

# Deaths

## Letters helped Linda Kuehner 'not to sweat the small stuff'

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SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

When Linda J. Kuehner became sick with cancer 18 months ago, writing letters became a source of comfort for her.

She wrote a letter to herself as a reminder "not to sweat the small stuff," and carried it with her whenever she had to undergo treatment, her husband said.

She even wrote personalized letters to each member of her family, imparting words of wisdom and telling them how much she loved them.

On Nov. 7, Linda wrote another letter to her husband, Chuck. She read it to him the next day, when the couple renewed their vows to celebrate 25 years of marriage.

It would be her last letter to him. Linda died on Saturday at her home in Casselberry. She was 53.

Kuehner was born in Miami and later moved to Jacksonville to work as a hair stylist. She met her future husband in Jacksonville, where he was traveling on business.

She moved to Orlando two weeks later to be with him. The couple had three children, daughters Rhiannon and Lindsey and son Brian.

Kuehner, who lived in Orlando for 28 years, loved to spend time at the beach with her family.

In October, she spent the day at Cocoa Beach building sandcastles with her two granddaughters, MacKinley and Payton. She lovingly referred to the girls as "Do Little and Do Nothing," because they were so pampered by everyone in the family, especially their grandmother.

Kuehner was diagnosed with cancer on Memorial Day in 2007. She had to undergo radiation treatment and spent 45 days at a hospital in Houston after having her liver removed.

"She never cried," said Chuck Kuehner. "She had no pity party about 'why me' or 'how come?'"

On Oct. 1, doctors told Linda Kuehner that her cancer was terminal.

Just as she learned her life was ending, she was expecting the arrival of her third grandchild.

Kuehner lived long enough to meet her new granddaughter, Addyson,



KUEHNER

who was born on Halloween at South Seminole Hospital.

A week later, Kuehner and her husband held a ceremony in their backyard to renew their vows. She wore the same wedding dress she wore 25 years ago.

"She told our daughter that it was her fairy tale," Chuck said.

During the ceremony, she read her final letter to Chuck, telling him that she would see him in heaven, where she would "be waiting to kiss and hug the love of her life all over again."

Chuck read that letter again on Tuesday, his 50th birthday.

The rest of the family has yet to read the letters Linda wrote to them. They'll get that chance when Chuck passes on those letters at her memorial service today at 2 p.m. at Willow Creek Church in Winter Springs.

In addition to her husband, children and grandchildren, Kuehner is survived by her mother, Jean, and two brothers, Jimmy and Billy.

National Cremation Society in Oviedo is handling arrangements.

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## Deaths in Central Florida

### Brevard

- RUTH N. BARNHART**, 90, Titusville, died Tuesday. North Brevard Funeral Home, Titusville.
- ROLAND GENIER**, 88, Merritt Island, died Friday. East Coast Cremation, Rockledge.
- STEPHEN VINCENT MATHE**, 91, Palm Bay, died Saturday. Palm Bay Funeral Home.
- E. JEANNE VANCE**, 80, Melbourne, died Sunday. Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home, Melbourne.

### Lake

- EVELYN JEAN DAUBENMIRE**, 96, Tavares, died Nov. 18. National Cremation Society, Fruitland Park.
- ANTONIA MONTALVO**, 85, Clermont, died Tuesday. Becker Funeral Home, Clermont.
- THOMAS CHARLES PIERSON**, 58, Eustis, died Friday. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.
- LARRY PAUL SMITH**, 61, Tavares, died Monday. Central Florida Cremation, Tavares.
- LOUISE J. ZOOK**, 97, Grand Island, died Tuesday. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

### Orange

- AKHIM ALLEN**, 29, Orlando, died Friday. Postell's Mortuary, Orlando.
- RONALD BATH**, 69, Orlando, died Tuesday. A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations, Orlando.
- CLARENCE BROWN JR.**, 67, Orlando, died Monday. Postell's Mortuary, Orlando.
- LEWIS MICHAEL BUSH**, 81, Winter Garden, died Monday. Collision Carey Hand Funeral Home, Winter Garden Chapel.
- STANLEY FREDERIC CHIANG**, 40, Apopka, died Thursday. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.
- JUAN JOSE FERRER**, 77, Winter Park, died Monday. National Cremation Society, Oviedo.
- WILLIE B. HARRIS**, 67, Orlando, died Saturday. Postell's Mortuary, Orlando.
- EDNA H. HOFFMAN**, 81, Winter Park, died Monday. National Cremation Society, Oviedo.
- WALTER F. HOLLERAN**, 84, Orlando, died Saturday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Lake Ivanhoe Chapel, Orlando.
- JAMES SWIFT JARVIS**, 89, Orlando, died Saturday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, Orlando.
- JUAN ANTONIO MARTINEZ**, 51, Orlando, died Sunday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Pine Castle Chapel, Orlando.
- EULALIA D. MATEU-ZALDUONDO**, 84, Orlando, died Tuesday. Robert Bryant Funeral & Cremation Chapel, Orlando.
- JOHN MITCHELL**, 88, Orlando, died Tuesday. Newcomer Family Funeral Home, East Orlando Chapel.
- HARRIS MONTFORD SR.**, 74, Orlando, died Sunday. Postell's Mortuary, Orlando.
- ALTAGRACE NARCISSE**, 64, Orlando, died Monday. Postell's Mortuary, Orlando.
- VERNA M. REISINGER**, 80, Orlando, died Monday. Carey Hand Colonial Funeral Home, Orlando.
- ALEXANDER C. RODIS**, 83, Orlando, died Tuesday. Carey Hand Colonial Funeral Home, Orlando.
- PAUL SCOTT SKALYO**, 63, Orlando, died Sunday. Dobbs Funeral Home, Orlando.
- RICHARD E. SROUFE**, 84, Orlando, died Sunday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Lake Ivanhoe Chapel, Orlando.

**ERNEST L. WILCOX**, 78, Apopka, died Monday. Orlando Direct Cremation Service.

### Osceola

- BETTY "JANE" JANETTE BRONSON**, 76, Kissimmee, died Monday. Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Home & Crematory, Kissimmee.
- MIGUEL DIAZ**, 54, Kissimmee, died Monday. Funeraria Porta Coeli, Kissimmee.
- JOHN LEROY ESTES**, 77, Kissimmee, died Monday. Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Home & Crematory, Kissimmee.
- ROBERT J. FRASCA SR.**, 54, St. Cloud, died Monday. Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Home & Crematory, Kissimmee.
- JAMES A. KING**, 87, Kissimmee, died Tuesday. Conrad & Thompson Funeral Home, Kissimmee.
- ALEX LEGENZOFF**, 90, Kissimmee, died Monday. Grissom Funeral Home & Crematory, Kissimmee.
- ESTELLE WEIR**, 95, Kissimmee, died Monday. Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Home & Crematory, Kissimmee.

### Seminole

- DOROTHY GRACE BIDDULPH**, 88, Longwood, died Tuesday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, West Altamonte Chapel, Altamonte Springs.
- LOTTIE HARDY-WANSLEY**, 59, Sanford, died Thursday. Sunrise Funeral Home, Sanford.
- ROGER NELSON**, 55, Winter Springs, died Tuesday. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs.
- CURTIS RANDALL SMITH**, 66, Winter Park, died Monday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Goldenrod Chapel, Winter Park.
- LORI O. THOMAS**, 39, Fern Park, died Monday. Beth Shalom Memorial Chapel, Orlando.

### Sumter

- MARTHA FOX**, 84, The Villages, died Sunday. Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood.
- ETHEL LUCILLE ILEY**, 86, Center Hill, died Monday. Brewer & Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Groveland Chapel.
- DAVID R. STONE**, 46, Wildwood, died Tuesday. Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood.

### Volusia

- JOAN M. HYDELL**, 54, Edgewater, died Sunday. Baldwin Brothers Funeral & Cremation Service, New Smyrna Beach.
- FRANCIS L. LOMBARDI**, 85, New Smyrna Beach, died Monday. Baldwin Brothers Funeral & Cremation Service, New Smyrna Beach.
- LOREN WILLIAM WILLIS**, 86, New Smyrna Beach, died Nov. 16. Settle-Wilder Funeral Home, New Smyrna Beach.

### Out of area

- ROCCO DI BRINO**, 82, Bronx, N.Y., died Sunday. Becker Funeral Home, Clermont.
- HELEN K. DOUGHERTY**, 93, Sebastian, died Monday. South Brevard Funeral Home, Melbourne.
- RAFAEL PERDOMO**, 89, Miami, died Saturday. Dobbs Funeral Home, Orlando.
- Laurie Ann Richter**, 43, Bradenton, died Tuesday. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, East Altamonte Chapel, Altamonte Springs.

# Obituaries, Services, Memorials

## Lake

**DAUBENMIRE, EVELYN**  
Evelyn "Jean" Daubenmire, 96, passed away in Tavares, FL on November 18, 2008. Jean moved to Mt. Plymouth, FL from Oregon in the mid-50's and later came to Mt. Dora, FL. She graduated from Washington State University and was a professional botanist. She was predeceased by her husband Rexford Daubenmire, mother, Mary McMaster Thomson, father Henry Rust Boomer, sister, Lois Margaret Cohen and brother Henry Rust Boomer, Jr. She is survived by her loving daughter, Janet D. Harley (William) of Mt. Dora, brother, Robert Boomer (Bobette), Onalaska, WI, and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

## Orange



**CHIANG, STANLEY F.**, 40, of Apopka, FL, passed away Thursday, November 20, 2008. Stanley was raised in Iowa City, Iowa and relocated to Central Florida in 2004. A fun loving, hard working man who was always generous with his time. Stanley was a wonderful son, brother, uncle and friend of many. He is survived by his parents, Judy and Chao-kuo of Yuanlin, Taiwan; and his brother's family, Steven, Lisa, Ashleigh, Sydney, and Carter of Lake Mary, FL. A memorial service will be held at 2PM, Friday, November 28, 2008 at First Baptist Sweetwater with Pastor Jim Allor officiating. Viewing will be held Friday 12PM-2PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Stan's name to: [www.livestrong.org](http://www.livestrong.org)

**HOGG, G. RUSSELL**, 80, of Winter Park, FL passed away on November 21, 2008. Born in Youngstown, OH, he and his wife Barbara chose Coral Gables, FL to start a family and build a career at The University of Miami, and later Norwegian Cruise Lines. They retired to Winter Park, FL in 1997. He was a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his sons, Anthony, and Peter; their spouses Winnie and Victoria; grandchildren, Connor, Nora, Emily, Pierson, and Caroline. Russell preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Barbara. He was very very happy to have so many good friends at his big birthday party last year. We all miss you Dad. Memorial services will be conducted Thursday December 4th, 10AM, at Winter Park Presbyterian Church, 400 S. Lakemont Avenue, Winter Park, FL.

**MARTINEZ, JUAN A.**, 51, passed away, November 23, 2008 in Orlando. Mr. Martinez was born September 10, 1957 in Havana, Cuba. He was employed at the Latin Quarters at City walk for many years and enjoyed fishing, his nephews and his family. He is survived by his parents, Georgina and Orlando Martinez of Orlando, FL; sister, Yvette Moglia and her husband, Ray of Riverview, FL; nephews, Jack and Luke Moglia; aunt, Olga Martin (Ernesto) and Ordalia Arigmon both of Orlando, FL; cousins Diana, Edward and John and second cousins, Marissa and Ashley. A gathering for family and friends was held Tuesday, Nov. 25th and will continue Wednesday, Nov. 26th from 10AM until 12 Noon. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, at 12 Noon with interment immediately following at Osceola memorial Gardens in Kissimmee, FL. Arrangements being handled by BALDWIN FAIRCHILD PINE CASTLE CHAPEL, 5800 Hansel Avenue, Orlando, FL, 407-855-5800. Please sign and view the family guest book at: [www.baldwinfairchild.com](http://www.baldwinfairchild.com)

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**MCGINTY, SEAN PATRICK**  
Apr. 17, 1969 - Nov. 22, 2008. Sean passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in Virginia. He leaves behind his mother Cookie McGinty, father and stepmother Mac and Laura McGinty, brothers Brian and Declan, and his sugar, Katherine. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Funeral services will take place in Virginia.

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## POMERANTZ, DR. BURTON

77, died peacefully at home with his wife, Lindy, by his side on November 24, 2008. "Dr. P" was born in Philadelphia, where he attended Central High School, and graduated from The University of Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. His long career in the medical profession ranged from working in private practice in North Miami Beach and Plantation, Florida, to holding executive positions in medical organizations and institutions, including the Cleveland Clinic Florida. He recently moved from South Florida to Orlando to work at The Rosen Clinic, owned by Harris Rosen, Orlando-area hotelier and philanthropist who self-insures the health care of his 5,000 employees. Dr. P was a devoted runner, and participated in several Orange Bowl Marathons. He enjoyed every category of sports competition, especially when it included the Miami Hurricanes and Miami Dolphins. He is survived by his wife, Lindy, and his four sons, Jon and Daniel Pomerantz, and Patrick and Peter Plaisance. Services will be private, and any special remembrance to him should be made to your local Hospice, blood bank, or animal rescue society.



**SMITH, CURTIS RANDALL**  
66, passed away Monday Nov. 24, 2008. He graduated Hi Grade Honor student at UF in Electrical Engineering. He retired from Lockheed Martin, and is survived by his wife Rochelle Bower Smith, his son Richard F. Smith (Dana), sister Margaret Haynes (Stan), stepson Merrill Meeks (Annette). He is predeceased in death by his son David, parents Randall and Mildred Smith, brother Richard "Dickey". The visitation will be held Wednesday Nov 26th from 6-8PM at Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home Goldenrod Chapel. Graveside service will be held Friday Nov. 28, 2008 at 2PM at Glen Haven Memorial Park.

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**WHITLATCH, DERENNE**  
DeRenne Whitlatch passed away on Friday, November 21st. Born October 28, 1927 in Sarasota, FL. She lived there until she pursued her career in meteorology then worked for the federal government as meteorologist in various cities. DeRenne was fun loving, outgoing and will be missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her cousins Betty Neel of Orlando, Suzanne Rasmussen of Longwood and Dr. Albert Stratton of Cocoa. Also Robin Karnes of Pennsylvania. A Memorial Service will be held December 2nd, 2PM, at Baldwin-Fairchild Goldenrod Chapel, 7520 Aloma Ave., Winter Park, FL 32792. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Heart Association 237 E. Marks St., Orlando, FL. 32803.

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One life, — a little gleam of time between two eternities.  
Thomas Carlyle

## Seminole

**BIDDULPH, DOROTHY G.**  
Dorothy Grace Biddulph, 88, of Longwood, FL passed away November 25, 2008. She was born to Lemuel and Mildred (Curtis) Laing and grew up in Michigan. She was a homemaker and a long-term resident of Village on the Green in Longwood, FL. She was preceded in death by her husband, Melbourne (Bus) Biddulph and is survived by her son, David and his wife Susie of New Smyrna; granddaughter, Carrie Heberling and her husband Tim of Orlando and great granddaughters, Hanna and Hailey Heberling. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral West Altamonte Chapel, 622 W. St. Rt. 436, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714, 407-869-6065. Please sign and view the guestbook at [www.baldwinfairchild.com](http://www.baldwinfairchild.com)

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**WENZEL, ROBERT "ROB"**  
Memorial Services for Robert "Rob" Wenzel, age 58, who died August 8, 2008 will be 1PM Sunday, November 30, 2008 at Oaklawn Park Cemetery with Pastor Harvey Carpenter officiating. Rob was a free spirit who enjoyed the company of friends and family. A gentle and kind man who loved and adored his children and kept everyone laughing with his great sense of humor. He will be lovingly remembered by his family that includes his son, Robert; daughters, Julie and Rebecca; sister, Jo Ann Houlihan (James); brother, Kenneth (Michelle); companion, Cheryl and ex-wife, Nancy Cook. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Special Olympics of Seminole County, BALDWIN FAIRCHILD OAKLAWN CHAPEL, 5000 County Rd. 46A, Sanford, FL. 407-322-4263

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## Volusia

**MORRISON, EVELYN**, 82, of East Chapel Drive in Deltona, passed away Nov. 23, 2008 at the Hospice of Volusia/Flagler care center in Orange City. She was born on Jan. 18, 1926 in Brooklyn, NY and moved here in 1988 from Woodbridge, NJ. She retired in 1988 after 30 years as a credit correspondent for Revlon Cosmetics in Edison, NJ. She was of the Jewish Faith. She taught English as a second language at the Deltona Public Library and enjoyed her local women's club. She was an artist and loved needle point, crafts, cooking and reading. She was a very good problem solver. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Bernard M. Morrison, daughter Judith Bergado of Roselle Park, NJ, three granddaughters Kimberly, Stephanie and Brittany and two great-granddaughters, Emily and Brianna. She was pre-deceased by her sister Phyllis Thomas in 2000. Graveside service will be Monday, Dec. 1, 2008, at Deltona Memorial Gardens at 10AM, with Rabbi Winston Weilheimer officiating. Memorial donations to the Congregation Beth Shalom, P.O. Box 740414, Orange City, FL 32774. Allen-Summerhill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Woodlawn Memorial Park & Funeral Home

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## In Memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**ALBERT FERRI**  
December 12, 1921 - November 26, 2007  
A year has passed since you left us. We miss you more each day. Forever in our hearts and prayers. Your loving wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**RAYMOND BERNABEI**  
November 26, 1925 - September 5, 2008  
I've thought of you with love today, but that was nothing new. I thought about you yesterday, and days before that too. All I have are memories, and your picture in a frame. In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still. In my heart you hold a place no one ever will. It broke my heart to lose you, you did not go alone. For part of me went with you, the day you were called home.  
Love, Vickie Keith

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# United losing fuel-hedge bet

By **JOSHUA FREED**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Falling oil prices have forced United Airlines to put up hundreds of million of dollars in new collateral on fuel hedges that have turned against it, and on Tuesday it said it had reworked a credit-card agreement to reduce penalties if its cash balance falls.

Based on Tuesday's oil price below \$51 a barrel, United would have to put up some \$990 million in collateral, according to a formula for its fuel hedges that it disclosed Tuesday. By comparison, as of

Sept. 30, it had \$378 million in cash deposits held by people on the other side of its bet that fuel prices would keep rising.

Falling oil prices have stung United and other airlines because they bet that oil prices would rise. Airlines still save money because their fuel bill shrinks, but the hedging losses have forced them to take noncash charges that could turn into cash losses if oil prices stay at current levels or fall further.

Based on current oil prices United said it expects to end the fourth quarter with \$232 million in cash hedging losses, and \$138 million in

noncash losses.

"Lower fuel prices benefit our company and all of us," United Chief Financial Officer Kathryn Mikells told employees in an e-mail. "In this volatile environment, we are taking the right steps to ensure that we have the flexibility to achieve our business plan, respond to the current market, and ultimately return United to profitability."

United also said it bought put option contracts aimed at capping hedging losses if oil prices keep falling.

Shares of United parent UAL Corp. jumped \$2.19 to close at \$11.04.