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‘The Three Old Boys’ hit all the right notes

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AUSTIN, Minn. — Put Earl Weiland, Arleigh Hanson and Everett Vermilyea in a room together and you’re in for a treat: the sounds of bright clucking from a banjo, a bouncy beat from a piano and an articulate fiddle singing a melody.

They call themselves “The Three Old Boys.” With ages ranging from 87 to 97, they venture they’re the oldest group, in terms of their ages, entertaining in Minnesota.

They play old-time music made of waltzes, polkas and square dances in nursing homes, churches and retirement homes in the state’s southern region. They play by ear with no sheet music. Audience members dance if they’re able, but most tap their feet or sing along.

“I like it ‘cause it keeps me happy,” said Weiland, the banjo player.

Bookings come through word of mouth. They get enough to play year-round, usually two to three shows a month, including annual gigs like the Dexter United Methodist Church’s turkey supper. Nothing’s booked for February yet, but the group’s not worried.

“Valentine’s Day’s coming and I’m sure we’ll get a call before then,” said Vermilyea, the fiddler.

He performs with his grandfather’s fiddle that’s over 100 years old and remembers starting his

musical career with 12 lessons priced at 75 cents each from Austin’s band director.

They’ve all been playing music for the majority of their lives and enjoy it for the simple reason of making music. “What else would we do?” asked Vermilyea — and for the camaraderie. Weiland and Vermilyea have been together for at least 15 years and Hanson has been in the group for 10.

“Time goes fast,” said Weiland. Vermilyea also said he likes to be in the group because it keeps him

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Summertime, OH Summertime. For those of you living in the north it's a glorious time for enjoying the outdoors. Living in the steamy south I am looking forward to spending the lazy afternoons in my air-conditioned office catching up on the many things I have "let go" during the year.

This year I am more behind than usual with moving and all that comes with it. We sold our house in North Carolina; it closed the first week in May, so that is a relief!! I now have Internet at my house, so we're moving in the right direction.

I do plan the usual updating of the Vermilyea Book files at the Web Site in July. When I first started adding files there I thought this would quickly end up as a once a year operation, but alas, the files are bursting with new information in way less than six months. In February I added the 8th Generation to the Web Site and the 9th Generation photo album. If you haven't seen these check them out.

Remember, we need all of you with your ideas and input to make this newsletter possible. Thanks to all of you for submitting your family information and for bringing the family news to our attention.

Have a wonderful summer! We hope you will be enjoying a reunion with your loved ones.

Good health and much love,

Sandra



TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

Now that we are in the summer months, many of us are taking vacation trips. If you are among those, we ask that you check telephone books as you go from place to place for Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea and Vermilyer listings. If you find any, please send a note (e-mail or regular mail) to Sandra Todd or Carl Vermilyea with the name and address of the person(s) you find. We'll add the names to the VFA master file.



LOCAL REUNIONS AND GATHERINGS

We understand that some of you will be organizing or attending Vermilya, Vermilye, Vermilyea or Vermilyer family reunions in your local area this summer. Please don't forget that we'd like to receive information about your reunion/gathering for our historical records and this newsletter.

Please send us a report of your event with the names of attendees, and pictures too.

VERMILYER FAMILY REUNION – SUMMER 2007

Reported by Frances (Vermilyer) Warren, Secretary/Treasurer

The 52nd Vermilyer Family Reunion was held on Sunday, June 3, 2007 at the City Park, in LaPorte, Indiana.

Forty family members and friends were in attendance.

A great meal of grilled meats was enjoyed by all.

The following family members received rewards:

Oldest Woman: Bessie (Vermilyer) Reeder, aged 99 years

Oldest Man: Lewis Vermilyer, aged 84 years

Youngest Child: Emilee J. Alcala, Six months old

Farthest traveler: Kenneth Reeder, 60 miles

The 2008 reunion was held on June 1st at the same location.

BIRTHS

Edith (Vermilya) Baldwin is pleased to announce the birth of her grandson Anson Vaughn Jamison who was born February 1, 2008. Anson who weighed 10 pounds at birth is the son of Joseph Anson and Laeticia Collette (Butler) Jamison.



Anson Vaughn Jamison



Paige Allison Vermilye was born February 7, 2008. The proud parents are Matthew and Stephanie Vermilye. Grandparents are Thomas and Cynthia Vermilye her Great Grandparents are Earl and Levonne Hartter. Paige weighed 6 lbs 15 oz and was 18" long. She has a head of black curly hair and pale blue eyes. Paige joins her brothers Ryan, and Daniel.

Paige Allison Vermilye and family

Amelia Rose DeSanto was born March 5, 2008, the daughter of Frank and Katherine Lake (Vermilyea) DeSanto. She weighed 7 Lbs and 1 oz. and was 20" long. Michael W. and Prudence (Myers) Vermilyea or Orlando, Florida are the grandparents and Lynn and the late Nancy (Rosa) Vermilyea are the great grandparents.



Amelia Rose DeSanto



Kaitlyn Samantha Vermilyea was born January 31, 2008 in Manchester, New Hampshire, to Seth and Joanne (“Jodi”) Vermilyea.

Katilyn Samantha Vermilyea

IN MEMORIAM

Boyd Lewis Bedford, Jr., son of Larena/Rena/Clarine Vermilyea⁷, (Gilbert B.⁶, Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)



Boyd “June” Bedford, Jr., 82, of Prospect St., Susquehanna, passed away on Thursday, February 7, 2008, at the Barnes-Kasson Hospital SNF, Susquehanna, Pa. He was born in Gelatt, Pa., the son of the late Boyd and Rena Vermilyea Bedford. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 58 years, Bernice E. Bedford on September 3, 2007. Boyd is survived by three sons, James and Barbara Bedford, Lanesboro, Pa., Brian and Dot Bedford, Sarasota, Fla., Timothy Bedford and Tara Pickering, Oakland, Pa.; one daughter, Linda Pickering and Don Lake, Jr., New Milford, Pa.; two sisters-in-law, Marion Glover and Jean Bedford; 12 grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

He was a veteran of the US Army and a member of the American Legion Post #86 of Susquehanna, Pa. He was retired from Interstate Burlap and Bag Company of Great Bend, Pa. Boyd enjoyed farming and raising beef cattle, hunting and fishing. He will be deeply missed by his family and many friends. The funeral service will be held on Monday, February 11, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at the Hennessey’s Funeral Home, 208 Jackson Ave., Susquehanna, with the Rev. Keith Albee officiating. Burial will be in the North Jackson Cemetery, North Jackson, Pa. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Published in the Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin, February 9, 2008.

Robert B. Brokovec spouse of Carole Ann Vermilya¹⁰ (David Paul⁹, Lawrence E.⁸, George⁷, John P.⁶, Joseph⁵, David⁴, David³, John², Johannes¹)

Robert B Borkovec, 72, died April 10, after a battle with cancer.

He was born Sept. 7, 1935, in Chicago, to George and Evelyn Borkovec. He moved to Colorado to attend Regis University.

He married Carole Vermilya, also of Illinois, on Jan. 1, 1955. They celebrated the birth and adoption of nine children.

He began his insurance career at his dad's office in the summer of 1952. He started with Standard and Main Insurance Co. in Colorado in 1957. He maintained an office in Broomfield for many years and was active in the Broomfield Jaycees, the Foot Lighters and the Rotary Club.

He was a member of Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church and was a Eucharistic minister, lector and a retreat counselor at Camp Saint Malo. He also was a Broomfield ambulance attendant and volunteered on the A-Basin Ski Patrol for 13 years.

He retired in 1993 and moved to Maui, Hawaii, with his wife Carole. He quickly returned to work until his second retirement in 2006, when he and Carole returned to Broomfield. He and Carole then purchased their long-dreamed-for cabin in the wooded outskirts of Franktown.

He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and many personal and business friends, his family said. He also enjoyed skiing, golfing, hunting, sailing, hiking, coaching football and working with wood.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Carole's parents; four infant children; his brother, George Borkovec, Jr.; and sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Hank Berger.

Survivors include his wife, Carole; his nine children, Katherine Tucker, Robert Borkovec, Mark Borkovec, Laura Borkovec, Barbara Borkovec Rice, Susan Henry, Cara Borkovec, Tony Borkovec and Loren Borkovec; two brothers, Thomas Borkovec and Richard Borkovec; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three sons-in-law; four daughters-in-law; three sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family members and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, Our Lady Of Guadalupe Abbey/Pecos Benedictine Monastery, P.O. Box 1080 Pecos, N.M. 87552, or Hawaiian Benedictine Monastery, Waialua, HI 96791.

Published in the Broomfield Enterprise, Broomfield, Colorado, April 20, 2008.

Nellie Christine Vermilyea Dennis⁹, (Joseph Clyde⁸, Joseph Calder⁷, Abraham Augustus⁶, Philip⁵, Abraham⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

GAMBIER — N. Christine Dennis, 73, of Gambier died Sunday, March 2, 2008, at her residence.

Christine was born Dec. 26, 1934, in Casa, Wyo., to Joseph Clyde Vermilyea and Ethel Louise (Achison) Vermilyea. She was a housewife and artist.

Surviving are her children, William Dennis of Estes Park, Colo., Niki Mull of Hilton Head, S.C., and Angel Fontenot of Denver, Colo.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her brothers, Dr. Bayard C. Vermilyea of Mountain Grove, Mo., James B. Vermilyea of Hilton Head, S.C., and Jake Vermilyea of Montague, Calif.; and her sister, Shirley Nickless of Columbus, Ga.

Her parents, husband, Gary W. Dennis, and two sons, Gary Joe Dennis and Brian D. Dennis, are deceased. There will be no calling hours. The family will hold private services.

The Dowds-Snyder Funeral Home in Mount Vernon is honored to serve the family of Christine Dennis.

Published in the Mount Vernon News, Mount Vernon, Ohio, March 8, 2008.

Emily Vermilye Duncan, granddaughter of Emily Augusta Vermilye⁷, (Washington Romeyn⁶, William W.⁵, William⁴, John³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

Perry, Emily Duncan, (known as “Lita” Perry for most of her life) born June 19, 1908, died January 15, 2008, having lived almost 100 exciting years. She was a modern lady although she died of old age. Born in



West Hampton Beach, Long Island NY, just past the turn of the century, she led a life of adventure and great charm. Lita graduated from the Knox Girl’s school in New York and was an accomplished horsewoman at a young age. At a time when cars were newly invented and women did not learn to drive, she learned. The rest of her family relied on a chauffeur. As a debutante she was presented at a spectacular ball. Her dream was to become a Zigfeld Follies girl, but the audition with the Follies did not yield an offer. She was successful as an actress and singer, and became a member of the renowned Theatre Guild in NYC. She was raised at a time when most young ladies of society did not go to college. Instead, they went on grand tours of travel to exotic locations to ensure they were well rounded. Lita traveled throughout Europe and Africa as a singer with an Italian opera Co. She told us of her adventures in Paris

where she lived adjacent to George and Ira Gershwin and listened to them composing now famous songs. She left Europe and returned to US soil on one of the last boats to safety prior to World War I. She then continued her adventures traversing the USA with her new theatre group, often driving other cast members who did not have cars. Rubber for tires was scarce, roads were not what they are today. She lived in NJ, NY, and FL, and then gratefully settled into her favorite place, California. She chose this golden beach state to live in at a time when it was exploding with grace and newness. Here she lived the rest of her life as a happily married lady enjoying her life with her husband Edward Perry, her children and especially her grandchildren. She was a great beauty and loved to exercise. At age 89 she was still leading an exercise class for her friends. Born the youngest of 5 children, Emily Duncan had a wonderful childhood in Englewood, NJ. They were located outside NYC and had many adventures. She adored her parents and was proud to be a Duncan. The family has a long history of service. Lita’s great grandfather, General Duncan, volunteered to lead one of the first African American units to fight for the Union during the Civil War. Her mother, Emily Vermilye Brinkerhoff, was the youngest of the popular siblings her community referred to as “the 7 sisters of Englewood.” The senior Emily volunteered to play piano for the prison inmates as an act of compassion. Lita’s grandfather, Elbert Adrain Brinkerhoff, took a sea voyage in 1859 on the clipper ship Adelaide to the gold rush. He also carried gold bullion by steamship across the Sacramento River as an agent for Wells Fargo Co. during one of the first Pony Express Rides in California. Later in life he was one of the founding fathers and 1st mayor of Englewood. Lita was preceded in death by her loving parents, Fredrick Smyth Duncan, and Emily Brinkerhoff Duncan; her brothers, Fredrick, Elbert, Samuel, and her husbands, Louis Stewart, Jr., Denny Dennison, and Edward Thomas Perry. She leaves behind all the family who loved her incredible spirit and sense of adventure. Through them, “Grammy’s” laughter will continue to brighten this world. Lita will be greatly missed by this generation and all the future generations who will discover her legacy. She leaves behind 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great- grandson: daughters, Lita Perry O’Connell and Joan Duncan Stewart Ruvane her grandchildren, Kelly O’Connell Marin, Maura O’Connell Marbut, Emily Anne Ruvane Johnston, Sharon Vermilye Ruvane, Mary Brent Ruvane, Patricia Mildred Ruvane, Joseph Jerome Ruvane, III, Louis Stewart Ruvane; great-grandchildren, Logan Diego Marin, Maya Emily Marin, Ella Ladybug Marbut, Gretchen Duncan Neison Duarte, Harry Hoke Neison, Kelly Lynne Ruvane, Joseph Jerome Ruvane IV, Kyler Gates Ruvane, Scott James Gravatt, Katie Joan Gravatt, Liam Samuel Ruvane, Boden Louis Ruvane; her great-great-grandson, Logan Duarte. Lita will be buried at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park in Colma, CA, beside her

beloved husband Edward Perry. Nearby will be her favorite dog, "Prancer" the spunky Schnauzer. Emily Lita Duncan Perry always searched for the joy in life. It was her personal trademark. Her family will continue to do the same through her timeless inspiration.

Published in the Orange County Register, Santa Ana, California, January 22, 2008.

Florence Clydene Cox Edelen, daughter of Lucy Lola Mae Vermilyea⁸, (Joseph Calder⁷, Abraham Augustus⁶, Philip⁵, Abraham⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

Florence Clydene Cox Edelen passed away on Saturday, January 5, 2008 after three days in Lutheran Hospice Center, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. She had a heart attack September 1, 2007. She was cremated and the memorial services were held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at the church she attended.

Florence Clydene Edelen was named after her Uncle Clyde, a brother to Lucy Vermilyea Cox Gately. She was born in Pueblo, Colorado.

She is survived by a daughter Lynn Ensor and a son Frederick J. Ensor. She has three sisters, Hope Jo Cox Saunders, who passed away in 2003, Lonnie Ann Gately Cox, who lives in Gardnerville, Nevada; and the youngest, Audrey Gately Stead Balak, who resides in Sacramento, California.

Throughout Clydene's childhood she attended many schools, a real hardship for her. She was poor as a child and her mom struggled to make a living for them. She lived in Poncha Springs, Leadville, Buena Vista, and many other mountain towns when growing up. She promised herself she would provide a stable home for her children, and did.

During WW II she met Fred N. Edelen, and worked for him at his place of business, "Fred's Place." They married in 1950.

She lived in California and worked for McDonnell - Douglas building airplanes - a real Rosie the riveter!

Cyldene was a true lady and was the most beautiful person, inside and out. She was a loving and giving mom to her children and step children. She is greatly missed by her family.

Provided by Lynn Ensor, in memory of her mother.

Charles Michael Orben, son of Diane Vermilyea¹⁰, (George Howard⁹, George Washington⁸, John Cockran Palmer⁷, George Washington⁶, Jerome⁵, Isaac Dyckman⁴, David³, John², Johannes¹)

ORBEN, Charles Michael, 18, of Richmond, died Tuesday, April 15, 2008. He was preceded in death by his father, James M. Orben. He is survived by his mother, Diane Vermilyea Orben; and two brothers, Stephen J. and Matthew P. Orben. Charles was a happy-go-lucky person who was loved and will be missed by all. The family will receive friends Saturday, April 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the West Chapel of Bennett Funeral Home, 11020 W. Broad Street, with funeral services to follow at 8 p.m. Interment is private.

Published in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia, April 18, 2008.

Michelle Vermilyea Smith¹⁰, (Henry R., Jr.⁹, Henry R.⁸, William Elliot⁷, Benjamin Franklin⁶, Nathaniel Drake⁵, Philip⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)



Michelle Vermilyea Smith, 54, of OAKHURST, passed away Friday, May 9, St. Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch. Michelle was deeply loved by all who came to know her. She was employed by Provident Bank in Ocean Grove for seven years. Michelle was a parishioner of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, West End, Long Branch. Michelle was born in Neptune, and she lived in Wall Township before moving to Oakhurst 31 years ago.

She was predeceased by her mother, Barbara Lopus Vermilyea. Surviving are her husband of 32 years, George P. Smith; two sons, David Smith of Plainsboro and Daniel Smith of Oakhurst; a daughter, Marisa Smith of Oakhurst; her father, Henry Vermilyea of Shrewsbury; two brothers, Greg Vermilyea of Shrewsbury and Joseph Vermilyea of Pa.; five sisters, Patricia Jobs of North Carolina, Lynn Caltagirone of Virginia, Valerie Bollettieri of Bogota, Christine Lawrence of Belmar and Marie Vermilyea of Ca., and many nephews and nieces. We, the family, regret the loss of this unique and very special person and dear friend.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, at the Damiano Funeral Home, 191 Franklin Ave., corner of Third Ave., Long Branch. A funeral will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's R.C. Church, West End, Long Branch. Flowers will be accepted or memorial donations can be made to St. Barnabas Hospice at Monmouth Medical Center, 95 Old Short Hills Rd., 1st floor, West Orange, NJ 07052. Letters of condolence, memorial candles, and memorial donations may be sent to the family via our website at www.damianofuneralhome.com.

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James A. Van Ness, spouse of Margaret Vermilyea⁹, (Kenneth Lyle⁸, Thomas Jessup⁷, David Franklin⁶, Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)

LACON - James A. Van Ness, 73, of 501 S. School St., Lacon, died at 7:06 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at his residence.

He was born April 12, 1934, in San Antonio, Texas, a son of the late John X. and Allene Hail Van Ness. He married Margaret Vermilyea on Sept. 17, 1960, in Streator, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, James A. Van Ness Jr. of Lacon; one granddaughter, Mikayla Van Ness, also of Lacon; one brother, Larry Racors of San Antonio, Texas; and two sisters, Fran Keaton of Elmendorf, Texas, and Lois Kuhn of Oxnard, Calif.

He was preceded in death by two sons, John and Jeff; and one brother, John Van Ness.

Jim served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1953 to 1955, attaining the rank of sergeant.

He worked in assembly at Caterpillar Inc. for 28 years, retiring from the Mossville plant in 1994.

He was a member of Edgewood Golf Club.

A memorial visitation will be held at Lenz Memorial Home in Lacon on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, from 4 to 7 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded, and ashes will be placed in Magnolia Cemetery on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

Memorials may be made to OSF Hospice, the American Cancer Society or the donor's choice.

Published in the Peoria Journal Star, Peoria, Illinois, February 27, 2008.

Jay J. Vermilya⁹, (Jay J.⁸, Reuben Dwight⁷, John⁶, Jesse⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)



VERMILYA, JAY J.

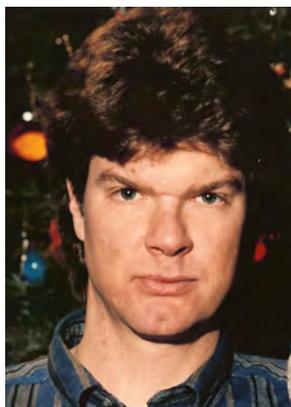
Captain Jay J. Vermilya, U.S.N. retired, born November 13, 1925, in Wenatchee, WA, passed away Friday, March 21, 2008, at the age of 82. He attended the US Naval Academy and served our country for 31 years until his retirement in 1977. He was married to Alma Jeanne (Dupont) Vermilya, a native San Diegan, for 52 years until her death in 2000. In his retirement he was active in the community through the Master Gardner Program, Camellia Society and the AARP Tax-Aide Program. He was a lifelong Mason and an active member of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. Jay was blessed to find the second love of his life in Helen (Gilman) Vermilya. They married in 2004 and shared

four wonderful years together until his death. Jay and Helen traveled extensively and shared one another's wonderful sense of humor and love of life. Jay is survived by his beloved wife Helen; his children Jeanne, Susie and Jeff; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by Helen's children Peg, Laurie and Tom. Jay was a kind and generous person, a devoted husband and father, and a man of great wisdom. He had a huge heart, was always willing to help others and will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Services will be held Wednesday, March 26th, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church Outreach Fund.

Please sign the guest book at obituaries.uniontrib.com

Published in the San Diego Union-Tribune, San Diego, California, March 25, 2008.

Joseph Carl Vermilya, son of Carl Eugene Vermilya¹⁰, (Carl Drain⁹, William Burton⁸, Sidney Smith⁷, William J.⁶, William⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)



VERMILYA, Joseph Carl 1954-2008 Our very special Joe, born Aug. 21, 1954, in Portland, died Feb. 28, 2008, at home in his much-loved birth city. His beloved wife of 15 years, Maureen, will miss him forever, as will his siblings and countless friends, relatives and co-workers. From a tender age, Joe's intelligence and quirky wit entertained us all. He drew hysterical cartoons featuring his oddball creation "Melvin" and made up enough one-line jokes to fill a book. He was the middle child in a string of nine lively children, and while musical ability ran in the family, Joe was truly blessed with a natural gift and a perfect ear. A self-taught

musician, his unique and intuitive musical skills were a superb gift to all of us. Joe's magic touch with the strings of a guitar was a wonder to behold. Husband, brother, uncle, friend, entertainer, a worker among workers-in all these roles Joe created a warm and hilarious niche, bringing humor and goodwill to everyone around him. Joe worked at Providence Home Services for more than 10 years, and was much loved by his co-workers. There is so very much that we will miss and remember about Joe. His father, Carl E. Vermilya, died many years ago, but Joe is survived by his mother, Alice Ann Vermilya; wife, Maureen; sisters, Mary Bowman, Jeannie and Judith Vermilya; and brothers, David, Paul, Jim, Tom and Carl. He leaves many nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, brothers- and sisters-in-law, a host of friends and fellow musicians and his four-legged companion, Melvin. A remembrance event will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 16, in the activity room of the LDS Church at 3722 N.E. Going St., Portland. All are welcome. Memorial tributes may be submitted and viewed at www.rosecityfuneralhome.com. Memorial donations can be made to The Outside Inn, 1132 S.W. 13th, Portland, 97205-1703, for their fine

work with kids in crisis. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." Thomas Campbell. *Published in The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, March 12, 2008.*



Lucretia Millard Vermilya, spouse of Wilbur Allen Vermilya⁹, (Howard⁸, John Drake⁷, William⁶, Solomon⁵, William⁴, Abraham³, John², Johannes¹)

Lucretia (Pat) Vermilya, 91, of Chenango Bridge passed away on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at Elizabeth Church Manor after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. She was predeceased by her husband, Wilber (Willy) Vermilya Sr.; and her parents, John and Edith Millard; brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Carolyn Millard; son-in-law, Bill Babuka; and two great-grandchildren, Lindsey and Malachi Harasta. She is survived by her devoted

children, Shirley Babuka, Endicott, Wilber Jr. (Willy) and Rosanne Vermilya, Endicott, Willis (Will) Vermilya, Conklin, Susan and Dennis Allen, Latham, N.Y., Sarah Vermilya, Castle Creek; 13 grandchildren, Ron and Kim Babuka, Ithaca, Terri and Ed Kozloski, Johnson City, Brian Vermilya, Lucinda Vermilya and John Miller, Kelly and John McCabe, all of Holly Hill, Fla., Nicole and Todd Schaffer, Endwell, Patrick Sine, Endwell, Julie and Kenneth Schigmuller, Rockaway, N.J., Daniel Allen, Nashville, Tenn., Sharon and Donald Robertson, Brockport, N.Y., Warren Harasta, Fla., Lucas Harasta, Endicott, and Cindi Rhodes, Olean, N.Y.; also 15 great-grandchildren; and her friend and roommate, Olga Penkoski. She was a lifelong resident of Chenango Bridge and was a retired employee of the Chenango Valley School District cafeteria. She was a good baker and loved to cook and enjoyed her recipes and cookbooks. She was also a lifetime member of Christ Episcopal Church.

Funeral Services will be conducted Monday, February 4, 2008, at 11 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 10 Henry St., Binghamton with the Very Rev. John Martinichio officiating. Family and friends may call at the James V. DeMarco & Son Funeral Home, 737 Chenango St., Port Dickinson, N.Y. on Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and on Monday from 10-11 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Butternut Cemetery in Gilbertsville, N.Y. in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions in Lucretia's memory to Christ Church Restoration Fund, 10 Henry St., Binghamton, N.Y. 13901. The family would like to thank the staff of Elizabeth Church Manor and Dr. Alfred E. Peterson for their loving and compassionate care.

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Victoria T. Vermilyea, spouse of George Howard Vermilyea⁹, (George Washington⁸, John Cockran Palmer⁷, George Washington⁶, Jerome⁵, Isaac Dyckman⁴, David³, John², Johannes¹)

VICTORIA T. VERMILYEA, 87, of Ironton, widow George H. Vermilyea, died Saturday at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph

Catholic Church, Ironton. Visitation will be 11 to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington.

Published in the Herald Dispatch, Huntington, West Virginia, May 12, 2008.

Steven Lee Winiger, son of Verna Beatrice Vermilye⁹, (Lester Harrison (Babe)⁸, Francis Evert⁷, William Henry Harrison⁶, Jacob⁵, William⁴, Peter Martin³, Isaac Corssen², Johannes¹)



Steven Lee Winiger passed away March 15, 2008 in Longview, Washington. He was 55 years old. Steve was born in Long Beach, California on June 30, 1952, and was raised in Kelso, Washington by his mother Verna and step-father Albert Winiger. He graduated from Franklin Pierce High School, Tacoma, in 1970, and from Evergreen State College in 1974, with a B.A. Degree in Video/Media Production. From his home in the Olympia area, Steve worked in various jobs doing video and media production, which he was passionate about. His avid love of sports led him to work for NFL Films, Inc. He loved sports, especially basketball and football, and followed the local college teams through out their seasons. He was especially fond of watching the Geoducks of Evergreen

State College play basketball. Although never married, Steve's family was an important part of his life. Steve is survived by his sister, Penny Massey (Alan), of Kalama; his brothers, Chris Winiger of Bremerton, and Dan Winiger (Susan), of Columbus, Ohio; his step-father, Albert Winiger; and an uncle, Tim Vermilye, of Des Moines. He also leaves behind many dear friends in the Olympia area, whom he considered his "family" also. He was preceded in death by his mother, Verna Winiger in 2003. A memorial service and luncheon has been planned for Sunday April 6, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in the Longhouse Cultural Center of the Evergreen State College for those wishing to celebrate his life. For questions, please contact Penny at 360-673-2087.

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CELEBRATES 100 YEARS



Sisters Florence (Vermilyer) Swanson and Bessie Bell (Vermilyer) Reeder celebrate Bessie's 100th Birthday

Bessie (Vermilyer) Reeder of Golden Living Center, LaPorte, Indiana celebrated her 100th birthday with a large gathering of friends and family. She was born March 21, 1908 in St. Joseph County, Indiana to Edward and Nancy (Cannon) Vermilyer. She married Theodore Reeder November 9, 1926, he died

December 15, 1980.

She has four children, Donald and Kenneth Reeder, Carol Lidgard, and one son LeRoy Reeder who died in 1988. She also has fourteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She has seven siblings Florence (Vermilyer) Swanson living and Charles, Ernest, Hattie (Vermilyer) Boyce, Blanche Vermilyer, Elma (Vermilyer) Freeland and Marge (Vermilyer) Capshaw all deceased.

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looking forward. Instead of sitting at home, he's busy preparing for the next show.

The group released their first CD filled with 25 songs in September and are enjoying success with higher-than-expected sales. They started with a 30-item order. Now they've sold over 80 copies and are expecting to market more. It's the first recording for the group.

They have no plans to record another, but said they could easily fill a second CD with all of their songs.

All of the gentlemen have farming in their backgrounds and each has a favorite number on the CD.

Weiland's is the Mid-Summers Waltz, but he's quick to point out it's now a slow one.

"Not the way we play 'em," he said. "It's an old time waltz — they're peppy, don't drag."

Vermilyea credits the CD's existence to the knowledge that they weren't getting any younger and because of continued support from his wife, Ann.

Ann Vermilyea and Verlet Florand, (picture at right) Hanson's partner,

are two of the group's biggest fans. "We go with them" to shows, said Florand.

The Three Old Boys also have a following from as far as Mankato, Kellogg and Winona.

Thanks to Heather Carlile for granting permission to publish her article in our family newsletter.

Anyone that would like a copy of the CD mentioned in the article can order direct from Everett. CD's are \$12.50 each.

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