

DEATHS/EASTERN IOWA

CEDAR RAPIDS

Robert D. Kepler, 62, was released from the pain of bone cancer Wednesday morning, Nov. 13, 1996, in Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

He was a carpenter in the Cedar Rapids area most of his life. In 1952, he married Mary Ann Rex. Three children were born to them before they divorced — Debra Wiley of Caledonia, Ill., Agnes Beck of Brighton, Iowa, and Rex of Cedar Rapids. On Aug. 6, 1970, he married Charlotte Ann Schatzle. Bob is survived by his wife, his three children, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several half brothers and sisters, including Barbara McBride of Anamosa and Floyd Kepler of Cedar Rapids.

He loved working in his shop, riding his motorcycle, his dog Babe, feeding the birds and squirrels, and working in his yard.

A memorial service will be held in Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories at 1 p.m. Saturday, by the Rev. Darran Whiting of Calvary Baptist Church, Coggon. Inurnment: Chapel of Memories Mausoleum. A memorial fund has been established. Arrangements are by Cedar Memorial Funeral Home.

Nina M. Mittan, 89, of 2257 C St. SE, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1996, in Willow Gardens Care Center, Marion, following a short illness. Services: 11 a.m. Monday, Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories, by the Rev. Catherine Luck of St. James United Methodist Church. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home and after 10 a.m. Monday at the chapel.

Survivors include a son, Robert Bramsen, and a daughter, Darlene Yeakle, both of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Fred Walton of Anamosa; and a sister, Velma Kacer of Cedar Rapids.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Ronald Louis Yeakle, and a son-in-law, Louis Yeakle.

Nina was born Jan. 8, 1907, in Anamosa to Grant and Anna Knudson Walton. She married Henry Mittan on Jan. 31, 1942, in Lancaster, Mo. He died in 1990. She was manager of the cafeteria at Penick and Ford for more than 30 years. She was a member of St. James United Methodist Church, charter member and past president of Fraternal Order of Eagles, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

A memorial fund has been established.

Arthur A. Schmitz, 79, of Ozark Acres, Ark., formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1996, in his home following a long illness. Services: 11 a.m. Monday, St. Jude's Catholic Church, by the Rev. Donald Bruggeman. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Turner Chapel West, where a wake service begins at 7 p.m.

Survivors include his wife, Florence; three daughters, Sally Schmitz and Karen Jansen, both of Cedar Rapids, and Phyllis Koch and husband Larry of Newhall; three sons, Jerry Schmitz and wife Ann of Sedona, Ariz., Dennis Schmitz of Cedar Rapids and Steve Schmitz and wife Rosy of Medford, Minn.; a sister, Henrietta Burkart of Mendota, Ill.; 14 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; a great-grandchild; and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters and three brothers.

Arthur was born Nov. 10, 1917, in Eagle Center to Wilhelm and Anna Metzen Schmitz and married Florence Watters on Nov. 16, 1940, in Waterloo. He was a glazer from 1954 to 1977 with Allied Glass. He was district fire chief and commissioner of Ozark Acres. Arthur served in the Army from 1943 to 1945 in the European Theatre.

A memorial fund has been established by the family for Hospice of Mercy.

MOUNT VERNON

John L. Thompson: Services, 11 a.m. Saturday, United Methodist Church, Mount Vernon. Burial: Lisbon Cemetery, Lisbon. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Morgan Funeral Home, Lisbon.

CEDAR RAPIDS

Elinore Zaruba, 73, of 1501 Yuma Dr. NW, died Thursday, Nov. 14, 1996, in her home following a short illness of cancer. Services: 1 p.m. Monday, Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories, by the Rev. John Elliott, chaplain at St. Luke's Hospital. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home and after noon Monday at the chapel.

Survivors include her husband, John "Jack"; a brother, Walter Simon of Maitland, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Ernest, Charles and Raymond Simon; and sisters Margaret Simon and Dorothy Woolery.

Elinore was born Dec. 6, 1922, in Cedar Rapids, the daughter of Lewis and Mabelle Simon. She married John "Jack" Zaruba on Sept. 19, 1943, in Norman, Okla. After graduating from McKinley High School, Cedar Rapids, in 1941, she was employed at Equitable Life Insurance Co. in Cedar Rapids. She then worked at the University of Oklahoma as a private secretary, then back to Cedar Rapids with Century Engineering Corp. for 39 years as private secretary and corporate executive secretary. She retired in 1985. She was a member of American Legion Hanford Auxiliary Unit 5 for more than 50 years.

Elinore enjoyed reading, music and having her monthly outings with ladies she worked with and went to school with, and Cherry Burrell Retirees luncheons. She also enjoyed her cat, feeding and watching birds, and was an avid Hawkeye fan.

Elinore was a kind and thoughtful person and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Instead of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

MARION

Lorene H. Hartgrave, 81, of 119 10th St., died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1996, in St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident Sept. 19 in Marion. Services: 10 a.m. Monday, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Marion, by the Rev. Thomas Hedtke. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery, Cedar Rapids. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home, Cedar Rapids, and after 9 a.m. Monday at the church.

Survivors include a daughter, JoAnn Nodurft and husband Howard of Marion; two sons, Gary and wife Alcyce of Marion and Ron and wife Sandra of Satellite Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Ginger Swanson and husband Henry of Toppfield, Mass., and Louella Parker and husband Ivan of Santa Cruz, Calif.; four brothers, Vernon Herren and wife Bunny of Pollock Pine, Calif., Ervin Herren and wife Eloise and Melvin Herren and wife Maxine, all of Marion, and Milton Herren and wife Martha of Lisbon; a sister-in-law, Clara Herren of Monticello; a brother-in-law, Vern Lawson of Calistoga, Calif.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Earl Herren, and a sister, Lucile Larson.

Lorene was born Feb. 2, 1915, in Wayne Township, Jones County, Iowa, to Ben and Minnie Harms Herren. She married Harold Hartgrave on Oct. 13, 1934, in Davenport. He died Oct. 22, 1984. She was an assembler at Rockwell-Collins for 25 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Marion.

Instead of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Marion.

GARNAVILLO

Clifford John "Pete" Wright, 84, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1996, in Central Community Hospital, Elkader, after a short illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, St. Joseph Catholic Church, by the Rev. Richard Gaul. Burial: St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Tuecke-Allyn Funeral Home, Garnavillo.

Survivors include his wife, Lorna; three sons, Gerald of Prairie du Chien, Wis., James of Garnavillo and John of Clayton Center; two sisters, Viola Eggers and Amy Hagensick, both of McGregor; and a brother, John of Circle Pines, Minn.

IOWA CITY

Alice Carlens Yavorsky, 91, a resident of the Iowa City Rehabilitation & Health Care Center, formerly of Iowa City and rural West Branch, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1996, in the care center after a long illness. Services: 1:30 p.m. today, George L. Gay Funeral Home & Crematorium, Iowa City, by the Rev. Richard Paulus. Burial: Memory Gardens Cemetery. Friends may call after 11 a.m. today at the funeral home. There are no immediate survivors.

Melvina E. Roberts Chapman, 95, of 1430 Spruce St., died Thursday, Nov. 14, 1996, in University Hospitals, after a short illness. Graveside services: 10 a.m. Monday, Newcomer Cemetery, Springfield, Ohio. Arrangements are with George L. Gay Funeral Home & Crematorium, Iowa City. Survivors include two daughters, Margaret Rolf of Park Hills, Ky., and Joan McCall-Dunn of Iowa City; and a son, Robert Hassler of Sharonville, Ohio.

MAQUOKETA

Arnold W. Busch, 76, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1996, in Jackson County Public Hospital after a long illness. Memorial services: 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, United Church of Christ, Maquoketa. Burial: Buckhorn Cemetery, rural Maquoketa. There will be no visitation. Arrangements are with Carson & Son Funeral Home, Maquoketa.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor; a son, Russell of New York City; and two sisters, Anita Schepers of Maquoketa and Pauline Burrichter of Lost Nation.

OELWEIN

Anna A. Loeser Donahue, 102, formerly of Oelwein and Marshalltown, died Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, 1996, in the Strawberry Point Lutheran Home after a long illness. Services: 11 a.m. Saturday, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oelwein, by the Rev. Frederick Fangmann. Burial: St. Mary's Cemetery, Hazleton. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Jamison-Schmitz Funeral Home, Oelwein, where a rosary begins at 7 p.m.

Survivors include a daughter, Rita Kalb of Oelwein; and a son, John of Carlisle.

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OXFORD JUNCTION

Kathy J. Clark, 38, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1996, in a one-car accident near Waterloo. Services: 1 p.m. Saturday, Hayden Funeral Home, Oxford Junction, where friends may call after 11 a.m. Saturday. Burial: Mayflower Cemetery. The Rev. Donnita Moeller will officiate.

Survivors include her husband, Roger; a son, Albert of Oxford Junction; four stepsons, Roger of Cedar Falls, Calvin of Olin, Stuart of Cedar Rapids and Gregory of Borger, Texas; four stepdaughters, Teresa Donaldson of Memphis, Tenn., Maria Thomas of Oxford Junction, Sue Lowder of Cedar Rapids and Tracy Medinger of Bellevue; her father and stepmother, Earl and Ethel Scranton of Alpha, Ill.; her mother, Florence Scranton of New Windsor, Ill.; a sister, Peggy Scranton of Dallas; and two step sisters, Diane Edmund of Lynn Center, Ill., and Carolyn Edmund of Mesa, Ariz.

VINTON

Pearl B. Butts, 78, died early Thursday, Nov. 14, 1996, in Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, following a brief illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, Vinton, by the Rev. Jan Ziskovsky. Burial: Evergreen Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Survivors include two sons, Donald of Vinton and David of Garrison; three daughters, Carolyn Berry of Robins, Joann Goodell of Cedar Rapids and Diana Weekley of Dysart; two brothers, Clarence Jacobsen of Independence and Merle Jacobsen of Waterloo; and two sisters, Viola Kennett and Elsie Knaack, both of Vinton.

Also surviving are daughter-in-law Shirley Butts of Vinton; David's friend, Sheila Lynch of Garrison; sons-in-law Robert Berry, Jim Goodell and Steve Weekley; 11 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Lola and Wilma Jacobsen; and brother-in-law Glenn Knaack.

WASHINGTON

Winifred Louise Swick Crandall, 79, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1996, in the Halcyon House after a two-week illness. Services: 1:30 p.m. today, United Methodist Church, by the Rev. Robert Bell and the Rev. Everett Burham. Burial: Elm Grove Cemetery. Arrangements are with Jones & Eden Funeral Home, Washington. Survivors include two sons, Robert of Des Moines and Bruce of Elk Grove Village, Ill.; and a sister, Kathryn Farrow of New Port Richey, Fla.

SERVICES

Frank Hanzel: 11 a.m. today, Papich-Kuba Funeral Home East. Burial: Czech National Cemetery. **Ann Louise Hopp**: 1:30 p.m. today, Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home. Burial: Linwood Cemetery. **Lester E. Johnson**: 10 a.m. Saturday, Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories, by the Rev. Otto Zwanziger of Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 7 tonight at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home and after 9 a.m. Saturday at the chapel.

Bernice Graves Probst: 11 a.m. today, Calvin Sinclair Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Oluf Kongshaug of Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church. Inurnment: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call after 10 a.m. at the church. A memorial fund has been established.

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.

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Doctor: Woman has dementia

Testimony given at theft trial of her Iowa City caretaker

By Lynn M. Tefft

Gazette Johnson County Bureau
IOWA CITY — A neuropsychologist who evaluated Genevieve Coleman last year said she suffered moderate dementia and was not able to make decisions about her finances or perform functions of daily living.

Robert Jones, who works at University Hospitals in Iowa City, testified at the first-degree theft trial of Linda Eaton.

Eaton, 43, of 33 Forestview Dr., is accused of taking \$40,000 from Coleman while working as her caretaker between January 1994 and November 1995.

Prosecutors are providing evidence of Coleman's diminished mental state in an attempt to prove Coleman could not have authorized Eaton to take the money.

Jones said anyone who saw Coleman on a regular basis like-

ly would have noticed symptoms of her dementia, which he attributed to Alzheimer's disease.

"I'd be surprised if someone didn't pick that up," he said.

Jones said among the tests he administered in May 1995 were simple questions about the date, time and Coleman's history. He said Coleman answered most of the questions incorrectly — for example, she first said the year was 1994, then changed her answer to 1964.

Coleman, who is in her 80s, answered that her age was 30 and said she didn't know her birthday, address or what hospital she was in, Jones said.

Jones said that when he asked Coleman how she'd been doing, she began talking about a car that Eaton needed because she was an artist. The car cost only \$2,500, Coleman told Jones.

Prosecutors have alleged that Eaton wrote a check for \$25,000 from Coleman's account to pay for a new sport-utility vehicle, and that Coleman was not capable of authorizing the purchase.

Oxford Junction woman who died 'gave her time to people'

Gazette staff report

Kathy Clark, 38, of Oxford Junction, who died Wednesday night in a car accident in Waterloo, was an active person who enjoyed volunteering, relatives said.

Clark died when her vehicle slipped off Highway 20 just west of the Highway 218/Interstate 380 interchange and struck a light pole.

Her stepson, Roger Clark, 27, of Cedar Falls, also was injured in the accident. He was listed in stable condition Thursday at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo.

A former nurse's aide, Kathy

Clark was always active and concerned with others, her parents said.

When Florence Scranton, Clark's mother, had shoulder replacement surgery, Clark traveled to New Windsor, Ill., to help out, Scranton said. "She would give her time to people," she said. "She was very hyper, but really tenderhearted."

Clark's father, Earl Scranton of Alpha, Ill., said, "She was a good-hearted person who would help anybody." (See obituary, this page.)

Marion victim of September crash remembered for devotion to family

Gazette staff report

A Marion woman who died Wednesday from injuries suffered in a Sept. 19 car accident loved watching her grandchildren and her flowers grow.

Lorene Hartgrave, 81, was in the back seat of a car driven by her son-in-law, Howard Nodurft, 67, and containing her brother, Ervin Herren, 74, when the accident happened, said Hartgrave's daughter, JoAnn Nodurft of Marion.

Howard Nodurft was driving east on Seventh Avenue when, at 20th Street, westbound motorist Kyle Kuehn, 19, of Mount Vernon, failed to yield when making a left turn. The two vehicles collided, and Nodurft's

car went over the curb and struck a pole, said Marion police Sgt. Richard Holland.

Hartgrave, who did not have a seat belt on, shattered her hip, JoAnn Nodurft said. A series of complications, including a bout with pneumonia and a near-fatal ulcer, followed Hartgrave's hospitalization.

Hartgrave will be remembered as someone who loved her family. "She always brightened up when the grandkids were around," Nodurft said. "And she loved her brothers and sisters."

Hartgrave was an active gardener and euchre player. She also enjoyed driving herself, shopping or to visit friends. (See obituary, this page.)

2 men, 1 teen arrested after robbery

By Steve Gravelle

Gazette staff writer

Two men and a 17-year-old girl were arrested minutes after the men allegedly robbed a Cedar Rapids convenience store early Thursday.

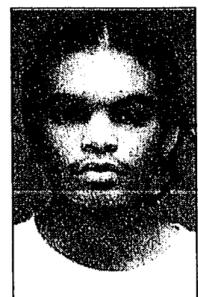
Christopher J. Kibler, 18, of 1022 Friendly Ave., Iowa City, and Derome M. Robertson, 19, of 1409 Washington Ave. SE, were found within 15 minutes of the robbery at the Kum & Go store at 2743 Mount Vernon Rd. SE, said police Lt. Kenneth Washburn. A 17-year-old female from Iowa City also was arrested.

Officers were a few blocks from the store when the clerk called police at 3:59 a.m. to report she'd been held up by two men wearing ski masks and armed with a sawed-off shotgun. An officer noticed someone slumping down as if to hide in a car parked in the 2900 block of Seeley Ave. SE, and all three occupants were arrested.

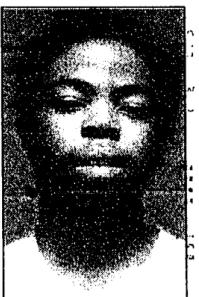
The shotgun, ski masks and cash taken from the store were found in the car, according to the complaint against Robertson. The suspects' shoes matched footprints at the store. Kibler and Robertson also were identified through videotape from the store's surveillance camera.

The clerk told officers the two men entered the store, displayed the shotgun and demanded money. They ran from the store after the clerk complied, but another witness spotted them getting in the car.

Both Kibler and Robertson were charged with first-degree robbery and possession of an offensive weapon. The 17-year-old girl was booked into the



Christopher J. Kibler
Charged with first-degree robbery



Derome M. Robertson
Also charged

Linn County Juvenile Detention center on identical charges, but Washburn said the counts against her may change as her role is clarified.

Thursday's was the third robbery at the Kum & Go store in less than a year. Danny Hodges, 35, is awaiting trial on charges of robbing the store Nov. 26. Damien Medulan, 17, is charged with holding up the store June 3. The store was also the site of a clerk's murder seven years ago. Brian Schappert, 22, died after his throat was slashed, apparently during a robbery, Sept. 8, 1989. Schappert's murder still is unsolved.

Hughes memorial to be today in D.M.

DES MOINES — A memorial service will be held for former Iowa Gov. Harold Hughes at 7 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church, 10th and Pleasant streets in Des Moines.

The family has designated

that memorials may be made to the Harold E. Hughes Center on Rural Issues at the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire. Donations may be mailed to West Des Moines State Bank, 1601 22nd St., West Des Moines, IA 50265.

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