

OBITUARIES

AMBURGEY: Chester Amburgey, age 87, of Sparta, passed away on Thursday, August 8, 1996 at Laurel of Kent, in Lowell. He was born November 8, 1908 in Antrim, MI to Wiley and Lelar (Spancer) Amburgey. He married Marie Gray, May 5, 1934 in Hart, MI. Chester is survived by his wife, Marie; daughters, Janet and Harvey Alley of Grand Rapids, Lorna and Med Broussard of Seattle, WA, Donna and Irvin Lister of Sparta, Cherry and Jim Bowman of Estoria, OR; 13 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; brother, Buford and Alice Amburgey of Fruitport; sister, Elsie Sprague of Muskegon; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday, August 12, at Sparta Baptist Church with Rev. Bob Greenman officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Sparta. Those who wish may make Memorial contributions to Sparta Baptist Church. Arrangements were made by Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home.

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AFTON: Belle Stanley Afton, age 76, of Kent City, passed away on Tuesday, November 19, 1996, at Butterworth Hospital. She was preceded in death by her sister, Ethel Isley of Sparta, brothers Leland Stanley of Oregon, Lyman Stanley of Kent City and special niece, Reetta Stanley. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Keith Afton; sons, Craig (Doc) and Marylou Afton of Kent City, Stanley Brent (Bus) Afton and Ruth Woods of Alaska; grandchildren, David and Tina Mortensen, Stacy Witt and Brad Afton, Steve and Mike Solomon, Patricia and Jason MacDonald; great grandchildren, David Mortensen, Carson Witt, Connor MacDonald; brother and sister in law Jerry and Carol VanBelkum; several nieces, nephews and step sisters and brothers. Funeral Services were held Friday, November 22, at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church with Rev. Wayne Spesee officiating. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Northwest Ambulance. Arrangements were made by Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home.

IN MEMORY OF our father and grandfather, Frankie D. Adams, who went to be with his Lord, November 28, 1991. We love and miss you very much Dad, your smile will always shine upon us and guide us. You have touched so many lives and hearts. We love you!

Kelly Walker,
grandchildren Haley & Tyler
Cory & Missy Adams
Carl & Jenny Adams,
grandson, Austin

IN LOVING MEMORY of Lois Anderson who passed away 10 years ago, April 20, 1987. To us you are not forgotten, to us you're not just a part of our past. To us who loved you and lost you, your memory will always last.

Her children,
Karl and Eva
Don and Bert
Marilyn and Larry
grandchildren, great grandchildren
and now one great great grandchild

IN MEMORY OF Russell W. Anderson, who passed away September 12, 1978.

Lovingly remembered and
deeply missed by
his family.

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ANDERSON: Florence Odell Anderson, age 93, formerly of Sparta, passed away on Monday, August 19, 1996 at Glenwood Christian Nursing Home, in Lamont. She was born October 9, 1902 in Alpine Twp. to Theodore and Clara Greiner. Florence worked as a school teacher in the Sparta Public Schools. She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice Anderson. She is survived by her daughter, Janice and Amos Fox of Conklin; son, Ted and Judy Anderson of Sparta; grandchildren, Brad Anderson and David Anderson, both of Sparta, Russ and Alice Barkow of Conklin, Andy and Marilyn Barkow of Cedar Springs; great grandchildren, Erin, Ben and Mariana; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 21, at the Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Young officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Sparta. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Sparta United Methodist Church.

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ANDERSON: Joyce Ann Anderson, age 64, of Kentwood, died suddenly Wednesday, January 22, 1997. She is survived by her children Terry (Sharon) Anderson of Ada, Todd (Marilyn) Anderson of Jenison, Susan (Paul) Anderson of Kentwood; grandchildren, Rachel, Aaron, Troy, Christie, and Cameron; brother, Bud (Eleanor) Hoffman; sister, Cleo (Dory) Stump all of Benton Harbor; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gary Burdick of Ada Congregational Church officiating. Interment Findlay Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Degage Ministries Center, 11 Cherry SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

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ALBER (CEDAR SPRINGS): Mr. David R. Alber, age 63, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday evening, April 7, 1997, at his home. He and his wife, Bertha, were the owners of Albert Electric in Cedar Springs which was started by his father, Ben. David was associated with the First Baptist Church of Cedar Springs, a graduate of Cedar Springs High School and attended Baptist College (Cornerstone). On August 5, 1955 he married the former Bertha Maciejewski who survives. Also surviving are his children, Phillip (Mary) Alber, Karl Alber, Greg Alber, Mark Alber and Vonda Alber all of Cedar Springs, and Debra (Ben) Kinsey of Lakeview; 27 grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Ben (Viola) Alber of Cedar Springs; a brother Pastor Charles (Ruth) Alber of Ames Iowa; a sister, Enid (Eugene) Williams of Booth Bay, Maine; nieces, nephews; mother in law, Mrs. Joe (Marie) Maciejewski of Comstock Park; his in-laws, Dons (Wayne) Kleinjans of West Olive and Brett Rihm of Cedar Springs. David was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Sharon Alber and his father, Ben A. Alber. The service of Praise and Thanksgiving to God for the life of David was held Friday afternoon at First Baptist Church of Cedar Springs with Pastors Thomas Dolph, Irwin L. Piell and Charles Alber officiating. Interment in Blythefield Memory Gardens. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the benevolent fund at First Baptist Church in Cedar Springs. The Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford.

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ANDERSON: John Clifford Anderson, age 74, of Sparta, passed away Sunday, October 6, 1996 at Birchwood Care Center. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lorrene Anderson and sons, Paul and Scott Anderson. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Anderson; sons, Clifford and Julia Anderson, Dwight and Marlene Anderson; daughter-in-law, Patricia Anderson; step children, Lyle Rexford, Shirley and Tom Afton, Sue Rexford; grandchildren, Jennifer and Brett Anderson, Erik and Keri Anderson, Zachary, Kyle, and Stephanie Anderson; brothers, Walt Anderson, Harold and Doris Anderson; sisters, Frances Anderson; Dorothy Anderson, Clarence and Alvema Rice, Burrell and Norma Pieper; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 9, at Mamrelund Lutheran Church. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Sparta. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to The Mamrelund Lutheran Scholarship Fund or to Scott's Children's Education Fund. Arrangements were made by Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home.

ARNOLD: Diane Patricia Newberg Arnold, age 55, of Sparta, passed away on Monday evening, April 7, 1997 at her home. She was preceded in death by her brother, Timothy Newberg and sister, Leonia Newberg. She is survived by her husband, Robert; children, Sandra Parney, Toni and Rick Malek, Kevin and Ann Parney, Wendy and John Dreyer, Barbara and Kenneth Dewey, all of Grand Rapids; 8 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; parents, John Sr. and Evelyn Newberg of Sparta; sisters, Kathryn and Kenneth Ulrich of Cedar Springs, Tara and Terry Witt of Sparta; brothers, Dennis and Nonda Newberg of Mattawaan, Michael Newberg, John Newberg Jr., Daniel and Lori Newberg all of Sparta; sister-in-law, Belva and David Grize; brothers-in-law, Dan and Jane Arnold, Steve and Marci Arnold; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 10, at the Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home with Rev. Leonard Dahlgren officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Sparta. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

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ARCHER: Donald R. Archer, age 78, formerly of Sparta, Michigan, returned to our Lord and Saviour on Tuesday, May 13, 1997. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Bettie Archer, of Winter Haven, FL, and devoted children, Stephen and Judy Archer, Winter Haven, FL, Terri and Tom Postma, Kent City, MI, and Janis and Daniel Bell, Lakeland, FL, seven cherished grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Don was a retired minister from the Ballard Church of Christ and was very active in the Sparta Lions Club for many years. Funeral services were held on May 15, 1997, in Winter Haven, Florida, with Pastor James Reed of Winter Haven Christian Church officiating.

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ANDERSON-Walter Anton Anderson, age 85, of Sparta passed away Monday, October 14, 1996, at St. Mary's Living Center. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, in 1987. He is survived by his children, Carl and Eva Anderson of Midland, Don and Bert Anderson of Sparta, Marilyn and Larry Race of Sparta; grandchildren, Tom and Nancy Anderson, Duane and Lori Anderson, Steve and Diana VanOeffelen, Beth Sproat, Stan and Pam Wagoner, Deb and Steve Myszka, Carl and Anica Nicholai, Dan and Allison Nicholai, Tammy and Scott Trimble; 25 great grandchildren; brother, Harold and Doris Anderson; sisters in law, Frances Anderson, Mrs. John (Dorothy) Anderson; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 17, at Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home. Interment in Blythefield Memory Gardens. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to The American Cancer Society.

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ANDERSON: Elizabeth Susan Anderson, age 94, of Sparta, passed away Saturday, May 31, 1997, at her home. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sandra E. Anderson and her husband, Swan. She is survived by her grandchildren, Eugene and Connie Brown of Newaygo, Lou Ann and Kenneth Bidelman of Muskegon, Buddy Brown and Cindy of Cedar Springs, Robin and Robert Rizzo of Sparta, Holly and Dave Cole of Comstock Park, Dawn Seaver of Spring Lake; 13 great grandchildren; special friends, Patricia, Pearl, and Lydia Brown of Sparta. Mass of the Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, June 3, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Sparta, with Fr. Martin Kurylowicz Celebrant. Interment in Grandville Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to The Holy Family Building Fund. Arrangements were made by Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home.

IN MEMORY of Frankie D. Adams, who passed away so suddenly, 6 years ago Nov. 28, 1991. We never knew that morning, God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. No one ever said goodbye, you were gone before we knew it. A golden heart stopped beating, your tender hands at rest. It broke our hearts to lose you, but then you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you. You left us precious memories, your love will be our guide. And though we cannot see you, you're always by our sides. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

We love you, Dad.
Kelly, Haley & Tyler Walker
Cory Adams
Carl, Jen, Austin & Kara Adams

IN LOVING MEMORY of Harry A. Anderson, who passed away February 9, 1980. Though your smile is gone forever and your face we cannot touch. We still have treasured memories of the one we loved so much.

Sadly missed by
his wife, children
and grandchildren