

# Obituary Notices

## Memorial Service Planned Saturday For Mrs. Backus

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 1:30 p. m. in the Birmingham YMCA by members of the Unitarian church of Birmingham, for Mrs. Wilson M. Backus.

Mrs. Backus, 90, died Friday at the Arnold home after a long illness. Active in Unitarian church functions, she was one of the founders of the local church. Her husband was the late Rev. Dr. Wilson M. Backus, a Unitarian minister.

Born Mary Day on Feb. 27, 1866, at Mt. Carmel, Ohio, she had been a Birmingham resident 15 years, making her home at 982 Hazel street until two years ago.

She is survived by a son, Hugh D. Backus of Birmingham; four grandchildren, Mrs. Guy H. Pitts of Birmingham, Mrs. Joseph W. McClanahan of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Waido Lyons and Mrs. Robert Goebel of San Diego, Calif.; one great-grandchild. Another son was the late Dr. E. Burdett Backus of San Diego.

Funeral services were Sunday from Bell chapel, W. R. Hamilton Co., with burial in Milford, Ohio.

**MRS. RODNEY F. WILLIAMS** (nee Evelyn Payton), 44, of North Hollywood, Calif., died Dec. 3 after a brief illness. Born in January, 1912, she moved to Birmingham with her parents, the Earl C. Paytons, in 1927, and graduated in 1929 from Birmingham high school. She attended Butler college, Indianapolis, Ind., and UCLA in Los Angeles, Calif., and was married to Mr. Williams Dec. 7, 1939.

Mrs. Williams' survivors include her husband; her parents, one sister, Mrs. A. R. Robbins of Los Angeles, and a brother, Dr. Charles F. Payton of Birmingham.

Dr. Clarence Wright, who at one time had been minister of First Presbyterian church here, officiated at funeral services and burial Dec. 6 in North Hollywood.

**WALTER GEORGE KIRK BRIDE** of Toledo, Ohio, died Saturday at his home after a long illness. Born Jan. 13, 1881, in Parkers Landing, Pa., he moved to Toledo in 1902. A lawyer and prominent businessman, at one time he was president and counsel of Hickok Oil Corp.

His survivors include his wife, Alice; three daughters, Mrs. Charles J. Cole of Toledo and Mrs. Mabel Patterson of Westchester, Mass.; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial were Monday in Toledo.

**MRS. CHRISTOPHER F. SHEARER** (nee Rose Ann Dondore), 66, of Lakewood, Ohio, died Dec. 11. She was born Oct. 23, 1890, in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Shearer had made her home with a son, Christopher F., of Birmingham, for five years, prior to moving to the home of her sister, Mrs. Clara Kettenberg, of Lakewood, seven months ago. Her son and sister survive, as do two daughters, Mrs. M. E. Knoll of Detroit

and Mrs. Frank Bodey of Fort Wayne, and six grandchildren. She was a member of the League of Catholic Women and Daughters of Isabella.

Funeral services will be at 8:30 a. m. Friday from Trinity Episcopal funeral home, 16111 Woodward, Highland Park, and at 9 a. m. in St. Benedict church, Highland Park. Burial will be in Fort Wayne.

**MRS. ISAAC UNSWORTH** (Elizabeth), 72, of 2126 Eastman, Walnut Lake, died Dec. 10 at Pontiac General hospital, after a brief illness. She was born Dec. 7, 1875, in England, and had been in Walnut Lake resident for 15 years, moving there from Detroit.

Survivors include her husband, who is in England, a son, William Unsworth of Walnut Lake, a daughter, Mrs. Herbert W. Hetrick of Detroit, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p. m. today from Bell Chapel, W. R. Hamilton Co., with burial in White Chapel cemetery.

**MRS. SALLY M. POWELL**, 63, of 2370 Yorkshire, died Dec. 5 at St. Joseph's hospital, after a brief illness. Born Dec. 12, 1892, in Orléansburg, N. Y., she had been a Birmingham resident for 19 years, coming here from Foa in La Crosse, Wis.

Mrs. Powell was employed by Johnstone and Johns Inc., real estate agents. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. K. N. Rydén, of Birmingham, a son, William R. Powell of Pittsburgh, Pa., four sisters, four brothers, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday from St. James Episcopal church, where the deceased was a member. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery, with arrangements by Bell chapel, W. R. Hamilton Co.

**GEORGE V. HILDEBRAND**, 38, of 408 Winkler drive, Birmingham, died suddenly Sunday at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital. Born Nov. 22, 1918, in Oak Park, Ill., he was a sales representative for Evelyn Pearson, Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary; four children, Craig, Jeffrey, John and Betty; his parents, the Walter C. Hildebrand of River Forest, Ill.; two brothers, Edward of Lombard, Ill., and Richard of Williams Sullivan and Son funeral home, 705 West Eleven Mile road, Royal Oak, and Holy Name church, where Mr. Hildebrand was Tuesday from Bell chapel, W. R. Hamilton Co., with burial in White Chapel cemetery.

**MERCEDES SUZANNE MCGOWAN**, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. McGowan of 2900 Pine Hill drive, Birmingham, died Saturday at Beaumont hospital after a long illness.

Born in Detroit, August 26, 1952, she moved here with her family three years ago from St. Clair Shores.

She is survived by her parents; a brother, Gordon Scott; a sister, Anne; and her grand-parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. McGowan of St. Clair Shores and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nieruka of Detroit.

Funeral services were Tuesday from Bell chapel, W. R. Hamilton Co., with burial in White Chapel cemetery.

**MRS. CHARLES C. OTTO** (Kathryn) of 419 Lake Park drive, died Dec. 6 in Beaumont hospital after a long illness. She had been a Birmingham resident for 17 years, coming here from St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Otto was born in Darwin, Ill., and was a graduate of Northwestern University.

Survivors are her husband; two sons, Charles C. Jr. of Birmingham, and Jack C. Jr. of Los Angeles, Calif.; four grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Carolyn Peters of Vero Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Bell Ward of Stockton, Calif.

Rosary service was Sunday from Bell chapel, W. R. Hamilton Co. Private funeral was Monday from Holy Name church, where the deceased was a member. Interment was in Edinburg, Ind.

**MRS. DOUGLAS R. BEZANSON** (nee Dorothy I. Smith), 52, of 1709 Derby, died Saturday at Detroit osteopathic hospital, Highland Park, after a short illness.

Born March 3, 1904, in Traverse City, she came to Birmingham 16 years ago from Detroit. She was a member of Birmingham lodge 220, OES.

Surviving are her husband; three daughters, Mrs. John C. Cave of Spokane, Wash., Mrs. David Maylen of Walnut Lake and Mrs. James Doyle of Royal Oak; her mother, Mrs. John D. Smith of Traverse City; three granddaughters, Mrs. Elton Alpers of Birmingham; two brothers, Harry of Pontiac and Albert of Traverse City.

Dr. Harry O. Martin of First Methodist church officiated at services Tuesday at Manly Bailey funeral home. Burial was in Acacia Park cemetery.

**JEROME P. ROWLEY**, 81, of South Bend, Ind., died Sunday, Nov. Dec. 31, 1874, in Mount Vernon, Ohio, he moved to South Bend from Birmingham 11 years ago.

A Spanish-American war veteran, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. E. W. Heath and Mrs. Robert Emmett of South Bend, a granddaughter and great-granddaughter. Mrs. Emmett and her husband are retired Birmingham police sergeant, moved recently to

South Bend, because of her father's illness.

Services were Wednesday from Manly Bailey funeral home with burial in Perry Mount Park, Pontiac.

**MRS. HECTOR O. WATTS** (nee Hazel M. Sayers), 51, of 190 Auburn, Pontiac, died Wednesday at Pontiac General hospital after a short illness. She was born Jan. 7, 1905, in Caro.

She and her husband lived in Birmingham 15 years and operated Valdora restaurant from 1942-46 and Colonial Tea Room from 1950-54.

Surviving are her husband; a son, Gerald T. of Lake Orion; her mother, Mrs. Thomas Sayers of Dresden, Ont.; two grandchildren; and three sisters and six brothers, in Canada.

Services will be Friday at 2 p. m. from Manly Bailey funeral home.

**BABY BOY WRIGHT**, one of the twin sons born Friday at Women's hospital, Detroit, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright of 16145 Ellinabeth, Southfield township, died shortly after birth.

The baby's survivors are his parents; his twin, Jeffrey; a sister, Jill; and another brother, Steven. He also leaves his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Waido Harline of Dover, Ohio, and the Glenn Wrights of Ferndale, a sister.

Rev. Robert Dewey conducted services Monday at Manly Bailey funeral home. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

**CAIT. RAYMOND E. HAYWARD**, 70, of 17320 Metrose, Southfield township, died Tuesday at his home. A retired lake captain, he was born April 6, 1886, in St. Clair.

Surviving are his wife, Elsie; a son, Eugene; a daughter, Mrs. Richard Benicke; a brother, Harvey; two sisters, Mrs. Herbert Mulltner and Mrs. Ross Mulltner; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 1 p. m. from the Northwest chapel, W. R. Hamilton Co., 18900 James Contents highway, with interment in St. Clair.

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