

Obituaries for burials in Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery - Vancouver, WA
(Formerly known as Saint James Acres Cemetery)

1879

VANCOUVER INDEPENDENT

Vancouver, Washington

Thursday, July 3, 1879

(Copied from the "Clark County Washington Cemetery Records, Volume Two", published by the Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, WA, 1982, page 150.)

JOHN MORAN

SUDDEN DEATH

Last Friday evening, John Moran, at the Canyon Creek Camp, died without a moments warning. He had done the usual day's work in the ditch, ate supper, smoked, washed some clothing in the creek, returned and while sitting on the bed smoking, without saying a word to anyone, fell back dead. The miners improvised a stretcher and on this nine men carried the body all day Saturday and part of Sunday, over 27 miles of the roughest mountain road in the Cascades; at Sliderburg's they obtained a team and wagon and the remains reached Vancouver Sunday afternoon. The funeral on Monday was attended by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which society he was an honored member. The services being held at the Catholic Church.

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A HARD TRIP

The party which took the body of John Moran out of the mountains consisted of Louis Meyer, J. Finnegan, Martin Noran, Wm. Donaldson, Mike Neary, Jim Curtin, J.H. Lamb and W.C. Sharett. From Saturday morning until late on Sunday, they were without rations and camped Saturday night on Cedar Creek, without blankets or shelter. It was the most laborious trip ever made by the party in this country.

(Note: Most of those mentioned in the above article are also buried at St. James.)

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1880

Records from Vol. IV of combined register
of St James Church, Vancouver, WA 11S
(p.99):

Maggie A. Hutscheck

"On the 28nd day of March 1880, we the
undersigned buried the body of Maggie
Hutscheck (sic), aged about 8 years, daughter
of Charles Hutscheck and Mary Maloney.
Rev Cesari, priest."

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Records from Vol. IV of combined register
of St James Church, Vancouver, WA 12S
(p.100):

Charles Hutscheck, Jr.

"On the 2nd day of April 1880, we the
undersigned buried the body of Charley
Hutscheck (sic), aged about 6 years, son of
Charles Hutscheck and Mary Maloney. Rev
Cesari, priest. "

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1882

VANCOUVER INDEPENDENT

Vancouver, Washington

Thursday, August 10, 1882

(Copied from the "Clark County Washington Cemetery Records, Volume Two", published by the Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, WA, 1982, page 149.)

MARTHA BAKER

A PIONEER GONE

Mrs. Martha Baker, who has been in the hospital some weeks was on Saturday released from her suffering by death.

She was born Aug. 4, 1804, and died the next day after her 78th birthday. In 1854 she came to Vancouver with her husband who died some years since, having many friends and no enemies. On Sunday she was buried from St. James Cathedral, her remains being followed to the cemetery by a large number of people. May she rest in peace.

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1888

CLARK COUNTY REGISTER

Vancouver, Washington

Thursday, March 1, 1888

(Copied from the "Clark County Washington Cemetery Records, Volume Two", published by the Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, WA, 1982, page 151.)

MADAME LUCIER

DIED

Madame Lucier, niece of the late Archbishop Blanchet, of Oregon, and of Bishop Blanchet of this diocese, died Monday afternoon at the hospital of the Sisters of Charity in this city (Vancouver).

She was born in Quebec, Canada, about 75 years ago, and came to Oregon about 1846.

The funeral is to take place from St. James Cathedral today, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1888, at 9:30 AM. She leaves a sister near Olympia.

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1900

VANCOUVER INDEPENDENT

Vancouver, Washington

Thursday, May 3, 1900

(Copied from the "Clark County Washington Cemetery Records, Volume Two", published by the Clark County Genealogical Society, Vancouver, WA, 1982, page 150.)

EXEOR TROMLEY

EXEOR TROMLEY, an employee of the Lucia Mill Company, while working on the log raft Monday, lost his balance, fell into the Columbia and was drowned. Witnesses of the accident say that he never rose to the surface after striking the water. After searching for the body for about an hour, it was found by JOHN HUSTON, near the place where it went under. Every effort was made to restore respiration but to no avail. Deceased was a young man 19 years old and had been a resident of this county for the past 13 years, coming here from Kansas when but 6 years old. His parents and many other relative reside at this place. The funeral was held from the Catholic Church Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. and the interment was at the Catholic Cemetery where the Red Men of which deceased was a member, held their impressive ritual services.

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1906

The Vancouver Columbian
Vancouver, Clarke, Washington
Thursday, September 20, 1906

Death of J Coakley

The funeral of John Coakley, who dies as a result of paralysis on Sunday Sept. 9, took place last Sunday. The remains were taken from the Vancouver Undertaking Company's parlors to the Cathedral where services were held at two o'clock p.m. The burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

Mr. Coakley was an employee of the Portland and Seattle Railway Co., working on the caissons in the river at which kind of bridge work he had been engaged for 12 years. His wife and three children came here to the funeral from Kansas. Mr. Coakley's fellow workers on the railway bridge raised a purse of several hundred dollars and presented it to the bereaved family.

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1916

The Morning Oregonian
Portland, Oregon
Monday, August 14, 1916
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WILLIAM HENRY SCHMITZ

Young Fisher Drowned

**WILLIAM H. SCHMITZ VICTIM AT
VANCOUVER LAKE**

**Companions Say Victim Was in Water
Only Two Minutes and Body Worked on
Two Hours**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 13. —
(Special.) – Slipping from a rolling log into
Vancouver Lake, near Felida, five miles
north of this city, shortly after noon today,
William H. Schmitz, 18 years old, was
drowned, though he was in the water only
two minutes and every attempt was made to
resuscitate him.

With his younger brother, Fred, Charles
Reed, and Howard Marble, young Schmitz
went fishing in Vancouver Lake. They
walked out on the Weyerhaeuser log boom
in the lake. Three of them were on a log,
which started to roll, throwing Marble into
the water first, the drowned youth next and
Reed last. Schmitz was not able to swim
and the other boys went to his rescue.

The prostrate youth was taken to the
bank, the water worked out of his lungs and
efforts made to revive him. Dr. M. U.
Lieser, of Vancouver, was summoned after
one of the boys ran two miles to a telephone.
Dr. Lieser made the run to the lake in 20

minutes, taking a pulmotor. Two hours
work failed to revive the young man.

Schmitz was the son of Mr. and Mrs.
Joseph P. Schmitz, who reside on the main
street road, near Burnt Bridge Creek, to miles
north of this city.

*(Note: He is buried in St. James Acres
Cemetery in Vancouver, WA in a family plot
along with his parents, a sister, and sister-
in-law. His burial is also missing from the
“Clark County Washington Cemetery
Records, Volume Two” published by
CCGS.)*

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1918

Daily Vancouver Columbian
Vancouver, Washington
Monday, December 16, 1918
Page 1

FRANCES BARTMAN (nee SCHMITZ)

**DEATH OF MRS. BATEMAN AT
VASHON, WASH.**

Mrs. Frances Bartman, wife of Anton Bartman, passed away at Vashon, Wash. Saturday. She was born in Pennsylvania on April 17, 1893. She is survived by her husband, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Schmitz and three children, Albert, Helen and Irene, three sisters and two brothers. Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at Limbers' chapel. Rev. Father Sweens will officiate. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

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1922

The Vancouver Evening Columbian
Vancouver, Washington
Thursday, February 16, 1922
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MARTHA VIOLA SCHMITZ
(**nee FLEISCHMAN**)

**MRS. VIOLA SCHMITZ DIES AT
HOME NEAR CITY**

Mrs. Viola Schmitz, aged 22 years, died yesterday at the family home near Vancouver. She was born in Vancouver in 1900.

Surviving are her husband, Fred A. Schmitz, her mother, Mrs. Mary Fleischman, and the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Hattie Doran, Mrs. Rose Salt, Mrs. Anna Monroe, A. M. Fleischman, A. M. Rinehart, all of this city, Mrs. Pearl Swape of Walla Walla, Wash., and C. L. Rinehart of Yacolt, Wash.

The body is at the Limber Under-taking Parlors where it will remain until the funeral Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in St. James Catholic church. Rev. Father Sweens will officiate and interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

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1927

The Vancouver Evening Columbian
Vancouver, Washington
Sunday, February 27, 1927

Mrs. Mary Hutscheck

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Hutscheck, 75, who died at the family home, 1905 G Street, Friday, were held this morning at 9 o'clock at St. James Catholic Church. Rev. J. Egan officiated and interment was in the local Catholic cemetery. Beside her husband, Charles Hutscheck, she is survived by several nephews and nieces. The funeral services were in charge of Hamilton and Son.

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The Vancouver Evening Columbian
Vancouver, Washington
Wednesday, May 11, 1927

Charles Hutscheck

Following a long illness, Charles Hutscheck, 82, died last night at the family home, 1905 G St, (Vancouver, WA). He has lived in Vancouver for 50 years, coming here when the city had but 1000 residents.

Mr. Hutscheck began his military career when 17 years of age when he enlisted in the army during the civil war. Later he served four years with the Marines, and served as a captain of Company B, first Washington Guards. During the Spanish American War he served in the army.

In 1884, he was appointed chief of the Vancouver Volunteer Fire Department and served in this capacity some time.

Mr. Hutscheck was born in Brooklyn NY Aug 7 1844 and came west 50 years ago (1877) settling in Vancouver.

He was an honorary member of the Vancouver Council of Knights of Columbus and was also a member of United Woodman.

Six nieces and five nephews, all living in NY, survive. Mrs Hutscheck, his wife, died in February. The body is at the mortuary of Hamilton & Son and as yet no funeral arrangements have been made.

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1929

The Vancouver Evening Columbian
Friday, July 19, 1929
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ROSE E. McCURDY

Rose E. McCurdy, 52, wife of Lawson E. McCurdy, Clark county game warden, died this morning at her home at 300 East Sixteenth street after an extended illness. Mrs. McCurdy was born in Clark county and has lived her all her life.

Members of the family are Lawson E. McCurdy, her husband; Mrs. Thomas Sharpe of Portland, a sister; Joseph Morrow of Vancouver, and Frank Morrow of Palo Alto, two brothers.

Other survivors are a cousin, L. F. Morrow of Vancouver; three half-brothers, William L. Ernst, John C. Ernst of Vancouver and George J. Ernst of Pendleton; and a half-sister, Mary Sander of Portland.

No funeral arrangements have been made. The body is at Limbers Funeral Home.

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The Vancouver Evening Columbian
Saturday, July 20, 1929
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ROSE E. McCURDY

Funeral services for Rose E. McCurdy have been arranged for 9 o'clock Monday morning in the local Catholic church. Father Egan will have charge of the services and interment will be held in the St. James cemetery here.

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1931

The Morning Oregonian
Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, February 24, 1931

DILILA TRAMBLEY

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb 23, 1931
(Special.) – Mrs. Dilila Trambley, 67, died last night at her home here. She had lived in Clark County 45 years. Surviving relatives include her widower, E. Trambley, four daughters, Mrs. William Shoelig, Mrs. Ernest Hoyt, and Mrs. Arthur Patnoe, all of Vancouver and Mrs. CE Thompson of Portland, and two sons, O.J. of Los Angeles and Fred of Tracey, Cal. Funeral rites will be held tomorrow at 9 A.M. from St. James church, with Rev. John Eagan officiating. Interment will be in St. James Acres.

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1935

The Vancouver Evening Columbian
Vancouver, Washington
Friday, June 14, 1935

SAMUEL O'NEIL

Succumbing to an extended illness, Samuel O'Neil, 75, died Thursday morning at his home in Orchards, where he had lived for the past 34 years. Among the survivors are the widow, Mrs. Katherine O'Neil of Orchards; five daughters, Mrs. E.E. Walker of Honolulu, Mrs. Nell Heitman of Los Angeles, Mrs. V.T. Kendall of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. E.J. Belisle and Mrs. L.L. Marble of Vancouver; four sons, M. W O'Neil of Oakland, Calif., S.E. O'Neil of Gracier, Wash., James H. O'Neil of Seattle, and F.A. O'Neil of Long Beach, Calif.; twenty-six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning in St. James' Catholic church with interment in St. James' acres. The body will be at Kirch's chaapel until just prior to the services.

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1936

The Vancouver Evening Columbian
Vancouver, Washington
Tuesday, June 9, 1936
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PETER JOSEPH SCHMITZ

JOSEPH P. SCHMITZ

Following a year of failing health, Joseph P. Schmitz, 76, died this morning at his home, 1006 W. Twenty-third st. Born in Germany, Mr. Schmitz came to the United States about 54 years ago and settled in Pennsylvania. Later he moved to California, and 23 years ago came to Vancouver to make his home.

Besides the widow, Mrs. Mary W. Schmitz of Vancouver, survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Gus Schulze of Sacramento, Mrs. Carl Brand of Pacific, Wash.; and Mrs. A. M. Fleischman of Vancouver; one son Fred A. Schmitz of Redwood City, Cal.; twenty-four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The body is at Kirch's Chapel pending funeral arrangements.

(Note: He is buried in St. James Acres Cemetery, Vancouver, WA. His given name was Peter Joseph Schmitz, but he preferred to reverse his Christian names and use Joseph P. Schmitz.)

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1937

The Columbian
Vancouver, Washington
Tuesday, May 18, 1937

MRS. HELEN STROHMIER

Mrs. Helen Strohmier, 84 of 312 W. Thirtieth St., died this morning at a local hospital. A native of Germany, she had lived in the United States for 53 years, and 23 years ago came to Vancouver to make her home.

A member of St. James' Catholic church, she is survived by three sons, John Strohmier of Moulton, IA.; Martin Strohmier of Hayes, Kans., and Tom Strohmier of Sacramento, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Waltz of Amity, Ore., and Mrs. Mary Gaulke of Wisconsin rapids, Wis.; one niece, Mrs. H. C. Wannamaker of Vancouver; 18 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The body is at Hamilton's chapel pending funeral arrangements.

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Thursday, May 20, 1937

STROHMEIER- Mrs. Helen. Funeral services will held Monday, May 26 at 9 a.m. in St. James Catholic church with Father John Egan officiating. The rosary will be recited Sunday May 25 at 8:15 p.m. in Hamilton's Chapel. Interment will be in St. James' Acres.

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1948

The Columbian and the Sun
Vancouver, Washington
Friday, April 9, 1948
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MARIA WILHELMINA SCHMITZ
(**nee MERTENS**)

Ex-Vancouver Woman Dies

Mrs. Mary W. Schmitz, 87, former Vancouver resident for a period of 35 years, died at her home in Redwood City, Cal., Thursday.

She was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Vancouver, and requiem high mass will be held there 9:30 a.m. Monday with the Rev. John Egan officiating. Recitation of the rosary will be at the church at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Interment will be in St. James acres.

Mrs. Schmitz is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Helene Schultz of Sacramento, Cal., Mrs. Henriette Brand of Pacific, Wash., and Mrs. Elsie Fleischman of Vancouver; a son, Fred A. Schmitz of Redwood City; a brother, Henry Mertens of Sacramento; 24 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

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1952

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Monday, June 30, 1952

Death Claims John Herbes

John E. Herbes, 73, of 2612 Q Ct.,
Vancouver, died June 28 at a local hospital.
Herbes has lived in Vancouver since 1927.

Born Dec. 14, 1878, at Johnsbury Ill.
Herbes was a member of St. James Catholic
Church, Columbia Council No. 1327
Knights of Columbus, and the Confraternity
of Our Sorrowful Mother.

He is survived by his widow Mrs. Ida A.
Herbes at home, a daughter Mrs. James
Beggs of Portland, a son, E. J. Herbes of
Kelso, a brother, Henry Herbes of Clinton,
Wisc., a sister Mrs. Mary Amann of
Libertyville, Ill., three grandchildren and
two great-grandchildren.

A recitation of the rosary will be held
Monday evening 8 o'clock at Hamilton's
Funeral Home. Requiem Mass will be
offered at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. James
Church with Rev. Father Robert Dilion
officiating. Interment will follow in St.
James Acres.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Monday, March 26, 1956
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Funeral Set on Tuesday

Requiem mass will be offered for Mrs. Laura Obertz, 65, at 9 a.m. Tuesday in St. James Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Dillon officiating. Interment will follow in St. James Acres.

Mrs. Obertz died in a Vancouver hospital Friday. She had lived in Vancouver for many years and attended St. James Church here. She was born in Springfield, Ill. Nov. 14, 1890.

Hamilton's Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Monday, March 26, 1956
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Death notice

OBERTZ – March 23, 1956, at a local hospital. Laura E. Obertz of 1811 St. Johns Ave., Vancouver; aged 65 years. Requiem mass will be offered at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 1956, at St. James Catholic Church with Rev. Father Robert Dillon officiating. Interment will follow in St. James Acres. Resident of Vancouver for many years. Born November 14, 1890 at Springfield, Illinois. Member of St. James Catholic Church. Hamilton Funeral Home in care of arrangements.

1958

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Friday, October 24, 1958
Death notice

HERBES, Ida Amelia -- Age 77, Oct. 22, 1958 at Portland. Born April 4, 1881 in Germany. Lived at 8335 N. Delaware, Portland, formerly of 2612 Q St., Vancouver. Son, Englebert Herbes of Kelso, Daughter, Myrtle Beggs of Portland, Sisters, Emma Ebert and Amanda Graham, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Funeral services Saturday, 10:30 a.m., at Mikeworth's Peninsula Funeral Home, 3018 N. Lombard St., Portland. Interment St. James Acres.

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1960

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Thursday, June 30, 1960
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Death notice

SUMMERS, Cecile Marcella - Age 59,
June 28, 1960 at Portland, Ore. Born Sept.
8, 1900 at Paris, France. Lived in
Vancouver since 1943, resided at 2917 "D"
Street. Widower, Cyrus A. Summers, at
home. Daughter, Mrs. Marcella Ames of
Spokane, Wash. Five grandchildren.
Member of Saint James Catholic Church;
Post Oracle Royal Neighbors of America;
Past Noble Grand of Glendale Rebekah
Lodge in Seattle; Ladies Auxiliary Aerie
No. 2158, and Washington Grange at
Orchards. Requiem Mass will be offered at
10 a.m., Friday, July 1, 1960 at Saint James
Church. Interment will follow in Saint
James Acres. Recitation of the Rosary
Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Hamilton
Funeral Home. Hamilton Funeral Home in
care of arrangements.

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1964

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Monday, December 21, 1964
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MARIAN NEWMAN

Marian Catherine Newman, 54, a Vancouver resident for the past 11 years, died in Portland Saturday. She was born December 13, 1910 in Hudson, Wis., and prior to coming to Vancouver lived in Yakima for 30 years. She was a member of the Saint Joseph Catholic Church.

Requiem Mass was offered at 11 p.m. Monday at Saint Joseph Catholic Church with the Father Thomas Pitsch officiating. Interment followed at Saint James Acres. Recitation of the Rosary was held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

She is survived by her widower Frank P. Newman at home; two sons, Robert F. of Seattle and Richard P. of Tacoma; a daughter, Mrs. Alvie Stephenson of Longview, Wash.; two brothers, Alfred Desmond of Yakima and Harold Desmond of Yakima; and two sisters, Mrs. I.J. Korth of Yakima and Mrs. R.A. Korth of Yakima.

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1968

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Wednesday, June 5, 1968
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Funeral notice

MARGARET R. TenBROOK

TenBROOK, Margaret R. – Age 78, June 3, 1968 at Vancouver, Wash. Born March 31, 1890 in Minnesota. Lived at 7405 Tennessee Lane. Sons, Russell C. TenBrook of Los Angeles, Calif., and Warren W. TenBrook of Capital Heights, Md. 6 grand-children and 6 great-grandchildren. Brother, Roman Steichen of Minneapolis, Minn. Member of Saint James Catholic Church and Altar Society. Requiem Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 6, at Saint James Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Donald Piro officiating. Interment will follow in Saint James Acres. Recitation of the Rosary at 8:30 p.m. this evening (Wednesday) at Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home. Those so desiring may make contributions to the cancer fund. The Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home in care of arrangements.

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1973

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Tuesday, July 31, 1973

JOSEPH PRICE

Joseph B. Price, a Vancouver resident for 30 years, died here Saturday at age 72.

A retired lumberman, Price was born in Enumclaw, Wash., Feb. 29, 1901. He resided at 4615 Harney St. and was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Fred Rosentreter of Vancouver; a sister, Mrs. Blanche Smith of Federal Way, Wash.; and one granddaughter.

Requiem mass will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday at Our Lady of Lourdes with the Rev. Fr. Victor Cloquet officiating. Recitation of the Rosary will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home. Interment will take place at Saint James Acres.

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1999

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Tuesday, November 2, 1999
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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Wednesday, September 29, 1999

RACHEL COULSON

KATHERINE B. KAUFMAN

Vancouver

A Vancouver resident since January, Rachel Coulson, 76, died at home Saturday, Oct. 30, 1999. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Coulson was born May 30, 1923, in Milford Haven, Wales.

Mrs. Coulson enjoyed singing in the church choir, swimming and reading.

Survivors include two daughters, Jennie Dawson of Vancouver and Barbara Finstrom of Minneapolis; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John's Catholic Church, followed by burial in St. James Acres. Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Vancouver

A service will begin at 3 p.m. Friday at Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel for Katherine Bleth Kaufman, 88, who died in a Vancouver care center Sunday, Sept. 26, 1999.

Her husband, Joe, died in 1974.

Mrs. Kaufman was a dairy farmer and had worked at Bemis Bag Company in the 1950s. She loved gardening, chocolate and her Ford Mustang.

She was born Dec. 6, 1910, in Hebron, N.D., and lived in Clark County since 1936.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia L. Wirth of Vancouver; seven sisters, Rose Waddington and Eileen Bishop, both of Vancouver, Lena Braun of Morristown, S.D., Beth Braun of Hettinger, N.D., Sally Phillips of Seattle, Monica West of Springfield, Ore., and Ann Zubrod of Rapid City, S.D.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

There will be a private burial in St. James Acres.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1425 N.E. Irving St., Portland, OR 97232.

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2007

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Friday, November 2, 2007

NORA CHARLINE MCDONALD

Nora Charline McDonald died peacefully Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, at her home in Vancouver, Wash. She was 72. Nora was born June 4, 1935, in Danville, Ill., to Daniel and Margaret (Sullivan) Sheehan.

After graduating from Holy Family Academy in Beaverville, Ill. in 1951, she attended nursing school at St. Mary's at Notre Dame and studied nursing at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. She left school to marry Phillip Anthony McDonald on Dec. 31, 1955, at St. Paul's in Danville. They made their home in Iowa, moving from Forest City to Livermore, Oelwein and Decorah. In 1964, the family moved to Longmont, Colo., and in the early 1970s, both Nora and Phil returned to college, traveling to Denver each weekday while raising six children between the ages of 3 and 12.

After graduating in nursing, Mrs. McDonald worked for a year at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Lyon, Colo., before transferring to the VA hospital in Vancouver, Wash. in 1974. She worked on the respiratory ward of the VA hospital for five years. In 1979, she started working at the Battle Ground School District as a school nurse, a position she held for 20 years until retiring in 1999.

She enjoyed gardening, traveling, and genealogy. An excellent seamstress, she sewed wedding gowns for two daughters and many, many bridesmaids' dresses. Her greatest love was her family, including her

13 grandchildren.

Mrs. McDonald was preceded in death by her husband in July 1998. She is survived by six children: Charline Wright of Washougal, Wash., Cathleen Cooney of St. Charles, Mo., Julie McDonald Zander of Toledo, Wash., Susan McDonald of La Grande, Ore., Jackie Young of Woodland, Wash., and Phil McDonald Jr. of Denver, Colo.; 13 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

A rosary service will begin Mon., Nov. 5, 2007, 10:30 a.m., at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 8701 N.E. 119th St., Vancouver, 98662. A funeral Mass will be celebrated, beginning at 11:00 a.m., at the church, followed by graveside services at Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery (formerly St. James Acres Catholic Cemetery) in Vancouver.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 3101 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97239-3095, or Hospice Southwest-Southwest Foundation, PO Box 1600, Vancouver, WA 98668.

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