

Obituaries

Josephine M. Abraham

Josephine M. Abraham, 92, Lowell, died Feb. 24 at St. Anthony Medical Center, Crown Point.

She and her husband farmed for over 50 years.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph Abraham, Lowell, and Walter Abraham, Morocco; one daughter, Bertha Huppenthal, Cedar Lake; one brother, George Govert, Chicago; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-

grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband Joseph, son Alex and grandson Jerome preceded her in death.

Funeral services took place Wednesday, Feb. 27 at St. Edward's Church with Msgr. Timothy Doody officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Died: February 24, 1985

Issue: March 7, 1985

William 'Bruce' Agnew

William "Bruce" Agnew, 68, Box 375, Morocco, died Wednesday, June 19 at 4:30 p.m. at Jasper County Hospital.

Born Feb. 25, 1917, in Pulaski County, he was the son of Lon B. and Eva Margaret Williamson Agnew.

He was educated in the Jasper County Public Schools. He served with the United States Army during World War II.

A retired pipeline inspector, he had been employed for 20 years by the Standard Oil Company.

He was a member of the Morocco

American Legion Post No. 146, 40 and 8 and the Rensselaer VFW Post No. 1279.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Craft, Lenox, Iowa, and Mrs. Lois (Orion) Arbuckle, Monon, and one brother, C. Robert Agnew, Golden, Colo.

Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services took place Saturday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Jackson Funeral Chapel, Rensselaer. Burial was in the Milroy Cemetery.

Died: June 19, 1985

Issue: June 27, 1985

Lawrence 'Fat' Bannister

Lawrence "Fat" Bannister, 65, 355 N. Lincoln, Morocco, died Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 5:05 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette.

Born Sept. 5, 1920 at Remington, he was the son of James Harrison and Minnie May Erb Bannister. He had been a Morocco resident for 50 years.

On May 11, 1951 at Kankakee, he married Delores Campbell, who survives.

A member of the U.S. Army during World War II, he retired in 1980 from American Steel Foundries, East Chicago, where he had been employed as a blastman.

He was a member of the Morocco Assembly of God Church.

Surviving with the wife are one stepdaughter, Alice Faye Wiseman, Riverside, Calif., and three

grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Gale (Faye) Perkins, Sharpsville, Ind., and Mrs. Ralph (Elizabeth) Rogers, Springdale, Ark., and six brothers, Gordon Bannister, Brook; Ray Bannister, Berwyn, Ill.; Carl Bannister, Morocco; Erbie Bannister, Remington; Homer Glenn Bannister, Rensselaer; and Robert Bannister, Riverside, Calif.

One son preceded him in death.

Funeral services took place Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Morocco Assembly of God Church with Pastors Kevin Holt and David Jones officiating. Burial was in the Lake Village Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Society.

Died: December 4, 1985

Issue: December 12, 1985

Herbert E. Barnett

Herbert E. Barnett, 75, Rt. 5, Frankfort, Ind., died Saturday, Oct. 19 at 2:35 p.m. at Witham Hospital, Lebanon. He had been in ill health for the past year.

Born Aug. 27, 1910 at Clinton County, Ind., he was the son of Floyd and Gernie Carter Barnett.

On May 1, 1936 at Lafayette, he married Dorothy Mason, who survives.

He had been owner and manager of Barnett Grain Company, Morocco, for 25 years. He was farm manager for Lafayette Life Insurance Company and had also farmed in Benton County.

He belonged to the Antioch Congressional Christian Church and was a member of the Morocco Knights of Pythias, the Earl Park Masonic Lodge

and the Scottish Rite at Indianapolis.

Surviving with the wife are three sons, Neal Barnett, College Park, Md.; Herbert Barnett Jr., Newton, Conn.; and Randall Barnett, Rt. 5, Frankfort; two daughters, Bonnie Storey, Morocco, and Janet Armstrong, Lafayette; one brother, Melvin Barnett; 12 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Judy, and one brother, Amos.

Funeral services took place Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. at the Goodland Funeral Home, Frankfort, with Rev. Walt Willett officiating. Burial was in the Grand View Cemetery, West Lafayette.

Died: October 19, 1985

Issue: October 24, 1985

Victor J. Bartoszek

Victor J. Bartoszek, 80, DeMotte, died Saturday, March 2 at 11 a.m. at his home.

Born Sept. 10, 1904 in Michigan, he was a retired captain with 27 years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a member of Gabby Hall VFW Post 3151 in Shelby and American Legion Post 238 in Roselawn.

He is survived by his wife Mary; one stepdaughter, Mary Ann (Wil-

liam) Miller, DeMotte; two sisters, Lucille and Helen, California; one brother, Steve Bartoszek, Hammond; and two stepgrandchildren.

Funeral services took place Tuesday, March 5 at 11 a.m. at the Todd-Hughes Funeral Home, DeMotte. Burial was in the Roselawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Newton County Heart Fund.

Died: March 2, 1985

Issue: March 14, 1985

Joyce Maralynne Bennett

Joyce Maralynne Bennett, 56, 102 S. Main, Morocco, died Wednesday, July 24 at 8:45 p.m. at Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer.

Born May 11, 1929 at Morocco, she was the daughter of John and Grace Evangeline Smith Ringer.

She had resided in Morocco until 1957, then returned in 1983.

On Dec. 21, 1947 in Morocco, she married DeWayne Bennett, who survives.

Until 1968, she was a payroll supervisor for CNA Insurance, Chicago. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Hammond.

Surviving with the husband are two daughters, Joyce Walker, Orlando, Fla., and Judy Maas, Lowell, and three grandchildren, Cheryl Bartochowski, John Spudville and Andrew Maas.

She was preceded in death by one son, John.

Funeral services took place Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. at the Cardwell Funeral Home, Morocco, with the Rev. Marvin Parli officiating. Burial was in the Smith-Holley Cemetery, Morocco.

Memorials may be made to the Hemophilia Foundation.

Died: July 24, 1985

Issue: August 1, 1985

Joseph E. Blasco

Joseph E. Blasco, 65, Lake Village, died at 4:10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 at Jasper County Hospital.

He was born in Ironwood, Mich., on April 21, 1919, the son of John K. Blasckevics and Maria M. (Dulovic) Blasckevics. He was a resident of Lake Village for 36 years, coming there from Chicago.

He was married on Oct. 4, 1946 in Chicago to Dolores Brouchet, who survives. He was a self-employed truck driver. He was a World War II veteran and a member of the Roselawn American Legion Post

No. 238.

Survivors include four sons, Paul Blasco, Anaheim, Calif.; John Blasco, Orlando, Fla.; Andy Blasco, Lake Village; and Joe Blasco, Fort Wayne; one brother, Julius Blasco, Coldwater, Mich.; two sisters, Ann, Wisconsin and Gertrude, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services took place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 at the Todd Hughes Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard M. Thorton officiating. Burial followed in the Roselawn Cemetery.

Died: December 27, 1984

Issue: January 3, 1985

Harry Brandt

Harry Brandt, 88, Lowell, died Dec. 20 at Lowell Health Care Center.

A lifetime Lowell area resident, he was retired from farming.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie; one daughter, Shirley Wheeler, Justice, Ill.; one son, James Brandt, Chicago; one step-daughter, Sharell Clark, Morocco; two sisters, Dora Brands, Mitchell, S.D., and Ruby Tileakos, Clearwater Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services took place Dec. 24 at St. John's United Church of Christ, with the Rev. Harold Spann officiating. Burial was in Maplewood Cemetery.

Died: December 20, 1984

Issue: January 10, 1985

Thomas E. Brown

Thomas E. Brown, 42, Rt. 1, Beaverville, died Sunday, Nov. 17 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Born Sept. 5, 1943 at Bradley, Ill., he was the son of Delmar and Dorothy Anderson Brown. He was a lifetime resident of the Morocco and Beaverville area.

He had been the owner and operator of the Thomas E. Brown tax service.

He was a member of St. Martin's Church, Martinton, Ill., and the

Morocco American Legion Post.

Surviving are his parents; three brothers, James, Beaverville; Richard, San Diego, Calif.; and Gary, Kankakee; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services took place Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Martin's Church, Martinton, with the Rev. Daniel Reardon officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Chebanse, Ill.

Died: November 17, 1985

Issue: November 21, 1985

John M. Bruner

John M. Bruner, 81, Lake Village, died Monday, Dec. 2 at his residence.

He was a millwright with the American Steel Foundry Company in Hammond and was member of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Surviving with his wife, Mary Bruner, are one daughter, Helen (Mrs. Robert) Van Duyn, Toledo, Ohio; four sons, John R. Bruner, Chicago; Stanley Bruner, Schererville; Gerald Bruner, Gainesville, Fla.; and Harold (Leona) Bruner, Lake Village; 15

grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are five brothers, Bill, Arthur, Marvin and Albert, all from Missouri, and Curtis, Lowell, and three sisters, Ethel Soukup and Ruth Farrell, Missouri, and Imojean Tyson, Rockford, Ill.

Funeral services took place Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Sheets-Love Funeral Home in Lowell with the Rev. Fred Miller officiating. Burial was in the Lake Village Cemetery.

Died: December 2, 1985

Issue: December 17, 1985

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