



ROBERT C. ALLISON

Robert C. Allison of 806 Conn Street, Parkersburg, Iowa, was born the son of John and Rebecca Hargis Allison on June 25, 1911, in Maryville, Tennessee. Robert was raised in Parkersburg, Iowa. He received his education in the Parkersburg School.

On June 28, 1941, Robert was united in marriage with Grace Buss in Shell Rock, Iowa. Robert worked at the Parkersburg Feed Mill from 1938 to 1947. He served in World War II from March 9, 1945 to August 6, 1946. Robert also worked for Butler County, Waterloo Mills, Borden's and Clay Equipment Corporation from 1952, until retirement in 1977. Robert was a member of the American Legion, Aplington Amvets and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Robert enjoyed fishing, woodworking, gardening and he loved being with people.

On Monday, May 19, 1997, at 6:28 p.m., Robert died at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, Iowa, from natural causes. He had reached the age of 85 years, 10 months and 24 days. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, 6 brothers and 1 sister.

Robert is survived by: his wife, Grace Allison, Parkersburg, IA; three sons and their spouses, Michael and Karla Allison, Goose Creek, SC, and their four children, Michael, Debra, Amy and Jennifer; David and Linda Allison, Cody, WY, and their two children, Jon and Sam; Gregory and Pam Allison, Sigourney, IA, and their five children, Amber, Amanda, Amy, Greg and Aaron; One daughter and her spouse, Rebecca and Mark Youngberg, Parkersburg, IA, and their four children, Trevor, Alyson, Tamara and Ashley; one sister, Lucille Stickley, Western Home, Cedar Falls, IA.

SERVICES

1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 22, 1997
First Congregational Church
Parkersburg, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Ken Carr

ORGANIST

Jean Bass

SOLOIST

Tom Teeple
"In The Garden"
"How Great Thou Art"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

HONORARY CASKETBEARER

Greg Allison, II

CASKETBEARERS

Trevor Youngberg
Kenneth Dralle
Charles Allison

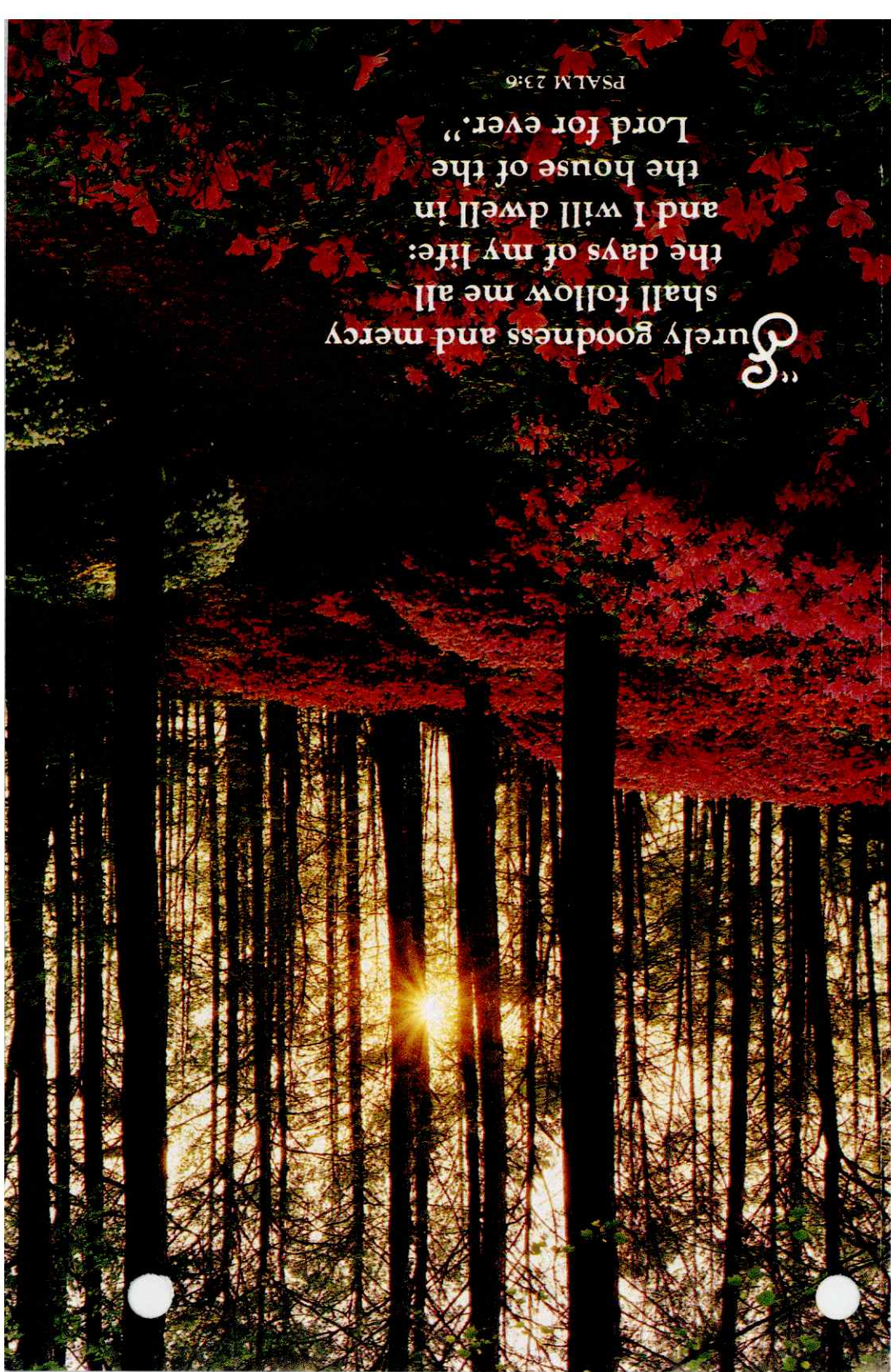
Richard Dralle
Michael Allison, Jr.
Mike Knock

INTERMENT

Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Iowa
With Full Military Rites
American Legion Post #285
Parkersburg, Iowa

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
CHURCH FOR LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP**

Schwartz Funeral Home, Parkersburg, Iowa



PSALM 23:6

“Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all
the days of my life;
and I will dwell in
the house of the
Lord for ever.”

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New Hartford 'ribbon tree'

By ELIZABETH BLOOM
Courier Staff Writer

NEW HARTFORD — It looks almost festive, like Christmas crossed with the Fourth of July — a maple tree covered with red-white-and-blue ribbons.

Only the plastic tags on the ribbons hint the cause is not one for celebration. The ribbons outside the Ambrose home near New Hartford bear the names of soldiers serving in Operation Desert Storm.

And as the war grows, so does the number of names on the tree. Saturday, the Ambrose family tied on another eight ribbons and tags, bringing the total to 35.

"It's kind of pretty," Lorista Ambrose said.

"We almost have to start another tree," added her 15-year-old daughter, Sheila.

It's an unlikely spot for Desert Storm support. Lorista herself doesn't agree with the reasons behind the war, though she supports her son's decision to be part of it.

Still, she reasoned, "if it stops one person and makes them think about what's going on, then it's worth it."

The effort started in October, when Lorista tied a single striped ribbon and a yellow ribbon on the tree. She and her husband, Tom, had just learned that their oldest son, Shane, was being shipped to Saudi Arabia with a U.S. Army field artillery unit.

"It makes me think of him every day," she explained. "For me, it's a good feeling, even when it was just one."

Apparently, it struck a chord with neighbors as well. Soon, other New Hartford families were asking that a ribbon be placed on the tree for their sons and daughters.

"So many people, after we put them up, would come over and look at them," she said. "They'd walk around the tree, reading the names."

One request came from Mississippi, from a friend of a friend. Another was for a French soldier who has a relative living here. A third was placed by a native of Scotland, now a New Hartford resident, whose son is with the British armed forces.

Now, only about a quarter of the ribbons represent New Hartford residents. "It's almost gotten to be international," Lorista said.

A local woman provides the ribbon, already shaped into a bow, which the Ambroses label before tying onto the tree. A small fee is charged for the bows, which the



Courier photo by DAN NIERLING
Lorista Ambrose of New Hartford shows off the latest ribbons added to the maple tree in the front yard of her home. Each ribbon bears the name of an individual serving in the Persian Gulf.

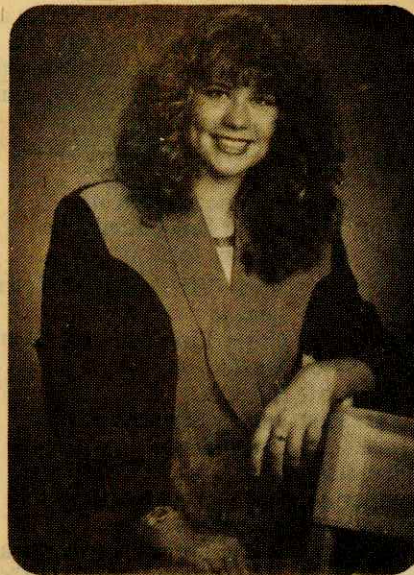
Ambroses pay themselves.

For now, the family doesn't mind committing the money or the time or the trees. As long as people call in names, they'll continue to cover their maples with ribbons.

"Hopefully, when it's over," Lorista said, "they (the soldiers) will come here and take them down themselves."

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SENIOR SURVEY



NAME: Sheila Ambrose
BIRTHDATE: July 31, 1975
PARENTS: Tom & Lorista Ambrose
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS:
 Brothers: Shane (24) and Clint (21),
 Sister: Cerina (13)
CLASSES CURRENTLY TAKING:
 Composition, Mass Communications,
 Marketing, Art I, Beginning Drawing,
 Advanced Topics, Physics, P.E.,
 Study Hall
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:
 Softball, boys track manager, speech,
 National Honor Society, Thespians,
 Yearbook, Musical, B.B. and Company
FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT:
 Taco Bell, or Sub City, or may Pizza Hut.
 No! Wait! McDonalds..yeah McDonalds!
FAVORITE BOOK OR MAGAZINE:
 The Flame and The Flower
FAVORITE TELEVISION SHOW:
 "Saved By The Bell, The College Years"
 and "Home Improvement"
FAVORITE MUSICIAN/GROUP:
 Boyz II Men, Spin Doctors, Eagles,
 P.M. Dawn, Steve Miller Band
FAVORITE MUSIC VIDEO:
 Don't know

FAVORITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:
 Mario Lopez, Mark-Paul Gosselear,
 Dean Cain, Moira Kelly
FAVORITE MOVIE: The Cutting
 Edge, Cinderella
OTHER FAVORITES: Spending time
 with family and friends, vacations,
 7th hour Study Hall, Art Classes
 (right, Shawn Meyer?), when Anne
 says she's on a diet, Joanna's
 laugh, softball with Clancey, and
 playing football at the dorm at Wal-
 dorf (right Billie, Teresa and
 Clancey?)
PET PEEVES: People who touch
 my neck, people who smoke/chew,
 People who never say that they're
 wrong.
CRAZIEST THING DONE: Going to
 the bathroom at State Track.
**MOST EMBARRASSING THING
 DONE:** Falling in front of a busload
 of guys during track, getting caught
 being somewhere I really shouldn't
 have been, and too many more to
 name.
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT:
 My trip to California and anytime I
 go to Cedar Rapids.
PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT:
 Will be graduation
SECRET AMBITION: If you ask me,
 I might tell you...Then again I might
 not.
I ADMIRE: my family and Mr. Betts.
**MOST IMPORTANT THING
 LEARNED:** Watch what you say or do,
 because if you don't you might re-
 gret it later.
WORDS TO LEAVE BEHIND:
 Do whatever makes you happy as
 long as you don't hurt someone else.
PLANS FOR THE FUTURE: Attend
 Kirkwood and become a legal
 assistant

Sheila Ambrose



SHEILA AMBROSE
 I am the daughter of Thomas
 and Lorista Ambrose. Since
 being in high school I've been
 involved in Volleyball, Bas-
 ketball, Cheerleading, boy-
 Track manager, softball, year-
 book staff, National Honor So-
 ciety, Large Group Speech
 Thespians, B B & Company
 band, and chorus.
 Some of my hobbies include
 spending a lot of time with my
 family and friends, sleeping
 reading, playing sports and
 watching T.V.
 Sheila is being sponsored by
 Cornbelt Growers.

1993

Cerina Ambrose Recognized At Girls Nation

Girls Nation Senator, Cerina Ambrose, a senior at Dike-New Hartford High School, was named Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance at the American Legion Auxiliary's 51st annual Girls Nation, a government education program for outstanding teenage girls. In addition, she served as a member of the Honor Guard during wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and served as a member of the Federal Party Campaign Committee.

Ambrose, one of the 96 high school seniors from 48 states, was one of the two girls selected from her state to participate in the week-long citizen-

ship program at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. The program scheduled from July 12-19 is the culmination of the Auxiliary's state level programs, conducted each summer. Each year, 25,000 young delegates learn the mechanisms of state and local government in the Auxiliary Girls State programs. Two girls from each state are then selected to participate in Girls Nation.

Girls Nation "Senators" spent the week organizing into political parties, electing party officials, preparing legislation in mock Senate sessions and conducting a national convention for each party. They have visited with their state Repre-

senatives and Senators, and met with the President of the United States Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore on Friday July 18, 1997. At that time the girls Nation President presented the President and Vice President with a copy of the bills and resolutions passed during the session. The week's other highlights have included visits to the Vietnam Wall, the Women's Vietnam Memorial, the FDR Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Senate Gallery, the Pentagon, the Kennedy Center and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington's "Twilight Tattoo."



Local Student Meets Sen. Grassley

Selected to represent Iowa at Girls Nation in Washington D.C., Cerina Ambrose met with Sen. Chuck Grassley recently during her visit to the nation's capital. Cerina was one of two representatives from Iowa attending Girls Nation, an annual leadership conference sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. A senior at Dike - New Hartford High School, Cerina is the daughter of Thomas and Lorista Ambrose of New Hartford.

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