

July 24
NEW HARTFORD — The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Ackerson.



MR. AND MRS. ACKERSON will be celebrated next Sunday at an open house from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. at their home. The former Miss Flossie Aleen Baker and Mr. Ackerson were married July 27, 1910. They have lived near New Hartford since their mar-

NEW HARTFORD — James Allen Ackerson, lifelong resident of New Hartford, Friday morning at his home of a heart ailment; surviving are his widow and five sons: Harlan James, Frank R. Lyle Byron, Merrill Ray, all of New Hartford; Allen Deane of Rt. 2, Waterloo; three daughters, Mrs. Earl LeBahn of New Hartford; Mrs. Lola Strange and Mrs. Paul Prior, both of Waterloo; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Sells and Mrs. Lizzie Sells of New Hartford; services will be 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the Halverson funeral chapel, New Hartford; burial in Oak Hill cemetery, New Hartford.

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Joseph Ackerson

V Julia Maud (Moor)

Lizzie May (Ed Della)

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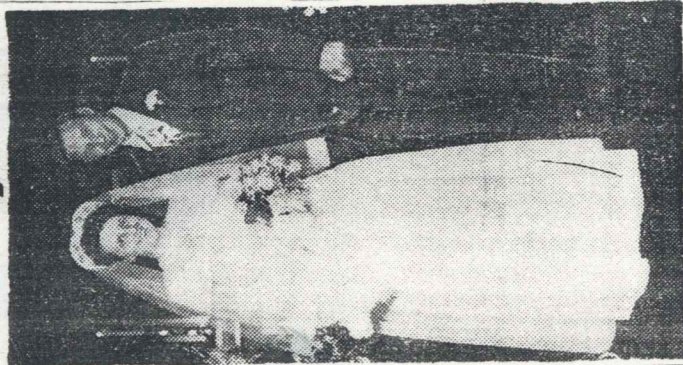
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Exchange Vows



MR. AND MRS. ACKERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Miller, 315 Agnes street, Cedar Falls, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy, to Deane Ackerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ackerson, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday in First Evangelical United Brethren church, Cedar Falls.

Rev. J. L. LaFavre, pastor, performed the single ring ceremony.

Maid of honor was Miss DeLoris Miller, sister of the bride. Mrs. Ray Thoren of Janesville and Miss Valeria DeVore, cousin of the bride, were bridesmaids.

Miss Jaunita Stickley of New Hartford, niece of the groom, was flower girl and ring bearer was Queston Boston. Richard Boston served as best man and ushers were Henry Miller of Cedar Falls, brother of the bride, and Ray Thoren of Janesville.

The bride is a former office employee of Rath Packing Co. and the groom is employed by Block Ma-

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Bob LaBach

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NEW HARTFORD — Services for Harlan Ackerson, 56, of rural New Hartford who died Saturday evening at his home of an apparent heart attack, will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in New Hartford; burial in the Oakhill Cemetery; survivors include his widow, Florence; three sons: Harlan, Jr., of Cedar Falls, Leland and Rodney at home; two daughters: Mrs. Roger Behrens of New Hartford and Brenda at home; seven grandchildren; four brothers: Frank of Cedar Falls, Allen of Waterloo, Lyle and Meril, both of New Hartford; three sisters: Mrs. Earl LaBahn of New Hartford, Mrs. Maurice Christensen of Waterloo and Mrs. Wesley Macon of Dallas, Tex. *Mar 23 1969*

CEDAR FALLS — **Florence Garnetta Ackerson**, 81, of the Fern Home, formerly of New Hartford, died at the home Saturday, March 21, of natural causes.

She was born Sept. 23, 1916, in Waterloo, daughter of Clyde Ivan and Florence Isabel Griffith Case. She married Harlan James Ackerson on May 23, 1934, in New Hartford.

Survived by: three sons, Harlan J. Jr. of Waterloo, Leland C. of Janesville and Rodney R. of Cedar Falls; two daughters, Hazle Adkins of Mims, Fla., and Brenda Loveless of Hudson; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: her husband; two brothers, Sam and Ivan Case; and three sisters, Evelyn Sells, Flora Lahmon and Joyce Sells.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, both in New Hartford. Friends from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday at Barr Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, with family from 4 to 7 p.m. Visitation also for an hour before services Tuesday at the

Memorial fund has been established and may be directed to the funeral home.



**Flore
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February Bride



MISS ACKERSON.

(Courier Special Service)

CEDAR FALLS — A Feb. 24 wedding in St. John's American Lutheran Church is planned by Miss Hazle Ackerson, New Hartford, and Pvt. Roger H. Behrens, whose engagement has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Ackerson, New Hartford. Her fiance's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Behrens, Route 3.

The bride-elect is employed at Ruby's Department Store here, while Pvt. Behrens is stationed with the U. S. Army at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Married



PVT. AND MRS. BEHRENS

(Courier Special Service)

CEDAR FALLS — Pvt. Roger H. Behrens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Behrens, Rt. 3, took as his bride Miss Hazle Ackerson, daughter of the Harlan Ackersons of New Hartford, at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening in St. John's American Lutheran Church here.

The Rev. A. G. Schardt performed the ceremony for which the Misses Yvonne and Arlene Conklin of New Hartford served as organist and vocalist respectively.

Chantilly Lace Gown

The bride wore an ankle-length gown of Chantilly lace with an underskirt of pleated tulle and a Peter Pan collar ornamented with seed pearls. She wore a fingertip veil attached to a tiara of seed pearls and rhinestones and carried a white Bible and a bouquet of pink sweetheart roses.

The maid of honor, Miss Laura Jean Luck of Waterloo, wore pink lace and ninon and carried a modified colonial bouquet of white tulips with a spray in

Ackerson-Sage

Announcement is being made of the Dec. 17 wedding of Dawn Ackerson of Denver, and Christopher Sage.

Parents of the couple are Harlan and June Ackerson of Denver, and Steve and Phyl Sage.

Vows were exchanged at 5 p.m. at the Church of Christ, with the Rev. Larry Lane officiating.

The bride chose Janet Kern of Denver as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lori Sage of Redstone Arsenal, Ala., sister-in-law of the groom; Cindy West, cousin of the bride; and Dee Hennings, both of Cedar Falls.

Junior bridesmaid was Jessica Loveless of Hudson, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was Alyssa Hamen of Pella, cousin of the bride, and ring bearer was Jeremiah Kern of Denver.

The groom chose Anthony Lumetta of Denver as best man. Groomsmen were Mike Sage of Redstone Arsenal, brother of the groom; Mark Sage, brother of the groom, and Rod Bierman, both of Cedar Falls.

Junior groomsman was Nicolas Hamen of Pella, cousin of the bride. Candlelighters were Eric Ackerson of Janesville, cousin of the bride, and



Mr. and Mrs. Sage

Jeremy Sage of Waverly, cousin of the groom.

Guests were seated by Todd Ackerson of Pipestone, Minn., brother of the bride; Trent Ackerson of Dubuque, brother of the bride; and Shane Grosse of Cedar Falls.

The bride is a teacher for Area Education Agency-7 in Waterloo Community Schools. Her husband is employed by United Beverage, Inc.

The couple is residing at 7017 Sage Road.

*Joseph
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Wicklund-Ackerson

DENVER — ¹⁹⁹⁰Announcement is being made of the June 16 wedding of Marla Wicklund and Todd Ackerson, both of Stockholm, Wis.

Parents of the couple are Nola Wicklund of Willmar, Minn.; Marlin Wicklund of Brainerd, Minn.; and Harlan and June Ackerson of Denver.

Vows were exchanged at 4 p.m. at East Janesville United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls with the Rev. Mel Rose officiating.

Maid of honor was Cindy Houston of Brainerd, Minn. Bridesmaids were Dawn Sage of Waterloo, Becky Wicklund of Brainerd, and Kris Wicklund of Worcester.

Ashley Caouette of Stockholm was flower girl.

Trent Ackerson was best man. Groomsmen were Chris Sage and Kelly Steffen of Waterloo, and Dean Milius of Denver.

Ring bearer was Jaris Wicklund of Worcester.

Seating guests were Jason Wicklund of Worcester, and Ben Wicklund



Mr. and Mrs. Ackerson

of Brainerd.

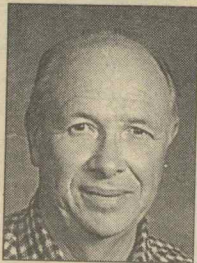
The bride is a secretary at Mississippi Valley Family Clinic, and the groom is a meat cutter with Nas Finch Co., both in Red Wing, Minn.

The couple are residing at Route 1 Box 183C, Stockholm.

1990

Harlan Ackerson

WATERLOO — Harlan Ackerson will celebrate his retirement with an open house and dance from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Supervisors Club.



Harlan Ackerson

Mr. Ackerson retired Dec. 31 after 36 years of employment with the John Deere Engine Works.

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1988
FRANK R. [PUG] ACKERSON

Frank R. (Pug) Ackerson, 73, of 303 Packwaukee St., New Hartford, IA. and formerly of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday evening, March 30, 1988 at the Americana Health Care Center in Waterloo, from heart failure.

Frank was born on July 6, 1914, in New Hartford, Iowa, the son of James and Aleen (Baker) Ackerson. He attended school in New Hartford, and on May 23, 1942, he entered the U.S. Army and served as an automotive mechanic. On July 15, 1942, Pug was united in marriage to Geraldine Saul at Rockford, ILL. Pug continued to serve in the Army until he was discharged on April 28, 1945, in Stockton, California. Pug lived in New Hartford and rural Cedar Falls all his life. He farmed in rural Cedar Falls for 39 years and in 1968 also

went to work for Benton's Ready Mix in Cedar Falls for 10 years. In March of 1983, the couple moved to their home at 303 Packwaukee Street. On March 16, 1988, he became a resident of the Americana Health Care Center.

Pug enjoyed the outdoors, but most of all he loved to go fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine of New Hartford; 3 sons Joe Ackerson of Cedar Falls, Jack Ackerson of Dumont, David Ackerson of New Hartford; 1 daughter Dianne Coates of New Hartford; 8 grandsons; 1 granddaughter; 1 great granddaughter; 3 brothers, Allen (Dean) Ackerson of Prairie Du Chein, Wisc., Lyle Ackerson and Ray Ackerson, both of New Hartford 2 sisters, Lola Lee of New Hartford and Arlene Juarez of Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother Harlan; a sister, Dora LeBohn; two brothers and one sister in infancy.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 2, 1988 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Chapel in New Hartford with James Lyle Ackerson officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Chapel in New Hartford was in charge of the arrangements.



MAY 19, 1999

**75th Birthday
Open House**

Geraldine (Jerry) Ackerson will observe her 75th birthday on May 25th.

She was born on May 25, 1924 in BlackHawk County to Earl and Cecelia (DeJaeger) Saul.

She married Frank (Pug) Ackerson on July 15, 1942. He died on March 30, 1988.

Her children are: Joe and Barb Ackerson of Cedar Falls; Jack and Linda Ackerson of Geneva; Dave and Kathy Ackerson of New Hartford; Dianne and Kenneth Coates of New Hartford. There are ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Her children will honor her with an Open House on June 6th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the New Hartford Fire Station on Packwaukee Street.

All family and friends are invited to attend.



80th Birthday

Geraldine Ackerson will celebrate her 80th Birthday with a family dinner.

Geraldine was born May 25, 1924 to Earl and Cecelia Saul in Waterloo. On July 15, 1942 she married Frank Ackerson, he passed away March 30, 1988.

Her family includes Joe and Barb Ackerson of Cedar Falls, Jack and Linda Ackerson of Meservey, David and Kathy of New Hartford, Dianne and Ken Coates of New Hartford. She has 10 Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to:
**Geraldine Ackerson, Box
117, New Hartford, IA
50660**

June 2006



Geraldine Ackerson

Geraldine Elizabeth (Jerry) Ackerson, 82, of Shell Rock and formerly of New Hartford, Iowa, died Tuesday afternoon, June 13, 2006, at the Shell Rock Health Care Center of natural causes.

Geraldine was born on May 25, 1924, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Earl and Cecelia (De Jaeger) Saul. She attended grade school in Waterloo, Dike and New Hartford, and following her schooling helped her parents at home, raising her first family. On July 15, 1942, Geraldine was united in marriage to Frank R. (Pug) Ackerson in Rockford, Illinois. The couple made their home in the Finchford area until 1985 when they moved to New Hartford. Pug died March 30, 1988 and Geraldine continued to live in their home until January 26, 2006, when she became a resident of the Shell Rock Health Care Center.

Geraldine enjoyed playing dominoes, baking, listening to country music and embroidering, making several pillows for everyone. She also loved spending time with family and friends.

Geraldine is survived by three sons, Joe Ackerson and his wife, Barbara of Cedar Falls, Jack Ackerson and his wife, Linda of Meservey Iowa, David Ackerson and his wife, Kathy of New Hartford, one daughter, Di-
anne Coates and her husband, Ken of New Hartford; 10 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren, one great grandchild; one sister, Luella Green and her husband, Don of New Hartford, three brothers, Roy Saul of Cedar Falls, John Saul and his wife, JoAnn of Waterloo, Jim Saul and his wife, Ann of New Hartford, and a sister-in-law, Millie Saul of Parkersburg. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Pug, two brothers, Francis and Leo, one sister, Mary at birth, and a great grandson, Ethon.

Celebration of Life Services were held on Friday, June 16, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly, with Pastor James Ackerson officiating. Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery in New Hartford.

NEW HARTFORD

Engagement



WICAL-ACKERSON

Announcing their engagement are Barbara Jo Wical, 7825 Ford Road, Cedar Falls, and Joe Ackerson, 6228 Pashby Road, Cedar Falls.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. (Tom) Wical, 5951 Ford Road, Cedar Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Pug) Ackerson, 6228 Pashby Road,

Cedar Falls.

A July 25 wedding is being planned at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls.

Barbara is employed as a bookkeeper at the Farmers Cooperative Company in New Hartford. Joe operates Ackerson Trucking and also farms.

1981



Sept. 2, 1981

JUST MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. (Tom) Wical of Cedar Falls are announcing the marriage of their daughter Barbara Jo Wical to Joe Ackerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Pug) Ackerson of Cedar Falls.

The double ring ceremony was officiated by Rev. Paul Heath on July 25, 1981 at 2:00 p.m., in the First United Methodist Church of Cedar Falls.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents at an altar decorated with two white candleabras with nine candles and hurricane lanterns each decorated with greenery, along with apricot, blue, white carnations and daisies, accented with white, apricot and blue ribbons. On the altar table was a apricot unity candle made by the brides mother, along with two blue tapered single candles. The first pews were decorated with greenery and accenting apricot, blue and white bows, for the parents and grandmothers; Mrs. Isabelle Kettwig, grandmother of the bride, and Mrs. Cecelia Saul, grandmother of the groom. The remaining pews were decorated with the same colors of bows only.

Nuptial music was provided by Terry Kroese organist. He accompanied Joe Dennis Jr. and Karen Saul both of New Hartford and cousin's of the groom, who sang "The Wedding Song," before the service. Renise Behrends of New Hartford, friend of the couple, and Karen Saul sang "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by the organist. After the exchanging of rings Joe Dennis Jr. played his guitar while singing, "Today I Took an Angel For My Wife", which was written by his uncle Jack Dennis. At the end of the ceremony Joe also sang while accompanied by the organist, "Love the World Away".

The bridal gown was made of French Venise lace and pearls etching the Queen Anne neckline and empire waist of the matte jersey gown. Insets graced the Renaissance sleeves and Venise floral bands defining the flowing chapel-length train. The bridal bouquet was a colonial arrangement of apricot tear drop roses, blue carnations, white daisies, green ferns, baby breath accented with apricot, blue and white streamers.

matron of honor. She wore a apricot long polyester dress with a ruffled sheer chiffon capelet. She carried a large apricot mum with apricot daisies surrounding it in a colonial bouquet with accenting streamers of apricot, blue and white. Dianne Coates of New Hartford sister of the groom wore a blue long polyester dress with a ruffled sheer chiffon capelet. She carried a large blue mum with blue daisies surrounding it in a colonial bouquet with accenting streamers of blue, apricot, and white. Flowergirl was Bobbi Jo Ackerson of New Hartford niece of the groom, she wore a long identical apricot dress as the attendants. She carried a white basket of an assortment of apricot, blue and white carnations, poms, and daisies. The attendants all wore daisies

and baby's breath in their hair. The bride's personal attendant was Ellen Pohl of Cedar Falls, friend of the bride.

The mother of the bride wore a floor length apricot dress of lustrous polyester knit with an attached capelet of polyester knit lace. She wore a corsage of apricot, blue and white daisies and carnations. The mother of the groom wore a floor length blue dress of lustrous polyester knit with an attached capelet of polyester knit lace. Her corsage was apricot daisies with blue leaves and ribbon.

The groom wore a white tux with a white ruffled shirt, his boutonniere was a white carnation tinted with blue and a apricot tear drop rose in the center. David Ackerson of New Hartford, brother of the groom was best man. Brian Wical of Cedar Falls, brother of the bride, was groomsman. Mikal Bear of Waterloo, cousin of the bride, was the ringbearer. He carried the ring pillow of the bride's mother which she made and was carried thirty-two years ago at her wedding on July 17, 1949. Ushers were Jack Ackerson of Parkersburg, brother of the groom; Bruce Williamson of Cedar Falls

coordinating ruffled shirt. Mr. and Moyer of Cedar Falls, uncle of the Mrs. Roy S. Moyer, aunt and uncle were Host. Marvin Moyer, aunt of the

attendant at Waverly, Cedar Falls, was guest.

The reception was at the church. The guests attending the wedding were of Milwaukee, bride, married with apricot daisies, car. The top of white satin ribbons. The Donna Pohl son of Cedar Falls, the bride.

Council Bluffs, bride, was attendant, T. Hartford, co. was the coffin the bridal Moyer, Kim of Cedar Falls of the bride, Waterloo, co. Gift carried Williamson cousin of the Clint Ackerson nephews of openers were Waterloo, V. Janesville, Grundy Center, the bride, and New Hartford groom.

Guests Cedar Falls, Waterloo, W. Center, Council Bluffs, Dike, R. alltown, Parkson, Finchfork, Shell Rock, Wisconsin.

The bride is a bookkeeper at Cooperative Cedar Falls. The Ackerson, Tr. engaged in fa

DEATHS

JANESVILLE — **Robert F. "Tom" Wical**, 69, of 208 Sycamore St., died Monday, May 23, at Sartori Memorial Hospital, Cedar Falls, of natural causes.

He was born July 16, 1924, in Grundy Center, son of Lee and Frances Hummel Wical. He married Phyllis Kettwig on July 17, 1949, in Cedar Falls.

Mr. Wical served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was employed by Viking Pump, and farmed north of Cedar Falls until his retirement.



Robert Wical

Survived by: his wife; a son, Brian of Janesville; a daughter, Barbara Ackerson of Cedar Falls; a grandson; two brothers, Joe of Grundy Center and Raymond of Knoxville; and two sisters, Nellie Brigan of Matawa, Minn., and Plaetus Davis of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Preceded in death by: three brothers, Milo, Art, and an infant.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Friday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, both in Cedar Falls. Military rites will be conducted by Janesville American Legion Post 522. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. until services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial fund: has been established.

ECLIPSE, NOVEMBER 23, 1994



30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Jack and Linda Ackerson will observe their 30th Wedding Anniversary on November 27th, with a Surprise card shower by their three sons: Jack Jr. of Aplington, Clint of Garner, and Gary of Dumont.

Their address is:
**1814 - 135TH St.
Hampton, Iowa 50441**

*Jim
Frank
Jack*



Wedding Announced

Brenda J. Meyer, daughter of Robert and Sharron Meyer, and Clint J. Ackerson, son of Jack and Linda Ackerson, all of Dumont, Iowa, were united in marriage on August 10, 1991, at 4:00 p.m.

The ceremony took place at the Court Yard at Camp Ingawanis, Waverly, Iowa and

was officiated by Gordon Merrill.

Pat Jungling was organist and soloists were Joel and Joyce Frey. Songs sung were "Love of a Lifetime", "Cherish The Treasure", and "Love is a Wonderful Thing."

The bride escorted by her father was given in marriage by

her parents.

The bride was attired in a white satin gown with portrait collar, fitted bodice accented with lace, pearls and sequins. The back featured a large bow trimmed in pearls, sequins and lace and a chapel length train. The chapel length veil fell from a spray of flowers and simulated pearls. She carried a white fan accented with enchantment lilies, rosario, alstromeria, and galax leaves.

The Matron of Honor was Lisa Lewis, Bristow, Iowa. She wore a pink gown with black trim, portrait collar with a cut away hemline. Bridesmaids were Kari Freese, Dumont, and Deb Brown, Aredale. They wore pink gowns with black trim, portrait collar with a cutaway hemline.

Flower girl was Amanda Ackerson, New Hartford, niece of the groom.

Best man was Jack Ackerson, Jr. Bristow, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Dave Everts, Huxley, Iowa, and Brad Knudson, Parkersburg, Iowa.

Ushers were Brad Meyer, brother of bride, and Gary Ackerson, brother of groom.

Ring bearer was Christopher Coates, cousin of the groom.

The reception was held at the Lodge at Camp Ingawanis, Waverly.

Hosts and hostesses were John and Maxine Bushbaum, friends of bride and Joe and

Barb Ackerson, uncle and aunt of the groom.

Bridal attendant was Keshra Van Ellen, and she carried the bride's veil.

The couple are at home at 63 Elizabeth Circle, Humboldt, Iowa, 50548.

The bride is a graduate of Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa and she is majoring in Social Work.

The groom is a graduate of Northwestern College, Orange City, and is majoring in Banking and Finance and is employed by FmHA in Humboldt, Iowa.



Announce Engagement

Announcement is being made of the upcoming marriage of Jack Ackerson, Jr. and Judy Kruse. Jack is the son of Jack and Linda Ackerson of Hampton. Judy is the daughter of Harold and Marlys Kruse of Wellsburg. An October 28th wedding is being planned at the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church of Wellsburg, a reception and dance following.

Charles Stickley of New Hartford Reported Dead

(Courier Special Service)

New Hartford, Ia. — Mrs. Lola Stickley has received word from the navy department that her husband, Charles B. Stickley, gunner's mate third class, who was previously reported missing in action, is dead.



Stickley

The telegram stated that he lost his life July 30, 1945, while serving as a member of the crew of the cruiser Indianapolis, sunk by enemy action in the south Pacific.

The navy man was born Apr. 19, 1921, at Parkersburg. He enlisted in the navy Oct. 31, 1942, and received boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He took commando training in California and saw action in New Guinea and on an Australian ship.

Stickley was also on an ammunition ship for several months. Following his leave home he left for sea duty on the Indianapolis July 16 when it departed on its last mission.

He is survived by his widow and two children, Harlan, 6, and Juanita Mae, 3, at New Hartford, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stickley, Parkersburg; five sisters and one brother, Robert, in the army stationed in the Philippines.

N. Harttora Youth Dies Aug. of Injuries 1954

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

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His companion at the time of the crash, Gary Jorgensen, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jorgensen, of New Hartford, was released Saturday from the Waterloo hospital.

Harlan was born July 7, 1939, at New Hartford. He would have been a junior in high school there this fall.

Surviving besides his mother and step-father are a sister, Juanita Stickley; two brothers, Steve and Mike Strange, all at home; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ackerson, of New Hartford, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stickley, of Parkersburg.

The body is at the Jebe funeral home at Shell Rock. Funeral services are tentatively set for Tuesday.

HARLAN L. S. STICKLEY
BURIED TUESDAY

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Harlan Lee Schuck Stickley, 17, who suffered fatal injury last Thursday evening near New Hartford when his car plunged off a dead-end road. Services were held at the Methodist church at 2 p. m., with burial in Riverside cemetery at Shell Rock.

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PAGE A8 WATERLOO COURIER WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1993

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HARLAN L. S. STICKLEY
BURIED TUESDAY

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Harlan Lee Schuck Stickley, 17, who suffered fatal injury last Thursday evening near New Hartford when his car plunged off a dead-end road. Services were held at the Methodist church at 2 p. m. with burial in Riverside cemetery at Shell Rock.

Harlan, the son of Mrs. Darrell Strange, suffered head and internal injuries at 9 p. m. Thursday when the car he was driving crashed on a county road four miles northwest of New Hartford. He died at 6:33 a. m. Saturday at Allen Memorial hospital, Waterloo.

His companion at the time of the crash, Gary Jorgensen, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jorgensen, of New Hartford, was released Saturday from the Waterloo hospital.

Harlan was born July 7, 1939, at New Hartford. He would have been a junior in high school there this fall.

Surviving besides his mother and step-father are a sister, Juanita Stickley; two brothers, Steve and Mike Strange, all at home; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ackerson, of New Hartford, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stickley, of Parkersburg.

PAGE A8 WATERLOO COURIER WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1993

NEW HARTFORD — **Lola M. Lee**, 72, of New Hartford, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Sartori Memorial Hospital, Cedar Falls, of natural causes; survivors include a daughter, Juanita Fiddick of Cedar Falls; two sons, Darrell Michael Strange of Reinbeck and Stephen Strange of New Hartford; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Alan Dean Ackerson of Prairie du Chien, Wis., and Lyle and Ray Ackerson, both of New Hartford; and a sister, Arlene Ackerson of New Hartford; she was preceded in death by her husbands; a son, Harlan Lee Stickley; four brothers, Harlan and Frank Ackerson and two infants; and two sisters, Dora Bates and an infant; services will be 1 p. m. Thursday at New Hartford United Methodist Church, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Shell Rock; friends may call from 2 to 8 p. m. today and 9 to 11 a. m. Thursday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Shell Rock, and for an hour before services at the church; memorials may be directed to the family; she was a cook and waitress in the Waterloo, Cedar Falls and New Hartford areas.



Lola
Lee

Alberta Ackerson has leader dog

Dec. 27, 1983

Bruce the Graduate learning New Hartford streets

By LAWN GRIFFITHS
State Editor

NEW HARTFORD—Alberta Ackerson of New Hartford and her dog, Bruce, attended school together and recently shared graduation honors.

The pair spent four weeks at Leader Dog School in Rochester, Mich.

Ackerson, who is legally blind, has now brought her new four-legged friend and companion to her home in New Hartford where they are earnestly learning to work together.

If Bruce can learn that New Hartford sidewalks aren't like those where he recently spent his "school days" and if he'd learn to ignore cats and squirrels while leading his master, they should have a good relationship.

In Michigan, they first began working together in intensive training sessions both in the classroom and in

four-hour practice periods conducted in the cities of Rochester, Birmingham and Royal Oak.

PRACTICE PERIODS included trips to various department stores and other places, under the supervision of an instructor.

Graduates must know where they are going and direct their leader dog to the destination with commands. A dog does not read traffic lights, but crosses the street upon command from its master, who must study the pattern of traffic. The dog is to proceed only when the way is safe.

"I have always been night blind," Ackerson says. "I was declared legally blind in 1966. I do have some light perception for just light and dark."

Ackerson and her two sisters all have retinitis pigmentosa, a gradual deterioration of the retina, causing diminished eyesight.

"It's just steadily gets worse and I have tunnel vision," she says.

WHILE IN Michigan, Ackerson spent three weeks working with a different dog, but Ackerson says "she was not responding and would not take responsibility for me."

The New Hartford woman recalls that on Nov. 9, she had been practicing with that dog, quit for lunch, then returned to working with the dog, when another dog (Bruce) began barking at her.

The instructor saw that barking as a sign Bruce might favor Ackerson and thought it would be worth a try to pair them.

"He told me to change dogs. It was an emotional disruption. We got acquainted at the dormitory, then went into Rochester" and practiced on the streets."

Ackerson says, "He's worked really well since. We're still learning. He's got a lot of things to learn."

Bruce, 21 months old, is part-German Shepherd. She believes he also has Labrador or Retriever in his bloodlines.

She says, "He has all the young dog tactics. He's constantly pushing his limits; he sees how far he can go without being reprimanded."

She says they "have built rapport."

EVERY DAY now, they have obedience training in their home, then they head for the streets for training in leading.

"In this cold weather, we don't get out as much," she says. "My husband, Lyle, walks with me."

She says, "When we first came home, the weather was pretty good, and we'd walk maybe 12 blocks."

Ackerson notes, "I've lived in New Hartford for 37 years, and I thought I knew where everything was at, but two blocks from home I get lost. I can't remember if I turned or crossed a street."

"I'm working so hard with the dog, it's hard to keep coordinated where I'm at."

She says in Michigan, "there were wheelchair curbs, but here in New Hartford, there are not too many curbs. Where we walk here, the street and sidewalks are flush."

She says her dog needs to know to stop when he reaches a road and await a command to go forward.

She says, Bruce "is a young dog and has a lot of energy. I need to learn to control him and get him to walk at my speed and not his."

"THOSE ARE our two biggest problems."

"There are a lot of squirrels, cats and barking dogs in New Hartford," she laments. "Cats in New Hartford can run loose. He likes them. He gets excited."

She says, "The squirrels go up the trees and chatter and him. That really drives him buggy."

There is no charge for leader dog training, though the cost per team is about \$6,500. The program is supported entirely by contributions from Lions Clubs, various publicly supported agencies and private sources.

Anyone wanting more information about the program, may contact a member of a Lions Club or write to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Mich., 48063.



Courier photos by Rick Chase

Alberta Ackerson, a New Hartford woman, who has been legally blind together. Above, they walk past the Ackerson home in New Hartford on



Alberta Avis Ackerson '87

NEW HARTFORD — Memorial services for Alberta Avis Ackerson, 58, who died of heart failure Friday morning (Jan. 16) at Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, will be 2 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church, New Hartford; there will be no visitation, the body was cremated; survivors include her husband, Lyle; a daughter, Shirley Rae DeGroot of Aplington; a son, James Lyle of Ankeny; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Peggy Lee of Cedar Falls and Donna Tate of Vallicito, Calif.; she was preceded in death by her stepfather, Earl Corwin; a sister, Betty Trainor and a brother in infancy; Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, New Hartford, is in charge of arrangements.



25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Pastor James and Regina Ackerson will celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 19, 1997 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Horton Baptist Church, 1413 - 140th Street, Waverly, Iowa. There will be a program at 3:00 p.m.

The couple were married at the Little Brown Church on April 28, 1972. Both attended Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa and are former residents of the New Hartford area. They have served the Horton Church for seven years, whom will host the event.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Lyle B. Ackerson (1924-2002)

NEW HARTFORD — Lyle Byron Ackerson, 77, of New Hartford, died Thursday, Nov. 7, at Maple Manor Care Center, Aplington, of complications of a stroke.

He was born Nov. 17, 1924, in Liscomb, son of James Allen and Flossy Alice Baker Ackerson. He married Alberta Avis Gibson on Oct. 4, 1946, in New Hartford. She died Jan. 16, 1987.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Mr. Ackerson worked for numerous business in New Hartford, including the railroad, Rath Packing, Curbmaster Inc. and Brent Industry, until retiring in 1986.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s he was the fire chief and deputy sheriff in New Hartford.

Survived by: a son, the Rev. James (Regina) of Horton; a daughter, Shirley (Gary) Bierman of Dumont; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Dean and Ray; a sister, Arlene; and a special friend, Violet Grandon.

Preceded in death by: two brothers, Harlan and Frank; and two sisters, Dora and Lola.

Memorial services: 10 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church, New Hartford. There will be no visitation; his body was cremated. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Waverly, is in charge of arrangements.



Lyle Ackerson

Woman's mysterious death leaves parents, doctors asking why

By JACKIE YOUNG
Courier Staff Writer

Ray and Betty Ackerson keep going over details of their only daughter's death, but the New Hartford couple can't seem to come up with anything that will explain how she could have died of a morphine overdose last May.

The Ackersons used to be sure how their daughter Cheryl Lynne Nunnally, 26, died. They say medical staff initially told the family they suspected their daughter had died from an allergic reaction to a contrast dye.

The dye was administered to Nunnally as part of a detailed X-ray exam, a CAT scan, she had undergone at Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls earlier that day before she became ill.

Her family doctor had prescribed the test to try to find the cause for recurring headaches and dizziness she had experienced since she was a teen-ager, Betty Ackerson explains.

AT FIRST the Ackersons were hesitant to question Nunnally's death.

But after waiting several months, the Ackersons looked over the final autopsy report that showed their daughter had died May 22, 1987, from "an overdose of morphine, uncertain portal of entry."

The morphine overdose was officially listed on her death certificate as her cause of death in November, according to medical examiner Dr. Jeff Crandall of Cedar Falls.

The final autopsy results caused the Ackersons to question the treatment Nunnally received in the Sartori emergency room. They also are disturbed by the long delay in getting the final autopsy results



Cheryl Nunnally

because of the loss of Nunnally's blood sample.

"I want to know for sure what happened," says Betty Ackerson, anger welling up in this soft-spoken woman's voice. "Every place you went it seemed like people were telling me different things about how her death happened."

Referring to what she described as a "four-month wait" for the autopsy report, Betty Ackerson says, "to me four months was outrageous. For me that was inexcusable."

Forensic pathologist Dr. Peter Stephens of Davenport says he regrets the delay caused by the loss of the sample. But he says it happened because the blood was shipped to "one of the big five reference labs" in the state, and then shipped to a Pennsylvania lab for advanced processing. The first blood sample was lost "somewhere between the

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first and second lab," he

STEPHENS SAYS he took several samples of Nunnally's blood and simply used a second sample that had kept locked up at his lab.

What also surprised the family was that, according to the autopsy findings, Nunnally's body showed no signs of an allergic reaction to the dye used in her CAT scan.

In addition, contrast dye reactions normally begin within 30 minutes after the dye is injected, Stephens says, adding that in all the cases he has recorded, reactions have been recorded within two hours after the dye is injected.

On May 21 Nunnally was scheduled for her hospital appointment for her hospitalization. She then left the hospital at 4 p.m. She went to Deel's Food Store in Cedar Falls, the Ackersons say.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., he drove to the home of Nunnally's husband, Randy Nunnally, who had just returned home from work. Nunnally says he could tell she was ill. She kept shaking her head and couldn't speak and "she wasn't her normal color." Randy then took her to the Sartori emergency room.

Sartori President Verne Verborg says records show Nunnally arrived at 4:54 p.m. and was pronounced dead after 20 minutes of "chilling and shallow breathing." She was pronounced dead at 2:25 a.m. May 22.

Crandall, the medical examiner, says he, too, was puzzled by the case, says he, too, was puzzled by the autopsy results. He says the limited information documented the time of her Sartori Memorial Hospital admission, they learned she was having a reaction to the contrast dye used in her CAT scan, Crandall says.

Crandall is also puzzled by the case, she injected the morphine into her because there wasn't any evidence of chronic drug use, says medical officials here. They don't want to hide anything from the family, they simply don't have a

RAY ACKERSON raised the possibility hospital officials might have accidentally given Nunnally an drug overdose when they were treating her for the suspected allergic reaction to the dye used in the CAT scan.

Responding to the family's charges against the hospital, Stephens says the results of his autopsy showed nothing to indicate any negligence on the part of the hospital in treating Nunnally.

Whatever she took also did not have to be limited to morphine because several narcotics register as morphine in the blood, such as codeine or heroin, Stephens says. If the narcotic agent was codeine, it was not that found in traditional over-the-counter painkillers, he notes.

He also points out that the hospital could not have done the blood analysis to detect the high morphine levels in her blood while Nunnally was being treating in the emergency room. Such blood tests are "difficult and time-consuming" and can't be done in less than 12 hours, he explains.

The only reason the morphine was detected in the autopsy report, Stephens says, is because in a forensic pathologist's autopsy "you look everywhere."

Although Nunnally did receive about four milligrams of morphine to counteract the possible dye reaction, both Stephens and Crandall say the dose was such a small amount that it couldn't have been a factor in her death. The dosage was given as a means of relaxing Nunnally so she could survive on a breathing machine, he says.

BECAUSE NUNNALLY was "unresponsive and desperately short of breath" when she arrived at the

hospital, it was difficult for attending physicians to talk with her and to diagnose her problem.

By the time Crandall says he arrived on the scene to assist Nunnally, "the situation was so desperate ... we were completely caught up in trying to save her life."

Stephens also doesn't have any evidence to believe Nunnally used drugs.

"I don't think she was a drug abuser," Stephens says. "But these people are often difficult to spot. Drug addicts are more discreet here (in Iowa)."

But even allowing for discreet behavior, Stephens says there was no physical evidence of drug use. If she had injection marks on her arm, they were undetectable at the time of autopsy because she had several intravenous marks on her arm from her hospital treatment, he explains.

Another possibility, Stephens suggests, is that Nunnally took the narcotic orally. That would account for the high levels of morphine he found in her stomach contents.

Ray Ackerson rejects these explanations.

"You live with somebody 20 years, and you'd detect a change," he says. No fatal drugs were found on Nunnally at the time of her death or in her house, he notes.

If authorities had given him evidence of his daughter's drug problem he would almost feel better about the situation because it would have been her fault.

"I FEEL IF YOU go out and drink and drive and die, you asked for it,"

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he explains. "I'd accept it (if there was evidence Nunnally used drugs), not that I'd like it. It wouldn't be any worse than what we're going through now."

Stephens says there are often no simple answers to cases like Nunnally's death. Questions arise that cannot ever be answered by a forensic pathologist's autopsy in about 10-15 percent of the cases, he adds.

Although the fictional TV show pathologist "Quincy" always finds an answer, "in the real world that just doesn't happen," Stephens says.

"How it (the morphine in Nunnally's blood and stomach) got there was a mystery to me," Stephens says. "Unfortunately, there are such things in the world as unsolved mysteries."

service time today at the funeral home in New Hartford.

estranged husband, Randy Lee Nunnally, 27, of New Hartford. He pleaded guilty last week to two counts of assault with intent to commit serious injury and second-degree criminal mischief.

On March 7, Randy Nunnally broke into Cheryl's house, struck her three or four times and broke furniture and other fixtures in the house, according to court documents.

Cedar Falls police arrived at the scene while Nunnally was still there and arrested him.

The complaint against Randy Nunnally by Officer Keith Lemka states Cheryl Nunnally had been struck several times on the head, causing injuries. He stated she had a cut lip and a swollen area on the side of her head.

"Sometime last week she returned to the hospital for tests," Metcalf said this morning. He declined to state whether the tests were as a follow-up to injuries received during the assault.

Metcalf said Cheryl Nunnally had not been disabled as a result of the assault. "She wasn't bed-ridden from what I know," he said.

He said there is a possibility of additional charges being filed if the assault is determined to be a major contributing factor to Nunnally's death, but he has no way of knowing without seeing the autopsy report.

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Nunnally death remains unsolved *July 21/87*

The exact cause of death of Cheryl L. Ackerson Nunnally of 122 Howe St. has still not been determined. Nunnally, 26, died May 22 after undergoing a CAT-Scan test at Sartori Memorial Hospital.

The CAT-Scan was performed because of persistent headaches Nunnally had suffered. She left the hospital after the test, but 45-minutes later she became ill and returned to the hospital where she died.

An autopsy, performed by Doctor Peter Stevens of Davenport was ordered, but the exact cause of death still has not been determined, according to Black Hawk County Attorney James Metcalf.

Metcalf and the police were investigating the possibility that Nunnally may have died from injuries in a beating March 7 by her estranged husband, Randy Lee Nunnally, 27, of New Hartford. Nunnally has already pleaded guilty to two counts of

assault with intent to commit serious injury and second degree criminal mischief, but he is not likely to face additional charges at this time.

"From what we know from the autopsy on the telephone and based on the evidence, we don't have any basis for any charges at this time," said Metcalf. He added that any case remains open for three years.

Medical examiner Jeffrey Crandall of Cedar Falls said a few more possibilities are being pursued with the autopsy but its possible the exact cause of death may not be determined. Crandall does not believe the CAT-Scan was the cause of death, however.

"There are allergic reactions to CAT-Scans, but not like this. To go home and feel perfectly well and then come back 45-minutes later and die. It doesn't compute," said Crandall.

district court log *July 27, 87*

— Randy Lee Nunnally, 27, of 403 Water St., New Hartford, was given suspended sentences and placed on probation on several charges after pleading guilty. He was placed on probation for two to five years for assault with intent to commit serious injury, second-degree criminal mischief. A charge of second-degree burglary was dismissed. The charges resulted from a domestic dispute with his wife in March.

Man won't be prosecuted in hospital test death case

By DAVID RANSOM
Courier Staff Writer

A criminal charge will not be filed against a New Hartford man whose estranged wife died two months after he assaulted her.

"There is nothing on the basis of the autopsy report that indicates any criminal conduct" on the part of Randy Lee Nunnally, Black Hawk County Attorney Jim Metcalf said Wednesday.

Metcalf asked for an autopsy on 26-year-old Cheryl L. Ackerson Nunnally, who died in May after medical tests at Sartori Memorial Hospital, Cedar Falls. She was struck several times in the head by Randy Nunnally during an assault March 7.

Court documents state that Randy Nunnally, 27, broke into his wife's residence, struck her three or four times and broke furniture and other fixtures in the house. He later pleaded guilty to two counts of assault with intent to commit serious

injury and one count of second-degree criminal mischief.

Other charges of criminal trespass and interference with official acts by resisting arrest were dismissed. They were in connection with the March 7 incident.

Cheryl Nunnally later entered Sartori Hospital to have a CAT-Scan test, during which the patient is injected with a dye to undergo a detailed X-ray that is processed by a computer.

Nunnally's family members stated the cause of death as an allergic reaction to the dye used during the test. Hospital officials declined to comment on the death.

Metcalf refused Wednesday to comment on the autopsy report by Dr. Peter Stephens of Davenport. Metcalf said the report is part of an investigation and he cannot release information from it.

Stephens could not be reached for comment.

May 24, 1987
Cheryl Ackerson Nunnally

CEDAR FALLS — Services for Cheryl Lynne Ackerson Nunnally, 26, of 122 Howe St., will be 1:30 p.m. today at Kaiser-Corson Chapel in New Hartford with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford.

She died early Friday (May 22) at Sartori Memorial Hospital. The cause of death is pending an autopsy.

She was born Feb. 23, 1961, in Waterloo, daughter of Ray and Betty Hurst Ackerson. She graduated from New Hartford High School in 1979. She married Randy Nunnally March 2, 1979.

Survivors include her parents; a daughter, Erin Marie Nunnally, and a son, Shawn Lee Nunnally, both of 122 Howe St.; and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hurst of Mission, Texas.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. to service time today at the funeral home in New Hartford.

By DES KELLER

Courier Staff Writer

The death of a Cedar Falls woman last week who was assaulted by her husband in March is to be reviewed by the Black Hawk County Attorney's Office.

Cheryl L. Ackerson Nunnally, 26, of 122 Home St., died last week after medical tests at Sartori Memorial Hospital, Cedar Falls.

The obituary submitted to the Courier by family members stated the cause of death as an allergic reaction to the dye used during a CAT-Scan test.

Hospital officials declined comment on the death, other than to refer questions to County Attorney Jim Metcalf, who said he was awaiting an autopsy report from pathologist Dr. Peter Stephens of Davenport.

Stephens said this morning that additional tests must be performed and the results would not be available for two to three weeks.

Nunnally was assaulted March 7 by her estranged husband, Randy Lee Nunnally, 27, of New Hartford. He pleaded guilty last week to two counts of assault with intent to commit serious injury and second-degree criminal mischief.

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June 1, 87

Ray

Death of Mrs. Perry 9/8

Lydia E. Phelps was born Sept. 24, 1845, in the town of Pitcher, Chenango county, New York, and died at her home in New Hartford Feb. 25, 1918, at the age of 72 years, 5 mos., and 1 day, after an illness of only eight days.

She moved with her parents to Stockton, Jo Daviss county, Illinois, in the year 1856. She was united in marriage to William Wallace Perry of that place Nov. 1, 1860. To this union were born seven children: Henry Ellsworth Perry of Kesley, Iowa; Mrs. Addie Loufina Dean of Shell Rock; Francis Erminnie; Mrs. Lettie Louisa Camp and Mrs. Belle Ackerson of New Hartford; Myron Ainsworth; Mrs. Mary Jane Toll of Swanton. Francis Erminnie and Myron Ainsworth preceded her in death in their infancy.

She came to Butler county, Iowa, in 1864. From there she moved to Ackley in 1885. She united with the Presbyterian church at that place and has been a faithful member ever since. She returned to Butler county in the spring of 1896, where she has lived until she was called home.

She was a faithful wife and mother. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, five children, seven grandchildren, one great grandchild, and two sisters, Mrs. O. P. Olmstead of Hampton and Mrs. Silas Palmer of Hinckley, Minnesota. Mrs. Olmstead was present at the time of her illness and death. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Wednesday at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Scheple. Interment was made at Oak Hill cemetery.

THE PASSING OF WILLIAM WALLACE PERRY 9/29

William Wallace Perry, eldest son of Henry A. and Adaline L. Perry, was born in Ward's Grove township, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, December 31, 1839, being the first white boy born in that precinct.

He was married to Lydia E. Pelps, November 1, 1860, at Graciot, Lafayette county, Wisconsin. To this union were born seven children, Henry Ellsworth Perry and Mrs. Addie Sophina Dean of Shell Rock; Mrs. Letta Louesa Camp, New Hartford; Mrs. Ida Bell Ackerson, Cedar Falls; Mrs. Mary Jane Toll, Swanton; Frances Erminnie and Myron Ainsworth who died in infancy.

In 1864 deceased came to Butler county, Iowa, and in 1885 moved to Ackley. In the spring of 1894 he moved to a farm near Swanton where he resided until the spring of 1926, when he moved to New Hartford.

He united with the Universalist church at Stockton, Ill., May 18, 1919.

A few weeks ago Mr. Perry went to his boyhood home, near Stockton, to attend the family reunion and visit relatives and friends. He was taken ill at the home of his niece, Mrs. P. E. Reed, where everything possible was done for his comfort, but after an illness of two weeks, he quietly passed away August 28, 1927 at the age of 87 years, 7 months and 28 days, within three miles of the place where he was born.

He leaves to mourn his passing, one son, four daughters, seven grandchildren, also one brother, C. F. Perry, two sisters, Mrs. Laura Whellock and Mrs. Belle Gage of Stockton, Ill., and a host of nephews and nieces and friends who knew and loved him as Uncle Bill.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 1:30 o'clock and from the Methodist church at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, in charge of Rev. Lumsden, pastor of the Universalist church, Stockton, Ill., assisted by Rev. N. F. Hicks, pastor of the New Hartford Associated churches.

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Hello Aletha!

I was SO shocked to read your e-mail this morning! This is such great and wonderful news!!!! It sounds like you and your family were very close to my Great Grandmother's family. I have not been able to get anywhere on Lydia Phelps Perry or any of the children other than my Great Grandmother Ida Belle Perry Ackerson. I would love to have any info. that you would like to share with me, including any memories of the times shared with any of my ancestors.

Thank you so very much and God Bless you for contacting me!

Sincerely,

(-: Connie :-)

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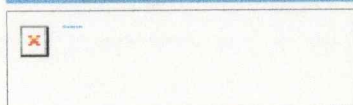
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WATERLOO — Bernerd "Bernie" C. Ackerson, 87, of Mount Gilead, Ohio, formerly of Waterloo, died Monday, Nov. 3, at Ravenwood Nursing and Rehab Center, of natural causes.

He was born May 14, 1910, in Cedar Falls, son of Charles and Ida Belle Perry Ackerson. He married Dorothy Yostick in 1927. She died in 1987.

Mr. Ackerson was a retired farmer.

Survived by: six sons, Charles Ackerson of Sumner, Keith Ackerson of Edinburg, Texas, Wayne Secor of Texas, Robert Ackerson of Waterloo, Herman Ackerson of California and Bernerd "Boon" Ackerson Jr. of Bloom City, Wis.; and 22 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a sister, Fern Paulson.

Memorial services: 1 p.m. Friday at Parrott & Wood Funeral Home.

Business reflects New Hartford's spirit

By JIM OFFNER
Courier Business Editor

NEW HARTFORD — Perhaps Kathy Ackerson personifies New Hartford in her determination to come back.

During a time when the Butler County town of about 700 is whirring back to full vigor after last summer's tornado and subsequent flood, so is Ackerson, a two-time survivor of cancer who recently launched her own screen-printing business, Outer Galaxy, at 404 Packwaukee St.

Ackerson, 57, has been in the screen-printing business for about 20 years. But during all that time, she said, she worked for somebody else.

Now she's on her own.

She launched Outer Galaxy in February.

"The other place I worked at they used chemicals, and I got cancer twice, and I left there and my kidneys were shutting down," she said.

She's not certain any of the chemicals brought on separate bouts with breast and ovarian cancer.

Nevertheless, in her own operation, she uses "environmentally safe" chemicals in her own screen-printing process.

"I use soy-based chemicals, which are quite a bit more expensive but, healthwise, it's quite a bit better for me and the environment," she said. "It doesn't have the side effects for your kidneys and liver, breathing it daily."

Last summer's flood actually wiped out another business venture — a day care in which Ackerson was involved.

"The flood went through, and we had 3 feet of water," Ackerson said. "I didn't feel comfortable opening it back up."

Between the flood and the expensive morass of state regulations, Ackerson opted out of the day-care business.

But she also didn't want to leave the eight children under her daily charge stranded, she said, so she helped find other day-care situations for the children.

Then she went about the task of cleaning up the building and readying it for her current business venture.



MATTHEW PUTNEY / Courier Photo Editor

Kathy Ackerson, owner of Outer Galaxy Screen Print in New Hartford, picks out vinyl lettering for a sign March 17.

"We had lost computers and everything else, so we totally gutted and redid everything," she said.

Rebuilding took awhile, she said, because there was no flood insurance to cover losses.

"Mainly it was buying programs, computers, equipment, a vinyl cutter," she said. "You can stick \$30,000 into it real easy."

Costs aside, it was an opportunity for her to do what she really wanted to do: screen printing.

"I wanted her to," said her husband, David. "She enjoys doing it. She's creative. She'll pick up stuff people like and creates something on the computer. They like it and buy the stuff."

She opened the business Feb. 20.

"It's been slow but picking up," Kathy Ackerson said.

A lot of her customers are from the Dike-New Hartford vicinity, she said.

"I have great customers," she said. "We have a lot of them who are local."

Ackerson has turned out T-shirts for the New Hartford Fire Department and

designed signs for the New Hartford Diner, which opened for business in January.

The business also can churn out vinyl lettering and banners, Ackerson said, adding that there may be some interest among area little-league baseball teams for shirt orders.

"We're a very tight-knit community," she said. "Everybody is there to help anybody that needs help. That's one good thing about living in a smaller community."

That spirit is helping New Hartford climb back from the misery of last summer's weather onslaught, said Gordon Ballhagen, a longtime member of the City Council.

"It's nice to see cars downtown," he said. "We're not quite there yet, but people are rebuilding."

Ackerson's business is illustrative of the comeback, Ballhagen said.

"Any business in the city is a great thing," he said. "It brings other people, other business into town. It's good for the town. It's all good."

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Business reflects New Hartford's spirit



MATTHEW TULLNEY / Courier Press Staff
A portrait of Scott Ackerson, a senior at New Hartford High School, looking down at a book or paper.

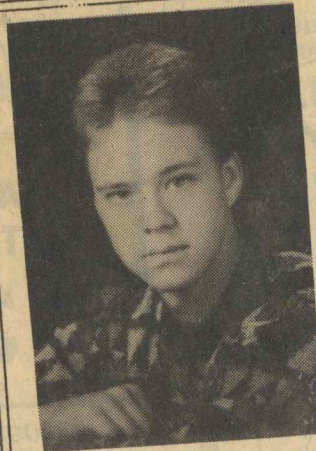
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Senior Interview 1991



Scott Ackerson

One of the many fortunate people to be graduating from New Hartford this year is David Scott Ackerson, otherwise known as Scott. He is 18 years old, and was born December 28, 1972. His parents are David and Kathy Ackerson.

Scott's future plans are to attend college and hopefully play baseball. His

advice to underclassmen is to "Study hard, and get your math classes over first. Have fun in your last few years." He says his most memorable moment was when he got his license. When asked what his most embarrassing moment was, he responded, "I have too many of them."

Scott says his greatest achievement was making all district in baseball. His greatest setback was breaking bones. His most prized possession is his car.

He has some unique qualities. One of them is that he likes country-western music. Some of his favorite music groups are: REO Speedwagon, Queen, and Alabama. With those, serve Scott his favorite food, Potatoes and gravy.

His girlfriend Kory is his favorite person.

His goal in life is to become "rich & famous". Also to have 2 kids: a boy and a girl.

graduated from high school in Illinois. She was united in marriage to Donald L. Adams on May 15, 1935 in Dixon, Illinois. The couple made their home in Pearl City, Illinois. Berniece worked for the Newell Curtain Rod Company in Freeport, Illinois. Bea became a resident of the Shell Rock Care Center in May of 2002.

Bea was a member of the First United Methodist Church in New Hartford, Iowa.

Survivors are her son, Robert and his wife, Janet of New Hartford, Iowa; six grandchildren; three step grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; four step grandchildren and one great granddaugther. She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Donna Lee Adams in infancy; one great granddaugther in infancy; one sister and one brother both in infancy.

Memorial services were held Monday, June 24, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in New Hartford with Pastor Robert Koepcke officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date in Beaver Grove Cemetery, rural New Hartford, Iowa.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home of Waverly, Iowa was in charge of services.

Married In Arizona

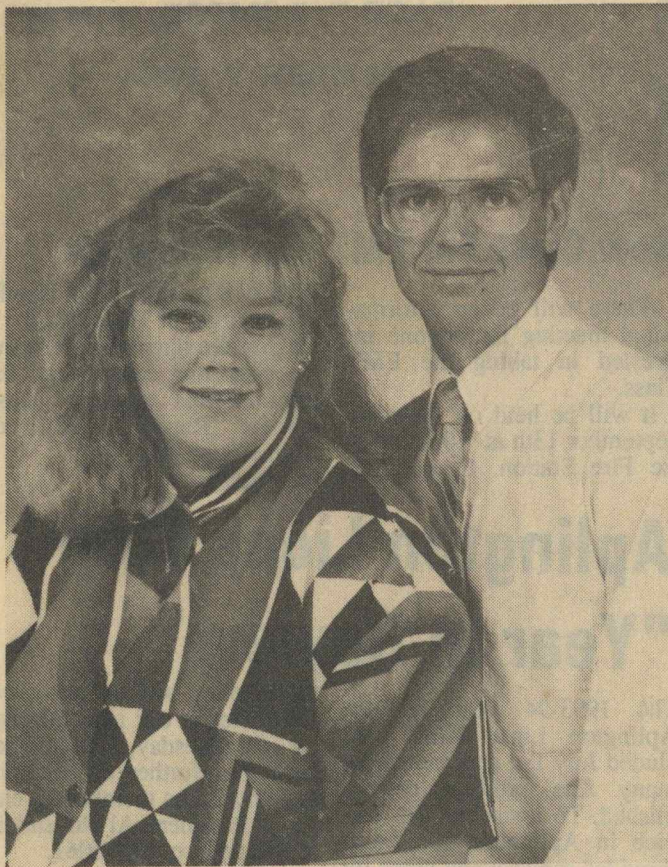
Stephen R. Adams and Stephanie J. Bergman, both of Mesa, Arizona were married in Mesa on July 14, 1987.

Stephanie is the daughter of John and Sandy Bergman of Rhinelander, Wisconsin and Stephen, the son of Robert Adams of New Hartford and Catherine Adams of Cedar Falls.

They will be at home in Gilbert, Arizona.



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GIBBS-MARTIN ENGAGEMENT

Announcement is being made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Julie Gibbs and Larry Martin.

Parents of the couple are John Gibbs of Waterloo and Robert and Janet Adams of New Hartford; and William and Jo an Martin of Marengo.

The bride-elect is employed by Answer Plus and her fiancé owns Larry Martin Construction and Pope Manufacturing.

Vows are planned for October 1 at 4 p.m. at the New Hartford United Methodist Church in New Hartford.

KENNEALLY-GIBBS

Announcement is being made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Amy Kenneally of Victorville, California and Jon Gibbs of New Hartford.

Parents of the couple are John and Karin Kenneally of Victorville and John Gibbs of Waterloo and Bob and Janet Adams of New Hartford.

The bride-elect is a Customer Service Representative at Ft. Irwin, California and her fiancé is in the U.S. Army at Ft. Irwin working for veterinary services.

Vows are planned for July 16th at the Hi-Desert Wedding Chapel in Apple Valley, CA.

Sunday, July 1,

care of
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Berniece Adams

NEW HARTFORD — Berniece Adams will celebrate her 75th birthday next Sunday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of her son, Bob Adams of New Hartford.

The honoree was born July 4, 1915, in Freeport, Ill. She moved to this area upon retiring from Newell Manufacturing in Freeport.

Hosting the event will be her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. She has one son, 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

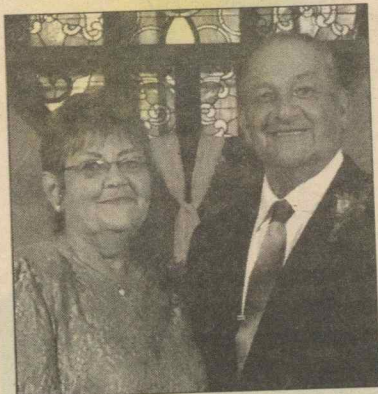
No invitations are being sent and the honoree requests no gifts.



Berniece Adams

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2008

ANNIVERSARIES



Mr. and Mrs. Adams

Adams/25

NEW HARTFORD — Robert and Janet Adams will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the New Hartford Community Building.

Robert Adams and Janet Gibbs were married April 15, 1983, in Evansdale.

Mr. Adams is retired from John Deere, and Mrs. Adams is employed by Answer Plus.

Their children include Steve and Stephanie Adams of Ormond Beach, Fla., Pamela and Mike Johnson of Marengo, Scott and Patty Adams of Cove Creek, Ariz., Pat Frost of Des Moines, Sharon Hansen of Cedar Falls, Mike and Lisa Adams of Parker, Colo., Julie and Larry Martin of Waterloo, Jon Gibbs of Evansdale, and Justin and Andrea Gibbs of New Hartford, and 20 grandchildren and 6 (7) great-grandchildren.

The open house is very casual; no gifts are requested.

Kelsi Hansen Benefit Dinner Sunday In New Hartford

June
2005

Kelsi Hansen was diagnosed with stage IVb Hodgkins Lymphoma in January 2004. by the time she was diagnosed she had developed a paraneoplastic syndrome, which created a tumor in her brainstem. This tumor damaged her optic nerve and she is now permanently blind. Kelsi underwent a year of chemotherapy and IVIG treatments for another year. Testing has been inconclusive at this point whether or not her cancer is in remission. Kelsi receives all her treatments at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Kelsi is 13 years old and in the 8th grade.

Kelsi lives with her mother Sharon (Adams) Hansen in Cedar Falls, Kelsi's father Scott Hansen lives in Reinbeck and works at Unverferth in Shell Rock.

Kelsi's grandparents are: Robert and Janet Adams of New Hartford, Catherine Adams, Barbara Hansen of Reinbeck, and The late Paul Hansen of Dike.

A benefit dinner sponsored by the First United Methodist

Church of New Hartford will be held **Sunday, June 5th** at the New Hartford School Cafeteria from **11:00 am to 2:00 pm**. On the menu will be pork sandwiches grilled by the Butler County Pork Producers, potato salad, baked beans, chips, bars and drink. (Free Will Offering). There will also be a silent auction and bake sale.



Kelsi Hansen

Dreams become reality at Make-A-Wish

By TINA HINZ
Courier Staff Writer

WATERLOO — Wishes can come true.

Kelsi Hansen, 14, of Cedar Falls and Sean Lowrey, 3, of Waterloo got up close and personal with dolphins and other animals in June. A weeklong all-expense paid family vacation — Hansen's in Hawaii and Lowrey's in Orlando, Fla. — was granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa.

Hansen asked to swim with the dolphins.

"The first dolphin I got to (swim) a half-hour with it," Hansen said. "I got to touch its fins and stuff. It was awesome."

Lowrey also took a dip with a dolphin. His mom Angie helped him reach over the edge of a tank to pet the creature at SeaWorld. While Lowrey is unable to talk and only can see light and dark, he expresses his excitement in other ways.

"Every once in a while he'll laugh," Phil Lowrey said. "It's nice to get him out."

The two could have fun like "normal" kids and forget about their life-threatening medical conditions, at least for a little while. Make-A-Wish aims to renew spirits with hope, strength and joy.

"This trip was the most normalcy she's had in the last two years — going out and having fun," said Hansen's mom, Sharon. Kelsi Hansen's two aunts and cousin also went along.

Kelsi Hansen recently completed about 1 1/2 years of treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma, diagnosed in January 2004. A tumor also caused permanent blindness. Her cancer may now be in remission.

Lowrey suffers from Tay-Sachs, a degenerative neuromuscular disease. He goes for check ups every three months and recently was equipped with a feeding tube. The life expectancy for Tay-Sachs is two to five years.

While on the island, Hansen went to the



COURTESY PHOTOS

Kelsi Hansen, 14, of Cedar Falls swims with a dolphin in Hawaii as part of her wish granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation in June.

beach every day.

"I love the ocean, but the ocean I saw around Virginia Beach (Va.) was brown," Hansen said. "This one was blue."

She also got a hand-drawn hibiscus flower tattoo at a Hawaiian luau, visited the site of the Pearl Harbor attack during World War II and went to a rain forest and Dole pineapple plantation. She even floated with stingrays.

"It was way fun," said Hansen, who wants to be a marine biologist. "Stingrays have little barbs on their tails, and if they wrap their tail around you, you can't move."

"You could rip its wing off, and the top skin is really sensitive. I scratched one and got black stuff in my fingernail and freaked out."

Sean Lowrey, along with his parents, stayed at "Give Kids the World Village," a non-profit resort that provides lodging, food and entertainment for families of

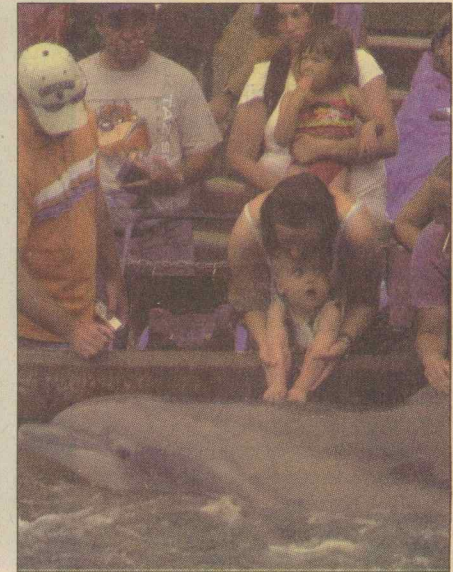
children with serious illnesses. In addition to SeaWorld and Universal Studios, he visited the four Walt Disney World theme parks, including Animal Kingdom.

"It has a safari, and we saw elephants, rhinos, alligators, lions and antelope in the wild," Phil Lowrey said.

Crystal Wieland, wish coordinator at Make-A-Wish, said despite Sean Lowrey's speech and vision impediments, he likes to touch and feel animals. The trip was an "appropriate match."

"We do not assign wishes," Wieland said. "We want the child to choose their own. We have a questionnaire if the child cannot speak or use words. There are ways to choose what they do and do not like."

A referral is the first step in the wish-granting process. Angie Lowrey initially contacted Make-A-Wish, while one of Kelsi Hansen's doctors submitted a



Sean Lowrey, 3, of Waterloo pets a dolphin with his parents, Phil and Angie, at SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla.

request. Doctors familiar with a child's case ultimately determine his or her eligibility. Volunteers then interview each child to brainstorm wishes.

An average Make-A-Wish trip is \$6,500 to cover airfares, rental cars, meals, lodging, itineraries and spending money. The program has more than 76 chapters nationwide and 27 international affiliates.

"It's really a united working effort when we grant a child's wish," Wieland said. "Other chapters are there helping to watch over families to make sure they're having a good time. The family also has someone to call if they have any problems or questions."

For more information, call Make-A-Wish at 1-800-797-9474.

Contact Tina Hinz at (319) 291-1580 or tinarhinz@yahoo.com.

NEW HARTFORD—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lynn Gerard will establish their home in Marengo.



MR. AND MRS. GERARD

Mr. Gerard and Miss Cindy Kay Adams were married Saturday in an 8 p.m. ceremony at the Methodist Church. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Adams, is a 1966 graduate of the New Hartford School. The groom is assistant manager of the Royal Blue Food Store in Marengo. He is the son of Mrs. Raymond Wardenburg of Williamsburg.

, Eclipse, June 5, 1991



Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James (Pete) Adams will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 23, at their cabin near Ray, Minnesota with their family and friends from that area.

Vera Corwin and Pete Adams were married June 20, 1941, in Cedar Falls, IA.

They are the parents of two daughters: Wanda Burrows of Sumner and Cindy Gerard of Marengo. There are three

grandsons: Bob Burrows of Des Moines, Steve Burrows of Sumner and Kyle Gerard of Marengo.

Mr. Adams has been retired from John Deere since 1981 and Mrs. Adams retired from the New Hartford Community School in 1982.

Their address in Minnesota is:
12784 State Point Road
Ray, Minnesota
56669

NEW HARTFORD—Mr. and Mrs. James Adams are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Wanda Lee, to Larry E. Burrows.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Burrows. They have not chosen a date for the wedding.

Miss Adams is employed in the office of Miss Adams Farmers Cooperative Co., Dike, and her fiancé is a junior student at Upper Iowa University, Fayette.



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2001

Vera Adams

SUMNER — Vera Adams of Sumner, formerly of New Hartford, will celebrate her 80th birthday Friday. Her family hosted a surprise party for her in the Amana Colonies on the weekend of Dec. 7.

**Vera Adams**

She was born Dec. 21, 1921, in New Hartford and was married to Pete Adams, now deceased, for 51 years. She lived in New Hartford her whole life until 1997, when she moved to Sumner to be closer to family.

Her family includes two daughters and their husbands, Wanda and Larry Burrows of Sumner and Cindy and Tom Gerard of Marengo, three grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to her at 107 W. Seventh St., Sumner 50674.

Vera M. Adams

Vera Maxine Adams, 83, of Sumner, Iowa, died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, at Marengo Memorial Hospital after a lengthy and valiant struggle with heart and kidney disease. Vera was born Dec. 21, 1921, in New Hartford, in Butler County, Iowa, the daughter of Elmer E. and Muriel D. Jaquis Corwin. On June 30, 1941, Vera married James "Pete" Adams in Cedar Falls, Iowa. They made their home and raised their daughters in New Hartford and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary together at the family cabin on Lake Kabetogama in Minnesota where they spent their summers before Pete died on June 16th, 1992.

Vera had to quit high school at age 15 to work and support herself as a live-in housekeeper. She later worked at Santa Claus Associates as an artist, painting decorative glassware. Her family was very proud of her when, at age 50, Vera earned her GED and subsequently began her career as a Teacher's Associate for the New Hartford School where she was employed until she retired in 1984.

**Vera Maxine Adams**

In February of 1997, Vera moved to Sumner, Iowa, and lived in her

own home until just prior to her death when she moved to Marengo, Iowa, with her daughter and husband. She was a long-time member of the New Hartford United Methodist Church and a 60-year member of the Rebekah Lodge, where she went through all the chairs, holding almost every office, including Noble Grand and Past Noble Grand.

Vera had great enthusiasm for life. She was an accomplished walleye fisherman, loved to play cards and visit with her friends and her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a huge fan of basketball, football and baseball, and rarely missed watching her favorite teams on TV. She loved and was very proud of her family who returned that love and pride. Anyone who met her became a cherished friend. Her special companion, Sami, a miniature schnauzer, was one of her greatest joys. As fate and God would have it Sami passed away within 48 hours of her "mommy."

Vera is survived by two daughters, Wanda Burrows and her husband Larry of Sumner, Cindy Gerard and her husband Tom of Marengo; three grandsons, Steve and Bob Burrows and Kyle Gerard of Sumner, Bondurant and DeWitt respectively; and eight great-grandchildren, Shawn, Bobby Jo, Ashley, Chelsea, Jordan, Kayla, Blake and Lane; her sister, Francis Hundley of Cedar Falls; and half-sister, Laura Fuller of Boise, Idaho. Vera was preceded in death by her husband, James.

Visitation will be at Becker-Milnes Funeral Home at 111 W. Fifth St. in Sumner today, Nov. 1, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. On Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m., there will be a viewing at the United Methodist Church in New Hartford. The Rebekah Lodge will also hold a ceremony during this time. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed immediately by graveside services at the Oak Hill Cemetery in New Hartford. A dinner will follow at the church. Memorial donations will be distributed to the New Hartford United Methodist Church, the Sumner Lions Club and Iowa City Hospice.

In Memory Of
JAMES "PETE" ADAMS

Born
JULY 14, 1916
Holton, Kansas

Entered Into Rest
JUNE 16, 1992
International Falls, Minnesota

Services Held At
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
New Hartford, Iowa
June 20, 1992 - 10:00 a.m.

Clergy Officiating
REV. DWIGHT F. GROSVENOR

Organist
NANCY BRAVARD

Final Resting Place
OAK HILL CEMETERY
New Hartford, Iowa

Honorary Casket Bearers
LARRY BURROWS **STEVE BURROWS**
ROBERT BURROWS **TOM GERARD**
KYLE GERARD **CHET POE**
LARRY SCOTT

Active Casket Bearers
BUD BASS **DOUG BASS**
LARRY L. BASS **MAYNARD DeBOER**
JIM O'DONNELL **DONALD POE**

Following the graveside service,
relatives and friends are invited to
return to the church for fellowship with
the Adams family.

James "Pete" Adams, 75, of 208 Washington Street, New Hartford, Iowa, died Tuesday morning, June 16, 1992, from complications of cancer at Falls Memorial Hospital in International Falls, Minnesota.

Pete was born the youngest of four children on July 14, 1916, in Holton, Kansas, the son of James H. & Minnie B. (Luke) Adams. He attended school in Soldier, Kansas, and following his education entered the U.S. Army where he served with the U.S. Calvary, Army Reserves and then the U.S. Army Infantry. He was discharged and in 1939, moved to New Hartford where he worked for the Baderschnieder Grocery Store. On June 20, 1941, he was united in marriage to Vera Corwin in Cedar Falls and the couple made their home in New Hartford. Pete then went to work for Viking Pump in Cedar Falls for a time before going to work for the John Deere Co. in Waterloo. During this same time, Pete served the New Hartford community as a policeman; later ran a T.V. repair shop and then operated the movie theater in New Hartford. Pete retired from John Deere in 1981 after serving there for thirty-seven years. For the last thirty-five years, Pete & Vera and their family have vacationed on Lake Kabetogama near International Falls, Minnesota, and since retirement, the couple had spent their entire summers on the lake, first at Harmony Beach and then later in their own family cabin.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Odd Fellows and Lion's Club in New Hartford and was a member of the Cedar Falls Amvets Post.

Pete is survived by his wife, Vera of New Hartford; his two daughters and their husbands, Wanda & Larry Burrows of Sumner, Iowa, Cindy & Tom Gerard of Marengo, Iowa; three grandsons, Steve and Robert Burrows, Kyle Gerard; one great grandson, Shawn Burrows; two sisters, Ruth Counter of Topeka, Kansas, Nellie Mae Scott of Patterson, California, and one nephew and his wife, Larry & Emma Scott of Longmont, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents and by one sister, Charlotte Hollister.

Vera M. Adams

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Vera had to quit high school at age 15 to work and support herself as a live-in housekeeper. She later worked at Santa Clause Associates as an artist, painting decorative glassware. Her family was very proud of her when, at age 50, Vera earned her GED and subsequently began her career as a Teacher's Associate for the New Hartford School where she was employed until she retired in 1984.

In February of 1997, Vera moved to Sumner, Iowa and lived in her own home until just prior to her death when she moved to Marengo, Iowa with her daughter and husband. She was a longtime member of the New Hartford United Methodist Church and a 60 year member of the Rebekah Lodge where she went through all the chairs, holding almost every office including Noble Grand and Past Noble Grand.

Vera had great enthusiasm for life. She was an accomplished walleye fisherman, loved to play cards and visit with her friends and her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a huge fan of basketball, football and baseball and rarely missed watching her favorite teams on TV. She loved and was very proud of her family who returned that love and pride. Anyone who met her became a cherished friend. Her special companion, Sami, a miniature schnauzer, was one of her greatest joys. As fate and God would have it Sami passed away within 48 hours of her "mommy".

Vera's death occurred on Sunday, October 30, 2005 at Marengo Memorial Hospital, after a lengthy and valiant struggle with heart and kidney disease.

Vera is survived by 2 daughters, Wanda Burrows and her husband Larry of Sumner, Cindy Gerard and her husband Tom of Marengo, 3 grandsons, Steve and Bob Burrows and Kyle Gerard of Sumner, Bondurant and DeWitt respectively, and 8 great-grandchildren, Shawn, Bobby Jo, Ashley, Chelsea, Jordan, Kayla, Blake and Lane, her sister, Francis Hundley of Cedar Falls and half-sister, Laura Fuller of Boise, Idaho. Vera was preceded in death by her husband, James.

In Memory Of Vera M. Adams

Date of Birth
December 21, 1921

Date of Death
October 30, 2005

Services

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2005
United Methodist Church
New Hartford, Iowa

Clergy

Rev. Carolyn Bittner

Organist

Nancy Bravard

Congregational Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

Vocalist

Stan Thompson

Vocal Selection

"Morning Has Broken"

Casket Bearers

Steve Burrows
Robert Burrows
Kyle Gerard

Larry Bass
Jim Hundley
Dennis Hundley

Honorary Casket Bearers

Don Hines
Gary Oberbroeckling

Donald Poe
Kenneth Hundley

Flower Committee

Judy Knudsen

Carolyn Donlon

Interment

Oak Hill Cemetery
New Hartford, Iowa

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your presence today and invites all to share in lunch and fellowship at the church following the committal service.

Becker-Milnes Funeral Service

member to be honored for lifetime of service

By ANNE PHILLIPS
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS — "I'm just not the rocking chair type," confesses Helen S. Adamson.

And that's not hard to believe, as Adamson, welcoming visitors to her sunny Willowood apartment, discusses the literary lecture she attended the night before.

Adamson, who has played many roles throughout her life including teacher, writer and actress, will be honored April 27 by the Cedar Falls branch of the American Association of University Women for her contributions in support of the group and its mission.

Adamson was recently named an honorary life member for 50 years of continuous membership in the AAUW, an organization dedicated to furthering the education of women.

"I've always been looking for open doors," said Adamson, who celebrated her 93rd birthday last week.

Adamson was born Helen Stover in rural New Hampton in 1900. Her parents, both born in Germany, farmed in the area, and Helen, one of seven children, attended a country school.

Interested in a life outside of the farm, Helen later attended a 12-week training session at what is now the University of Northern Iowa and, earning a salary of \$48 a month, became a teacher.

One of her first students was Fred Schwengel, a longtime Iowa congressman who died earlier this month at the age of 86. Adamson recalled encouraging Schwengel, who wanted to work on the family farm, to continue his education. Schwengel, who went on to graduate from college and to serve eight terms in the House of Representatives, would later introduce Adamson as "the woman responsible for my being where I am."

Adamson taught for a year, saved her \$48 a month, and returned to college. She

continued to hopscotch her way to a degree, working for a year to pay tuition, then studying for a year. She finally completed a bachelor's degree with emphases in music and drama in 1928.

Adamson had originally planned to teach drama, but after her marriage to D.L. Skinner and the birth of two children, became concerned about spending evenings at rehearsals away from the children. She returned to college to earn certification in elementary teaching and from 1950 to 1970 taught in Black Hawk, Roosevelt and Kittrell elementary schools in the Waterloo School District.

Never far from the stage, however, Adamson was a frequent player in Waterloo Community Playhouse productions.

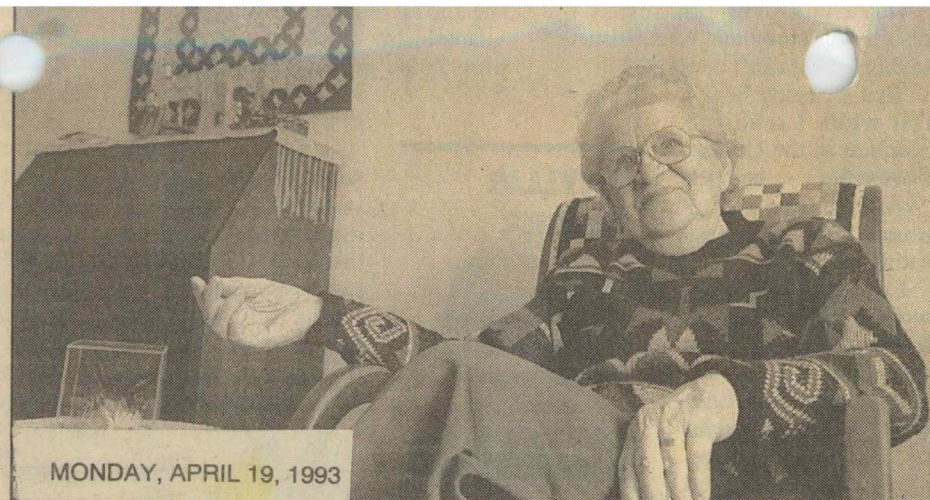
When she turned 60, Adamson began working with a social worker in the Waterloo Schools and became intrigued by the field of social work. Then a widow with children on their own, she completed a year of social work study on scholarship in St. Louis, but returned to Waterloo to complete her teaching career, working for two summers at the city's Mental Health Center.

Following her retirement in 1970, Adams said she caught the "antique bug" and had planned to turn the hobby into a business. She became sidetracked, however, when she met retired Cedar Falls veterinarian Dr. C.T. Adamson.

The couple married in 1977 and enjoyed "delightful years" together before his death in 1985.

Adamson has continued to pursue interests in many areas. An accomplished quilter, she has made too many quilts to count, and is author of "Poems and Patches," a 1981 volume of poetry illustrated with photographs of her quilts and needlework.

Adamson was encouraged by a 1989 first-place award in adult fiction from the Iowa chapter of the National League of Pen Women, and continues to write, focusing her energies on short stories.



DAN NIERLING/ Courier photo editor

Helen S. Adamson, a veteran teacher, writer and quiltmaker, will be honored by a grant given in her name to an educational fund of the American Association of University Women. Adamson has been a longtime member of the organization.

\$500 grant to be given in Adamson's name

A grant in honor of Helen S. Adamson will be presented April 27 at the annual meeting of the Cedar Falls branch of the American Association of University Women.

The \$500 grant in Adamson's name will be awarded specifically to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund of the AAUW Educational Foundation. The fund was developed in 1988 to help create a more equitable education system for girls from early childhood through grade 12, including community action projects and commissioned public policy research.

The AAUW Educational Foundation, under the auspices of the fund, commissioned its first research project, "The AAUW Report: How Schools Short-change Girls," released in 1992. The landmark study uncovered the subtleties of gender bias in public schools.

The annual meeting of the Cedar Falls branch of the AAUW will take place at the Victorian House in Parkersburg. Cost of the dinner, which is open to the public, is \$14.50.

Reservations are due Tuesday. For reservation information, contact Sylvia Stetz at 266-2554.

A longtime member of the AAUW, Adamson has been involved in the branch's drama, literature and creative writing study groups. "It has been the most intellectually stimulating organization I ever joined," she said. "It's been a continuing education."

Despite many honors over the years — membership in Theta Alpha Phi, a honorary drama fraternity; the lead in a college play; an award from WCP; the social work scholarship she received at the age of 60;

even a waltz trophy for dancing with Dr. Adamson — Adamson is touched by the AAUW honor.

"I feel like I'm getting an Oscar," she said. "I don't feel like I've done as much for the organization as it's done for me."

Adamson has two children, Betty Brenneman of Racine, Wis., who teaches children with learning disabilities, and Robert Skinner of Houston, who works for Continental Airlines. She has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Metro author, 94, gets first novel published

By ANNE PHILLIPS
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS — A local author is enjoying "a perfectly marvelous reception" for her first novel.

Helen S. Adamson, 94, a longtime metro area resident, has received numerous letters from readers and been featured at three autograph parties since the release of her book, "The Locked Room."

Published earlier this year by University Editions Inc. of Huntington, W.Va., "The Locked Room" is the story of the recently widowed Alma Miller and her struggle to face new challenges. The novel is set in Cedar Falls in the 1940s and 1950s.

"There are tears and regrets, frustrations, small victories, and eventually larger ones, as she (Alma) travels through the pages of 'The Locked Room,'" according to the book's publisher.

A native of Northeast Iowa and a 1928 graduate of Iowa State Teachers College, Adamson taught school in Waterloo and Cedar Falls for many years. She also is an accomplished quilter and has been active in community

theater organizations.

Adamson began a new career as writer after her retirement, publishing "Poems and Patches," a volume of poetry illustrated with photographs of her quilts, in 1981. In 1989, she won a first-place award for adult fiction in the writing contest of Iowa Pen Women.



Helen Adamson

Adamson spent about a year writing "The Locked Room," her first novel. She began the project, which is based a short story she had previously written, after the encouragement of friends.

Adamson said she had "a wonderful time" writing the novel because "the characters

pulled me along, they kept me going." Characters in the book are not based on any area residents, she said.

The author describes "The Locked Room" as a "mainstream" novel. "It's about people and the problems they confront in living," she said.

Although she has two short stories that have yet to be published, Adamson has not decided if she will write a second novel.

"The Locked Room" is available at University Book and Supply.

Helen Adamson

CEDAR FALLS — Helen Adamson, a resident of the Western Home, 420 E. 11th St., will celebrate her 100th birthday with an open house from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the home's East Solarium, hosted by friends and family.

Mrs. Adamson was born April 13, 1900. She was a teacher and authored a book.

Her children include Robert Skinner and Betty Brenneman.

No invitations are being sent, and no gifts are requested.



AAUW honor
Educational fund named for
Helen Adamson/A9

CEDAR FALLS — **Helen S. Adamson**, 100, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Western Home Martin Center of congestive heart failure; services 10 a.m. Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Society, Cedar Falls; there will be no visitation, as her body was deeded to the University of Iowa Department of Anatomy; Richardson Funeral Home, 266-3525, is in charge of arrangements.

CEDAR FALLS — **Helen Skinner Adamson**, 100, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Western Home of congestive heart failure.

She was born April 13, 1900, near Hampton, daughter of John F. and Anna Reichel Stover. She married D.L. Skinner in April 1934. He died in October 1961. She married Dr. C.T. Adamson in June 1977. He died in September 1985.

Mrs. Adamson attended Iowa State Teacher's College, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1928 and master's degree in 1955. She taught at Cedar Falls High School from 1928-34, taught in the Janesville School System from 1943-51 and then was employed by the Waterloo School System, retiring in 1970.

Survived by: a son, Robert Wayne Skinner of Houston, Texas; a daughter, Elizabeth Jean Brenneman of Racine, Wis.; and seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: three brothers, Fred, Harry and Ruddy Stover; and three sisters, Kate Ubben, Margaret Mead and Bertha Starkus.

Memorial services: 10 a.m. Thursday at Unitarian Universalist Society. There will be no visitation, her body was donated to University of Iowa Department of Anatomy. Richardson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials: may be directed to the church.

Woman adds novel to her list of achievements

By CAREY HAVLIK
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS — "The Locked Door" is something Helen Skinner Adamson hopes readers will unlock.

The contents of her first novel are under lock and key. The author won't divulge the novel's plot or characters. She's being very mysterious about this one.

"It's a mainstream story ... it's not a mystery, it's not a crime story, it's not the kind of story people are writing today," she says. "If anybody wants to know, they'll have to read the book."

She did say that the book is set in the Cedar Falls of the 1940s and '50s, and it follows a number of people who work through a crisis.

Adamson is not as secretive about her life.

She grew up with six siblings on a farm near New Hampton and did not have a chance to experience the world.

"When I finally came to college it was an opening of doors of all the things that could be done in this world that I hadn't known about," she says. "I was crazy enough that I wanted to do them all. I tried being an artist, poet, painter and a dancer, and everything you could be, I wanted to be it."

She spent most of her life in classrooms. After she graduated from high school she went through a 12-week training program at Iowa State



Helen Skinner Adamson discusses her new book, "The Locked Door," in her apartment, surrounded by her handmade quilts.

RICK CHASE/ Courier Staff Photographer

system for 20 years.

Adamson appeared in many plays at the Waterloo Community Playhouse and the Cedar Falls

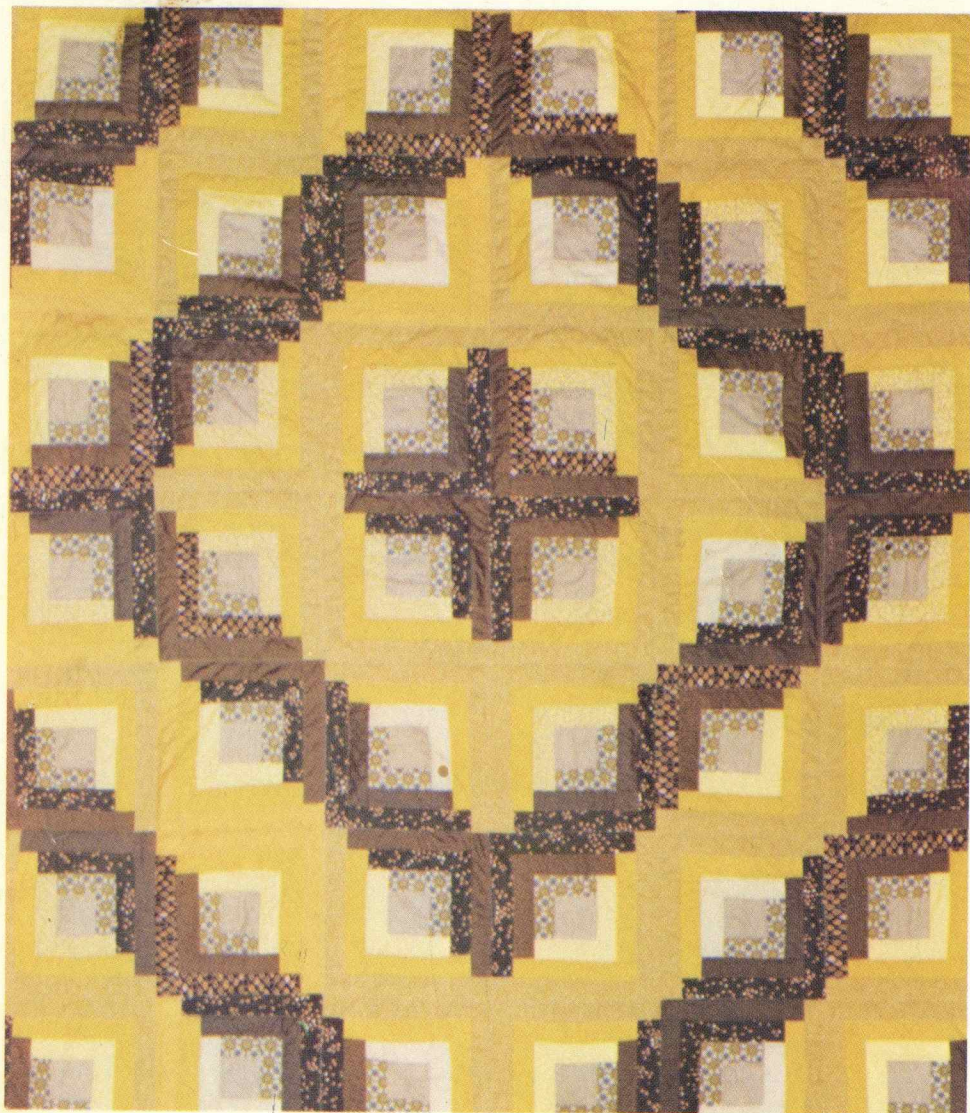
of her needlework and quilts — she never seriously considered writing fiction.

received from the sale of one of her poems. There is a landscape portrait that she painted.



The Cedar Falls Community Theatre's "Season of People Poetry and Pursuit" opens with a candlelight dinner Friday at 6:45 p.m. Cast members of "Spoon River Anthology" include Faith Engelkes, left, and Helen Adamson. For reservations call 277-7781 between 1 and 5 p.m.

Poems and Patches



Helen Skinner Adamson

Vogel A. Youngberg

Poems and Patches

Helen Skinner Adamson

Best wishes to a fellow
quilter
Helen S. Adamson

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To my children, Robert and Elizabeth, who

—interrupted my career, changed the focus of my life, and have given me, along with sleepless nights and days of anxiety, a deep sense of pride and personal fulfillment, I affectionately dedicate these pages.

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NOW IS FOR LIVING

From sunup to sundown
The cycle of seeding, plowing, harvesting,
With mending of implements and caring for animals
 wedged in between,
His life was busy, busy, busy.

But he had time to enjoy the ripening of the corn,
The glory of a country sunset,
The laughter of children,
And he took time to read after sleep had claimed the others.
 "John, go to bed - the cock crows so early."
He glanced up from the page to make his classic reply,
 "I'll sleep a long time after I'm dead."

APOCALYPSE

You touched me - not by the laying on of hands
Though healing it was to feel your quick response,
Your listening look, approving nod.
Your thoughts met mine halfway across the room
Exploding into warmth and meaning.
A door flew open, the world was redefined,
A glow, like quasar beams, spilled all around me
Lighting new insights.

Though time and distance intervened
To lose us to each other,
Your spirit fingers plucked a chord
That vibrates through my life
Still.