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Deaths

Minnie Bass, 92, dedicated herself to family, hometown

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Minnie Walton Smith McKnight Bass was a familiar face around Fruitland Park for nearly a century.

She sang with the Community United Methodist Church choir, served as a councilwoman and volunteered with the Lake County Historical Society.

"Mom loved knowing everything about everyone, but I never heard her say a bad thing about anyone," said her daughter Betty Lou Forbes of Winter Garden.

Bass died Monday following surgery complications. She was 92.

Bass grew up in Fruitland Park on her family's farm, helping pick oranges, pears and plums. As a teenager, she began working at the Fruitland Park Post Office.

In 1938, Bass married James McKnight, a student at the University of Florida and member of ROTC. The couple moved to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa after his graduation, where their son James Jr. was born.

McKnight was killed during a World War II flight mission in 1944, and Bass returned to Fruitland Park to await the birth of her daughter, Betty Lou, and be closer to her parents.

BASS

When her mother died the same year, Bass recommitted herself to her family and hometown.

"That was quite a life-changing year for Mom, and she realized that being close to home and family was what she wanted for her life," Forbes said.

During the next 60 years, Bass became a Fruitland Park fixture.

She served as president of the American Legion Auxiliary, as a city councilwoman and as the president of the PTA.

During the 1940s and 1950s, Bass worked as a writer for the *Leesburg Daily Commercial*.

"She wrote about everything — city government, social events," Forbes said. "That job is what inspired her to get more involved with the community."

In 1958, Bass married Fruitland Park farmer Henry Bass, and the two raised their seven children together.

After Henry Bass' death in 1989, Minnie Bass dedicated her time to her growing number of grandchildren. At the time of her death, she had 21 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

"Mom never tired of being around family; it was what brought her the most joy," Forbes said.

Bass is also survived by sons James McKnight Jr. of Palm Bay, Thomas Bass of Mims, Daniel Bass Sr. of Weirsdale, James Bass of Grand Island and daughter Theresa Jakubcin of Oviedo.

Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Leesburg, is handling arrangements.

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Deaths in Central Florida

Brevard

TESSIE DANN, 89, Titusville, died Monday. East Coast Cremation, Rockledge.

WAYNE R. DYER, 82, Melbourne Beach, died Tuesday. Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home, Melbourne.

MICHAEL JOYCE, 51, Melbourne, died Wednesday. Davis-Seawinds Funeral Home, Melbourne.

CHARLES H. KELLY, 56, Cape Canaveral, died Monday. Wylie-Baxley Merritt Island Funeral Home.

HEATHER DAWN KIRK-DAVIO, 34, Cocoa, died Wednesday. Newcomer Family Funeral Home, East Orlando Chapel.

RUBY L. KOFFMAN, 64, Mims, died Wednesday. North Brevard Funeral Home, Titusville.

RICHARD C. McMURROUGH, 77, Melbourne, died Wednesday. Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home, Melbourne.

Lake

BETTY W. BUNN, 72, Apopka, died Wednesday. Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals & Cremations, Eustis.

RICHARD CHARLES FREEMAL, 71, Clermont, died Wednesday. Brewer & Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Clermont Chapel.

EDWARD DALE FURLONG, 75, Leesburg, died Thursday. Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg.

FRANK CALLEN FUZZELL, 58, Leesburg, died Thursday. Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg.

OSBORNE T. LOFTERS, 82, Clermont, died Monday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Winter Garden Chapel.

ELWOOD "EDDIE" SELSOR, 88, Leesburg, died Wednesday. Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg.

Orange

ROBERT BAKER, 75, Orlando, died Jan. 23. All Faiths Funeral Alternatives and Cremation Service, Orlando.

DONALD E. CROOKS, 71, Winter Garden, died Jan. 22. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Winter Garden Chapel.

MARY R. FLY, 89, Apopka, died Wednesday. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

LEE LANDRY, 82, Orlando, died Wednesday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Apopka Chapel.

LACIE C. LAXTON, 79, Orlando, died Tuesday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, West Altamonte Chapel, Altamonte Springs.

DAM THI LU, 78, Orlando, died Tuesday. Collison Family Funeral Home & Crematory, Howell Branch Chapel, Winter Park.

STEVEN ANDREW LUMBERT, 22, Orlando, died Wednesday. Carey Hand Colonial Funeral Home, Orlando.

MARGARET HELEN NEMES, 71, Orlando, died Wednesday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod Chapel, Winter Park.

CHARLES PAYMENT, 95, Orlando, died Thursday. Carey Hand Cox-Parker Funeral Home, Winter Park.

WILLIAM SHERWOOD SEALS, 83, Orlando, died Wednesday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Pine Castle Chapel, Orlando.

ISABELLA MATILDA WAGNER-LLOYD, 74, Orlando, died Wednesday. Orlando Direct Cremation Service.

FRIDA L. WAINWRIGHT, 85, Orlando, died Wednesday. National Cremation Society, Oviedo.

JANE WASHBURN, 75, Orlando, died Wednesday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod Chapel, Winter Park.

CAROL ANN WINDT, 65, Orlando, died Wednesday. Osceola Memory Gardens Funeral Home, St. Cloud.

BENJAMIN P. "BENNY P" ZAPPULLA, 82, Orlando, died Wednesday. Central Florida Direct Cremation Service, Orlando.

Osceola

CALVIN O. BRAITSCH, 95, St. Cloud, died Thursday. Fisk Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Cloud.

CARLOS GARCIA, 40, Kissimmee, died Wednesday. A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations, Orlando.

VERNONA McNEIL MEEKER, 71, St. Cloud, died Wednesday. Orlando Direct Cremation Service.

Seminole

IMOGENE WILKS HERRING, 65, Sanford, died Monday. All Faiths Funeral Alternatives and Cremation Service, Orlando.

DEREK LARSEN, 65, Sanford, died Wednesday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford.

IRENE T. McINTYRE, 89, Lake Mary, died Thursday. Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford.

FRANK NAVARRO, 79, Geneva, died Wednesday. National Cremation Society, Oviedo.

CHARLOTTE LOUISE NEWHOUSE, 79, Winter Springs, died Wednesday. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs.

EDITH A. PARREN, 86, Winter Springs, died Wednesday. National Cremation Society, Oviedo.

HERBERT LEO STEWART, 77, Winter Springs, died Thursday. Dove Funeral Home, Orlando.

CARL WABNITZ, 53, Altamonte Springs, died Wednesday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, East Altamonte Chapel, Altamonte Springs.

Volusia

YVONNE C. GILL, 86, Port Orange, died Wednesday. Allen-Summerhill Funeral Home, DeLand.

HOMER VERL WALKER, 92, Holly Hill, died Wednesday. Brewer & Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Clermont Chapel.

Out of area

RAYMOND PAUL SWETT SR., 68, St. Paul, Minn., died Tuesday. Davis-Seawinds Funeral Home, Melbourne.

CABLE

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across the country are in these high-profile negotiations," Brady said.

"The programmers are asking for significant dollar increases from us and we have fought very, very hard to ensure that we get the most cost-effective agreement. Our adjustment is driven by increased wholesale programming costs."

The rate hikes do not cover all of the company's increased costs, Brady said.

Brady said that although subscribers' bills will go up, they are getting more value than before.

In 2008, Bright House added about 15 high-definition channels and starting in February, it plans to roll out seven more, Brady said.

It also added more on-demand programming and interactive features such as caller ID on the TV.

The costs of high-speed Internet and digital phone will remain unchanged, Brady said.

In 2008, Bright House raised standard cable rates 4.3 percent and digital cable rates 2.6 percent.

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SONG

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the women sing.

Daniel Gonzalez, 18, a computer-systems student at Mid Florida Tech, said he entered the contest because he needs money to continue his education.

Gonzalez, who made a video in which he and a friend rap about having "more gigs [gigabytes] than a pig's got ham," said he had never heard of Workforce Central Florida before entering the contest. "Careereoki" is a good way for the organization to reach people his age, Gonzalez said.

"Of course it's kind of cheesy, but that's the whole point," he said.

All the videos are posted on the Web site of Power 95.3 FM (WPYO), a sponsor of the "Careereoki" campaign. The contestants will be judged on their creativity and not their singing ability, Hathaway said.

Hathaway said both the school district and Workforce Central Florida are facing shrinking advertising budgets in the midst of the economic downturn.

These agencies needed to stretch their advertising dollars and try a more innovative approach than traditional marketing at job fairs and on billboards, she said.

"We wanted to discover how to reach out to these job-seekers in a way that would be a little bit different, something that could make people laugh a little bit in really tough times," Hathaway said.

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Lake

LIVINGS, JOHN ARTHUR age 56 of Eustis, passed away Monday, January 26, 2009. Born January 07, 1953 in Sanford. He was a Heavy Equipment Operator in the Construction Industry and a member of Celery City Cruisers. Mr. Livings is survived by his wife Elena; daughter Teresa Rivera of Sarasota; stepsons Mike, Terry, Mark and Jerry Manley all of Sanford and Pavel Korolev of New York; brothers Monroe (Glenda) Livings of Cairo, GA and Jimmy (Rouzie) Livings of Apopka; sisters Juanita Reinhardt and Janice Parham both of Apopka, Mable (Robert) Denmark of Uvalda, GA; very special friend Sherry D. Lawler and Fritz; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Visitation will be held Monday, February 02, 2009 from 10AM to 12PM, with funeral services to immediately to follow at 12PM both at Loomis Family Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Longwood Memorial Gardens. Services Entrusted to LOOMIS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 420 West Main Street, Apopka, FL. 407-880-1007

LOFTERS, OSBORNE T. 82 of Clermont, FL, passed away on January 26, 2009. Mr. Osborne was born in Westmoreland, Jamaica on September 28, 1926 to Philip and Ellen Lofters. He was an electrical engineer. Mr. Lofters is survived by his wife, Carmen of Clermont, FL, daughter, Lucia Lofters, son, Richard Lofters (Jacqueline) six grandchildren five great grandchildren and his sister, Beryl Kirven. Funeral Service for Osborne T. Lofters will be held Saturday, January 31, 2009 at 3:30PM at Church of the Messiah Winter Garden 260 North Woodland Street, Winter Garden, FL 34787. Visitation for friends will be held on before services from 1-3PM at the church. Arrangements by BALDWIN-FAIRCHILD FUNERAL HOME - WINTER GARDEN CHAPEL 428 E. Plant Street, Winter Garden, FL 34787. Please sign and view the family guest book at www.baldwinfairchild.com

Baldwin-Fairchild CEMETERIES, FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY

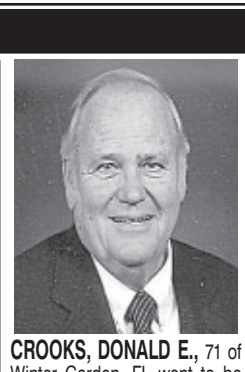
MILLER-FORNAIOLO, SHELLI, 48 of Clermont, passed away on Jan. 27, 2009. She was Catholic by her faith. Shelli is survived by her mother and father, Trish and Patrick Fornaiolo; her sisters and brother, Lisa Jackson and husband Pat, Donnie Fornaiolo and Sheri Bruce and husband Greg; her nieces, Krista and Emily Jackson and nephews, Matt Davis and Christopher and Ryan Bruce. Funeral Service will be held at 12PM Saturday, Jan. 31st, in the chapel of Woodlawn Funeral Home. Arrangements entrusted to WOODLAWN MEMORIAL PARK AND FUNERAL HOME 407-293-1361.

Dignity Memorial

Orange

BAILEY, MARY E., Mary E. Bailey crossed over Tuesday, January 20, 2009. A memorial service will be held at 2PM on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at Woodlawn Funeral Home in Gotha, FL. Loving wife of Lt. Col. H.B. Bailey, she is survived by her daughter, Barbara, son Bernard, his wife Cheryl, grandson George III, his wife Joanne, great grandchildren, Samantha and George IV. In lieu of flowers, family request donations be made to the American Lung Association in her honor, 407-423-5864. WE LOVE AND MISS YOU MOM.

Dignity Memorial



CROOKS, DONALD E., 71 of Winter Garden, FL went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 22, 2009. Native of Florida Mr. Crooks was a citrus Manager for 55 years. He loved to listen to his wife play classical music on the piano and also loved blue grass music. Lived in a neighborhood with the best neighbors a person could have. He loved watching his wife work in the garden with her beloved golden retriever Selby who preceded him in death 11 days prior to Donald's passing. Donald loved playing tennis, watching golf and football. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 30 years Shirley and many others too numerous to name. He is also survived by brother-in-law and sister-in-law David and Eveline Bennett and his beloved niece Lauren. Greeting of family and friends will be held Monday, February 2, 2009 from 9-11AM at West Orange Baptist Church 200 Tubbs Street, Oakland, FL 34761 with at Celebration of Life service at 11AM with Pastor Donald Huffmier officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to be made in Donald's Memory to Jerry Golden Ministries P O Box 10268 Jerusalem Israel 91102. Arrangements by BALDWIN-FAIRCHILD FUNERAL HOME - WINTER GARDEN CHAPEL 428 E. Plant Street, Winter Garden, FL 407-656-2233. Please sign and view the family guest book at: www.baldwinfairchild.com

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DAVIS, ROBERT F., Age 78 of Orlando, FL passed away Tuesday, January 27, 2009. He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna. He served with the Navy during the Korean War and was an electrical contractor and the owner of Davis Electric in Winter Park. Bob was an avid bowler and was always helping others. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed by his sons, Jack (Whelma) Davis, Daniel (JoAnne) Davis, daughters Debora (Michael) Root, Penny (Ed) McEntee, sister Mary Frances Mooney "Murf" and grandchildren Adrienne, Brandon, Cassandra, Derrick, Alan, Morgan, Wendy, Cynthia, Richard, Brian, Jana and nine great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be held Saturday, January 31, 2009 at Noon at Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando, FL. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Orlando Humane Society (SPCA), 2727 Conroy Road, Orlando, FL 32839. Arrangements by Carey Hand Colonial Funeral Home.

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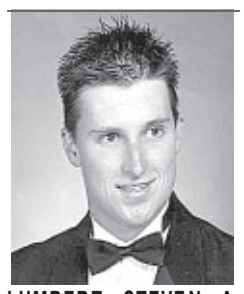
The best portion of a good man's life is his little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

William Wordsworth

DELCHER, JR., JAMES O. 58, of Orlando, FL passed away Tuesday, January 27, 2009. He was born in Jacksonville, FL and was a lifetime Florida resident. He is survived by his loving wife Norma, brother William and wife Sue, sisters Lorrie Bacmeister and husband Jerry, Kathy Turley and husband Clyde, also four sons, James Delcher III and wife Crystal, Bryan Delcher, Eric Chase and wife Kim, Trevor Chase and wife Susannah, and five daughters, Carmen Clark and husband Kevin, Susan Sweat, Nancy Chase, Cindy Haynes and husband Jeff, Janey Briggs and husband Ricky, 16 grandchildren, one great grandchild, many nieces and nephews, and numerous friends. God has called another angel home. He will be greatly missed and leaves a void in our lives. We love you Jim! Family will receive friends on Saturday, January 31, 2009 2-5PM at Union Park Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 10033 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando. 407-277-9366



LUMBERT, STEVEN A. A celebration of the life of Steven Andrew Lumbert will be held at 2PM Monday, February 2 at the Henry Chapel, First Baptist Church, 3000 S. John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32805. Steve, a Boone High and Valencia CC grad, was a senior at FSU, and passed away Wednesday, January 28th. While he is dearly missed by his family, we rejoice in knowing he was called home by his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is survived by his parents Jeff and Cheryl and his younger brothers Mike and Chris Lumbert. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that memorial contributions be made to The First Orlando Foundation, 3000 S. John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32805. Arrangements by Carey hand Colonial Funeral Home.

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MOLLENHAUER, ELMA S. Elma Sophia Mollenhauer, 92, passed away on January 27, 2009 in Winter Park, FL. She was born on May 2, 1916, in American Falls, Idaho. She was one of five children born to John Mayer and Salome Isaak Mayer. Elma was a Registered Nurse who served in WW II as an Air Force Flight Nurse where she met her husband, William G. Mollenhauer. Elma is survived by her daughter Sally Hardy and son-in-law Miles of Orlando; son Robert Mollenhauer and daughter-in-law Laurie; grandsons Dale and Brett of Roanoke, VA.

The human heart feels things the eyes cannot see, and knows what the mind cannot understand.

Robert Vallet

MORLEY, FRANKLIN LEROY 83, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, January 20, 2009 in Orlando Hospital from unforeseen complications. A devoted son of Ada and Harold Morley, Franklin was born April 21, 1925 in Goshen, NJ. Superintendent of South Seaville Methodist Church before enlisting in the US Navy on his 18th birthday, where he proudly served as a radioman in the South Pacific. He married Estelle Theresa McCloskey of Philadelphia, PA on Oct. 25, 1947. They raised their eight children in Bellmawr, NJ. Frank was a dedicated lineman at NJ Bell for 35 years. He relocated to Central Florida after the loss of his beloved wife Estelle in 1981. He also survived their son Michael (1952-2005) of Sanford, FL. He is survived by his devoted wife Rosa Lee Morley nee Austin and her son Scott of Apopka. His surviving seven children: Susan Nasaw and husband Jonathan of Marina Ca, Sandra Ford of Cairo GA, Mark Morley and his wife Marita of Baltimore, MD, Maureen Morley of Sanford FL, Karin Volk and husband David of Lake Helen, FL, Lisa King and her husband Joseph of Watsonville, CA, Scott Morley and his wife Lisa of Brookdale, CA, daughter-in-law Joan Marie Morley of Sanford, FL and his dear sister-in-law Connie Potter, Bristol, PA. He had 23 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. His fondest times were playing the violin while everyone joined in singing. He enjoyed gardening and working on his classic cars. He was affectionately known as "Cozy Morley ". Never was there a kinder more gentle father than Franklin Morley. We miss you terribly, Dad. Service to be held at Loomis Family Funeral Home, Saturday, Jan. 31st at 11AM.

MUELLER, GLENN CARL 73, passed away Wednesday morning at his home in Orlando, FL of natural causes. Glenn graduated with an engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. He lettered in baseball for the university. Immediately following college Glenn joined the Air Force and became a pilot flying bombers in the Strategic Air Command. He retired from the Air Force in 1964 at the rank of Captain. He received his Master of Commercial Science from Rollins College in Winter Park, FL. In 1971, Glenn went into the family business and created Answer All Telephone Secretarial Service. He retired and sold the business in 1995. His greatest passion was always the sea. He grew up in NY City and spent his summers fishing off the coast of Martha's Vineyard for swordfish and tuna. He owned several boats and fished all over the coast of Florida and the Bahamas. His second passion was playing golf. There is no better place to indulge in this passion than Central Florida. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, JoAnn, sons Kenneth and Kevin, daughter-in-law Laura, and two grandchildren Clara and Anna, all of Central Florida. Services Saturday, Jan. 31st, 4:30PM, Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery, 400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road, Gotha, FL.

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