

**SADLER, Barry Sadler**

(Abstracted from several sources - mostly USA TODAY Sunday, November 5, 1989)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Author and singer Barry Sadler, the soldier made famous by his Vietnam-era "Ballad of the Green Berets," died Sunday at the Alvin C. York Veteran's Administration Hospital in nearby Murfreesboro. Since the 1966 hit, Sadler, 49, had written more than 25 action novels. Sadler was shot in the head in Guatemala last year in what was described as a robbery attempt. He had been in the hospital since March 6. "He expired early in the morning" said Albert Archie, staff assistant to the hospital's medical director. "When they checked him, he had been asleep and then someone on the ward found him in that way." The wound left the former Army staff sergeant paralyzed on one side of his body because a portion of his brain had been damaged. Sadler underwent surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center on Sept. 13 of last year, a week after being shot. According to Guatemalan authorities, Sadler was apparently robbed entering a taxi there. Friends said Sadler, who was linked to mercenary groups in Central America, had received death threats just prior to the shooting and had "Die, Gringo" painted on the side of his house. Sadler's legal guardian, Nashville attorney Phil W. Duer, said that to his knowledge, Sadler had spent some five years in Guatemala writing books. "There are a lot of rumors," Duer said, "but whether they're true or not, they are rumors." Sadler's agent, Bob Robison, said the author had written two action novels during his time in Guatemala - "Run for the Sun," published in 1986, and "The Shooter" in 1987. Robison said Sadler's novels focused on the lives of mercenary soldiers. He received the most fame for the 22-volume Casca series about an "eternal mercenary" who fought with many of history's premier soldiers, such as the Norse Vikings, the Mexican Aztecs and the Allied Forces in World War II. "Pound for pound, he was probably one of the greatest writers this country has ever produced," Robison said. "In his genre, no one could touch him." Much of the author's works reflected his experiences as an Army paratrooper and Vietnam veteran. In 1966, he won fame for co-writing and recording the "Green Berets," which was the No. 1 song in the nation for five weeks. In 1980, Sadler served a 30-day jail sentence in Davidson County (Nashville) after being convicted of voluntary manslaughter in 1978 for killing musical composer Lee Emerson Bellamy after the victim allegedly threatened Sadler and a friend.

**SALISBURY, Earl William Salisbury**

(Abstracted from information found in the Toledo Blade on Jan. 3, 2013 - Lucky used to work with Elmer at Duff Truck Lines)

Earl William "Lucky" Salisbury, age 85 of Perrysburg, OH passed away peacefully on Monday, December 31, 2012, in his daughter's home. Earl was born in Harbor View, OH on March 11, 1927, to Earl R. and Sylvia (Hayward) Salisbury. Earl was employed for Duff Truck Line for many years until his retirement. He also drove truck for Casper Cartage for 9 years. Earl was an Army Veteran. He was a country musician for over 40 years. In the past year, Earl was able to travel to Gatlinburg, TN and Pigeon Forge, TN which he loved and spent many weekends camping. Surviving are 5 sons, Kenneth L. (Debbie) Salisbury, Joey A. (Pam) Salisbury, Franklin J. Salisbury, Earl W. Salisbury Jr., Wesley R. (Debbie) Salisbury, and 2 daughters, Sandra K. (Larry) husband and Diane R. (Allen) Ingle; 26 grandchildren; 45 plus great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents; Earl was preceded in death by his loving wife, Phyllis on February 1, 2012; sons, Michael L. Salisbury and Eugene R. Salisbury, and daughter-in-law, Pam Salisbury. Funeral services will be held on Friday at Maison-Dardenne-Walker Funeral Home 501 Conant St., Maumee. Interment will follow at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family.

**SAYLES, Harriet E. Sayles**

(Abstracted by courtesy of the News-Sentinel, October 10, 2002)

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**SCHNEIDER, Donald J. Schneider**

(Abstracted from information from the Green Bay Press Gazette)

Donald J. Schneider, 76, Green Bay, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, in De Pere, with his family by his side following a lengthy and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. Born in Fond du Lac, WI, on Oct. 19, 1935, to Al and Agnes (Halfmann) Schneider, he was born the same year his father sold the family car to buy his first truck — a simple purchase that laid the groundwork for what would become, under Don's leadership, one of the most successful, recognizable, and respected transportation and logistics companies in North America, Schneider National. Don's deep and lasting commitment to his Catholic faith was first instilled by his parents and reinforced throughout his education. He attended Cathedral Grade School, Catholic Central High School and graduated from St. Norbert College with a degree in business in 1957. He married Patricia "Pat" O'Brien at St. Patrick's Church in Green Bay in 1957. Following a 13-month tour of duty in Korea, with the U.S. Army, Schneider enrolled in graduate school at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Upon earning his master's degree, Don and Pat returned to Green Bay in 1961 and he joined his father's trucking company, Schneider Transport & Storage, as a manager. He also taught finance at his alma mater, St. Norbert College, during this time. In 1976, Don assumed leadership of the company and served as president and CEO until 2002 and Chairman Emeritus until his death. During the time Don led the organization bearing his family's name, the company grew, survived and thrived throughout some of the modern trucking industry's greatest challenges. He had an unwavering belief that with innovation, hard work and the commitment to excellence of associates, anything was possible. Through the years, Don was responsible for creating thousands of jobs and providing a livelihood for many — a legacy that lives on today. A humble man, he was known simply as "Don" to Schneider National's associates and was just as likely as they were to wear blue jeans, a denim shirt and cowboy boots to work. Don shared his time and talents with a wide range of academic, industry, business and community organizations. He served as the chairman of the Business Advisory Committee for Northwestern University's Transportation Center, was a member of the Advisory Board for the Kellogg School of Management, was a director on the Federal Reserve Board in Chicago and served on the Boards of Directors at Fort Howard Paper Company and Franklin Electric. He also was a member of the Board and Executive Committee of the Green Bay Packers and of the Board of Trustees of St. Norbert College. Don believed in leaving things better than he found them. In 1982, he created the company's charitable arm, the Schneider National Foundation. The Foundation has donated millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours to charities in need since its founding. Don also chaired the Capital Campaign for Notre Dame Academy, the annual campaign for United Way of Brown County and was chairman of the Catholic High School Foundation. The Schneider Family provided the lead gift for the St. Norbert Athletic Stadium, the Donald J. Schneider Outdoor Athletic Complex, in 2008. Don is survived by his wife of 54 years, Pat, of Green Bay; and his 5 children, Mary (Mark) DePrey, of Green Bay; Therese (Mark) Koller, of Eden Prairie, MN; Thomas Schneider, of Fish Creek; Kathleen (James) Zimmermann, of Green Bay; and Paul (Nicole) Schneider, of De Pere; 13 grandchildren including Patricia (Lee) Adams, Christopher DePrey, Megan DePrey, Kristin Koller, Sarah Koller, Michael Koller, Andrew Zimmermann, Elizabeth Zimmermann, Lindsay Zimmermann, Molly Schneider, William Schneider, Alan Schneider and Samuel Schneider; 2 great-grandchildren, Emma and Eli Adams; and 18,222 members of his Schneider National family around the world. He is further survived by 4 brothers and 1 sister, David (Barbara) Schneider, of Green Bay; Paul (Brenda) Schneider, of Egg Harbor; James (Debbie) Schneider, of Green Bay; John (Donna) Schneider, of Berkeley, CA; and Kathleen Schneider, of Rensselaer, NY; and 3 brothers-in-law, Rev. Dr. Charles (Elvy) O'Brien, Rev. John O'Brien, and Dr. Michael (Sally) O'Brien; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Al and Agnes Schneider; by his father and mother-in-law, Dr. Irwin and Margaret O'Brien; and his brother-in-law, Father Christian (Thomas) O'Brien, O. Praem. Newcomer Funeral Home (formerly Schauer-Schumacher Funeral Home), 340 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay is handling the arrangements. Funeral services will be Wednesday at Resurrection Catholic Church, 333 Hilltop Dr., Green Bay. Entombment will be in Allouez Chapel Mausoleum. Current and past Schneider National office, shop and driver associates, industry friends and community leaders are encouraged to only attend a separate Celebration of Life event to be held on Feb. 15, 2012, at the Walter Theatre at St. Norbert's College. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, donations can be made to the NEW Community Shelter or to St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter in Don's name.

**SCHWARZKOPF, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf**

(Abstracted by Elmer) WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who topped an illustrious military career by commanding the U.S.-led international coalition that drove Saddam Hussein's forces out of Kuwait in 1991 but kept a low public profile in controversies over the second Gulf War against Iraq, died Thursday. He was 78. Schwarzkopf died in Tampa, Florida, where he had lived in retirement, according to a U.S. official, who was not authorized to release the information publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. A much-decorated combat soldier in Vietnam, Schwarzkopf was known popularly as "Stormin' Norman" for a notoriously explosive temper. He served in his last military assignment in Tampa as commander-in-chief of U.S. Central Command, the headquarters responsible for U.S. military and security concerns in nearly 20 countries from the eastern Mediterranean and Africa to Pakistan. Schwarzkopf became "CINC-Centcom" in 1988 and when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait three years later to punish it for allegedly stealing Iraqi oil reserves, he commanded Operation Desert Storm, the

coalition of some 30 countries organized by then-President George H.W. Bush that succeeded in driving the Iraqis out. At the peak of his postwar national celebrity, Schwarzkopf — a self-proclaimed political independent — rejected suggestions that he run for office, and remained far more private than other generals, although he did serve briefly as a military commentator for NBC. While focused primarily in his later years on charitable enterprises, he campaigned for President George W. Bush in 2000 but was ambivalent about the 2003 invasion of Iraq, saying he doubted victory would be as easy as the White House and Pentagon predicted. In early 2003 he told the *Washington Post* the outcome was an unknown: "What is postwar Iraq going to look like, with the Kurds and the Sunnis and the Shiites? That's a huge question, to my mind. It really should be part of the overall campaign plan," he said. Initially Schwarzkopf had endorsed the invasion, saying he was convinced that former Secretary of State Colin Powell had given the United Nations powerful evidence of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. After that proved false, he said decisions to go to war should depend on what U.N. weapons inspectors found. He seldom spoke up during the conflict, but in late 2004, he sharply criticized then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the Pentagon for mistakes that included inadequate training for Army reservists sent to Iraq and for erroneous judgments about Iraq. "In the final analysis I think we are behind schedule. ... I don't think we counted on it turning into jihad (holy war)," he said in an NBC interview. Schwarzkopf was born Aug. 24, 1934, in Trenton, New Jersey, where his father, Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf Jr., founder and commander of the New Jersey State Police, was then leading the investigation of the Lindbergh kidnap case, which ended with the arrest and 1936 execution of German-born carpenter Richard Hauptmann for stealing and murdering the famed aviator's infant son. The elder Schwarzkopf was named Herbert, but when the son was asked what his "H" stood for, he would reply, "H." Although reputed to be short-tempered with aides and subordinates, he was a friendly, talkative and even jovial figure who didn't like "Stormin' Norman" and preferred to be known as "the Bear," a sobriquet given him by troops. He also was outspoken at times, including when he described Gen. William Westmoreland, the U.S. commander in Vietnam, as "a horse's ass" in an *Associated Press* interview. As a teenager Norman accompanied his father to Iran, where the elder Schwarzkopf trained the country's national police force and was an adviser to Reza Pahlavi, the young Shah of Iran. Young Norman studied there and in Switzerland, Germany and Italy, then followed in his father's footsteps to West Point, graduating in 1956 with an engineering degree. After stints in the U.S. and abroad, he earned a master's degree in engineering at the University of Southern California and later taught missile engineering at West Point. In 1966 he volunteered for Vietnam and served two tours, first as a U.S. adviser to South Vietnamese paratroops and later as a battalion commander in the U.S. Army's Americal Division. He earned three Silver Stars for valor — including one for saving troops from a minefield — plus a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and three Distinguished Service Medals. While many career officers left military service embittered by Vietnam, Schwarzkopf was among those who opted to stay and help rebuild the tattered Army into a potent, modernized all-volunteer force. After Saddam invaded Kuwait in August 1990, Schwarzkopf played a key diplomatic role by helping to persuade Saudi Arabia's King Fahd to allow U.S. and other foreign troops to deploy on Saudi territory as a staging area for the war to come. On Jan. 17, 1991, a five-month buildup called Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as allied aircraft attacked Iraqi bases and Baghdad government facilities. The six-week aerial campaign climaxed with a massive ground offensive on Feb. 24-28, routing the Iraqis from Kuwait in 100 hours before U.S. officials called a halt. Schwarzkopf said afterward he agreed with Bush's decision to stop the war rather than drive to Baghdad to capture Saddam, as his mission had been only to oust the Iraqis from Kuwait. But in a desert tent meeting with vanquished Iraqi generals, he allowed a key concession on Iraq's use of helicopters, which later backfired by enabling Saddam to crack down more easily on rebellious Shiites and Kurds. While he later avoided the public second-guessing by academics and think tank experts over the ambiguous outcome of Gulf War I and its impact on Gulf War II, he told the *Washington Post* in 2003, "You can't help but... with 20/20 hindsight, go back and say, 'Look, had we done something different, we probably wouldn't be facing what we are facing today.' After retiring from the Army in 1992, Schwarzkopf wrote a best-selling autobiography, "It Doesn't Take A Hero." Of his Gulf war role, he said, "I like to say I'm not a hero. I was lucky enough to lead a very successful war." He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II and honored with decorations from France, Britain, Belgium, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain. Schwarzkopf was a national spokesman for prostate cancer awareness and for Recovery of the Grizzly Bear, served on the Nature Conservancy board of governors and was active in various charities for chronically ill children. "I may have made my reputation as a general in the Army and I'm very proud of that," he once told the AP. "But I've always felt that I was more than one-dimensional. I'd like to think I'm a caring human being. ... It's nice to feel that you have a purpose." Schwarzkopf and his wife, Brenda, had three children: Cynthia, Jessica and Christian.

#### **SERIE, Etheyl A. Serie**

(Abstracted from *The NewsTribune*, La Salle, Illinois, December 22, 1997)

Mrs. Etheyl A. Serie, 93, formerly of Sheffield, died Dec. 20, 1997, in the Walnut Manor Nursing Home. Services will be at the Garland Funeral Home, Walnut. Burial will be in Sheffield Cemetery. She was born Sept. 29, 1904, in New Bedford to Oscar and Hattie Nevada (Winkler) Swan. She married Seriel M. Serie on Aug. 19, 1927, in Princeton. She was an elementary school teacher in the rural country schools in the area, and retired after 37 years of teaching. She also operated a knitting shop in Sheffield and taught knitting for a number of years. She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 20, 1988, and several brothers and sisters.

**SHAW, Willis Dean Shaw**

(Abstracted from information found on the internet - Willis was at one time a customer of Elmer)

Willis Dean Shaw, 95, of Fayetteville, died April 20, 2014 at Circle of Life Hospice, Springdale, Arkansas. He was born August 29, 1918 in Custer County, OK to George Howard and Eva Lena Shepard Shaw. He spent the happiest years of his life with his wife of 72 years, Helen Lorene Dodd, who preceded him in death. He is survived by two sons and their families, Bobby (Diane) of Springdale, Dennis (Evelyn) of Tontitown; 4 grandchildren, Sherri (Jeff) Dillard of Fayetteville, Brian (Lynn) Shaw of Fayetteville, Jason (Jennifer) Shaw of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Damon Shaw of Fayetteville; 8 great-grandchildren, Austin and Ashlyn Dillard, Connor, Mason, Jacob, Caitlyn, Spencer and Ainsleigh Shaw. Willis was a highly respected business leader in Arkansas. His name was most identified with Willis Shaw Express of Elm Springs, a company he founded in 1938 with its beginnings as Willis Shaw Produce. Willis Shaw Express developed into one of the nation's most successful specialized truckload carriers. After selling the company to Del Monte in the early 1970's, he worked for a time as Vice President of Distribution Systems, Inc., Del Monte's transportation holding company. Willis participated with a family and employee group, Shaw Investors, to repurchase Willis Shaw Express in 1983. Four years later the company was acquired by Comcar Industries and continues to operate out of Elm Springs. As with most of his generation, growing up in the Great Depression had a profound effect on him. He moved to Texas at the age of 16 to find work and there joined the National Guard. During these difficult years, Willis exhibited the beginnings of a lifetime embracing the entrepreneurial spirit, trying a variety of jobs. He worked with Elm Springs friends in a gold mine in California; he transported paying passengers to California in his Model A Ford; he transported apples from Ruppel Farm in Fayetteville to markets in Oklahoma. He also hauled coal from Clarksville in his flatbed truck at night and then, in the daytime, cleaned and refitted it with benches to transport rural children to and from the Elm Springs School. Prior to starting Willis Shaw Express, he and his wife Lorene were active in the poultry and produce business of the area. They partnered in Kever and Shaw Feeds, which operated a feed mill, hatchery and poultry farms. Willis was a pioneer in the development of long-haul transportation of live poultry. After he entered the refrigerated transportation business, he introduced several trucking innovations that positively affected the growth of that industry. As a leader in the transportation industry, he was a founder of the Refrigerated Division of the Truckload Carriers Conference of the American Trucking Association and was active in the Arkansas Transportation Association. Willis also served 12 years as Regional Director of the National Defense Reserve for Arkansas, under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Transportation. In 1988, he received the President's Award from the Northwest Arkansas Transportation Society for his leadership in the industry. In 1998, a group of more than a hundred former employees honored him with a surprise banquet and presented him with a trophy engraved "To Our Hero", with the added inscription "Those of us who were your drivers in the 1950's have observed your activities into the 90's and we always think of you as a symbol of honor and integrity." Through the years, Willis served on numerous boards: Springdale Savings and Loan Association, Tri-State Motor Transit, Arkansas Truck Lease Company, Arkansas White Motor Company, First National Bank of Springdale and The Bank of San Francisco. As an active community citizen, he was a member of the Beaver Lake Development Board which helped establish the Beaver Lake Reservoir, the Board of the Springdale School District for 10 years and the Board of the Springdale Memorial Hospital for 29 years and the Board of the Rodeo of the Ozarks. In 2007, the new elementary school in the Elm Springs area was named Willis D. Shaw Elementary School to honor his service and contributions. The Rodeo of the Ozarks Board recognized him in 2008 by asking him to serve as Grand Marshal of the longstanding Fourth of July Parade. Willis and Lorene were committed to giving back to their community. They valued the gift of education beyond what they were able to attain, and so they established the Willis Shaw Scholarship Fund, which provided college scholarships for more than 100 children of company employees. Longtime members of the Elm Springs Methodist Church before joining the First United Methodist Church of Springdale, they supported both churches. They jointly established the Willis and Lorene Shaw Charitable Trust for the benefit of many local educational, medical and social charities. In addition, they were long-standing supporters of the University of Arkansas Athletic Scholarship Program. Willis traveled extensively throughout his life and, in his retirement years, winters were spent with his wife Lorene in Palm Springs, California, where they both enjoyed playing golf and entertaining friends and family. In his later years, he enjoyed being an investor and a trusted advisor to those close to him. In 2009, he was named to the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame established by the Sam M. Walton School of Business. He was able to enjoy the induction ceremonies in Little Rock at the age of 90, along with many relatives, friends, and former employees. A private burial will be held this week in Elm Springs and the family will have a memorial service on Friday, April 25 at the Springdale First United Methodist Church at 206 West Johnson Street. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, Willis be remembered in a lasting way with memorial gifts to The Elm Springs United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 8, Elm Springs, AR 72728 or The First United Methodist Church, 206 West Johnson, Springdale, AR 72764. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale.

**SMITH, Jessie L. Smith**

(Abstracted from information found in the Toledo Blade on Oct. 21, 2014 - Jessie used to work with Elmer at Wolverine Express)

Jessie L. "JL" Smith, age 72, of Erie, MI, passed away Saturday, October 18, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. Jessie was born on September 12, 1942, in Lawrenceburg, TN to Lewis and Grace (Hendrix) Smith. In 1952, he moved to Toledo, OH. He began his career as a paperboy for the Toledo Blade, where he delivered to Inky's Restaurant and a lifelong friendship was established. On November 24, 1962, he married Melva Whitmill. Jessie was employed with Deveaux TV, Wolverine Express, McLean Trucking, and retired from 1st Express Trucking in 2008 after 44 years of driving. In the 1960s, he owned and operated a Gulf Oil Station at Hawk and Lewis Avenues. Jessie served as president of the Roy C. Start Booster's Club from 1983-1987, Union Steward for Teamsters Local 20 from the late 1970s to early 1980s, and was a member of Echo Meadows Church of Christ for over 50 years. His hobbies included reading, especially newspapers, watching college football, cheering on the Detroit Tigers, fishing, and cooking his famous Hobo Dinners. His true passion was spending time with his grandchildren, who brought him much joy. Jessie is survived by his wife of 51 years, Melva; children, Jeannie (Arnold) Oberski and Eddie (Teri) Smith; grandchildren, Kayla, Angie, Zach, Ellice, Eddie, Renee, Michael, Ethan, Bri, Hunter, Renae, Rachal, Doris, Chuck, Andy, and Jessi; great-grandson, Koltyn; father-in-law, Ronald Whitmill; nieces, Pam Smith, Debbie (Ray) Jeffers, and Glenda Moyer; nephew, Glenn (Lisa) Smith; cousins, Vickie (Bill) Leeper and Eddie (Sandra) Cleghorn; along with many loving family members. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marcia Smith; brother, Billy Smith; along with special aunt and uncle, Kathaleen (Johnny) Cleghorn. Friends may call at the Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Oregon Chapel, 440 S. Coy Road. Funeral Services will be conducted Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at Echo Meadows Church of Christ, 2905 Starr Avenue, Oregon. Interment will follow in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

### **STEELE, Jon Michael Steele**

(Abstracted from Robin Biddle, one of Elmer's Genealogy friends)

WOOSTER - Jon Michael Steele, age 70, passed away surrounded by the love of family after a battle with lung cancer on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at Mercy Medical Center in Canton. He was born to Robert and Vivian (Gossard) Steele in Lodi, OH on October 22, 1943. He called Wooster, Ohio "home" with the exception of a time in Punta Gorda, FL when he married the love of his life, Mary Ann Honeywell, whom he nursed until her untimely death. Jon had a rare and beautiful courage, a courage that faced challenges from birth. With a variety of physical challenges and at a time before special education was enforced, Jon persevered and in one of his proudest moments, graduated from Wooster High School in the Class of "64" where he met and maintained lifelong friendships. He held a variety of jobs, for many years one being a gas station attendant at Red Head Gas Station in Wooster. When gas stations became more automated and his job was eliminated, Jon worked at Mann's Laundry until an industrial accident crushed his arm. Rather than give up, that courage of his kicked in and he returned to the workforce, doing stock at Jewell Motor Parts until fate offered him an opportunity to travel to Florida with a friend. While there, he found a job doing lawn care for a mobile home park settled with elderly residents, a great fit as when he was a boy he would mow lawns of all of the elderly neighbors on Gasche Street and not charge them. Jon rallied his courage, made the "trip" into a move and settled in, and soon took another leap of faith in marrying Mary Ann while knowing of her heart condition. For most of his short married life, he did all of the personal nursing care of her, until he was widowed. Returning home, Jon cared for his mother and when she passed away he moved back into the old neighborhood area of his childhood. Legally blind with unique eyes, Jon had an extremely rare "one of a kind" surgery, which will be written in the medical journals. Jon loved life, and loved people and was a humble and simple man whose ready humor mad friends easily. He was a fan of wrestling and baseball games. Being an avid lover of history and very nostalgic, he celebrated Americana, having an adoration of classic movies. In his humble home his walls were plastered with photos of family and countless babies of friends, many pets and a jumble of joyous faces of those he loved. He embraced life, met it head on and savored its joys overcoming countless obstacles which would individually have stopped others in their tracks. Courageous, literally to his last breath, he set an example for us all. Forever in our hearts he will remain, and remind us to savor life, love one another and carry on. Left to celebrate his life are his siblings and their children, Robert "Nick" (Pam) Steele of Dalton, daughters Amy (Steve) Palfy and Lisa (Alan) Revercomb; Gregory (Barbara) Steele of Shreve and son Greg (Stacy) Steele, daughter Sherry (Ron) Warden, Shaun (Elizabeth) Hite; Robin Steele (Rodney) Biddle of Wooster, daughter Lesley, son Brian; and Jeffrey Steele of Charlotte, NC., as well as several grand nieces, nephews and cousins all so close to his heart. A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 16, 2014 in the Wooster Cemetery Chapel, 983 Madison Avenue, Wooster. McIntire, Bradham & Sleek Funeral Home, 216 E. Larwill St., Wooster is assisting the family.

### **STEFFEN, Floyd Steffen**

(Abstracted from the Feb 10, 2012 Rice Lake WI Newspaper)

Floyd Steffen passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on February 4, 2011 in Clermont, FL. He was born in Union Grove, WI on July 30, 1936 and married Lenore Becker on June 24, 1956. He is survived by his wife, Lenore; daughters Wanda (Paul) Eastman and Janet (Scott) Nelson; grandchildren P.J., Chase, Colt Eastman, Scotty Nelson; and great-grandchild Cassandra Eastman; 1 brother Marvin (Vivian) Steffen of Dayton, TN; 6 sisters Myrtle (Art) Monnier of Clermont, FL; Marcie (Del) Shelton of Cape Coral, FL; Pearl (Dennis) Taylor, Linda (Tom) Otwaska, Jane (Gordon) Anderson, all three of Racine, WI; Mary (Mark) Carr of Knoxville, TN; 1 sister-in-law Carol Beery of Greenville, SC; and many nieces, and nephews. He was

preceded in death by his father, George, mother, Lucile, and brother Earl. Floyd owned and operated Rocky Acres Equestrian Center for 10 years, working with Barron County 4-H clubs hosting training centers and horse shows. He also worked for Handi-Lift Transport. He retired in 2006 at which time he and his wife, Lenore, moved to Florida and purchased a home in Clerbrook Golf & RV Resort at 20005 US HWY 27, P.O. Box C-21, Clermont, Florida, 34715. He worked as a security guard there until January 6, 2011. Burial was at Florida National Veterans Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

**STUTZMAN, Patricia Louise Seimet Stutzman**

(Abstracted by courtesy of the Charlotte Observer, May 7, 2003)

CONCORD -- Patricia Louise Seimet Stutzman, 62, of 1554 Wheaton Way, died Monday, May 5, 2003 at Carolinas Medical Center, University. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 8, 2003 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Father Ignatius Zampino, officiating. Entombment will follow in Carolina Memorial Park Plaza Mausoleum, Kannapolis. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 7th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hartsell Funeral Home, Concord. Mrs. Stutzman was born in Fort Wayne, IN, March 17, 1941, daughter of the late Georgian Seimet and Claude Seimet. She was a homemaker and of the Catholic Faith. She had a strong interest in antiques and worked at the Antique Mall in Cannon Village, Kannapolis. Survivors are her husband, Ray Stutzman of Concord; son, Bryan Stutzman of Davidson, NC; daughters, Beverly Jensen of Bethesda, MD and Lynda Ivey of Thomasville, NC; sisters, Suz Dolbec of Grover Beach, CA and Mary Weibel of Dallas, TX; and 3 grandchildren. The family will meet at the home, 1554 Weaton Way, Concord, NC 28027. Memorials are requested to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 1400 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213, or the American Cancer Society, 500 East Morehead, Suite 211, Charlotte, NC 28202. Hartsell Funeral Home, Concord, is serving the Stutzman family.

**SUMMERS, Hope Summers**

(Abstracted from the Wilmette (IL) Life, 26 Jul 1979, p. 125 and other sources)

Hope Summers died July 22, 1979 at the Motion Picture and Television Actor's Hospital in Woodland Hills, California. Los Angeles. Her father, Dr. John W. Summers, was a U.S. Representative from the state of Washington. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W.J. Fernandez of Sunnyvale, CA; a son, James S. Witherell of Winnetka; a brother, Paul of Washington, DC, and a sister, Mrs. D. C. Smith of Wilmette. Summers is buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Walla Walla, Washington in the Masonic Section.