



Jeanette Burrows

Jeanette Burrows, age 91, of the Allison Care Center in Allison, Iowa, was born on the family farm in Tama County, Iowa, on October 21, 1913, the daughter of George and Laura (Morris) McNamee of Dysart, Iowa. She was the ninth child of that family of thirteen children. She attended rural school and Dysart High School.

Jeanette McNamee was united in marriage with C.D. (Beany) Burrows on September 16, 1933, at the Little Brown Church at Nashua, Iowa. They farmed in Geneseo Township near the Dysart area until 1954. They moved to their farm near New Hartford where they were dairy farmers until retiring in 1975.

Jeanette participated in the farming and dairying on a daily basis. She raised chickens and always had a large garden. She enjoyed her family and grandchildren. Most members of the family had favorite "dishes" baked by Jeanette. The all-time favorite was her rolled sugar cookies. There were always sugar cookies at her home. Grandchildren are currently vying for the ability to bake the cookies "Most like Grandma's."

After retirement, Jeanette and Beany enjoyed playing the banjo and violin in Blue Grass groups. They traveled to Blue Grass events in the Midwest and entertained locally. Retirement also gave them more time to visit in their children's homes. Participation in the farming and fishing in the pond were highlights.

Following Beany's death, Jeanette moved to Parkersburg in 1978. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She moved to the Allison Care Center in February of 1993.

Jeanette passed away at the Allison Care Center on Saturday, February 26, 2005, at the age of 91 from natural causes. She is preceded in death by: her husband, Clarence (Beany) in 1977; four brothers, Gilson, Namon, David and Tommy; eight sisters, Ercell Bahr, Ruth Krug, Mary Jane Krug, Helen Coates, Theone Magill, Viola Burrows, Iola Whitmore and Lorena Buchanan.

Jeanette is survived by: three sons, James of Waterloo, Larry (Wanda) of Sumner, Dale (Mary Beth) of Leonard, Texas; three daughters, Donna (Paul) Lindeman of Dysart, Mary (Ken) Oldenburger of Parkersburg, Cheryl (Steve) Hosper of Melbourne; sixteen grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Emma Burrows of LaPorte City; Vera Burrows of Jesup and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Parkersburg, Iowa with Rev. Anthony Bradseth officiating. Organist was Renise Aswegan. Congregational Hymns were "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace" and "God Be With You 'til We Meet Again". Casket Escorts were Jeanette's grandchildren Timm Lipman, Jeffery Burrows, Wendy Gerloff, Rick Burrows, Steven Burrows, Jill

Robert Burrows, Paige Somerville, Heidi Mittag, Heather Freeman, Debra Lechner, Chad Oldenburger, Breck Oldenburger, Derrick Rogers, Dustin Rogers and Jessica Hosper.

Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford, Iowa.

Redman-Schwartz Funeral Home, Parkersburg, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



Deb Burrows is a member of the 1990 Iowa Wesleyan College volleyball team. She is a returning player for the Tiger squad.

Burrows is a junior majoring in criminal justice at Iowa Wesleyan. She is the daughter of Vila Burrows of New Hart-

ford.

The Iowa Wesleyan volleyball team competes with colleges from Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. The 1990 season runs through the end of October.

Iowa Wesleyan College is a four-year liberal arts college in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Deb Burrows Chosen As Hall Council Officer

Shaeffer-Trieschmann Hall Council officers at Iowa Wesleyan College have been chosen for the 1991-92 school year.

Officers are Jennifer Johnson, president, a sophomore music education major from Eldora; Patty Shryock, vice president, a junior psychology/sociology major from West Liberty; Paula Shippy, treasurer, a freshman psychology major from Hawkeye; Tina Ballou, publicity and historian, a sophomore physical education major from Audubon; Deb Burrows, social chair, a junior criminal justice major

from New Hartford; Jennifer Moroney, secretary, a freshman art education major from Washington; Hope Hasty, fire captain, a freshman elementary education major from Fairfield; and Shelly Provenzano, head proctor, a sophomore English major from Knoxville.

Shaeffer-Trieschmann Hall Council objectives are to carry out college regulations, promote unity and goodwill, encourage individual and community responsibility, and be the official body on behalf of the women at Iowa Wesleyan.

Eclipse
Oct 1991



Deb Burrows Attendant

Iowa Wesleyan College crowned its 1991 Homecoming royalty September 27, 1991. The crowning was the first of many special events during Homecoming weekend, Sept. 27-29.

Deb Burrows, a senior criminal justice major from New Hartford, Iowa, was named first attendant for this year's festivities. Each year, five male and five female finalists are nominated by the student body. The top three are voted upon prior to Homecoming.

Burrows is the daughter of Vila Burrows of New Hartford.

Iowa Wesleyan College, affiliated with the United Methodist Church, is a four-year liberal arts college emphasizing community service and an academic curriculum focused on life skills.

Open House For Deb Burrows

A Open House will be held for Debra Burrows, Saturday, May 30th from 2-5 p.m. at home 320 York Street, New Hartford, Iowa.

Deb graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College May 2, 1991 with a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice.

All friends and relatives welcome.

Burrows Graduate From IWC

Commencement exercises were held Saturday, May 25, 1991 at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Congressman Jim Leach, state representative of the first district of Iowa, gave the commencement address.

Diplomas were awarded by Dr. Robert J. Prins, president of Iowa Wesleyan College and Dr. Byron F. Johnson, chairman of the board of trustees.

An area graduate was:

NEW HARTFORD:

Debra A. Burrows, daughter of Vila Burrows. She graduated with a BA in Criminal Justice.



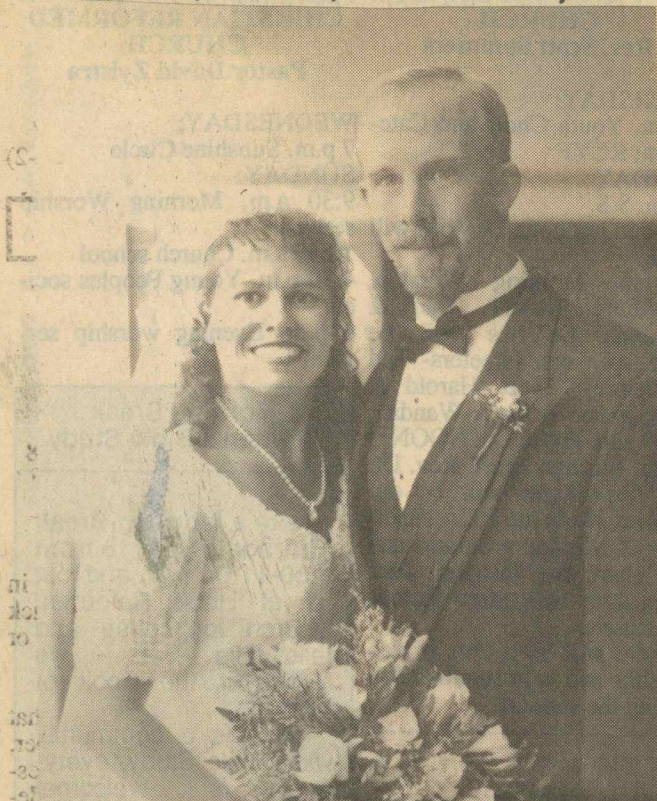
BURROWS-LECHNER

Vila Burrows and Doug Ahrenholz of New Hartford and Dale and MaryBeth Burrows of Lenord, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter Debra Ann Burrows to Chad Alan Lechner. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marlyce Bohlor of Iowa City and Dave and Doreen Lechner of New Hartford.

Debra Burrows is a graduate of Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant with a B/A degree in Criminal Justice. She is employed as an In-Home Family Counselor with Children and Families of Iowa in Fort Dodge.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Coe College in Cedar Rapids with a B/A degree in Biology and Education. He is employed as a Science Teacher and Coach with Sacred Heart and St. Edmonds School in Fort Dodge.

An August wedding is planned.



Miss Debra Burrows and Chad Lechner were united in marriage on Saturday, August 16, 1997 at Nazareth Lutheran Church with Dennis Bauer officiating.

Parents of the couple are Vila Burrows and Doug Ahrenholz of New Hartford, Dale and Mary Beth Burrows of Lenord, TX; Dave and Doreen Lechner of New Hartford and Marlyce Bohlor of Iowa City.

The bride was given in marriage by Vila (mom) and Doug (Step-dad). She wore a white satin A-line gown with a long train. The bodice was beaded and lace with short sleeves. She carried a white roses and freesia. The altar was adorned with candelabra and ferns. The pews had navy blue and white tulle bows.

The Maid of Honor Wendy Gerloff, sister of the bride, of Cedar Falls. Bridesmaids were Amy Joblinske, Cedar Falls and Shannon Broeker, Mt. Pleasant, both friends of the bride. They wore simple, elegant navy dresses made by the groom's mother Mildred Lechner, Dike and Wanda Broeker, personal attendant, Mt. Pleasant. They carried white roses

and freesia.

Bestman was Shane Ballhagen, friend, from Boston. Groomsmen were Doug Lee, Dubuque, and Jeff Clemens, New Berlin, WI, friends of the groom. They wore black tuxedos and wore a white rose boutonniere.

Guest book attendant was Melissa Hough. Ushers were Rick Burrows, Rex Snyder, Todd Eiklenborg, and Doug Banowitz.

The reception followed in the Masonic Temple Ballroom in Waterloo. It was catered by Joan and Don Miller. Music was by DJ McLesk Entertainment. Cake was made by Webbeking Bakery.

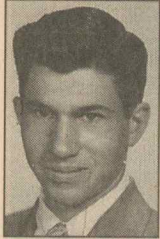
The couple took a wedding trip to Kalona to a Bed & Breakfast.

The bride has a BA in Criminal Justice (Iowa Wesleyan College). She is a family therapist for Four Oaks in Cedar Rapids. Chad has a BA in Science and Education from Coe College, Cedar Rapids. He is teaching and coaching at Belle Plaine Community School.

The couple reside at 104 6th St., Box 105, Van Horn, IA. 52346.

James E. Burrows (1934-2007)

WATERLOO — James "Jim" Ernest Burrows, 72, of Country View Care Center, died Friday, Jan. 19, at Country View of natural causes.



**James
Burrows**

He was born April 18, 1934, in Benton County, son of Clarence D. and Jeanette McNamee Burrows. He married Jane Hersey in 1960, and they were later divorced.

He graduated from Geneseo High School, Geneseo, in 1953, and then continued his education with diesel engineering training. He served in the U.S. Army as a helicopter mechanic. From 1960 to 1974, Mr. Burrows worked at John Deere Tractor Works, Waterloo. He then moved to Utah, where he worked as a ranch hand for several years.

Survived by: a son, Jeff (Angie) of Tripoli; a daughter, Heather (Art) Freeman of Pahrump, Nev.; four grandchildren; two brothers, Larry (Wanda) of Sumner and Dale (Mary Beth) of Leonard, Texas; and three sisters, Donna (Paul) Lindeman of Dysart, Mary (Ken) Oldenburger of Parkersburg and Cheryl (Steve) Hosper of Melbourne.

Private family graveside services: will be Tuesday at Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford. Public visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Waverly.

Memorials: may be directed to the family, and a memorial fund will be established at a later date.

Condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.



AVID READER — Henry Burt spend a great amount of his time reading at his New Hartford home. The 81-year-old

former musician for several years toured the country with a circus band.

New Hartford Man Once Played in Circus Bands

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

NEW HARTFORD—Eighty-one-year-old Henry Burt has put a restriction on the many activities which have given him a rich and varied background.

He now confines himself primarily to working in his garden and fishing in nearby Beaver Creek.

BUT IT was with a spirit of adventure and a love for music many years ago that developed into both a vocation and avocation and led him to many parts of the United States.

With no formal training, Burt became a member of several bands and orchestras. He also was gifted with a natural tenor voice which also never had the advantage of training.

Born in Palo, Iowa, the Burt family later moved to Ida County. It was in 1912, when a circus came to Ida Grove, that Henry launched his musical career.

He and a friend applied to fill vacancies in the circus band; Henry with a French horn, his friend with a clarinet. Previously Henry had merely practiced with local bands.

ORIGINALLY Hollingers

Circus — it was later taken over by Ringling Bros—started its circuit at Baraboo, Wis., the home base, and toured 28 states in the Midwest and South.

Henry recalls one of the highlights of the year with the circus was playing at a memorial service at Wahpeton, N. Dak, in commemoration of several persons killed there when a tornado struck the tent.

"Playing in a circus band was a full time job," said Henry. "Only when someone got mad and quit, I would pitch in and help out on another job."

"It was lots of fun," he added.

During World War I, Henry volunteered for service in the Army. Stationed at Camp Deeming, N. M., he played in the Army band. Transferred to Issoudun, France, a training center that turned out such war heroes as Kermit Roosevelt and Eddie Rickenbacker, Henry worked in an airplane factory.

BUT HE ALSO played in the Air Force band, and continued doing so several months after the Armistice was signed on tour of remaining Army camps in France.

Back home in Waterloo,

where the family lived from 1913 to 1929, Henry worked as a farmer, a painter and carpenter. But he also organized the American Legion band, played in a symphony orchestra and in various church music groups.

However, music has not been his only interest. A sports enthusiast, Henry still follows all sports events. He played baseball on local teams.

He enjoyed hunting and was known to have been an expert marksman.

A NATURALIST, he has made a study of plant, animal and bird life.

He is an avid reader and he follows current issues. Burt particularly enjoys reading material with historical background.

"Henry is a self educated man," says his sister, Vera Geiger, with whom he makes his home in New Hartford.

HENRY G. BURT

NEW HARTFORD — Services for Henry G. Burt, 85, who died Saturday at his home, will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Chapel in New Hartford; graveside services 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Spring Grove cemetery at Palo; Masonic rites 7:30 p.m. Monday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Chapel in New Hartford; survived by a half-sister, Miss Vera L. Geiger of New Hartford. 1967

NEW HARTFORD — Mr. and Mrs. Gaylen M. Schuck will establish a home in Parkersburg.



MR. AND MRS. SCHUCK

Mr. Schuck took Miss Linda K. Buss as his bride in a ceremony Friday at the First Baptist Church. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buss and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Schuck of Parkersburg. The bride is employed at Hinson Mfg. in Waterloo. The groom is an employe at the Knock Lumber Co., Parkersburg.

Butler County men arrested on drug charges

NEW HARTFORD — A drug investigation by the Grundy County Sheriff's Department led authorities to two Butler County men.

Gregory Raber, 50, of Parkersburg, and Kendall Buss, 39, of New Hartford, were arrested on drug charges Friday in New Hartford. The charges followed the search of a rural New Hartford address on U Avenue by the Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force and sheriff's deputies.

Buss was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and failing to affix a drug tax stamp, both Class D felonies punishable by five years in prison, and with prohibited acts, an aggravated misdemeanor.

Raber was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, a serious misdemeanor.

Buss remains in the Grundy County Jail on a \$28,500 bond. Raber was released on a \$500 bond.

The Mid-Iowa Drug Task force consists of law enforcement officers from Grundy, Hardin, Marshall and Tama counties.

Aplington man arrested on drug charges

APLINGTON — Butler County sheriff's deputies arrested an Aplington man on felony drug charges.

Wade Buss, 37, is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and for failing to affix a drug tax stamp, both class

D felonies.

Grundy County authorities arrested Buss's brother, Kendall Buss, 39, of New Hartford, on similar charges July 22 as part of an ongoing investigation.

Wade Buss was released from the Butler County Jail on Monday.

Buss/50

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Buss will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house next Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Mr. Buss and Helen Christiansen were married June 16, 1940, at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

They have three children: Patricia Gomez of Long Beach, Calif., Duane of Cedar Falls, and Douglas of Waterloo.

The couple has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Buss retired from John Deere in 1957.



Mr. and Mrs. Buss

No invitations are being sent and the couple requests no gifts.

MR. AND MRS. BUSS 1965 Plan celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Buss, 233 N. Hackett Road, will have an open house today from 2 to 5 p. m. to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Buss and Miss Helen Christiansen were married June 16, 1940, at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

They are the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Merrill, and two sons, Duane and Douglas.

1965
Mrs. Kenneth Merrill and Mrs. Dick Cose will serve as hostesses for the open house.

PAGE C2 WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS COURIER TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1998

WATERLOO — **Donald L. Buss**, 80, of Waterloo, died Sunday, Aug. 2, at home of natural causes.

He was born Oct. 29, 1917, in Dexter, Minn., son of Sam and Grace Fleshner Buss. He married Helen W. Christiansen on June 16, 1940, in Waterloo.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a machinist at John Deere.

Survived by: his wife; two sons, Duane Buss and Douglas Buss, both of Cedar Falls; a daughter, Patricia J. Gomez of Pocahontas, Ark.; eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; a brother Burnett of Parkersburg; and three sisters, Bernice Jones of Cedar Falls, Maxine Wilson of Conrad and Carol Beving of Wellsburg.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Henry; and two sisters, Tillie Buss and Florence Neiman.

Services: 1 p.m. Thursday at Immanuel Lutheran Church with burial in Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home and for an hour before services Thursday at the church.

Memorial fund: will be established.

WATERLOO — Florence Mae Nieman, 75, of Tripoli, formerly of New Hartford, Aplington, Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Evansdale, died at home Monday, Feb. 19, after a lengthy illness.

She was born Oct. 23, 1920, in rural New Hartford, daughter of Samuel and Grace Fleschner Buss. She married Paul A. Nieman on Sept. 29, 1937, in Waterloo. He died in 1986.

Survived by: six daughters, Sharon Nieman of Tripoli, Shirley Clemens of New Hartford, Sandra Chavez of San Martin, Calif., Pennie Smith of Hampton, Vivian Tansey of New Hartford and Phyllis Tansey of Brandon; 27 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Bernice Jones of Kentucky, Carol Beving of Wellsburg and Maxine Wilson of Conrad; and two brothers, Donald Buss of Waterloo and Burnette Buss of Parkersburg.

Preceded in death by: an infant sister, Tillie Buss; and a brother, Henry Buss.

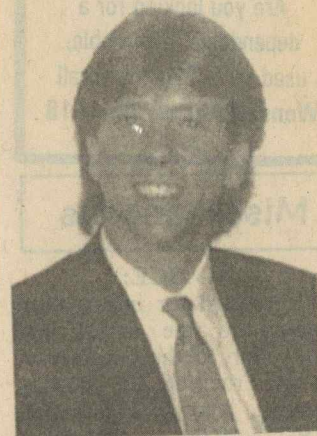
Services: 10 a.m. Friday at Grace Baptist Church, Waterloo, with burial in New Albion Township Cemetery, near Parkersburg. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, and for an hour before services Friday at the church.

Memorials: may be directed to the Bremer-Butler Hospice, 406 W. Bremer Ave., Waverly, Iowa 50677.



Florence Nieman

AREA DEATH



JEFFERY OLDENBURGER

2003

Jeffery Lane Oldenburger, 43, of Bettendorf, formerly of Waterloo, died Sunday, April 27, at Genesis West Hospital, Davenport, from complications of a brain hemorrhage.

He was born April 28, 1959 in Waterloo, the son of Larry and Shirley Nieman Oldenburger.

Survivors include: his mother and stepfather Gary (Pappy) and Shirley Nieman Clemens of New Hartford; his father and stepmother Larry and Julie Oldenburger of Annandale, Minnesota. A sister Lessa Eshelman of Ankeny; two brothers Todd of Boone, Michael of Bettendorf; and three stepbrothers; James Clemens of Waterloo, Matthew Paul Clemens of Phoenix, Arizona and Charles McLaughlin of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and grandmother Ethel Oldenburger of Parkersburg.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Paul A. and Florence (Buss) Nieman and grandfather Fred Oldenburger Jr.

Services were held Thursday, April 30th at Bethel Lutheran Church, Parkersburg. The Pastor Paul Schaedig officiated. The body was cremated.

PARKERSBURG — Bernette D. Buss, 76, of Parkersburg, died Friday, Aug. 3, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home, Waterloo, from a short-term cancer illness; **survivors** include his wife, Bonnie; a son, Brian of South Pasadena, Fla.; three daughters, Diantha Junker of Lansing, Becky Hemmen-Yeager of Hickory, N.C., and Dawn Smith of Bastrop, Texas; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Bernice Jones of Cedar Falls, Carol Beving of Wellsburg and Maxine Wilson of Conrad; he was **preceded in death** by a son, Dennis; two grandchildren; two brothers, Henry and Donald Buss; and two sisters, Florence Nieman and Tillie Marie Buss; **services** will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, both in Parkersburg; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Schwartz Funeral Home, Parkersburg; **memorials** may be directed to the family; Mr. Buss was employed as a carpenter for 35 years by Jorgensen Construction in Cedar Falls.



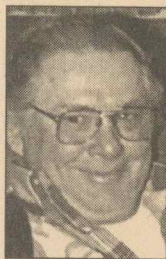
Bernette Buss

Terry Buss (1944-2002)

WATERLOO — Terry Alan Buss, 58, of 723 Hartman Ave., died Wednesday, Dec. 11, in Baltimore of natural causes.

He was born Feb. 29, 1944, in Cedar Falls, son of Henry and Elizabeth Siegel Buss. He chose Kay Kness Straw as his significant other for 25 years.

Mr. Buss was an over-the-road driver for Warren Transport for the last 28 years.



Terry Buss

Terry Buss was well known to many at Warren Transport for his strong belief on how to get the job done, as well as for offering his ideas about how to improve safety. Terry originally started with Warren back in November 1969 as a driver for a Warren contractor. He left Warren in 1976 and came back to stay in 1984. He drove for several Warren contractors but hooked up with Gary Westcott in 1990 and drove for him until 2002 when Terry finally took the big step and became a contractor himself. Terry was proud of the fact that he was now his own contractor and was looking forward to growing his business. When home and off duty, Terry could often be seen with his young grandson proudly tagging along to visit people in the office and help out. Terry recently received a silver belt buckle to commemorate 15 years and approximately 1.5 million miles of accident-free driving. Terry will be missed.

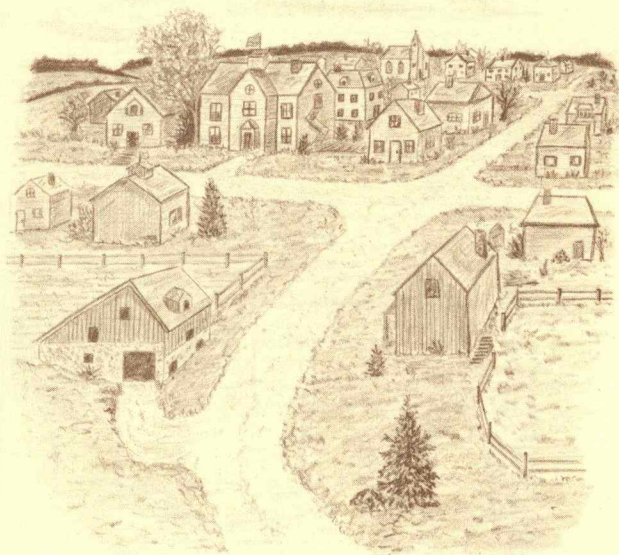
Survived by: his significant other, Kay; his mother, Elizabeth of New Hartford; two sons, Terrill (Angie) Buss of Aplington and Randy Joe (Robin) Barnes Jr. of Carlisle; five daughters, Sheryl (Randy) Tjabring and Janette Buss, both of Aplington, and Marlene Buss, Diane (Doug) Edler and Tammy Barnes, all of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren; five brothers, Roy (Marilyn) and Paul, both of New Hartford, David of South Carolina, Mark (Roberta) of Minnesota and Wayne of Reno, Nev.; and two sisters, Karris Collins of Cedar Falls and Linda Shook of Arkadelphia, Ark.

Preceded in death by: his father.

Services: 11 a.m. Monday at Hagarty-Waychoff-Grarup Funeral Service on South Street, with burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today and for an hour before services Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials: may be directed to the family.

BUTLER CENTER IOWA



Butler Center was a pretty spot, located near the center of Butler County about a mile north from the West Fork River, on a gentle rise of land overlooking the country for miles around. It became a bustling village consisting of general stores, hotels, churches, schools, a blacksmith shop, Post Office, courthouse, steam saw mill, saloons, and more than 40 homes during the 25 years (1855-1880) of its heyday . . .

Today, however, we see only modern farmsteads and fields of corn and soybeans. The question then is:

What happened to make all this disappear from the landscape of central Butler County?

Andrew Mullarky, from Sturgis Falls, (now Cedar Falls) and Col. Thomas entered the unsettled area in 1853. Mullarky drew up the plat of the village in the Spring of 1855. He had it surveyed and recorded at the Butler County Courthouse in Clarksville on May 24, 1856.

Clarksville became the County Seat of Butler County in 1853. Even before the courthouse was finished, the jealousy of other towns was visible and the excitement was "wrought up to a high pitch!"

It appears that there was a strong desire to locate the county courthouse in the actual center of the county so a petition was circulated to move it to Butler Center. After several elections, some which were considered less than ethical, a vote with a majority of 80 caused the courthouse to be located in Butler Center.

Andrew and Ellen Mullarky gave Butler County two acres of land in the NW Quarter of Section 18 in Jefferson Township — right in the middle of Butler Center! He also built a courthouse on the land at the cost of \$2000, so when the Butler County government records were moved to Butler Center in 1860 there was a courthouse ready to receive them.



It was a frame structure 26' x 36', two stories high. The upper story, reached by an outside stairway, was by courtesy called the courtroom. The lower story was divided into three apartments of the most inferior character for such uses, and were occupied as county offices. A wooden sidewalk from the courthouse to one of the stores was known to exist into the 1900's.

RELIGION

August 26, 1861 - Notice is hereby given that Rev. Richard Merrill will preach at the courthouse in Butler Center on Sunday morning, Sept. 1, 1861 at 11:00 a.m. (Presbyterian).

January 8, 1862 - Episcopal Methodist Church Service at the courthouse, December 19, 1862. Rev. Mr. Groat of New Hartford will preach at the courtroom next Sabbath at 3:00 p.m. (Baptist).

FIRST BURIALS IN THE BUTLER CENTER CEMETERY

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| 1. Freddie Santee | - d. 8-27-1856 |
| 2. Elizabeth Jane Stuart | - d. 8-28-1856 |
| 3. John Stuart | - d. 9-03-1856 |
| 4. Mary Ellen Conn | - d. 9-15-1856 |

The above named were all children in the summer of 1856.

SCHOOLS

The first school was taught by Alzina Water in O. S. Levi's store. Then Martha Niece taught in Enoch George's home and "boarded round".

In 1883 it was reported that there was a good school building with 55 pupils taught by Misses Ella and Margaret Mullarky.



RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment of the young people was usually of their own making, such as spelling matches, oldtime parties with games and folk dances, quilting and husking bees and the endless tests of strength and skill in work as well as in play.

A billiard hall was run by John Court, and saloons were owned by Bennett and Embody, James Evans and Crandall.

NEWSPAPERS

The first newspaper (1860-1861) was the Butler County *Jeffersonian* published by William Haddock. After 36 issues he went to war and Martin Bailey bought the paper in October of 1861 and changed it to the *Stars and Stripes*. After printing the weekly news for two years he left to join the Union Forces.

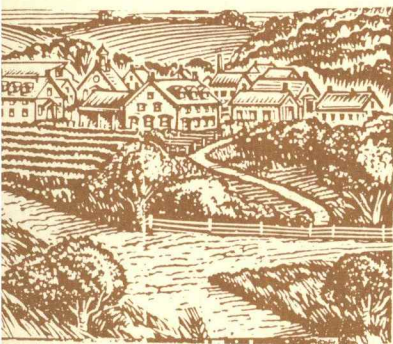
In 1865 McCormick and Frances printed the Butler County *Argus* for 6 months. In February of 1866 the paper was sold to Judge John Palmer and called the *Stiletto*. In the spring his son, W. L. Palmer, moved it to Shell Rock. It was then consolidated with the *Clarksville Gazette* in the fall.

All copies of the *Jeffersonian* and the *Stars and Stripes* are on microfilm and can be viewed at the Allison city library.

If you have information on Butler Center history that you could share with others or if you would like more information, please contact:

FRIENDS OF BUTLER CENTER
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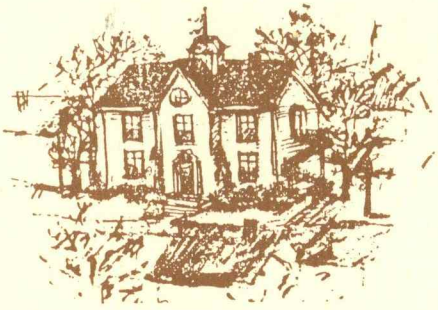
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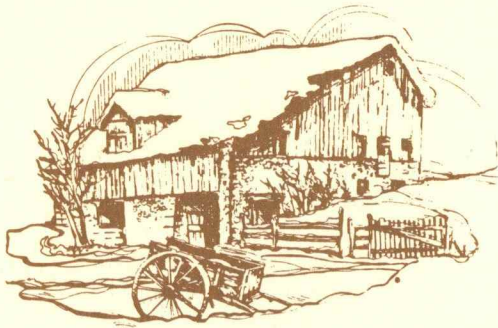


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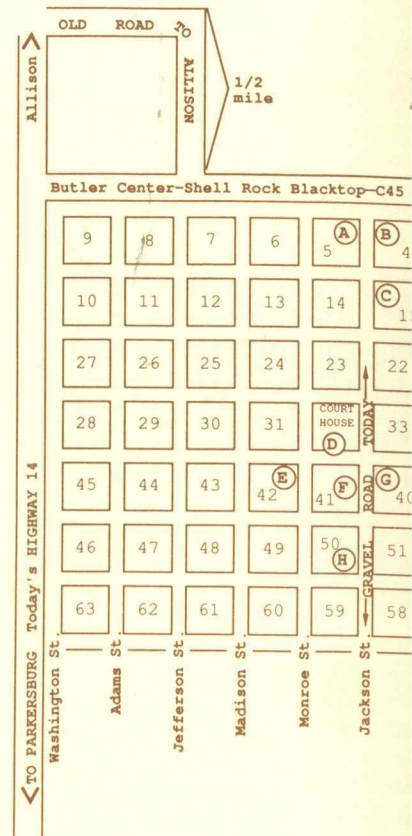
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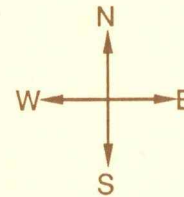
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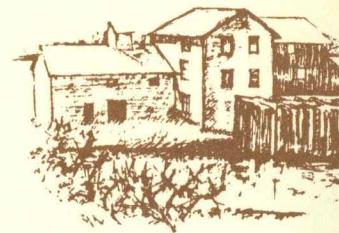
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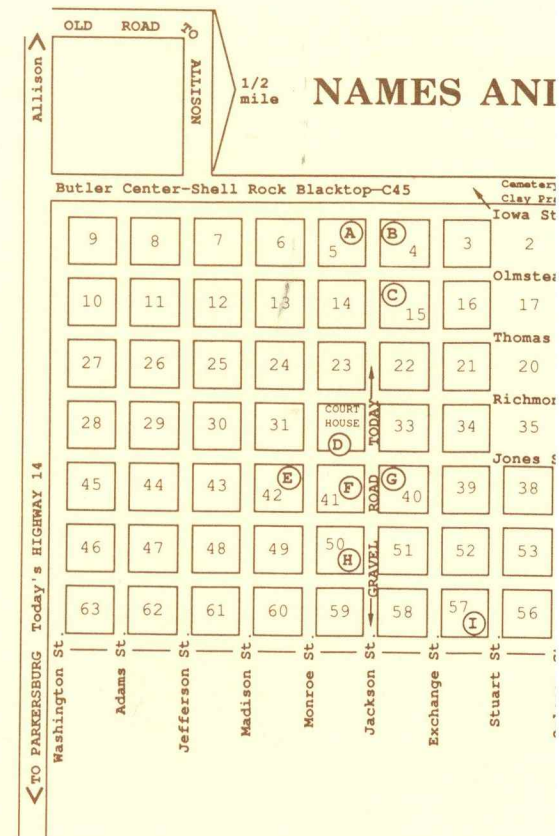
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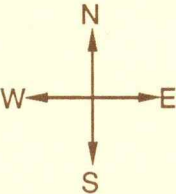
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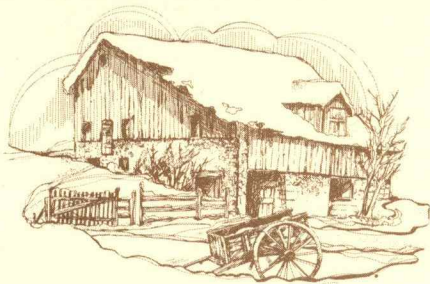
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The bride-elect is a graduate of the West Branch high school and has been employed in the First State Bank in West Branch. Mr. Smith, graduate of the Stanwood high school and the University of Minnesota, is an officer of the Tipton State Bank. An extended trip through the east is being planned.

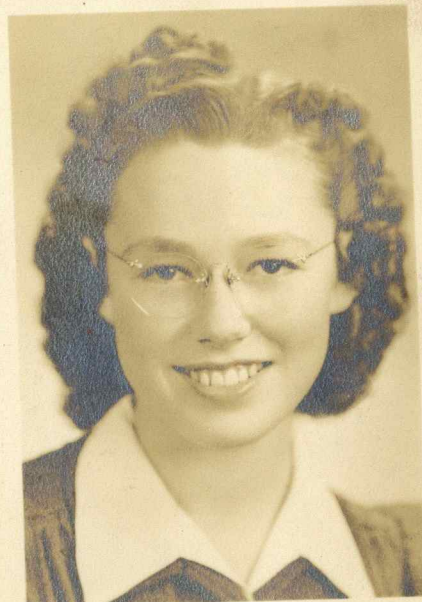


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The couple will be married in the First Methodist church in West Branch April 24.



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West Branch Girl Married

Darlene Byers Wed ^{Aug}
To Gerald D. Nevins 1945
Thursday Afternoon

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Nuptial music included organ preludes by Mrs. Don Wayne Fawcett, who also accompanied Miss Carol Byers, who sang "I Love Thee," "Oh Promise Me" and "The Lord's Prayer". The "Lohengrin" wedding march was played.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Miriam Watts of Mt. Pleasant.

The bride wore a gown of white silk marquisette over taffeta, fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, bridal point sleeves and a fitted lace bodice. Her full skirt extended into a long train and her fingertip net veil edged with matching lace was held in place by a coronet of seed pearls. Her only jewelry was a three-strand pearl necklace. She carried a bouquet of white gladioli tied with chiffon ribbon.

*I lived at Byers
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