

Lake and Peninsula Borough, Alaska Obituaries & Death Notices

ANSELM

Lorraine F. Anselm, 53, of Anchorage, Alaska died November 23, 1998 at home. Mrs. Anselm was born March 27, 1945 in Nondalton, Alaska. She is survived by her daughter Barbara Evan, son Roger Balluta, grandson Guy Todd II, aunt Dolly Hobson and many other relatives.



BALLUTA

Newhalen resident Wassie Wassillie Balluta Sr., 66, died of natural causes May 3, 2003, at home. A funeral was May 6 at Transfiguration of Our Lord Russian Orthodox Church in Newhalen. The Rev. David Askoak officiated. Pallbearers were Ronald Wassillie, Michael Tefry, Clyde Trefon and Earl Balluta. Mr. Balluta was born Oct. 21, 1936, in Old Nondalton. He graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School and attended Oakland Community College. He was in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne, stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. Mr. Balluta was a Bristol Bay fisherman and carpenter for 50 years, chairman and president of Kijik Corp. for eight years, president of Nondalton Native Fuel Services Inc., emergency firefighting crew boss and firefighter. He also served on the Kijik Corp. board of directors, Keyes Point Property Owners Association, Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly, Lake and Peninsula School District, chairman and president of K'nechek Co-op Store board of directors, board member of INNEC Electric Co-op and member of Alaska Independent Fisherman's Association. Mr. Balluta enjoyed hunting fishing, berry picking, camping, boating, playing the guitar and spending time with his grandchildren. His family wrote: "Wassie had compassion for family and friends in need and was always willing to help. He will be dearly missed by his wife, sons and grandchildren." He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Fedosia of Newhalen; sons, Carl, Clark, Clarence, Wassie Jr. and Chester Balluta; mother, Nastasia Zackar of Nondalton; grandchildren Janine D. and Carlen R. Balluta and Shoshanna T. Smallwood, all of Anchorage; Casey, Corey, Silver, Jade and Pearl Balluta, all of Toksook Bay; Katrina Trefon and great-granddaughter Robin of Nondalton; sisters Mary Delkettie, Pauline Hobson, Anesia White, Cledia Zackar; brother Paul Zackar Jr.; godfather Pete Koktelash of Nondalton; sister-in-law Funa Hornberger and George; brother-in-law Peter John, all of Newhalen; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and other family and friends.



CRANDELL

Carol E. Crandell, 50, of McAlester, Oklahoma died January 1, 1999 at Colonial Park Nursing Center. Mrs. Crandell was born December 24, 1948 in Chignik Lagoon, Alaska. She is survived by sons and daughter-in-law Bobby and Zella Kincaid and Shane Kincaid; grandson Casey Kincaid; brothers and sister-in-laws Roger and Vonnie Wallin, Lowell and Marcella Suydam, Steven and Linda Suydam, Wesley and Resa Suydam, Lorraine and Bill Mantor; Dwain and Leon Wallin and numerous nieces and nephews.



CUSMA

Jeanne Finely Cusma, 53, of Nondalton died March 6, 2010, at her residence. A service was held March 12 at the Alaskan Heritage Memorial Chapel in Anchorage. A second service was held March 13 at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Nondalton, with Father David Askoak officiating. Pallbearers were Thomas Gardiner, Rodney Kakaruk, Randy Kakaruk, Walter Jackinsky, DaWayne Constantine and

Ronald Alexie. Interment was in Nondalton Cemetery. Born June 18, 1956, in Dillingham, Jeanne was the daughter of John and Louise Gardiner. She was a graduate of Dillingham High School. Jeanne worked as a commercial fisher from 1977 to 2008, PCA from 2003 to 2005, and currently was working as an assistant cook. She enjoyed playing cards, puzzles, old-time dancing, picking berries and subsistence fishing. Her family said she was "a caring and loving mom and gram gram." She was loved by many and will be missed by all. "May her memory be Eternal," they wrote. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Paul Jr.; mother, Louise; mother-in-law, Agnes; daughters, Margaret and Tina; sons, Paul III, Maxim, John and Robert; eight grandchildren; four sisters; three brothers; godmother, Olga Balluta; and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family throughout Alaska. Arrangements are with Alaskan Heritage Memorial Chapel, Anchorage.



DAKUTAK

Stephanie (aka Steponeda) Mae Dakutak, 66, died June 17, 2002, at the Hospice of Boulder County in Lafayette, Colo. Ms. Dakutak was born Nov. 6, 1935, in Egegik, Alaska. She is survived by her daughters, Suzanne Zellner and Dollia Mickler; sons, John and David Sappington; sister, Mary Homuth and brothers, John, Emil, and Daniel Dakutak.



EVAN

Barbara Joan Evan, 41, died April 20, 2004, at home in Anchorage, Alaska. Ms. Evan was born August 18, 1962, in Nondalton, Alaska. She is survived by her son, Guy Todd; mother, Olga Balluta; brother, Roger Balluta; and many other relatives and friends.



HAMMOND

Gov. Jay Hammond - A memorial service for Gov. Jay Hammond will be at 2 p.m. today at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. At noon, a group of floatplanes will fly the "Missing Man" formation over the Delaney Park Strip. Gov. Hammond, 83, died Aug. 1, 2005, at his Lake Clark home.



HILLBORN

Charles Ruben Hillborn, 62, died October 5, 1999, at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. Hillborn was born in Chignik, Alaska, on January 7, 1937. He is survived by his wife Lorraine; son John R. Hillborn; daughters Roxanna D. Sawyer and Melody R. Ghramm; and 13 grandchildren.



JONES

Jennifer Hornberger Jones, beloved wife, mother and daughter, died at home May 22, 2010, surrounded by family and friends after a courageous 2 1/2-year battle with cancer. She was 32. A service will be held Thursday at Faith Christian Community Church, 4240 Wisconsin St. Viewing will begin at 3 p.m., with the service at 4 p.m. A potluck reception will be afterward at the church. Jennifer was born in Anchorage Sept.

2, 1977, and was raised in Newhalen. After graduating from high school, Jennifer attended the University of Nevada, Reno, where she obtained a B.S. in secondary education. On May 30, 1999, Jennifer married Jeremy Jones of Carson City, Nev., in a ceremony conducted by her grandmother, Sara Hornberger. They moved to Anchorage, where Jennifer taught school for several years before becoming a devoted stay-at-home mother for her children, Joella and Benjamin. Their family was completed when a bedraggled little dog, soon to be known as Turbo the Terrible, found and adopted Jennifer. Jennifer had become an accomplished bead worker and started her own business crafting custom beadwork. After her cancer diagnosis, she and Laura Revels began a quilt project, Beading for a Cause, at Alaska Native Medical Center. Cancer survivors and family members get together each week to make beaded squares that represent what cancer means to them and their loved ones. Jennifer's other hobbies and interests were reading, crocheting and gardening. Jennifer enjoyed participating in traditional subsistence activities such as picking berries and putting up salmon to share with family and friends. Above all, Jennifer loved spending time with her family. Last summer the entire family, including Turbo, made a trip to Lake Clark to visit Jennifer's paternal grandparents. Afterward they flew to Newhalen to visit her parents. While there, Jennifer and Jeremy renewed their wedding vows for their 10th anniversary in a special ceremony with their children as attendants. Jennifer will be remembered for her kindness, grace, thoughtfulness, determination and devotion to her family and friends. She made this statement to her family: "It is so important to me that our lives reflect the goodness of God, and that the time He has given us on this earth is precious, directed and completely worth it in the end." Jennifer is survived by her loving, devoted husband, Jeremy, and their children, Joella Beth and Benjamin David. She is also survived by her parents, George and Funa Hornberger; siblings, Jaslyn (Matt) Wren and Chester Hornberger; nephew, Samael Wren; maternal uncle, Peter John and aunt, Fedosia Balluta; godmother, Joanne Wassillie; goddaughter, Shoshanna Smallwood; paternal grandparents, Charles and Sara Hornberger; aunts, Linda (Mark) Harriger and Gayle (Kendal) Carpenter-Kaihoi; and numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends, as well as Turbo the Terrible. Jennifer was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, Arseny and Nastasia Melognak of Newhalen. A memorial scholarship in Jennifer's name has been set up with Alaska USA Federal Credit Union and coordinated by the Lake and Peninsula School District. In lieu of flowers, Jennifer and her family requested that donations be made to that fund: The Jennifer E. Hornberger Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund (JEHJMSF), Lake and Peninsula School District, attn: Laura Hilton, P.O. Box 498, King Salmon 99613.



MATSON

Port Heiden resident Renee Martha Matson, 45, died Dec. 14, 2006, in a plane crash. A visitation will be at 1 p.m., with a service at 2 p.m., today at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, 737 E St. The Rev. John Zabinko will officiate. Burial will take place at St. Nicholas Cemetery in Port Heiden.



McKEAN

Martha McKean, 77, died February 14, 2000, at her son's residence in Anchorage, Alaska. Ms. McKean was born in Chignik Lagoon, Alaska on July 2, 1922. She is survived by her daughters Cara Pederson, Ina Wikheim, Catherine Coddington and Connie McKean; daughter and son-in-law Martha and Leonard Ogle; son Thomas McKean; 17 grandchildren; 34 great grandchildren and one great, great granddaughter.



RICKTEROFF

Victor William Rickteroff, 70, died May 23, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Rickteroff was born in Nondalton, Alaska. He is survived by his sisters, Linda C. Blanton and Florence Hale.



SUYDAM

Floyd Lowell Suydam, Jr., died Aug. 8, 2002, at home in Chignik Lagoon, Alaska. Mr. Suydam was born April 3, 1928, in Chignik Lagoon, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Aroonski Suydam; children, Lowell and Marcella Suydam, Wesley and Resa Suydam, Steven and Linda Suydam, Lorraine and Bill Mantor; step-children, Rodger and Vonnie Wallin, Leon Wallin, and Dwain Wallin; sisters, Marilyn Crary, Laural and Lorretta Olson; brothers, Antril, Larry and Glen Suydam; and many grandchildren.



TELLO

Judy B. Tello, 60, died June 30, 2002, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Mrs. Tello was born July 10, 1941, in Perryville, Alaska. She is survived by her husband, Juan Tello; daughter, Tellesa Tello; sons, Breck Abell, Russell Abell, Danny Abell, Timothy Abell, Byron Abell, and Todd Abell; and 20 grandchildren.



TRETIKOFF

Iliamna fisherman Evon John Tretikoff Jr., 63, died May 7, 1991 at Humana Hospital-Alaska. A funeral will be held later this week at the Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Iliamna. Mr. Tretikoff was born July 20, 1927, in Naknek. He worked as a commercial fisherman and was currently working for the Nelbro Packing Co. in Naknek. He is survived by his wife, Okalena of Iliamna; his daughters, Helen Kruski of Iliamna, and Viola Paul of Kipnuk; his sons, George, John and Simon, all of Iliamna; his sister, Egefie Wassillie of Naknek; his half-sisters, Matrona Peterson and Sophie Grindel, both of Anchorage; and 11 grandchildren. Local arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel, Eighth Avenue and E Street.



WILSON

Abram Bo Wilson Jr. died Feb. 6, 2002, in Nondalton, Alaska. He was born March 5, 1980, in Anchorage. He is survived by his daughter, Ashley Wilson; girlfriend, Fawn Silas; mother, Nenita Wilson; sisters, Betty Wilson Evanoff and Michelle Wilson; brother, Eugene Wilson; and many nieces and nephews.



WILSON

Abram Evon Wilson, Sr., 53, of Nondalton, Alaska died August 7, 1999. Mr. Wilson was born October 24, 1945 in Nondalton, Alaska. He is survived by his sons Eugene J. and Abram E. Wilson, Jr.; daughters Betty J. and Michelle M. Wilson.



WILSON

James Diamond Wilson, 66, died June 13, 2004, at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. Wilson was born Oct. 6, 1937, in Old Nondalton, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Lydia; daughters, Janice Booth, Lavoune Gladney, and Frances Wilson; sons, Anthony, Harold, James III, James Perrin, Jarred, Justin Lee, and Sean Wilson; grandchildren, Anthony J., Brandon, Carlen, Desean, Hunter, Jacob, Janine, Joey, Jonah, Lucas, Megan, Sarah, Stephan, Tommy, and Zorea; sisters, Mary Alice Jaidinger, Eva LeVeque, and Frances Thiele; and brothers, George Wilson and William Wilson.

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