalltown; brother: Anthony Levis of Marshalltown. She was preceded in death by: her maternal great-great grandfather: Melvin Freeseaman.

Frances Heuer



Born: February 20, 1916

Died: October 06, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:00 A.M., on Monday, October 11, 2004 at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will follow services in the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown.

Visitation times are: Sunday from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. Memorials may be directed to the family in her name.

Frances was born on February 20, 1916 in Marshalltown, Iowa, the daughter of Joseph and Mina Harn Preissinger. She attended Marshalltown Schools. She worked at Cooper Manufacturing from 1938 to 1940. Frances was united in marriage with Forrest E. Heuer on December 14, 1940 at the Presbyterian Church in Marshalltown. She was a 50 year member of both the White Shrine of Jerusalem and the Order of the Eastern Star. Frances was a 70 year member of the First Presbyterian Church and sang in the choir. She was a

member of the Farm Bureau, Royal Neighbors and taught crafts as a volunteer at the Pleasant Hill School. Frances is survived by: daughter: Linda (Roger) Allen of Marshalltown; daughter: Nancy (Darrell) Schimmels of Cresco, Iowa; granddaughter: Theresa Steward of Cedar Rapids; granddaughter: Jennifer Everts of Garwin; granddaughter: Jacqueline (Michael) Allenstein of Clear Lake; granddaughter: Ann (Paul) Barta of Ackley; grandson: Jerry (Brandi) Schimmels of Van Meter; grandson: Fred Schimmels of Van Meter and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: parents, husband, daughter: Maxine Porter, brother: Max J. Harn, sister: Mary Wilkens and granddaughter: Malinda Lee Allen.

Ruth Eurom



Born: August 30, 1919
Died: October 08, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:00 A.M, on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will follow services in the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens.

Visitation times are: Monday from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. Memorials may be directed to the Iowa River Hospice.

Ruth was born on August 30, 1919 in Green City, Missouri, the daughter of Webster W. and Eliza Jane Rice Eubanks. Ruth was united in marriage with Clifford Eurom on February 23, 1940 in Milan, Missouri. She and Clifford farmed near Clemons until 1966,

when they moved to Marshalltown. Ruth later worked at Smith & Herzog. She loved watching birds, crafts, sewing and reading. Ruth is survived by: son: Darrell Eurom of Marshalltown; daughter: Dolores (Carroll) Huff of Coal Valley, Illinois; daughter: Linda Otto of Cedar Rapids; daughter: Nancy Gomez of Des Moines; nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: parents; husband; son: Gary Gene Eurom, five brothers and four sisters.

Esther Barrows

Born: December 22, 1898

Died: October 08, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:00 A.M, on Thursday, October 14, 2004, at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will follow services in the Riverside Cemetery. A visitation will be Friday from 9:00 A.M. until service time.

Visitation times are: Friday from 9:00 A.M. until service time at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present. Memorials may be directed to the family in her name.

Anthony Ruopp

Born: October 31, 1952

Died: October 09, 2004

Services will be held at: Following Cremation at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, memorial services will be held at 10:00 A.M, on Saturday, October 16, 2004, at Evangelical Free Church. Interment will follow services in the Timber Creek Cemetery.

Visitation times are: A public gathering will be Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will be present from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Beverly Eggleston

Born: March 03, 1942

Died: October 10, 2004

Services will be held at: 10:00 A.M, on Friday, October 15, 2004, at Center Street Baptist Church. Burial will follow services in the Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown.

Visitation times are: Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory, where the family will be present from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Sierra Leone Orphanage Project.

Beverly was born on March 19, 1942 in Milan, Missouri, the daughter of Wayne Monroe and Martha Lou Rhodes Sears. She was a 1959 graduate of the Eldora High School. Beverly was united in marriage with C. James Eggleston on June 26, 1959 at the First Baptist Church in Eldora, Iowa. She was a home daycare provider for over 37 years, taking care of many children. Beverly enjoyed baking, dogs, cats, writing poetry, gardening, quilts and loved children and grandchildren. Beverly is survived by: husband: James Eggleston of Marshalltown; son: Roger (Lori) Eggleston of Marion, Illinois; daughter: Robin (Steve) Menuet of Marshalltown; son: Rodney (Teresa) Eggleston of Sedgwick, Kansas; 10 grandchildren: Miranda, Chelsea, Travis, Lucas, Joshua, Alex, Nathan, Megan, Jason and Jacob, brother: Don (Daphne) Sears of Union; brother: Sam Sears of Chino Hills, California; brother: Jimmy Sears of Steamboat Rock, Iowa; brother: Claude Sears of Webster City, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister: Phyllis Sears

R. Maxine Miller



Born: July 09, 1918

Died: October 10, 2004

Services will be held at: No public services will be held.

Ruth Maxine Miller was born on July 9, 1918 in Topeka, Kansas, the daughter of David R. and Ethel Marie Kuhn Brautigan. She was raised and educated in the Chicago area for the first twelve years of her life and later moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1930. On November 25, 1937, she was united in marriage to Garland Edward Miller in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1986, they moved to Phoenix, Arizona. She was a member of the Alpha Omega Sorority and served as a "Pink Lady" at the Community Hospital in Indianapolis. Following the death of her husband Garland on February 7, 1998, she continued to live in Phoenix, later moving to Marshalltown in November of 2000.

Maxine is survived by her son: Michael (Brenda) Miller of Marshalltown, a daughter: Linda Ann Farrell of Parks, Arizona, and one granddaughter-Lisa Marie Miller. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a brother Robert.

Edward Augustine

Born: August 06, 1913

Died: October 11, 2004