

THEODORE, Joseph M. Theodore, Jr.

(Abstracted from information received from Elmer's sister, Jeanette, who was one of Mr. Theodore's students) Joseph M. Theodore, Jr., age 83, died Friday, April 10, 2015 at his residence in Ada, Ohio. He was born April 29, 1931 to Joseph Medeiros Theodore Sr. and Lillian Lima Theodore in Fall River, MA. Joe was a loving and dutiful son and worked hard to fulfill his parent's dreams for him. He was an excellent student and a trusted and respected friend to many. Joe was a talented musician; he loved playing guitar, and singing in bands and on the radio station WALE in the Fall River area during his teenage years. He met his future wife, Theresa Rouleau, at Durfee High School when they played leading roles in an operetta. Accepted to the New England Conservatory of Music after high school, Joe continued his musical training there before changing direction to a career in Pharmacy and Education. He earned a BS from the New England College of Pharmacy in 1955 and married his high school sweetheart and leading lady, Theresa, the same year. Relocating to Wisconsin to pursue a master's degree, they welcomed their first child, Karen ('56) and Joe received an M.S. from the University of Wisconsin in 1958. Returning to Massachusetts, Joe became Assistant Professor of Pharmacy at Northeastern University in Boston ('58-'66) while completing his PhD from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1965. Joe and Terry joyfully expanded their family during this time with four more children, Richard ('58), Sharon ('60), Carolyn ('61) and Lauren ('65). The family moved to Ada, Ohio, in 1966 where Joe became an Associate Professor of Pharmacy and the Department Chair at Ohio Northern University and was promoted to Professor in 1972. During his 32 years at ONU, Joe put his heart and soul into the work of teaching and mentoring thousands of pharmacy students. He also administered financial aid for pharmacy students, and freely gave his personal time and affection to tutor and advise "his kids" as well as assist other faculty members, and the pharmacy community. Joe created and developed the Clinical Pharmacy Internship program at ONU and served as an advisor to the Kappa Psi pharmacy fraternity. He was awarded the ONU Pharmacy Alumni Chair in 1995-96. Prior to his retirement in 1998, Joe led the curriculum committee that developed the Doctor of Pharmacy program. Many of Joe's students and colleagues have stayed in touch through the years, expressing their gratitude for his guidance and friendship. Joe was devoted to his family, his church, and music. He tutored his children in music, and math and science whenever they needed his help, and sometimes when they didn't think they needed his help. He served a term as president of the Ada PTA where his five children all attended. He was a soloist, cantor, occasional choir director, and guitarist at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church for nearly 50 years, providing music for countless weekend services, weddings and funerals and mentoring other cantors. Later in life, Joe became interested in cooking and enjoyed cooking shows, new recipes and gadgets. His favorite recipes included those from his Portuguese heritage, New England seafood and anything with beef. He was a fan of Boston area sports including Redsox, Celtics, Bruins and Patriots. Joe was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Terry of nearly 60 years, a generous and loving father to his children: Karen (Gene) Harris, Richard (Paula) Theodore, Sharon (Mark) Athearn, Carolyn Theodore (Mark Mecenass) and Lauren (Louis) Mazzoli, and a doting grandfather to his many grandchildren, whom he loved to tease mercilessly. Hanson-Neely Funeral Home in Ada is handling the arrangements. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Ada. He will be laid to rest in his ancestral burial plot in Notre Dame Cemetery in Fall River, Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to: Pancreatic Cancer Action Network www.pancreaticcancer.org or www.purplestride.org/columbus or Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

THOMAS, Ivy Esther (Potter) Thomas

(Abstracted from the Anniston (AL) Star January 26, 2001 for Patty Martin, a friend of Elmer's) Services for Ivy Esther (Potter) Thomas, 73, of 2217 Rose Ave., Oxford, AL will be Saturday at Blue Springs Baptist Church. Burial will be in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery with Miller Funeral Home in charge. Mrs. Thomas died Thursday (January 25th) at her home. Survivors include her husband, Walter Franklin Thomas of Oxford; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Wayne Thomas and Gail Thomas, both of Brooksville, FL and Stephen Keith Thomas and Paty Thomas and Walter Ronald Thomas, all of Kissimmee, FL two daughters and their husbands, Patricia Martin and Tom Martin, both of Miami and Annette Bard and Tom Bard of Brooksville; three sisters, Alice Prueett of Alexandria, Dicie Williams of Anniston and Ann Schneider of Harrisburg, PA; and 10 grandchildren, Robert Wayne Thomas Jr., Mary Thomas, Susan Thomas, Cindy Thomas, Eric Thomas, Keith Thomas, Halley Thomas, Emily Martin, Justin Bard and Kevin Bard. Mrs. Thomas was a resident of Oxford since 1946 coming from Fayette County. She and Mr. Thomas celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve. She was a member of Blue Springs Baptist Church. Flowers will be accepted or donations can be made to the Hospice of East Alabama or Blue Springs Baptist Church.

TREPTOW - Pvt. Martin Treptow

(Abstracted from several wire services)

Pvt. Martin Treptow was born in 1894 in Bloomer, Chippewa County, WI died July 28, 1918 in France. He was a WWI Soldier. During the First World War, a young man - a barber in peacetime - enlisted in the Iowa National Guard. Soon he found himself part of the 168th Infantry of the 42nd Division, the Rainbow Division. In July of 1918, the 42nd was committed to battle against the Germans to reduce the Marne Salient. In spite of withering machine gun fire and heavy artillery bombardment, the 168th Infantry took their objective. During the assault on Hill 212 on La Croix Rouge Farm, as the battle drew to an end, a

messenger was needed to deliver an important word to one of the platoons. Private Martin A. Treptow grabbed the message and moved out under fire. As he reached the platoon leader, Treptow was shot down by a hail of bullets. Later, in policing up Treptow's personal effects, a diary was found in the blood-stained blouse of this doughboy. Written in Treptow's own hands on the flyleaf under the heading, on December 31, 1917, he had written these words: "The end of a long Journey, now bring on your Wars, 1918 Revolution, America must win this war, therefore I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost as if the whole issue of the struggle depended on me alone." Pvt. Martin Treptow is buried in Bloomer City Cemetery, Bloomer, Chippewa County, WI