

Vermilya/e/ea/er's...Historically Speaking

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VFA SUBSCRIBING MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2006

The VFA Board of Directors announces the following VFA Subscribing Membership Dues policy for 2006:

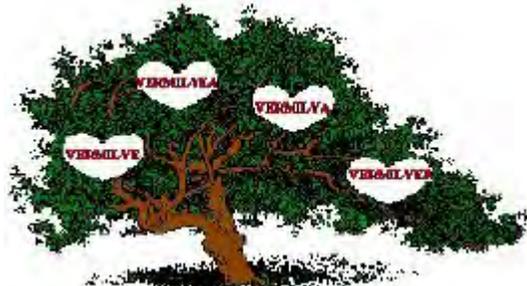
Anyone who has been a VFA subscribing member and paid dues for any year from 1995 through 2005 will not be charged dues in 2006. The membership of those who were Subscribing Members in 2005 will be carried over into 2006 automatically. Those who were not Subscribing Member in 2004 and/or 2005 are requested to send a new (updated) membership application to the VFA Treasurer.

Anyone who has never been a Subscribing Member (will become a first-time member in 2006) must submit a membership application and pay annual dues of \$6.00 (US) or \$7.50 (Canadian). The same rules apply to gift memberships. If a Subscribing Membership application is received by the Treasurer after February 15, 2006, the applicant will be sent all issues of the newsletter which were published in 2006.

Dues and membership applications must be sent to: **Mr. John R. Todd**,
Please make your check or money order payable to: **John R. Todd**; and, enter "VFA dues" on the memo line on your check.

As in the recent past, all VFA Newsletters will be distributed via email to subscribing members who have email capability in their homes. Those without it will receive the newsletter via regular postal service. New members must include their email address when they submit their membership application, or let us know that they do not have email capability.

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From The Staff:

by Carl P. Vermilyea

What a summer-fall we've had weather-wise!! As I write this, Hurricane Wilma is out to sea having ravished Florida and leaving in her wake a rain soaked east coast (and snow here in northern New England). There are VFA and many other extended family members in Florida as well as in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and their neighboring states which experienced the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita not long ago. We send our thoughts and prayers to all our family members affected by these storms and sincerely hope that none were lost or suffered too badly.

As you can tell from the articles in this and prior newsletters, many of us on the staff have traveled a lot this year. Our research has been limited to some degree by those ventures; but, nevertheless Sandra Todd has been able to add names to the master file of "V's" and link a few individuals into the family tree. There are still many "unknowns" who remain a mystery. Some of those are young "V's" we find in news articles - young adults who are active in school or college activities or now out on their own.

The success of our record keeping efforts and this newsletter depends on you. We thank you all for your past support and request that you continue to send Sandra information about births, marriages and similar events in your family (along with pictures if available). Doing so will enable us to keep track of our growing extended family. And, as we've asked before, please send us stories, articles and pictures which we can add to this newsletter. All our members enjoy hearing about the "old times" as well as news of the growth and adventures of members of our extended family.

As this is our last newsletter of the year, the VFA staff joins me in sending to each of you our very best wishes for joy during the upcoming holidays. We hope that 2006 will be a healthy, happy and prosperous year for you all.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

By Carl P. Vermilyea

On August 2nd during a trip to Virginia, Linda and I decided to set aside a few days to sightsee in Washington D. C.; something we hadn't done for 20 years. We wanted to see what had changed; including the additions of the World War II and Korean Memorials on the mall. And, I especially wanted to visit Arlington National Cemetery to see if we could find the graves of the "V" veterans buried there.

After visiting the memorials, we headed for Arlington National Cemetery. On the right just before entering the main gate is the Women In Military Service For America Memorial; a building, not a monument. I have often wondered if any "V" ladies have perished while serving in the U. S. Military; so, we entered the Memorial to see what we could find. From the records available, no "V" lady has died while in the service.

From there, we went to the visitor's information center in the Cemetery. From previous research, I was aware that there were three Vermilya/ea veterans buried at Arlington. The center has a self-help "look-up" computer system where visitors can search for names. Using it, we found only two of the veterans. We then asked for assistance from the staff to find the third – John C. Vermilya, a Civil War casualty. They had no record of that name. I then gave them other information I had about John - died on 24 May 1864 during the Civil War and was a member of the 124th Infantry of New York. With that, they quickly found him registered as John C. Vermilya. We then set off to find and take pictures of the headstones of the three - which, as luck would have it, are located far apart throughout the Cemetery. The veterans' headstones:



George H. Vermilyea (VFA # 878A-2-1) and his son, George Raymond, are buried in the same grave in Section 37, Site 4559. George H.'s name is on one side of the stone; his son's on the other. George served in the U. S. Army from 1942 to 1963. His side of the stone, pictured, reads: "George H Vermilyea, MSG, US Army, Aug 17 1917, Jul 11 2001." (MSG stands for Master Sergeant.)



Ralph Frank Vermilya (VFA #1253) and his second wife, Anna M., are buried in side-by-side graves in Section 11 Site 543. Ralph was a WW I Veteran. His headstone reads: "Ralph Frank Vermilya, Illinois, 1 Lieut Vet Corps, World War I, September 14 1880, October 22 1945." (The "1 Lieut" stands for 1st Lieutenant and "vet" stands for veterinary)



The last grave we found was that of the first "V" to be buried in Arlington, John C. Vermilya (VFA # 303-2) who died during the Civil War. The headstone, now very weatherworn, reads: "263, J. C. Vermilya, Corp'l, NY." It is located near the northeast corner of the Cemetery in Section 27, Site 263.

FAMILY HISTORY EXPANDED AND EXPOUNDED *by Dykeman Vermilye*

The history of our family is intertwined with the history of Europe. While I believe most of us accept that the earliest ancestor we can claim came from a small village in northern France, then named Vermeille and now Vermelles, what do we know about how that man and his family get to a sea port in the Netherlands for the long sea journey to the New World? What others were migrating to the Netherlands and why? How did they support themselves once they left. their original homes? How much did it cost? Riker's "History of Harlem" is the most useful help I have found even though it was published over one hundred years ago. I have drawn liberally from it in the material that follows.

Protestants were drawn to the Netherlands in the 1600's because they were welcomed and protected from Spanish armed forces intent on rooting out heretical belief as detailed by Rome. The French worked their way across the northern part of their country to the English Channel and waited for a boat that could take them across. England became asylum for many from France and Flanders. Regularly plying vessels would carry them across in some cases. Anything afloat in others. It reminds me now of a Dunkirk in reverse.

Once across the Channel, they would find themselves in Sandwich, Rye or Dover. They formed colonies and churches there and set up business in cloth and linen. There are frequent references in Riker's book and elsewhere to manufacturers of cloth coming from northern France. I think it not unreasonable to assume that was a trade for our ancestor.

But there was another destination for the refugees once across the Channel. They would find their way to the Thames and sail up it to the City of London. And this is where we find the first solid reference to Jean de Vermeille, as he signed himself in the church register at the baptism of his son, Isaac in 1601. Riker says: "The French refugees were sometime designated, not by a proper surname, but by the name of some place, evidently that of their nativity or former abode appended to their Christian name." Since his signature translates into "Jean from Vermeille," I accept that as the first instance when the several spellings of our name today was recorded.

Already in Leiden was a man named Jesse de Forest who was encouraged to petition the English king to form a West India Company whose purpose was both trade and the conquest of lands in South America. In 1625, Johannes de Laet, a Director of the West India Company, published "The New World; or a Description of the West Indies." Travelers were coming and going between the Netherlands and the New World with increasing frequency - often a six week crossing - and this book had to be republished several times to meet the demands of whatever reading public there was. Letters from Walloons who had landed in Manhattan and Albany in about 1623 aroused interest by speaking about "beautiful rivers and bubbling fountains, good soil, abundance of timber, fruits, game and fish." In other words: "Come out!" (Walloons were French speaking people of Belgium, in contrast to the Flemings of the northern provinces. There was, and continues to be, rivalry between these two areas and between Belgians who speak different languages.) Those who answered the call at this time were frequently accompanied by one or two servants who signed a contract to work as farmers for a three year period once ashore. Amsterdam became the great point of embarkation for colonists going to the New Netherlands - native Dutch, fugitives from France and Catholic Netherlands, refugees from Germany and Scandinavian countries.

We know that Jean Vermeille and his wife, Marie Roubley, had several children after Isaac was born, the last being Rebecca born in 1609. Interestingly, there is no trace of Jean after 1612. But the son, Isaac, born in 1601 emigrated to Leiden and there married a Dutch woman, Jacomina Jacobs, and there they had two children. Then, like his father, he disappears from any public pages for twenty five years. When he resurfaces in Leiden in 1662 with his wife he has two sons and two daughters.

They set sail for New Amsterdam on October 12, 1662, in the ship Pumerland Church, Captain Barentson commanding. Records in the West India Company show the following charges for their passage:

Isaac Vermeille, debet	
Voor vracht en costgelt dat Ao 1662, 12 October. Pr: 'schip de	
Pumerlander Kerk, Benjamin Barentson, is haerwaerts gecomen	F. 39
Voor syn vrou	39
En 4 kinderen, all boven de 20 e jaeren	156
	234

What would 234 Florins be worth today? Riker says they were worth \$.40. I can't believe it. Other references I have found suggest \$30.00. But how to tell? We are in the age of Euros.

I met a young woman recently who had moved from Manhattan to Taos where I live. When she learned my name she said she couldn't believe it: she lived on Nagel Street and both Dyckman Street and Vermilye Avenue were where she walked. Well, there you are: Nagel was one of the other early settlers in New Harlem. How many other street names are still there from the "early" days that link up with us in other ways?



SPORTS

By Sandra Todd and Carl Vermilyea

In searching the Internet, we have found two more athletes to report on: Erik Vermilyea, a bowler, and Geoffrey Vermilyea, a motor cross racer.



Erik (VFA #1963) Vermilyea, the son of Patrick (#1808) and Susan Vermilyea, is one of our country's top amateur bowlers. In 2003 and 2004 he was selected a member of the USA Junior Amateur Bowling Team. In January 2005, he was selected to become a member of the Bowling Congress' Men's Bowling Team USA after placing second for the honor in a competition in Dallas, TX. On 22 September, the team won the American Zone Championship in Puerto Rico. At the conclusion of that competition, Erik became engaged to Amanda Burgoyne, a member of the Women's Bowling Team USA which also placed first in the competition. Erik lives in Maplewood, MN, and is a student at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

Geoffrey Vermilyea is a motor cross competitor. As we go to press, we have very little information about Geoffrey and have not been able to link him into the family tree. We believe he lives in Dickson, Tennessee. If any of you members have information about Geoffrey, please sent it to Sandra Todd or Carl Vermilyea.

You can read about both Erik and Geoffrey by typing their names in one of your Internet search engines – like Google.



THOSE WHO WERE VFA SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS IN 2005

We extend our appreciation to those listed below who have supported VFA efforts this year.

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Croley	Robert R. & Patricia T.	Vermilya	Alice
Croley	Vera V. & Ralph W.	Vermilya	Brian
Darst	Doris F. & Kelsay G.	Vermilya	Ed & Mary
Dunlap	Patty	Vermilya	Hugh C.
Fernkopf	Barbara & Wayne	Vermilya	Jay J.
Gann	Bea	Vermilya	John B. & Ruby O.
Herstad	Sally S.	Vermilya	Jon
Hewitt	Ronald Dean	Vermilya	Judy
Holladay	John A.	Vermilya	Lucinda
Kuebler	Harold & Dorothea V.	Vermilya	Wilber A. & Rosanne M.
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Schottler	George R. & Alice M.	Vermilyea	Paul H.
Schottler	Max E. & Wanda	Vermilyea	Peter & Jill
Sladek	Vivian V.	Vermilyea	Samuel & Evelyn Jo
Sobolewski	Fern	Vermilyea	Silas R. Jr. & Elizabeth
Stanovsky	Madonna V.	Vermilyea	Viola
Stewart	Joyce	Vermilyer	James E. & Wilma
Stoddard	Robert & Linda	Watson	Beverly V.
Stout	Dayl & Jennie	Webb	William P.
Thayer	Laura & Malcolm	Whittaker	Bonnie
Theodorakis	Veronica & Michael	Young	Darla & Arthur



CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Having difficulty in thinking of a Christmas gift for a hard-to-buy-for relative? Suggestion: A one-year membership in the Vermilyea Family Association. A gift membership costs \$6.00. Please send the name, postal address and email address of the recipient along with the \$6.00 to our treasurer, John Todd, at the address shown on the last page of this newsletter.



The following three columns, on this page and the next, concern one Captain Vermilye and were discovered and submitted by Sandra V. Todd. The headlines and the papers they came from precede each column.

Headline: Loss of the Brig Swiftsure, Vermilye, of This Port; Paper: The Alexandria Herald; Date: 1811-10-21; Vol: I; Iss: 41; Page: [2]

Loss of the brig Swiftsure, Vermilye, of this port—August 12, in lat 32,10 N and long 62,30 W. winds at 55 W. and blowing a heavy gale, with squalls of rain, found it necessary to bring the vessel in. The sea running high, at half past axle P.M. was struck by a heavy squall and thrown upon our beam-ends. All hands immediately got upon the weather side, cut away the rigging, and in a few seconds the masts broke close to the deck, and the vessel righted, but was full of water. The sea now made a complete breach over side, and it was with the greatest difficulty that we could keep ourselves from being washed overboard. Those who could, supplied themselves with small pieces of rope to secure themselves to the rails. Part of the crew took their station at the bow, and the remainder among the tafferal, to wait the doom of a most dismal night, which soon closed upon us. The sea all the time running with great fury, and the intervals between the seas were so short, that we had scarcely time to clear our nostrils and eyes before we were again overwhelmed almost to suffocation. At about midnight, the wind shifted to the Northward and Westward, and the storm abated a little, but the sea continued to run very high and cross.

At length the morning came and showed us all the horrors of our perilous situation. In the middle of the ocean, on a vessel under water, except a small part of her bows and taffarel, without provision or fresh water, and the sea every moment making clear breach over us. In this situation we remained until nearly night, when our hunger beginning to grow insupportable, we succeeded in securing a pig, which was on the deck at the time of our disaster and had been killed by the rigging. The

heart and liver of this was taken our and divided. This was eaten; but instead of relieving it added to our distresses, for it brought on severe sickness. The sea ran very high all the next night, but some of the people who had secured themselves slept a little, being worn out by fatigue and watching. On the second day after we were upset, the sea ran high all day, and the sun coming out very high, we suffered much, being sometimes, drenched in water and at others broiling in the sun.. On the third day we succeeded in procuring a little bread soaked in salt water, and a little oil, by diving into the cabin.. This day Samuel Anderson was washed overboard and lost, and in the night John White died through excess of fatigue. On the fourth day we procured some water and beef. This day we saw a sail, but at such a distance that we were not discovered. On the fifth day we succeeded in procuring fire by means of a sun glass, which was brought out of the cabin by diving. The weather being more moderate, we cooked part of a shark, two of which we had caught. But the weather coming on more boisterous, we were never able to kindle a fire after that day. On the sixth, seventh and eighth days, nothing remarkable occurred; we made shift to preserve life with the bread, oil and beef which we had procured. Captain Lyman, a passenger, was reduced very low, and would not have survived many days more. On the ninth day we saw a sail, so near as that we could discern the men walking on the deck but was not discovered by them. On the morning of the 10th, we discovered the Madeira standing directly for us, and about 10 o'clock we were all taken on board. Here we met with the most hospitable treatment; and everything which the generous people on board could do, was done to make us forget our miseries. On board of this vessel we remained from the 22d of August to the 6th of September, when we fell in with the ship Citizen, based to Alexandria. On board of this vessel the captain and mate were taken, and landed at Alexandria.

■ *The brig Madeira was bound to Madeira, and on board her was left the following persons: - Capt Simeon Lyman, passengers; Nathaniel Plumber, second mate; Peter Barton, boatswain; Charles Nusle, William Pitcairn, William Wilson, James Rifout and Andrew Dale.*

Headline: *Loss of the Brig Swiftsure, Vermilye, of This Port;*
Paper: *The Alexandria Herald;* Date: 1811-10-21;
Vol: I; Iss: 41; Page: [2]

NEW YORK, July 24 — Atrocious Piracy. The brig *Pedlar*, Captain Vermilye, arrived last night in 48 days from Havre de Grace, and 38 from Plymouth England, having been obliged to put in thither by stress of weather, and detained there four days by continued gales from the Westward. On the 9th inst. in lat. 34, 20, long. 54, the Brig was boarded by an armed schooner (having an armed ship in company under French colors,) mounting 14 guns, and manned by blacks and mulattoes. They came on board, with pistols, swords, and long knives, and having severely beaten the Officers and crew, and driven them all into the forecabin, they commenced an indiscriminate plunder of clothing, money, liquors, dry goods, &c. They broke open most of the packages on board, and took away the most valuable parts of the cargo. Having been occupied about five hours in taking away, and securing their plunder, they permitted the Brig to proceed on her voyage.

Captain Vermilye has left at this office several packages of Paris papers, which were stripped of their directions, by the pirates who plundered his vessel. Any gentleman who may have had a package put on board may call and select his own,

Com. Adv.

Headline: [*Captain Vermilye; Gulph; Stream; Alexandria; Samuel Anderson; Pennsylvania; John White;*]
Paper: *Alexandria Daily Gazette, Commercial & Political;* Date: 1811-10-19; Vol: XI; Iss: 3472; Page: [2]

Captain Vermilye, of the brig Swiftsure, of this port, which was upset in the Gulph Stream on the 12th of August last, arrived in town last evening from Alexandria. He informs that all his crew were saved except Samuel Anderson of Pennsylvania, and John White,



A WEDDING IS ANNOUNCED

Married on October 1, 2005 in Pembroke, NH, Kristen Vermilyea (VFA # 1947), daughter of Robert Vermilyea of Northport, ME, and Ellen Vermilyea of Pembroke, NH, to Mark Harbaugh, son of Steven and Diane Harbaugh of St. Louis, MO. They will reside in Concord, NH.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Cairns,

Elizabeth is the daughter of

Bonnie Oliver Whittaker,
Bonnie is the daughter of Elizabeth Cairns and the granddaughter of Adelia Vermilya.

BIRTHS

Brandon Jay Vermilyea¹¹, (Dean Jay¹⁰, Everett⁹, Leland⁸, Jesse C.⁷, Avery⁶, Abram⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)



Brandon and Amanda Vermilyea, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Cameron Irelynn Vermilyea. Cameron was born on August 3, 2005, measured 18 inches and weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. Paternal grandparents are Dean and Colleen Vermilyea. Paternal great-grandparents are Irene Puncochar and Everett and Ann Vermilyea. Maternal grandparents are Ronald Rud and Mary Morehouse and Steve Morehouse. Maternal great-grandparents are Robert and Lois Rud, Edward and Mary Lou Kasner, and Martha Morehouse.
Dodge County Independent, Kasson, Minnesota, August 23, 2005.

IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences go out to all our members who recently lost a loved one.....

LYLE VERNON VERMILYA

Lyle Vernon Vermilya⁹, (Floyd⁸, Edgar⁷, William⁶, Samuel⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)
(Lyle and Ginny attended several family reunions, and were among the early members of the Vermilyea Family Association)

Lyle Vermilya, 75 — On the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005, Lyle Vernon Vermilya of Canton passed away unexpectedly at Troy Community Hospital. He was 75 years of age.

Born Feb. 6, 1930, in Canton Township, Bradford County, he was one of five children in the family of Floyd and Leone (June) Vermilya.

He was a graduate of Canton High School and had served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Later Mr. Vermilya was employed as a machinist with Hardinge Inc. in Elmira, N.Y., retiring in 1992.

On Nov. 19, 1950, Lyle was united in marriage to Virginia Ayres. Together they raised five sons and shared almost 55 years.

Mr. Vermilya was always known as being an outgoing, friendly man who enjoyed spontaneous visits with family and friends.

He was a member of the American Legion Post in Troy and the Canton Classic Bowling League, a

member and former officer of the Canton Little League, a former member of the Canton Moose Lodge No. 429, and manager of a two-time state champion men's softball team.

Lyle enjoyed playing euchre and taking long walks on a brisk day. He was an avid fan of local sporting events, especially those which involved his children and grandchildren. He was a diehard supporter of both the Canton Warriors and New York Giants, as well as being an avid fan of John Wayne. He had a keen sense of humor and displayed a knack for bestowing comical nicknames on the members of his family.

Lyle was a man who knew his Lord and was a longtime member of the Windfall United Methodist Church.

He was a man with a genuine love and concern for his family, taking pride in all of their achievements. Ultimately, it was his beloved family who stood by his side when the Lord called him home.

Mr. Vermilya is survived by his wife of nearly 55 years, Virginia; sons Lyle Gene (and Terry) Vermilya, Dennis Vermilya, Roger Vermilya and Donna Rogers, Russell (and Sheryl) Vermilya and Daryl Vermilya; brother F. Edgar (and Mary) Vermilya; brother-in-law, Robert Wheeler; sister-in-law, Marlene Vermilya; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; his special walking buddy, Lewie Packard; and his beloved canine pal, Woofie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Clarice Corey; his brother Glenford Vermilya; and his sister Joyce Wheeler.

Calling hours will be 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Morse & Kleese Funeral Home Inc., 40 N. Center St., Canton.

Funeral services and a celebration of his life will be conducted at 11 a.m. precisely on Saturday at the Canton Mennonite Church, Union and North Center streets, Canton, with the Rev. Doug Graybill and the Rev. James House officiating. There will be no visitation time at the church prior to the service. Interment will follow in Windfall Cemetery.

The family will provide the flowers and suggests that memorial contributions be directed to the Canton Area Sports Program, c/o Teresa Allen, Canton Area High School, 139 E. Main St., Canton, Pa. 17724.

Published in the Towanda Daily Review, Towanda, Pennsylvania, September 29, 2005.

ARLENE C. VERMILYEA, daughter of Harold Vermilyea

Harold Vermilyea⁹, (Irving⁸, Irving⁷, Isaac⁶, Gerardus⁵, Isaac G.⁴, Gerardus³, John², Johannes¹)

ARLENE C. VERMILYEA - 61, resident of Stamford, CT, entered into eternal rest with the Lord on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at her home. She was born in Stamford on October 14, 1943 and was daughter of the late Harold Vermilyea and Irene (Balog) Vermilyea.

Ms. Vermilyea worked in accounts receivable for Pitney Bowes, Inc. for 35 years and was member of the Pitney Bowes Oval Club. She also loved to travel and was an avid reader.

Arlene is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Bob and Carol L. Quell; two brothers and sister-in-law, Joseph G. and Joanne Vermilyea and John B. Vermilyea; and a nephew, Stephen Vermilyea. She was pre-deceased by her parents.

There will be no calling hours. Services will be held privately. The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 9 Pulaski Street, Stamford, CT.

Published in the Stamford Advocate, Stamford, Connecticut, September 29, 2005.

EDWARD ARGENIO, son of Ethel Vermilyea Argenio

Ethel Vermilyea⁹, (William Seymore⁸, William S.⁷, Nathaniel Drake, Jr.⁶, Nathaniel Drake⁵, Philip⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

Vietnam-era veteran was NYMEX Exchange broker

Friday, September 09, 2005

Edward Argenio, a former commodities broker, died Tuesday at his Tottenville home. He was 57.

Born in Brooklyn, he moved to Tottenville 21 years ago.

Mr. Argenio worked as a commodities broker for the NYMEX Exchange, Manhattan, for 30 years. He left work due to illness last year.

His wife of 26 years, the former Susan Ducalo, described Mr. Argenio as her best friend, someone everyone could rely on for support.

“He will truly be missed by all he came in contact with,” his wife said. “He was a loving and giving individual.”

Mr. Argenio served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, stationed in Germany.

He enjoyed cooking and fund-raising for the Dr. Theodore A. Atlas Foundation.

Mr. Argenio was a parishioner of Our Lady Help of Christians R.C. Church, Tottenville.

In addition to his wife, Susan, surviving are his son, E.J.; his two daughters, Alexandra and Gabrielle Argenio, and a brother, James.

The funeral will be Saturday from the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Eltingville, with a mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady Help of Christians Church. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Pleasant Plains.

State Island Advance, Silive.com

WALTER GEORGE VERMILYE

Walter George Vermilye⁹ (Henry Wilbur⁸, Arthur Lewis⁷, Henry Marcellus⁶, Edward Jr.⁵, Edward⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

VERMILYE-Walter G. Vermilye, passed away on August 22, 2005 in Albuquerque, NM. Walter was born on November 16, 1933 in Cleveland, Ohio. He is preceded in death by his twin brother, Russell; brothers, Wilbur and John; and sisters, Martha and Lorraine. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Rosemary; his children, Denise Gould of New York; Daniel of Ohio, David of Michigan; his grandchildren, his step-children, Kenneth Riddell II of Texas, Brad Riddell of Arizona and his son, Bradley Andrew Riddell and Tammy Thomason of New Mexico; his brothers, Ed of Michigan and Jerry of Ohio; his sister, Phyliss of Ohio and nieces and nephews. Walt served in the Army from 1953 - 1956 and was a member of the American Legion Post 102 in Tucson, AZ. He was a chef by trade and retired from Kitt Peak National Observatory. His favorite position was working for Max Fogel catering to the crew and stars of motion pictures. Recently he and Rosemary moved from Tucson to Albuquerque, NM to be closer to their daughter. Sadly, he died of heart complications after a short illness. His family would like to thank the staff of the VA Hospital for their kind care in Tucson as well as in Albuquerque. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2005 at Chapel of Sunrise, 7601 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Albuquerque.

Published at Tucson.com on 8/25/2005.

LYDIA VERMILYEA Wife of James Joseph Vermilyea, mother of Veronica Theodorakis.

James Joseph Vermilyea⁹, (William Seymore⁸, William S.⁷, Nathaniel Drake, Jr.⁶, Nathaniel Drake⁵, Philip⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaa Corssen², Johannes¹)

VERMILYEA-Lydia of Plainview NY on August, 25, 2005. Beloved wife of the late James J. Vermilyea. Cherished mother of Veronica and the late Catherine and loving mother-in-law of Michael Theodorakis. Adoring grandmother of Matthew, Andrew, and Thomas. Funeral Mass on Monday at 9:30AM at Our Lady of Mercy R.C. Church, Hicksville. Interment to follow at St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vermilyea Memorial Garden Fund, care of Ed Kiernan, Our Lady of Mercy Church, 500 South Oyster Bay Rd., Hicksville NY. Arrangements entrusted to Vernon C. Wagner Funeral Home, 125 Old Country Rd., Hicksville, NY
Published in New York Newsday, August 28, 2005 nynewsday.com

WILLIAM ROBERT (BILL) VERMILYEA

William Robert Vermilyea⁹, (Leo B.⁸, Orville A.⁷, Avery⁶, Abram⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

RAPID CITY — William (Bill) Robert Vermilyea peacefully departed this earth in his sleep early in the morning on August 15, 2005. Bill was born December 2, 1930, in Wadona, Minnesota, to Leo and Ruth Vermilyea.

He and his wife Jan moved to Rapid City in 1985, where they operated the Cost Cutters hair salons until they retired in 2002.

Bill served in the Air Force, where he was a Staff Sergeant and served his country with distinction and honor during the Korean War. He received several honors, including the Korean Service Medal, a United Nations Service Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal. Bill had a passion for fishing and won many competitions in both the United States and Canada. He was fond of fishing with his family and friends, and no matter how hard he didn't try, he always out-fished them.

Bill is survived by his wife Janet Vermilyea and brothers, Donald and Everal Vermilyea, sister June English, daughter and son-in-law Jan and John Fitzpatrick, son and daughter-in-law Patrick and Sue Vermilyea, daughter Geena Vermilyea, son Steve Vermilyea, daughter and son-in-law Ronet Bachman and Raymond Paternoster, grandchildren, Roseanne and Andrew Dauffenbach, Ann Hunt, John and Joseph Fitzpatrick, Erik, Sara, and Abby Vermilyea, John Bachman-Paternoster, and great-grandson William Dauffenbach.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at the Osheim-Catron Funeral Home with Rev. Ben Sandin officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home one hour prior to services on Thursday. Services, with military honors provided by Rushmore VFW Post 1273 honor guard, will be at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for the Childrens Home Society.

Friends may sign the online guest register and offer condolences at www.osheimcatron.com.

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ROBERT L. MAXIM

Son of Chloe Idella Vermilyea⁹, (Bruce⁸, John D.⁷ William⁶, Solomon⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

Mr. Maxim was a veteran of the Untied States Army who earned the Good Conduct Medal. He loved his grandchildren and working with his hands.

Surviving are his wife Patricia DeSilva Maxim, with who he recently celebrated 45 years of marriage; a son Robert; three daughters, Donna Bender, Danna Baker and Diane Maxim; three brother, Raymond, Allan, and Wayne; two sisters, Chloe Pebler and Patricia Kratochvil. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate the life of Mr. Maxim will be held on Thursday July 28, 2005 at 8 p.m. at the E. B. Gormley Funeral Home, 87 Main St., Phoenicia with the Rev. Ralph Darmstadt as celebrant.

Calling hours will be 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Thursday.

Arrangements are by the E. B. Gormley Funeral Home, Phoenicia.

Memorial donations in his name may be made to the Fleischmanns Fire Department.

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FAMILY

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days.

But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives.

And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than into our own family, an unwise investment indeed, don't you think? So what is behind the story?

Do you know what the word FAMILY means?
FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU

THE VFA

The Vermilyea Family Association (Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea, Vermilyer), or VFA for short, a not-for-profit, social club staffed by volunteers, was established on November 27, 1995. We have shared information about the descendants of Johannes Vermelje (the Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea and Vermilyer lines) and, thus, together, learned a great deal about our small, unique, extended family. With the goals of increasing family unity, bonding and fellowship, we encourage you to submit to our Historian your genealogy research plus stories, histories and information about your family, ancestors and descendants. By doing so, we'll all benefit by leaning even more; and, from our consolidated records, you might just find that long-lost relative you've been wondering about for years.

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Sandra V. Todd maintains a private, non-VFA affiliated/sponsored web site at: <http://freepages.family.rootsweb.com/~vermilyeareunion/index.html>. At this site, Sandra reports on family reunions and lists members of the early generations of the Vermilya-Vermilye-Vermilyea-Vermilyer family.