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CHARLES A. ROBBINS
 The funeral of Charles A. Robbins of Stedman was held Sunday from the home of his son, Clarence. Rev. John E. Roberts of Chautauqua officiated. Mrs. Cale and Mrs. Skinner sang. The remains were taken to Fonthill, Canada, for burial. Bearers were Anton Anderson, Arch Fisher, Clyde Root and Harold James.
 Mr. Robbins' death occurred Friday morning after an illness of several weeks. He is survived by two sons, Clarence of Stedman, Arthur of Smithville, Canada; one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Ecker of Hamburg; 21 grandchildren, one great grandchild and two sisters, Mrs. Exie Learn and Mrs. Martha Phillips of Canada.

Charles Augustus
 Birth October 4th 1852
 married February 18th 1880
 Died January 16th 1931

Lydia Alice Early
 Birth July 12th 1855
 Died 9^{pm} July 10th 1936

Clarence Robbins received his
 naturalization papers in Fredonia, N.Y.

on December 11, 1944.

Elizabeth Robbins received her
 naturalization papers in Mayville

Court House, Mayville, N.Y. on

June 1, 1953.

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 THE NAME ROBBINS AT
 BLACK ROCK BUFFALO, N.Y.
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Saturday, Feb. 22, 1975

Clarence O. Robbins bins, of Lakewood and Edward O. Robbins of Westfield; six daughters. Mrs. Cleo Rubner, Mrs. Eva Hunt, Mrs. Alice Perdue and Mrs. Lorraine Rathburn, all of Mayville; Mrs. Ada Tenpas of Jamestown and Mrs. Mary Schol of Orchard Park; 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren one sister, Mrs. Delmar Ecker of Hamburg. He was preceded in death by a son, Leo Robbins, and a brother, Arthur Robbins.
 The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mayville, the Rev. Aloysius G. Kuntz, officiating. Burial will be in Mayville Cemetery. A rosary service will be held at 8 p.m. this evening in the Freay Funeral Home, Mayville.
 Friends may call from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 9 p.m. this evening.

MAYVILLE — Clarence O. Robbins, 84, of 99 Valley St., Mayville, died at 10:45 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 22, 1975) in Jamestown General Hospital where he had been admitted that day.
 He was a machine operator, employed at Kling Furniture Factory in Mayville, retiring 12 years ago.
 He was born Sept. 25, 1890, in Welland, Ont., Canada, a son of Charles and Lydia Early Robbins. He married the former Elizabeth Ann Meade on May 21, 1916 in Buffalo. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mayville.
 Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, William C. Robbins of Brocton, Charles O. Rob-

Elizabeth A. Robbins

MAYVILLE — Elizabeth Ann Meade Robbins, 87, of 99 Valley St., was pronounced dead on arrival at Westfield Memorial Hospital at 7:15 p.m. Monday (Dec. 15, 1980). She was the widow of Clarence Robbins, who died Feb. 22, 1975. They had been married May 22, 1917 in Buffalo.
 A Mayville resident for 45 years, Mrs. Robbins was born Sept. 7, 1893 in Cork Haven, County Cork, Ireland, the daughter of William and Mary Driscoll Meade.
 She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mayville.
 Surviving are three sons, William Robbins of Brocton, Charles Robbins of Lakewood and Edward Robbins of Westfield; four daughters, Mary Schohl of Orchard Park, Cleo Rubner and Eva Hunt and Alice Perdue, all of Mayville; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Leo M. Robbins, and two daughters, Ada Tempas on Dec. 1, 1980 and Lorraine Rathburn on Dec. 14, 1980.
 The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mayville. The Rev. Aloysius G. Kuntz of St. Mary's Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Mayville Cemetery.
 The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in Freay Funeral Home, Mayville.

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 (HEART TROUBLE)

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Wellandport, Ont.,
Feb. 16/55

Dear Mr. Robins:-

I received your letter of
Feb. 15 re baptism certificate.

I am sorry to have to inform you that
some years ago the old records of this
church were burned when the house in which
they were kept was destroyed by fire.

There is no baptism record here beyond
1912 and no marriage record beyond 1896.

Your sister must have received her
certificate at the time of baptism or had
it sent before the fire.

I am very sorry that I have no means
of helping you in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

H. W. Hapburn

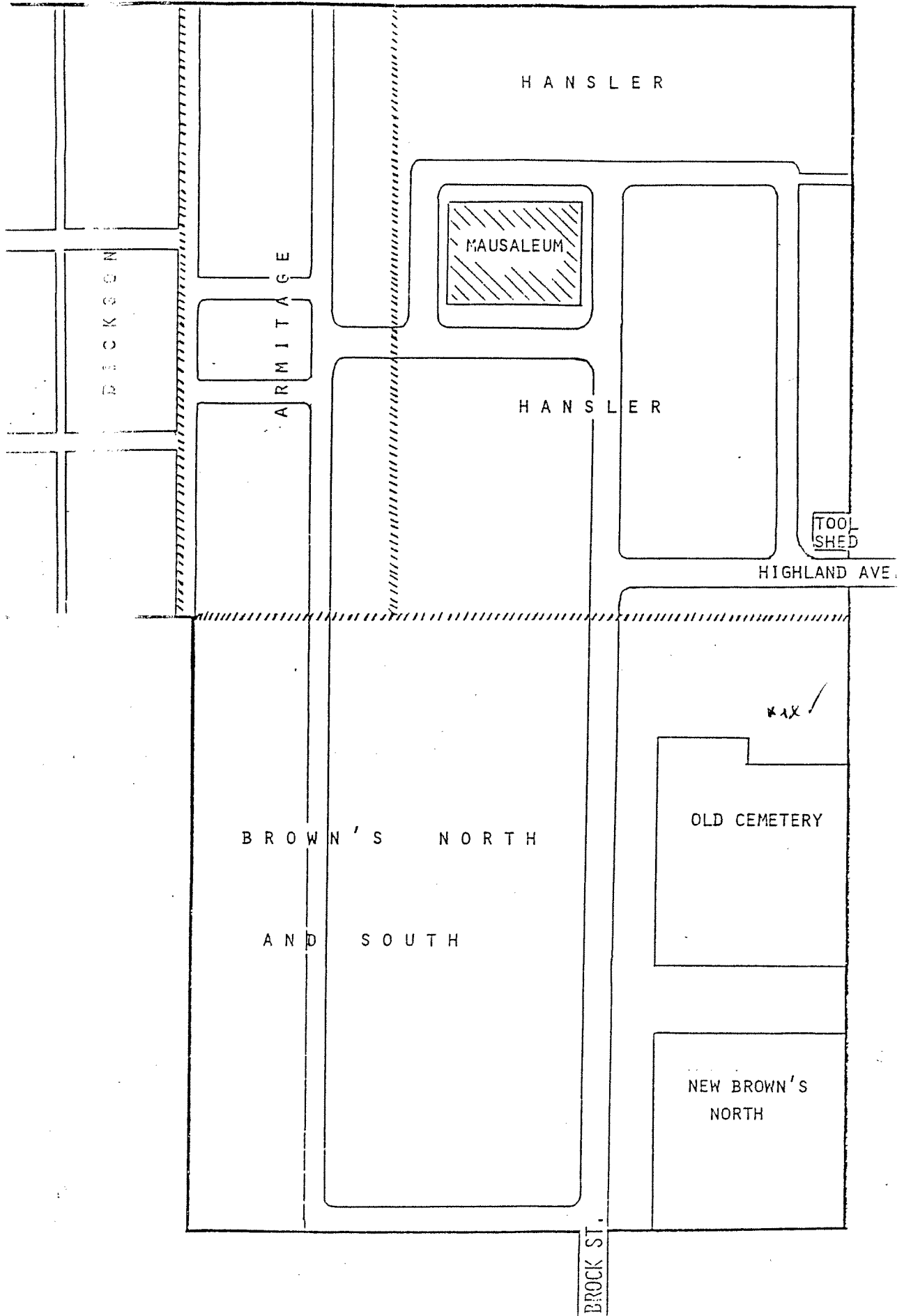
Minister, Wellandport United Church

His mother was Eliz (Lissie) Meade
daughter of William Meade.
You might inform him that you
are a Meade from Crook Haven.
With all good wishes,
Yours sincerely,
G. Keller P.P.

ROBINS, Carlton F. - Passed away at McMaster Medical Centre on Saturday, April 26, 1997, Carl Robins, in his 73rd year. Beloved husband of Agnes (nee Greer) and loved father of Franklin and his wife Evelyn of Pickering. Loving grandfather of Gregory and his wife Susan of Ajax. Dear brother of Victor (Irene) of Waterford, Bruce (Dot) of Burlington, Norman of Hamilton, Stan of Penticton and Shirley Kaulback (Clyde) of Stoney Creek. Predeceased by brothers, Percy, Ray, Charles, Donald and Roy and by sisters, Nellie and Edith. Carl was a member of St. Andrews Masonic Lodge #593, The Son's of Scotland, longtime member of Zion United Church and was a retired employee of the T.H.&B. Railroad. Carl was a generous and kind man who will be missed by his many friends and family. Cremation has taken place. A Service of Remembrance will be held in the Chapel of SWACKHAMER & HILTS - BLACHFORD & WRAY FUNERAL HOME, 1341 Main Street West (opposite McMaster), on Saturday, May 17, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. followed by a Reception in the Westdale Suite of the Funeral Home. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Lung Association would be appreciated by the family. SWACKHAMER-WRAY, 522-9221.

FONTHILL CEMETERY

SHOWING VARIOUS SECTIONS





Jason W. Robbins

Jason W. Robbins, 42, of 899 Edgewood Drive, Newton, N.J., has died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on April 26, 2008.

Jason was born in Westfield, N.Y., on July 10, 1965, to Donna and Roy Robbins. Jason graduated from Panama Central School in 1983. After high school, Jason attended SUNY Agriculture and Technical College in Alfred, N.Y., and graduated in 1985.

After graduation from Alfred Tech, Jason enlisted in the U.S. Army and after boot camp was stationed in Germany. Jason was then selected for a scholarship in the Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) and attended Clarkson University in Watertown, N.Y. He graduated with a B.S. degree in May of 1989 and then received his commission as a 2nd Lt. At that same time he married his college girlfriend, Julie Hayden, and very shortly after they were living in Germany where Jason had been assigned.

During his long military career Jason also attended Central Florida University and graduated with a M.S. degree in engineering.

Jason had retired from the Army on Nov. 1, 2007, after 22 years and having attained the rank for Lieutenant Colonel. Jason had spent one tour of duty in Iraq and his last assignment was at the Pentagon where he worked for two years. He was presently employed with a defense contractor and working on the development of non-lethal weapons systems.

Jason was a loyal follower of the Buffalo Bills and the Buffalo Sabres. His favorite personal sport was golf, which he played whenever the opportunity presented itself. Jason always enjoyed a good joke and was well known for his positive outlook on life.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Hayden, and their three sons: Craig, Chad and Michael, all at home in Newton, N.J. He is also survived by his mother, Donna Robbins of Falconer; his father, Roy Robbins of Jamestown; his brother, Dennis Robbins of Jamestown; his sister, Lori Stansbury of North Richland Hills, Texas; and his grandmother, Susanna Robbins, of Brocton, N.Y. Also surviving are his nephews, James and Greg Robbins, sons of Dennis, and Jacob Stansbury, the son of Lori.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Smith-McCracken Funeral Home at 63 High St., Newton, NJ 07860, (973) 383-4600. The Web site is: www.smithmccrackenfuneral-home.com.

A memorial service for Jason will be held in this area shortly after his burial which will be in Arlington National Cemetery on July 17 at 9 a.m.

For those wishing to make a memorial at this time, the family suggests they may be made to the Humane Society on Strunk Road.

WELLINGTON
ONT. CANADA

Lorraine Robbins was born in Canada on Jan. 30, 1917. She married Harold Rathburn in Sherman, N.Y. on July 9, 1933. They have one child - Leo - born April 19, 1934. Harold & Lorraine made their home in Mayville, N.Y. Harold worked for the New York State Highway Department. He died on May 22, 1973 and was buried in Mayville Cemetery. Lorraine worked for Kling (Baumritter) most of her married life. Leo spent 20 years in US Air Force. Then retired in New Jersey.

New York—Monday, December 15, 1980

Lorraine Rathburn

MAYVILLE — Lorraine Robbins Rathburn, 63, of 99 Valley St., died at 12:05 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 14, 1980) in Westfield Memorial Hospital. She had been ill two years.

She was the widow of Harold Rathburn, who died May 22, 1973. They were married July 9, 1933 in Sherman.

Mrs. Rathburn had been employed at the Kling Furniture Factory, Mayville, for 39 years before her retirement.

She was born Jan. 30, 1917 in Canada, the daughter of Clarence and Elizabeth Meade Robbins, and had lived most of her life in the Mayville area.

Mrs. Rathburn was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mayville.

Surviving are a son, Leo M. Rathburn of Browns Mills, N.J., and a grandson, Victor Rathburn; her mother, Mrs. Clarence Robbins of Mayville; three brothers, William Robbins of Brocton, Charles Robbins of Lakewood and Edward Robbins of Westfield, and four sisters, Mary Schohl of Orchard Park, Cleo Ruhnner, Eva Hunt, and Alice Purdue, all of Mayville. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her father, a brother, Leo M. Robbins, and a sister, Ada Tempes.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Freay Funeral Home, Mayville. The Rev. Aloysius G. Kuntz of St. Mary's Catholic Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Mayville Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Leo Rathburn DIED

IN May of 2005 of

Parkinson Disease

and is Buried in N.Y.

There is no other

one in the Robbins

family who DIED of

Parkinson Disease so

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hospital, 322 N. Lauderdale Street, Memphis, Tenn., 38105.

Arrangements are by the Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Lewisville.

LEO M. RATHBURN

Leo M. Rathburn, 69, of Country Lakes, Browns Mills, N.J., died May 13.

He was a resident of Browns Mills since 1969 and a member of St. Ann's Church.

He was a retired Tech Sergeant with 22 years in the United States Air Force and was a veteran of Korea and Vietnam. He was also a retired Corrections Officer for the Bordentown Correctional Facility with 17 years of service.

He was the husband of Martha Lee (Bergeron) and stepfather of Victor Bergeron.

The Lankenau Funeral Home in Pemberton, N.J. is in charge of arrangements.

NOT A VIAL OF EVIDENCE
NORTH HAVEN SECTION

BIRTHS

BESSE—To James A. and Nancy Gustafson Besse, R.D. 1, Ashville, in Jamestown General Hospital, June 13, 1963, a daughter.

BLACKSTONE—To George V. and Nancy Baker Blackstone, R.D. 1, Lakewood, in W.C.A. Hospital, June 13, 1963, a son.

BURKETT—To Robert and Sonya Bore Burkett, R.D. 1, Jamestown, in Jamestown General Hospital, June 14, 1963, a daughter.

DELAHOY—To Pfc. Clarence and Sharon Robbins Delahoy, Elliott Road, Brocton, June 11, 1963, a daughter.

HUBER—To James E. and Susan Kovel Huber, R.D. 2, Jamestown, in Warren General Hospital, June 13, 1963, a son.

JOWETT—To William and Eileen Puskus Jowett, 11 E. Fifteenth St., in Jamestown General Hos-

William C. Robbins
 BROCTON — William C. Robbins, 87, of 5763 Ellicott Road, Brocton, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, in his home. Arrangements will be announced by the Freay Funeral Home in Mayville.



William Robbins

BROCTON — William C. Robbins, 87, of 5763 Ellicott Road, Brocton died Saturday (Dec. 17, 2005) in his home.

He was born Jan. 27, 1918, in St. Catherine's, Ontario, a son of the late Clarence O. and Elizabeth Meade Robbins.

Mr. Robbins worked for the New York State Department of Transportation in Mayville as the senior mechanic. He retired after 33 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Second Armored Division of General George Patton's Third Army. He fought with General Patton at the Battle of the Bulge and was among the first soldiers to liberate the concentration camp at Buchenwald, Germany. He was a life member of Lake Chautauqua Memorial Post 8647 VFW in Mayville, a former member of the Westfield Moose and Mason's, and an exempt member of the Mayville Fire Department.

Bill enjoyed golfing, motorcycling, farming and all his animals. His greatest love was his family.

He is survived by his wife Susanna Horlacher Robbins of Westfield, whom he married Jan. 10, 1939; one daughter, Sharon A. Fryer of Portland; one son, Roy Robbins of Jamestown; four grandchildren, Robin Rafan of Brocton, LTC Jason Robbins of Newton, N.J., Dennis Robbins of Jamestown and Lori Robbins of Salt Lake City, Utah; seven great-grandchildren, James and Gregory Robbins of Jamestown, Craig, Chad and Michael Robbins of Newton, N.J., Heather and Gabrielle Rafan of Brocton; two sisters, Cleo Rubner of Mayville and Eva Hunt of Jamestown; two brothers, Charles Robbins of Lakewood and Edward "Bud" Robbins of Westfield.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Margaret Robbins; an infant brother, Leo Robbins; four sisters, Ada Ordines, Lorraine Rathburn, Pearl Scholl and Alice Perdue.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the Freay Funeral Home, Mayville. The Rev. Jacqueline Rhodes will officiate. Burial will be in the Portland Evergreen Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Freay Funeral Home, Mayville.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 111 W. Second St., Jamestown, NY 14701 or to Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Elm & Carlton St., Buffalo, NY 14263.

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William C. Robbins married Sue Horlacher of Brocton, N.Y. They had three children- Marjorie - who died shortly after birth, and buried in Mayville Cemetery. Roy Robbins born Sept. 8, 1940, Sharon Robbins born May 8, 1943.

William worked for the New York State Highway Department after serving in the Military Service during World War II. He also owned a grape farm in Brocton, N.Y. Previous to this, he lived in Mayville, N.Y.

Roy married Donna Stout on Sept. 6, 1964. They have three children - Jason born July 10, 1965 - Dennis born Nov. 24, 1968, Lori born March 28, 1972. Roy spent four years in the Navy, worked for Marlin Rockwell approximately ten years and since has been working for Cummins Engine in Lakewood, New York. Roy graduated from Fredonia University with a degree in Economics.

Sharon Robbins married Clarence Delahoy. She has one child - Robine. Robin was born . Sharon divorced Clarence and married David Fryer.

She now lives in Brocton.

William Robbins- In September, 1994, diagnosed with Colon cancer & Liver cancer Operation in Erie, Pa. Turned out okay as of 10/25/94. Chemo therapy treatment December, 1994.

SCHOML—Mary

December 16, 2001, of Orchard Park, beloved wife of the late Judge Charles W. Schohl; sister of Cleo Rubner of Mayville; daughter of the late Clarence and Elizabeth Robbins of Mayville. Friends and relatives are invited to attend graveside services Thursday, December 20, at Woodlawn Cemetery (Orchard Park) at 1 PM. No prior visitation. Arrangements by the Orchard Park Chapel of the **JOSEPH R. QUINN FUNERAL HOME INC.**

BORN 12-25-24

Eva Robbins married Roy Hunt on July 26, . They have one daughter: Linda, born April 26, 1946. They lived in Mayville, N.Y. for many years then moved to Lighthouse Point just outside of the village of Mayville. Roy worked for Klings in Mayville for a long time then he was employed for the Sheriff Dept. for Chautauqua County.

Linda married Gary Rowe on who is a State Policeman for New York State. They live in Jamestown, N.Y. Linda and Gary have two children:

Kim born:
born:

Roy N. Hunt

MAYVILLE — Roy N. "Stub" Hunt, 72, of 15 Washington Ave., Mayville, died at 2:55 a.m. Saturday (May 29, 1993) in Westfield Memorial Hospital.

He was born Sept. 11, 1920, in Mayville, a son of Nathan and Mary Risley Hunt.

A lifelong Mayville resident, Hunt had been a deputy sheriff for Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department and a long-time dispatcher for the department.

Formerly, he had worked as a foreman in the rubbing department of King's Furniture, Mayville, for 20 years. He was a former member of Mayville E.U.B. Church and a life member and former fire chief for 15 years of Mayville Fire Department. He was a member of Chautauqua County Deputy Sheriffs Association.

Surviving are his wife, the former Eva Robbins, whom he married July 26, 1944, in Westfield; a daughter, Linda Hunt-Liljestedt of Lakewood; two grandchildren, Kimberly Rowe of Dunkirk and David Rowe of Jamestown.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Jeanetta Beck; and two brothers, LaVern and Charles Hunt.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Freay Funeral Home, Mayville. The Rev. Gerald Piper, pastor of Dewittville, Hartfield United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Mayville Cemetery.

Friends will be received from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Mayville Fire Department or American Cancer Society.

29 Melvin L. Perdue

MAYVILLE — Melvin L. Perdue, 69, of 26 Morris St., died Thursday (June 4, 1998) in his daughter's home in Westfield.

He was born Jan. 23, 1929, in Westfield, the son of the late Harry and Lottie Chase Perdue.

A veteran of the Korean Conflict, he served in the U.S. Navy and was employed by the New York State Dept. of Transportation in Mayville. He was a member of the Mayville American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Moose Club in Westfield.

He was an avid golfer.

Surviving are two daughters: Karen P. Leach of Westfield, Cheryl Hannum of Albuquerque, N.M.; five grandchildren: Wilson H. Leach Jr. of Fredonia, Leigh Ann Swoger and Brandon L. Leach of Westfield, Kristian and Matthew Hannum of Albuquerque; a granddaughter; and a brother, George C. Perdue of Kennedy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Robbins Perdue, whom he married Aug. 28, 1951 in Westfield and who died June 21, 1990; a sister, Evelyn Lehman; and two brothers: Stanley and Harry Perdue.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Freay Funeral Home, Mayville. The Rev. Paul J. Coran, pastor of the Lakeshore Assembly of God will officiate. Burial will be in Mayville Cemetery.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 111 W. Second St., Room 260, Jamestown, N.Y. 14701; Hospice Chautauqua County, 188 S. Erie St., Mayville, N.Y. 14757; or Westfield Fire Department Rescue Squad, Clinton St., Westfield, N.Y. 14787.

NO. 2000-22-1

Alice F. Perdue

MAYVILLE — Alice F. Perdue, 60, of 26 Morris St., Mayville, died today (June 21, 1990) Westfield Memorial Hospital.

She was born Feb. 26, 1930, in Stedman, N.Y., a daughter of the late Clarence O. and Elizabeth Meade Robbins.

A lifelong area resident, Mrs. Perdue was a graduate of Mayville Central School, class of 1949. She had been employed as a secretary for Mayville Realty. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Melvin L. Perdue, whom she married Aug. 28, 1951, in Mayville; two daughters: Karen Leach of Westfield and Cheryl Hannum of Albuquerque, N.M.; five grandchildren: Wilson Leach Jr., Brandon Leach, and Leigh Anne Leach, all of Westfield, Kristine Anne and Matthew David Hannum, both of Albuquerque; three sisters: Eva Hunt and Cleo Rubner, both of Mayville, and Mary Scholl of Orchard Park; and three brothers: William O. Robbins of Brocton, Charles O. Robbins of Lakewood, and Edward O. Robbins of Westfield.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lorraine Rathburn, and a brother, Leo Robbins.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Freay Funeral Home, Mayville. Burial will be in Mayville Cemetery.

Friends will be received from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or American Heart Association.

Gary E. Robbins

WESTFIELD — Gary E. Robbins, age 52, formerly of Westfield, died unexpectedly on his 52nd birthday, December 2, 2006, in California, where he had resided for many years.

Gary was a 1972 graduate of Westfield Academy and Central School. Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Army. Upon discharge, he graduated from Jamestown Community College; the University of Wisconsin at Madison; Washington University of St. Louis; the University of Colorado; and Nyropa University of Boulder, Colo.

Gary is survived by his parents, Bud and Marlene (Loomis) Robbins, his brother Scott, his wife Laurie Robbins, his niece Katie and his nephew Andrew, all of Westfield, as well as his long-time friend Fran Blau of San Francisco, Calif.

No calling hours will be observed. Funeral Services will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorials are suggested to the Patterson Library, 40 S. Portage St., Westfield, NY 14787 or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by the MASON FUNERAL HOME, 37 Clinton St., Westfield.

given the news

there will be rocks
that remember me
in perfect order
along the sea

allowed to float
atop sunset breeze

how many times
must I die
to know
I need not reach
to touch the sky

for I breathe heaven's
last hours of perfect reflection.

—kari edwards, November 2006

Memorial set for kari edwards

by Zak Szymanski

Friends, family, and colleagues from literary, artistic, and LGBT circles are preparing to honor the late poet kari edwards at a memorial on Friday, April 27, to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the San Francisco campus of the California College of the Arts, 1111 Eighth Street.

Writer, artist and gender activist, Ms. edwards, who did not use capital letters, was a winner of Small Press Traffic's Book of the Year Award in 2004, and was a recipient of New Langton Art's Bay Area Award in literature in 2002. She was the author of *obedience* (Factory School, 2005); *iduna* (O Books, 2003), *a day in the life of p.* (subpress collective, 2002), *a diary of lies - Belladonna #27* (Belladonna Books, 2002), and *post/(pink)* (Scarlet Press, 2000), among other works.

Ms. edwards died on her 52nd birthday, December 2, 2006, of a pulmonary embolism. She had been seeking treatment for unexplained shortness of breath since October of last year; examinations revealed an enlarged heart but no known cause, and the blood clot was not evident in early X-rays. By all accounts, Ms. edwards deeply touched a number of different communities in San Francisco and around the world. A transgender woman and queer activist, she worked for social justice within all of her circles, bringing awareness of gender and queer issues to people and institutions outside of LGBT-specific populations.

"She inspired many people in many different fields," Frances Blau, edwards' surviving life partner, told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "In addition to her writing she

had a whole career in visual art; she exhibited in museums; she ran transgender groups: she did counseling: she taught. There's a whole sphere of different activities, during which she touched people in those worlds."

Born in Illinois and raised in Westfield, New York, Ms. Edwards studied art and creativity, became a sculptural artist, and taught for many years in the art department at Denver University in Denver, Colorado. She left DU and began to transition to female in the early 1990s, then enrolled in the Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colorado to pursue an advanced degree in psychology.

It was at Naropa - a contemplative university modeled after Eastern traditions and also the home of beat poet Allen Ginsberg's writing school - that she met Blau. After finishing her master's degree in psychology, Ms. Edwards continued on at Naropa, earning her master's of fine arts in writing and poetics. During this time she also had sexual reassignment surgery and worked at Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter in Denver, where she held a number of positions and was an advocate for transgender people at the shelter.

After graduating Naropa in 2000, Ms. Edwards taught many classes and ran a transgender support group in Boulder. She and Blau moved to San Francisco in 2002. Ms. Edwards worked for New Leaf: Services for Our Community, as an intake coordinator. She remained active in the local poetry community while doing transgender education for Bay Area agencies and schools. She also published the popular Transdada blog.

In addition to her published books, Ms. Edwards's written work can be found in Scribner's *The Best American Poetry* (Scribner, 2004), *Civil Disobediences: Poetics and Politics in Action* (Coffee House Press, 2004), *Biting the Error: Writers Explore Narrative* (Coach House, Toronto, 2004), and *Bisexuality and Transgenderism: InterSEXions of the Others* (Hawth Press, 2004). She also has volumes of unpublished work, including a forthcoming book entitled *Having Been Blue for Charity* (Blazebox press); and *Bharat Jiva*, a collection of her writings from her nine-month stay in India, where she and Blau planned to relocate.

Her work could be startling, clever and dark at once, often depicting the body as a battleground, as in the poem "a napkin ring for my silent butter," which begins, "oil is my baby - oil is the cock I suck daily - I am your oil spill soaked in blood - I am mighty oil big joe oily big business oily big cock oily teen idol big picture window greased up to be a big time show girl - I am your school girl daddy - aren't you not going to fight for me and stick it to'em big daddy."

Language, said her close friend and fellow poet Rob Halpern, became a cause of its own in Ms. Edwards's life.

"By virtue of her presence alone, kari made limitless demands on our responsibility to respond to all forms of injustice, from the violence against trans-folk, to the injustice of language itself," Halpern told the *B.A.R.* "kari's work as a poet had everything to do with this struggle against the violent force of language, which identifies and occupies in accord with interests not our own. She continues to make us vigilantly aware that we are complicit in the violence of gender simply by thinking in English, just as we're complicit in a murderous imperialism by living in America. kari knew that we need to use language radically and innovatively in order to overcome that violence, hence her faithfulness to the likes of Gertrude Stein, as well as Dada.

"There's no way to respond adequately to the demands that kari made, but she turned the inadequacy of response into the kind of anger with the potential to activate our attentions and mobilize our bodies."

Memorials for Ms. edwards around the country have included the voices and work of some prominent figures, including the writers Anne Waldman, Eileen Myles, and Reed Bye. Additionally, former students of hers who are now well-known artists in the Denver area hosted an event in her honor at that city's Edge Gallery.

San Francisco's April 27 memorial will be co-sponsored by the MFA Writing Program of CCA and by Small Press Traffic Literary Arts Center.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Blau, adding that she may speak at the event about Ms. edwards's inspiration to start writing, back when both of them were students at Naropa.

It was during Ms. edwards's second year of her psychology degree that the legendary poet Ginsberg died, and Ms. Edwards - who had begun journaling about her gender transition - was profoundly affected by the loss.

"It catapulted her," said Blau, who added that Ms. edwards would use the school's multicolored Maitri meditation rooms to construct prose. "She would go in and write, and do that as her practice instead of meditating."

The memorial is a reading and performance. People will read Ms. edwards's work and their own work, and will share their experiences and stories of her. There will be some videos of her art work, including her DVD of India. At least one musical tribute will happen.

In addition to Blau, Ms. edwards is survived by her parents, Bud and Marlene (Loomis) Robbins of Westfield, New York; her brother Scott Robbins, his wife Laurie, and their children, Katie and Andrew of Westfield.

The Naropa Summer Writing program will be offering a kari edwards scholarship

in 2007. This prize will be offered to a student involved in gender activism and experimental writing. Those interested in donating can do so at www.naropa.edu/advancement/index.cfm (indicate that the donation is to support the kari edwards scholarship), or call Chris Dwyer at (303) 546-5280 for more information.