

## DEATHS/EASTERN IOWA

### CEDAR RAPIDS

**C. John Anderson**, 59, of 4128 Sally Dr. NE, died Monday, Oct. 28, 1996, in Mercy Medical Center following a long illness. Services: 1 p.m. Friday, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, by the Rev. Otto Zwanziger. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home and after noon Friday at the church.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; his mother, Evelyn Anderson of Waukon; a son, Brad of Cedar Rapids; two daughters, Mari Powell and husband Dan of Janesville, Wis., and Stacie Carlson and husband Ted of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Tom of Florida; four sisters, Janet Bray of Brownsville, Lois Aldrich of Lansing, Ruth Hartley of Postville and Mary Regan of Waukon.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, Stephanie and Breonna Anderson and Tyler and Mikkel Powell; and his pet schnauzer dog, Muffy.

John was born Dec. 10, 1936, in Waukon, to Charles and Evelyn Johnson Anderson. He married Lois Ellingson there on April 5, 1958. He was an engineer at Rockwell-Collins for 38 years and owned and operated his own tax service for 18 years. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. He enjoyed working with his tax customers, golfing and was an avid Hawkeye fan.

John was a loving and caring man who will be deeply missed by his family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Savior's Lutheran Church or American Cancer Society.

**Leota L. Getz**, 76, a resident of The Meth-Wick Community, died there Saturday, Oct. 26, 1996, after a sudden illness. Services: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, St. Jude Catholic Church, by the Rev. Donald Bruggeman. Burial: St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 tonight at Stewart Funeral Home, where a rosary begins at 6:30 p.m.

Survivors include her husband, Jack; two daughters, Linda Williams and husband Ken of Atlanta and C.G. Getz of Seattle; a brother, Robert J. Stark and wife Sara of Cedar Rapids; two granddaughters, Courtney Reimer of Seattle and Devonne Trivett of Newport, Ore.; and a great-granddaughter, Haley Trivett of Newport, Ore.

Leota was born Dec. 20, 1919, in Cedar Rapids, to George and Louise Schmidt Stark, and married John "Jack" D. Getz on Oct. 9, 1941. She graduated from Mount Mercy College. Leota and Jack owned and operated Office Equipment Co. for more than 35 years. Leota's strength, determination and independence taught her family the values of love and laughter. It will continue to inspire her children and grandchildren. She will be missed and loved by all. The rosary will be recited by Knights of Columbus Council 909.

**Merlin "Smitty" "Bo" Smith Sr.**, 70, of Excelsior Springs, Mo., formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 1996, in an Excelsior Springs hospital from complications with pneumonia. Services: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Pritchard Funeral Home, Excelsior Springs, where friends may call from 6 to 8 tonight. Burial: Camden, Mo.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine; two sons, Merlin Jr. of Liberty, Mo., and David of Goose Creek, S.C.; two daughters, Coletta of Excelsior Springs and Claudia of Polo, Mo.; two brothers, Milford and Orville Sr., both of Anamosa; and three sisters, Darlene Weaver of Hiawatha and Shirley Jones and Beverly Burt, both of Cedar Rapids.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Merlin was born July 8, 1926, to Ira and Eleanor Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, aunts and uncles.

Merlin drove cab in Cedar Rapids, where he lived most of his life.

Memorials may be sent to his wife, Geraldine Smith, 320 W. Excelsior St., Apt. 206, Excelsior Springs, Mo. 64024.

### FARLEY

**Leonetta E. Link**, 91, died Monday, Oct. 28, 1996, in her home after a sudden illness. Arrangements are pending with Reiff Funeral Home, Farley.

### CEDAR RAPIDS

**Vivian T. Barker Wilson**, 87, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 1996, in Doctors Regional Medical Center, Poplar Bluff, following a long illness. Memorial services: 3 p.m. Wednesday, Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories, by the Rev. William Harnish. Inurnment: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may register after 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Arrangements are with Cedar Memorial Funeral Home.

Survivors include two sisters, Betty Saunders and Roberta Heckscher, both of Mountain View, Calif.; a brother, Dick Ringsmuth of Solana Beach, Calif.; and a stepdaughter, Maxine Ormsbee of Florissant, Mo.

Also surviving is a very close friend, June Ross of Hiawatha.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Bob; and her only child, Shirley Ann, who died tragically at age 7 in a swimming accident.

Vivian was born May 27, 1909, in Cedar Rapids, to Lumir and Ruth Mary Wilson Ringsmuth. She attended McKinley High School, where her outstanding ability to voice won her accolades and the opportunity to sing on the local Cedar Rapids radio station. Singing the popular songs of the 1920s and '30s, she often accompanied herself on the banjo. She was first married to Wilbert Barker. He died in 1966. She then married Clarence Wilson, who died in 1981.

A memorial fund has been established.

### MARION

**Robert Peskey**, 76, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Marion, died Sunday, Oct. 27, 1996, in his home after a long illness. Services will be at a later date.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; a daughter, Nancy Scusa of Danville, Ill.; and a sister, Kathleen Fletcher of Tucson, Ariz.

Also surviving are a son-in-law, Larry; a granddaughter, Julie Payne; and a grandson, Matt Payne.

Condolences may be sent to 305 S. Val Vista, No. 76, Mesa, Ariz. 85204.

### IOWA CITY

**Vincent E. Cooney**, 89, of 710 Fourth Ave., died Sunday, Oct. 27, 1996, in Lantern Park Care Center, Coralville, after a long illness. Services: 11 a.m. Wednesday, St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, by the Rev. Harry Linenbrink. Burial: St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Lensing Funeral Home, Iowa City, where there will be a rosary at 4 and vigil service at 7 p.m.

A memorial fund has been established.

Vincent was born Aug. 17, 1907, in Holbrook, the son of Robert S. and Margaret Duffy Cooney. He married Emma Isell on Aug. 1, 1933, in Iowa City. He had been employed at University Hospitals for 45 years and was a building supervisor at Psychiatric Hospital. Vincent was a member of St. Wenceslaus Church, life member of Marquette Council Knights of Columbus and past president of IBEW Local 405. He was a naturalist and enjoyed playing euchre.

Survivors include his wife, Emma; three daughters, Carolyn Vogel, Arlene Hotz and husband Bill, and Sandy Cooney, all of Iowa City; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 12 brothers and sisters.

**Dr. Ferdinand Ukah**, 39, of Mobile, Ala., formerly of Iowa City, was killed Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1996, in a motor vehicle accident in Nigeria, where he had been visiting family. Memorial services: 1 p.m. Sunday, East Room, University Hospitals, where the family will greet friends in the seventh floor Atrium Dining Room after the service.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia; and four children.

**Laura L. Van Wyhe**, 21, of 1026 E. Washington St., died Saturday, Oct. 26, 1996, in a Quincy, Ill., hospital, of injuries suffered in an accident in northeast Missouri. Memorial services: 2 p.m. Thursday, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Mark Martin. Arrangements are with Lensing Funeral Service, Iowa City.

Survivors include her son, Samson Knight of Iowa City; her mother, Leanne Thomas and husband John of Iowa City; her father, William of Tacoma, Wash.; and her sister, Sarah of San Francisco.

### IOWA CITY

**Kathleen Kelly**, 57, of 1310 Ashley Dr., died Sunday, Oct. 27, 1996, in Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando, Fla., after a sudden illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Iowa City. Burial: St. Joseph Cemetery, Parnell. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Lensing Funeral Home, Iowa City, where a vigil service begins at 7:30 p.m.

A memorial fund has been established in her name.

Kathleen was born March 20, 1939, in Williamsburg, the daughter of Jim and Henrietta Wille Carney. She graduated from Parnell High School and attended Mercy Nursing College in Iowa City. Her degrees were from the University of Iowa. She married Harold J. Kelly on June 24, 1967, in Parnell.

An associate professor in the University of Iowa College of Nursing, Kathleen was also director of continuing education for the College of Nursing. Her career activities included serving in clinical specialist roles at University Hospitals, executive director of the Visiting Nurses Association of Johnson County and two terms on the board of directors of the National Association for Home Care. She also was active in several field study projects investigating continuity of care systems in the United Kingdom's national health system.

Kathleen was a member of Iowa Nurses Association, having served as president and on the board of directors. She was selected as District 5 Iowa Nurses Association Nurse of the Year in 1995. She also received the Edith E. Ruppert Award from the Iowa Nurses Association in recognition of her commitment and contributions to the association.

She was a member of the American Nurses Association Council for Professional Nursing Education and Development Executive Committee and was an investigator on the Nursing Sensitive Patient Outcomes Classification research project.

Survivors include her husband, Harold "Jim"; her mother, Henrietta, and a sister, Marguerite Carney, both of Parnell; a good friend, Duane Wildob of Parnell; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father.

### MONONA

**Rex A. Ewing**, 37, died Sunday, Oct. 27, 1996, in his home. Services: 11 a.m. Wednesday, Garden City United Methodist Church. Burial: Monona City Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Schultz's Funeral Home, Monona, where a prayer service begins at 7:30 p.m.

Survivors include his wife, Celeste; a son, Adam, and a daughter, Jennifer, both of Monona; his parents, Gene and Margie of Monona; and two sisters, Sandy Schellhorn of Monona and Marsha Reinsner of Waukon.

### NEW VIENNA

**Agnes F. Schwerts Vonderhaar Kremer**, 96, a resident of Oak Crest Manor, formerly of New Vienna, died Sunday, Oct. 27, 1996, in Oak Crest Manor from complications of age. Services: 11 a.m. Wednesday, St. Boniface Catholic Church, New Vienna. Burial: church cemetery. Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at Kramer Funeral Home, Dyersville, where a Scripture service begins at 7:30 p.m.

Survivors include three sons, Francis and John Vonderhaar, both of New Vienna, and Leonard Vonderhaar of Holy Cross; a daughter, Rita Schuster of Dubuque; two stepsons, Bob and Dave Reittinger, both of Dyersville; a stepdaughter, Margie Vonderhaar of Holy Cross; and a sister, Lou Schuster of Monticello.

### OELWEIN

**Dorothea P. Lau**, 91, died Monday, Oct. 28, 1996, in Oelwein Healthcare Center after a long illness. Arrangements are pending with Jamison-Schmitz Funeral Home, Oelwein.

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### POSTVILLE

**Hattie "Pie Lady" Rose**, 93, died Sunday, Oct. 27, 1996, in Good Samaritan Center after a short illness. Services: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, St. Paul Lutheran Church, by the Rev. Elizabeth Yates. Burial: Postville Cemetery. Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at Schutte Funeral Home, Postville.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeanette Johnson and Iva Nell Carr, and a son, Don, all of Postville.

### SHELLSBURG

**Clyde L. Williams**, 87, died Sunday evening, Oct. 27, 1996, in St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids, after a sudden illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Zion Lutheran Church, Shellsburg, by the Rev. Mark Leckband. Burial: St. John Cemetery, Newhall. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Phillips Funeral Home, Vinton.

Survivors include two sons, Gene of Newhall and Gary of Anamosa; and four sisters, Darlene Yerkes of Vinton, Charlotte Duke of Port Charlotte, Fla., Doris Kruger of Waterloo and Dorothy Hoover of Cannon City, Colo.

Also surviving are daughters-in-law Kathy of Newhall and Jayne of Anamosa; six grandchildren; a stepgranddaughter; and 10 great-grandchildren.

### WEST UNION

**Gerald "Jerry" Fischer**, 56, of Lake Delhi, formerly of West Union, died of cancer Monday, Oct. 28, 1996, in his home. Arrangements are pending with Burnham-Wood Funeral Home, West Union.

### OTHER DEATHS

**Allen Stevenson**, 74, of Cherokee, died Oct. 27, 1996. Services: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Cherokee. Survivors include his wife, Mildred; a son, Arnold of Cedar Rapids; a daughter, Jane Brabant of Cedarburg, Wis.; and three grandchildren. Arrangements are by Boothby Funeral Home, Cherokee.

### SERVICES

**Raymond E. Knight**: 11 a.m. today, Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call after 10 a.m. at the chapel. A memorial fund has been established.

**Maxine Leone Price**: 11 a.m. today, Murdoch Funeral Home, Marion. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery, Cedar Rapids.

### DEATH NOTICES AND OBITUARIES

Death notices and obituaries can be submitted at The Gazette between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday and holidays.

Arrangements pending and death notices, including immediate survivors, and a photo of the deceased are published as a news item on this page. Other obituary material, including additional survivors, employment, education, military service, civic and social activities, accomplishments, special interests and hobbies, friends, pets, memorials and eulogies will be published for 35 cents per word.

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# 2 kids die in Sioux City fire

## House engulfed in afternoon blaze

SIoux CITY (AP) — Two children died Monday in a fire that destroyed their home and damaged two neighboring houses.

Investigators said an adult was injured in the blaze. The names and ages of the victims were not released.

Sioux City Fire Chief Bob Hamilton said witnesses reported hearing at least one explosion about the time the fire started. Crews were called to the scene at 1:05 p.m. but found the house on the city's west side engulfed in flames.

"It's pretty rare that you ever see a home burning to this extent, at least this early in the daytime, when people are out moving around and traffic is driving by," Hamilton said.

Sioux City fire information

officer Chuck Hirsch said crews managed to get the children out of the house, but the kids were declared dead at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

The fire gutted the house and damaged those on either side of it. Crews had put out the blaze by 3:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Frazer lives in one of the damaged houses. She said her daughter woke her up and told her the neighbors' house was on fire.

"I just grabbed her and came running out," Frazer said. "And next door, the mother was standing outside, screaming that her children were still in the house."

Frazer said people tried to rescue the children.

"There were neighbors that were running around here and they said that they tried to get in, but they couldn't. There was just too much," she said.

# Governor's son tries year of farm living

Gazette Des Moines Bureau  
DES MOINES — Gov. Terry Branstad's youngest son, Marcus, apparently has decided to follow in his father's footsteps.

The governor told his weekly news conference that his son is living with relatives near his hometown of Lake Mills, where he is enrolled in a Forest City junior high school and playing center on the seventh-grade football team.

"He's living on the farm where I grew up and having a good time," Branstad said. "He's learned to drive all the tractors, they've got a lot of cattle to take care of up there and he's living with his cousins."

"This is just something that he wanted to do this year," the

governor added. "So far, it's working out OK."

The youngest of Branstad's three children had attended private school in Des Moines prior to this year, but decided to attend school in Forest City after spending five weeks at his relatives' farm last summer. Eric Woolson, Branstad's press secretary, said Chris Branstad, the governor's wife, designated guardianship of Marcus so he could establish residency with his aunt and attend school in Forest City.

The governor said he and his wife have "become empty-nesters early" since their two oldest children, Eric, and Allison, are attending colleges outside of Iowa.

# Scott County jury selected for Missouri teen's murder trial

DAVENPORT (AP) — A jury of eight women and four men will begin hearing testimony today in the first-degree murder trial of Jayson Speaks, the Missouri teen accused in the death of Rebecca Hauser.

Speaks, 17, of Kirksville, is the third Missouri youth to stand trial in the Oct. 4, 1994, death of Hauser, a farm wife and mother of four from rural Union.

Derek and Burt Smith, also of Kirksville, have already been convicted of first-degree murder and first-degree robbery in separate trials.

The trial, which is being heard in Scott County District Court on a change of venue, is expected to go into next week.

Defense attorney Paul Peglow and Tom Miller, an assistant in the Iowa Attorney General's Office who is going for this third conviction in the case, spent all day Monday interviewing poten-

tial jurors. Some were questioned individually away from the others, but most of the work was done in open court.

When Miller was done, Peglow asked Speaks to stand and introduced him, calling him "a big Teddy bear."

Authorities allege Speaks, the Smith brothers and a fourth youth, Blake Privitt of Green City, Mo., flashed emergency lights affixed to the top of their vehicle and tricked Hauser, 32, into pulling her car over along a Marshall County road.

Hauser refused to get out of her car, asked for identification and then was shot once in the face, stabbed at least 33 times and beaten with a rifle butt that broke three ribs and knocked out a front tooth.

Privitt, who has pleaded guilty to lesser charges, has agreed to testify and is on Miller's witness list.

# Drunken driving charged in fatal crash

BLOOMFIELD (AP) — A Bloomfield man was charged with vehicular manslaughter Sunday after his car slammed into another one occupied by a family of four, three of whom died.

The Iowa State Patrol said James Ward, 26, was intoxicated and ran a stop sign on a gravel road about five miles northeast

of Bloomfield.

The patrol said Ward's car rammed the driver's side of a car driven by Richard Hale, 28, of Bloomfield. Hale died, as did his two daughters, Kayla, 5, and Kathy, 3. A fourth passenger, Julie Hale, 27, was treated for injuries at a hospital in Des Moines.

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