



### **The “Good” Old Days**

By Carl Vermilyea

Some time ago, my niece called me for some help with a school project. One of her teachers had given her the task of writing a paper about the life-style of teenagers in the 1950s. She thought I might be able to give her some idea about what things were like “way back then.” I did my best to give her the highlights of the social, economical and political environment of the ‘50s and how those things impacted on and influenced the life-style of teenagers growing up in New England at the time. And, I sent her a piece of “junk” e-mail which had been circulating around the internet. As the e-mail put a whimsical smile on my face, I thought I’d share it here.

#### **Comments Made in the Year 1957**

- (1) “I’ll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, its going to be impossible to buy a week’s groceries for \$20.00.”
- (2) “Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won’t be long when \$5000 will only buy a used one.”
- (3) “If cigarettes keep going up in price, I’m going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous.”
- (4) “Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?”
- (5) “If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.”
- (6) “When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we’d be better off leaving the car in the garage,”
- (7) “Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls,”
- (8) “I’m afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying “damn” in “Gone with the Wind”, it seems every new movie has either “hell” or “damn” in it.”
- (9) “I read the other day where some scientist thinks it’s possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.”
- (10) “Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn’t surprise me if someday that they will be making more than the President.”
- (11) “I never thought I’d see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.”
- (12) “It’s too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women have to work to make ends meet. It won’t be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.”
- (13) “I’m just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign busi-ness.”
- (14) “The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.”
- (15) “There is no sense going to San Francisco or LA anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel.”
- (16) “No one can afford to be sick any more, \$35.00 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood.

# *FROM THE STAFF*

This issue of the newsletter brings a subtle change in material. With the death of our dear friend and tireless researcher, Carl Vermilyea, we find ourselves with a dearth of relevant material regarding the Vermilye/a/ea/er name. In order to re-supply the newsletter and share what we've found, we ask that you, our readers, offer stories of your ancestors; more "Vermilyea Places" that you've found; your own writings; or just interesting stuff. Names and addresses of Sandra V. Todd and Joanne V. MacArthur are on the VFA page at the end of this newsletter.

Meanwhile, we will be bringing back some articles from past newsletters that we hope some of you may not have seen, and others of you may enjoy anew.

## **VETERANS**

From the information in the VFA files, we have been able to come up with a list of those with the "V..." surname who died while in the military. We suspect this list is not complete, but thought you might be interested to see what our current records show. The number after each name is the VFA number assigned by Sandra Todd as of June 2003.

### **Descendants Who Have died While in Military Service:**

#### **Indian Wars in the West**

Solomon Vermilyea, Jr. (#820)

#### **The Civil War**

Charles Herbert Vermilya (#860)

Commodore Chauncey Vermilya (#735)

John C. Vermilya (#EE-1 (not yet linked into the family tree))

George W. Vermilyea (#863)

Isaac Vermilyea (#248)

Peter Vermilyea (# Unknown (not yet linked into the family tree))

#### **World War I**

Leo J. Vermilya (#1136)

Sidney C. Vermilyea (#1068)

#### **World War II**

Daniel B. Vermilyea (#1437)

Gerald Penn Vermilyea (#1058A)

William E. Vermilyea (#VV-5-2-3 (not yet linked into the family tree))

## BIRTHS

News has been received that Veblen Alfred Vermilyea was born at 6:26am, April 30, 2009 in Anchorage, Alaska. He weighed 8 lbs, 6-1/2 oz. and was 20 inches long.

The happy parents are Daniel N. and Tammie (Wilson) Vermilyea. Proud grandparents are Scott (David) and Nora Vermilyea of California and Jeremy and Kristen Vermilyea of Oregon are Uncle and Aunt. Veblen was named for his Grandfather Veblen Platte Vermilyea.

## IN MEMORIUM

**Patricia Miller Bigger, Caroline Rose Bigger, Anthony Brent Bigger**, daughter and grandchildren of Roberta Marcele Vermilyea<sup>10</sup>, (Robert O'Neil<sup>9</sup>, Wright<sup>8</sup>, William Burr<sup>7</sup>, Solomon<sup>6</sup>, Edward<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)



Patricia Miller, Caroline Rose, and Anthony Brent Bigger Patricia Miller Bigger, age 29, and her beloved children, Caroline Rose, age 7, and Anthony Brent, age 4, died as a result of an accident on Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, near Brevard, N.C. Patricia graduated from Carolina Christian Academy in Thomasville, N.C., and attended Hobe Sound Bible College in Hobe Sound, Fla. She was a gifted pianist. "Tricia" was a homemaker who lovingly home schooled her children. They attended Easley Bible Methodist Church. They are survived by her husband and their father, Brent A. Bigger of Liberty; her parents, David and Roberta Miller of Thomasville; her sisters, Julia, Sylvia and Lydia Miller; her paternal grandfather, the Rev. Jacob Miller of Hobe Sound, Fla.; and her maternal grandparents, the Rev. Robert Vermilyea and his wife Lorna of Salem, Ohio; and Caroline and Anthony's paternal grandparents, Allen and Susan Bigger of West Terre Haute; paternal uncles, Kevin and Ryan Bigger; paternal great-grandparents, Clifford and Margaret Bigger; and many loving cousins. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday at Fitzpatrick Funeral Home, 220 N. Third St., in West Terre Haute, with joint funeral services at 1 p.m. Interment will follow at Bethesda Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Shaohannah's Hope, P.O. Box 647, Franklin, TN, 37065  
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**Brent A. Bigger** passed away on February 20, 2009.

**John Harlan Griswold**, son of Mary Esther Vermilya<sup>8</sup>, (Edgar<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)



John H. Griswold, 71, of Roaring Branch, Pa., (McNett Twp.) went home in God's care on Monday evening, Jan. 19, 2009, at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre. John was born on April 22, 1937, in Bradford County, Pa., a son of the late Paul W. and Esther (Vermilya) Griswold. After graduating from Canton High School in 1955, John attended Cincinnati Bible College. He later served in the U.S. Army. John enjoyed his work in the real estate business for many years until retiring in 1994. On Nov. 11, 1983, he married the former Ann M. Toth-Wilcox in Elmira Heights, N.Y. Times spent with his family were most important in John's life, and he was a wonderfully supportive husband, father and grandfather. He was an active member of the Grover Church of Christ and was instrumental in the church's Dial A Prayer support program.

John was happiest just being outdoors, whether it be hunting, traveling to the ocean to enjoy the beach and swim, or taking scenic road trips throughout the local countryside, he loved all of God's nature.

In addition to Ann, his beloved wife of 25 years, John is survived by: his children, Sheila (Michael) Alford of Elkton, Md., J. Scott (Linda) Griswold of Newark, Del., Dr. Sharon (Dr. David) Theodorson of Glenside, Pa., and Sherri (Gerald) Drolet of Phuket, Thailand; Shari Matthew of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Cheryl (Thomas) Newton of Canton, Robin (Denise) Wilson of Grover, John Jr. (Marcella) Wilcox of Monroeton, and Ronald Wilcox of North Port, Fla.; 17 grandchildren, Sara Ruggiero, Crystle Alford, Christopher Griswold, Amanda, David Jr. and Joseph Theodorson, Kayleigh and Joe Matthew, Andrea and Nathan Newton, Shawn, John and Shane Wilson, Jessica, Melissa and Stephen Wilcox and Isaac Vance; a sister, Glenda (Dale) Avery of Hampton, N.Y.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by a grandson, Dennis "D.J." Wilson.

Calling hours are from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Pepper Funeral Home, Springbrook Drive in Canton. The funeral and committal service will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Grover Church of Christ with his pastor, Will Strunk, officiating. A private burial will be in the Grover Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, his family suggests those who wish consider a memorial in John's name to The Grover Church of Christ, P.O. Box 139 Grover, Pa. 17735.

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**John O. Quigley**, spouse of Gail Vermilyea (George Smith Vermilyea<sup>8</sup>, Clarence Edward<sup>7</sup>, Paul<sup>6</sup>, Peter I.<sup>5</sup>, Isaac G.<sup>4</sup>, Gerardus<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

JOHN O. QUIGLEY On Friday, January 16, 2009, of Bethesda Maryland. Beloved husband of Gail V. Quigley; brother of Sheila Hutchinson (Matthew) of London England, and the late Mary Hawkins; uncle of Matthew P. and John Hutchinson; brother-in-law of G. Thomas Vermilyea. Also survived by numerous great-nieces and nephews. Friends will be received at PUMPHREY 8216;S BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE FUNERAL HOME, 7557 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD on Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 7 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church, 9601 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland on Friday, January 23, 2009 at 11 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Contributions may be made in memory of John O. Quigley to Alzheimer 8216;s Association, National Capital Area Chapter, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite #402, Fairfax, VA 22030 or Friends Club, Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Maryland 20817. Please view and sign the family guestbook at: [www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com](http://www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com)

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**Avis Lee Suihkonen**, daughter of BerylAvis Vermilyea<sup>9</sup>, (Glen Carroll<sup>8</sup>, OrvilleA.<sup>7</sup>, Avery<sup>6</sup>, Abram<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)



Avis Lee Suihkonen, 65, of Valley View, passed away Sunday, January 11, 2009 at Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. She was born August 3, 1943 in Grand Rapids, MN to Leland and Beryle Vermilyea Rudolph. She married LeRoy James Suihkonen on February 17, 1962 in Babbitt, MN.

A memorial service will be Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 1 p.m., in the chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors.

She is survived by her husband, Lee Suihkonen of Valley View; daughters, Lori Sullivan and husband, Kelly of Ponder, and Jena McBride and husband, Kerry of Paradise; two sisters; grandchildren, Candace Suihkonen Meadows, Amanda Garcia, Julie Acker, Ethan Paul, C.J.

McBride, Bradley McBride and Erick McBride; and two great-grandchildren.

"If Heaven wasn't organized, it is now"

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**Elsie Darling Vermilya**, spouse of George E. Vermilya (Leo E. Vermilya<sup>9</sup>, George Arthur<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Levi<sup>6</sup>, Solomon<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)



Elsie A. Vermilya NEW HARTFORD \_ Mrs. Elsie A. Vermilya of New Hartford and formerly of Fly Creek, died Sunday afternoon, Jan. 18, 2009, at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare in Utica. She was 87.

A native of Delaware County, Elsie was born in Stamford on Sept. 22, 1921, a daughter of William R. and Susie B. (Heness) Darling.

A 1939, graduate of Stamford Central School, Elsie was employed in her early years as the advertising manager and was later named news editor of the Stamford Mirror-Recorder, a weekly newspaper.

On Oct. 2, 1953, Elsie married George E. Vermilya in a ceremony at the Hobart Methodist Church. In 1954, the couple moved to Cooperstown, where George was employed as the manager of the Sealtest Milk Plant at the corner of Chestnut and Walnut streets.

During their years in the Cooperstown area, the Vermilyas resided in Fly Creek. For 18 years, Elsie was employed on the news staff of The Freeman's Journal and was also involved with various community organizations. She was a member and past president of both the Sgt. Walter P. Eggleston Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7128 Ladies' Auxiliary and the Criterion Club, and served on the board of directors of the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce.

In 1971, Elsie and George moved to St. Lawrence County to reside in Madrid, where George was employed as a dairy farm inspector for the Kraft Cheese Plant in Canton.

While living in Madrid, Elsie was a member of the American Field Service Foreign Student Exchange committee at the Madrid-Waddington Central School. She also served as secretary of the Town of Madrid Planning Board for several years.

Upon her husband's retirement in 1988, the couple moved to New Hartford, where they have since resided. Throughout her life, Elsie loved gardening, crafts and her family.

Elsie is survived by her husband of 55 years, George, of New Hartford; one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Anthony Covais of Fernandina Beach, Fla.; three granddaughters and their husbands, Tammy and Richard Loz, Teresa and Mark Cavanaugh and Candace and Dennis O'Neill; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and one sister, Evelyn Miller of Jefferson.

A funeral service will be offered at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at the Connell, Dow & Deysenroth Funeral Home, 82 Chestnut St., Cooperstown, with James Atwell of Fly Creek officiating.

The service of committal and burial will be held later this spring in the Fly Creek Valley Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday evening, Jan. 23, 2009, when Elsie's family will be in attendance.

As an alternative to flowers, expressions of sympathy in the form of memorial gifts may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016, or call (800) 622-9010 or go to the website [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Connell, Dow & Deysenroth Funeral Home in Cooperstown. *Published in The Oneonta Star, Oneonta, New York, January 20, 2009.*

**Susan Ethel Vermilya**<sup>10</sup>, (Oakley Ellsworth<sup>9</sup>, George Hyatt<sup>8</sup>, Clarence Oakley<sup>7</sup>, AbrahamFowler<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac Corssen<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Susan Vermilya Feamster KILL DEVIL HILLS - Susan Vermilya Feamster, 65, passed away Jan. 27, 2009, in her home surrounded by her loving family and friends. Born in Clifton Forge, Va., she was the daughter of the late Oakley Ellsworth and Ethel LeViness Vermilya. She was a loving wife, daughter and friend to all and will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her. She was predeceased in death by her daughter, Barbara Ann Feamster; brother, William Oakley Vermilya; father, Oakley Ellsworth Vermilya; mother, Ethel LeViness Vermilya; and her husband of 39 years, James Franklin Feamster. Susan graduated from Ahsokie High School in

1962 and stayed close with many of her classmates through the years. They enjoyed each others lives as they remained close and they always had a good time together. Classmates Judi Ruffin, Pat Joyner and Lynda Robbins were especially close and spent many rewarding moments together. She was a member of Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church. A graveside memorial service will be held in Clifton Forge, Va., at a later date. The family suggests tributes take the form of memorial donations to Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 900, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949. Twiford Colony Chapel, Manteo, is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit [www.twifordfh.com](http://www.twifordfh.com) to sign the online register.

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**Esther E. Dearmond Vermilya**, spouse of William George Vermilya<sup>9</sup>, (Emery Clifford, Sr.<sup>8</sup>, William J.<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, Jesse<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Esther Elizabeth Dearmond Vermilya born August 20, 1922 in Ionia, Michigan passed way January 28, 2009 in Rancho Cucamonga, CA at the age of 86. She is survived by her husband Pastor Bill Vermilya, son & daughter-in-law, Cam & Pam Vermilya, daughter & son-in-law, Wilma & Jim Anders, grandsons, Cam Vermilya, Steven Vermilya, and Aaron Ohama, her great grandchildren, Akio and Akina Ohama, Kevin and Connor Vermilya. She excelled as a mother, child-welfare worker, secretary and elementary school proctor. Viewing is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 at Ontario First Church of the Nazarene, 1311 W. Fifth St., Ontario. Interment is at 10 a.m. Feb. 4, 2009 at Bellevue Mausoleum. Memorial service is at 11 a.m. at Ontario First Church of the Nazarene. Under the direction of Community Funeral Service.

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**Peter Hoagland Vermilye**<sup>9</sup>, (Herbert Noble<sup>8</sup>, Daniel Babbitt<sup>7</sup>, William Henry<sup>6</sup>, Thomas Baine<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac Corssen<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

### **Peter Vermilye, towering figure on Boston's financial scene, 89**



Peter Vermilye, a leading figure in Boston's financial community and a trustee at Boston University for 38 years, approached investing with an eye toward far more than making money, his friends said.

"He was very much interested in finding products and services that made the world a better place," said his longtime friend, economist Ted Lamont. "Investing was always about investing in good people and good ideas."

Mr. Vermilye, who was global chief investment officer at Citicorp from 1977 to 1984, died last Monday at Massachusetts General Hospital from complications of pneumonia and a stroke. He was 89.

Mr. Vermilye never retired and was a senior adviser at Fortis Investments in Boston. Through much of his career, he was considered a top stock picker and his advice was sought by financial firms and media outlets.

"He was all about integrity, probity, decency - all of those things we say when we say, 'Wouldn't it be nice if there was more of that around,'" said his friend Charles Ellis, author of "The Partnership: The Making of Goldman Sachs."

Mr. Vermilye watched the nation's banking crisis with deep disappointment, according to several friends.

"He was a guy who was very proud of his profession as a financial expert . . . And I think he was disappointed to see the poor, sloppy banking conduct that had taken place," Lamont said.

Mr. Vermilye was known for a fervent belief in long-term investments and had a passion for emerging markets.

He played tennis in his younger days much the way he lived his life, according to Ellis.

Stricken with polio as a 7-year-old boy, Mr. Vermilye limped on the court, leading some opponents to target him as a weak link. But “that was a huge mistake because he was very quick,” Ellis said. “He was wonderfully competitive.”

Mr. Vermilye’s family said he had a motto: “Pursue excellence, using your faculties to their fullest.” He had little use for small talk and enjoyed conversations about politics, history, and the economy. He mentored scores of young investment professionals and rattled some with his blunt assessments. “For many people, he was terrifying,” Ellis said.

At a celebration for Mr. Vermilye’s 70th birthday, “the glitterati of the investment world” gathered at the Somerset Club in Boston to toast him, Ellis said. “The head of every major investment firm in Boston and many from New York were there.”

His son Andrew said his father’s sometimes gruff exterior hid a compassionate man who “wanted to challenge people to do better. He showed a softer side when he read Dr. Seuss to his granddaughters, said Andrew, who lives in Washington, D.C.

Born in New York City, Mr. Vermilye was the son of Dr. Herbert Vermilye and Elise (Hillyer). He went to public schools in New York before earning a scholarship to the Groton School, a private boarding school in Groton. He graduated from Princeton in 1940 at age 20 and went to work in the research department of J.P. Morgan.

Mr. Vermilye met his wife, Lucy, at a house party in New York. He told his children he knew he wanted to marry her when she gave up a Saturday to help him clean his sailboat moored at Oyster Bay. “He knew then she was a keeper,” Andrew said. They were married 60 years.

At 30, Mr. Vermilye became vice president for pension investments for J.P. Morgan.

According to his family, a member of the Eisenhower administration approached him about a job with the Treasury. Mr. Vermilye felt he couldn’t take the post while raising four young children but never lost his devotion to “doing good,” said his daughter Dana of New York.

In 1965, he moved his family to Boston to work for State Street Bank as vice chairman of research and management and bought a home in Manchester-by-the-Sea, where he reveled in planting trees and taking his children to Red Sox games.

“He was a remarkable individual,” said his friend and neighbor Fred Thorne. “He had a breadth of knowledge that was quite extraordinary.”

From 1970 to 1977, Mr. Vermilye was chairman and president of Alliance Capital Management, before going to work for Citicorp and commuting to New York until the mid-1980s.

In 1985, he joined Baring America Asset Management Inc. and was chairman from 1985 until 1990. He also was senior adviser and portfolio manager there from 1986 to 1995.

During his career, Mr. Vermilye was featured twice in Institutional Investor. The magazine headlined a 1993 story about him: “Peter Vermilye’s still a trendsetter at 73.”

“If you were to talk to him about current politics, his eyes would light up and he would be thrilled to talk about what was going on in the world,” his daughter Dana said.

As a trustee at Boston University, Mr. Vermilye chaired the university’s investment committee for 35 years. With the help of his expertise, BU’s endowment grew from \$28 million to more than \$1 billion by 2006. BU gave him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2007.

He loved the theater and was chairman of the Huntington Theatre Company in Boston from 1988 to 1996. He enjoyed the plays of Harold Pinter, Tom Stoppard, and South African playwright and novelist Athol Fugard. Mayor Thomas Menino honored his contributions to the city by declaring May 30, 1996, as “Peter Vermilye Day.”

In addition to his wife, daughter, and son, Mr. Vermilye leaves his sisters, Carole Ruhe of Santa Monica and Anne Gifford of Syracuse; another son, Peter of Somerville; daughter Mary Minott of Needham; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on April 17 at St. John’s Church in Beverly Farms. Burial will be private.

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**Phyllis Vermilye**<sup>9</sup>, (Henry Wilbur<sup>8</sup>, Arthur Lewis<sup>7</sup>, Henry Marcellus<sup>6</sup>, Edward Jr.<sup>5</sup>, Edward<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)



Phyllis Waldo WINDSOR — On Sunday, May 10, 2009, the Lord called Phyllis Waldo, age 72, home, after a battle with an illness in Tampa, Fla. She was born Feb. 24, 1937, in Cleveland, the daughter of Henry W. Vermilye and Irene Estep. Phyllis married Richard W. Waldo on July 28, 1957. She worked as the transportation and food service supervisor for the Grand Valley School system for over 25 years, after which she worked for the Champion School system, before finally retiring in 2006. Phyllis was a member of the Windsor Methodist Church and the local Historical Society. She loved to craft, meet with the girls, and play cards. She immensely enjoyed being around her family and was always present at anything involving her grandchildren. She is survived by three sons, Richard and Patty Waldo of Colebrook, Ronald and Rita Waldo of Tampa, Fla. and Ryan and Kris Waldo of

Smithfield, Ky.; her daughter-in-law, Kathy Waldo of Southington; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Jerry and Ed Vermilye. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; a son, Robert L. Waldo. Phyllis touched each of our lives in so many ways. She will be forever cherished and never forgotten. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, May 16th, at 11 a.m., at the Windsor Methodist Church. Family will greet friends one hour prior to Service. Obituary and condolences at starbeacon.com.

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**Connie Marie Vermilyea**,<sup>11</sup> (Donald Eldred, Jr.<sup>10</sup>, Donald Eldred, Sr.<sup>9</sup>, Leo B.<sup>8</sup>, Orville A.<sup>7</sup>, Avery<sup>6</sup>, Abram<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)



SPRINGFIELD — A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at West Lawn Memorial Park & Funeral Home in Eugene for Connie Marie Vermilyea, 34, of Springfield, who died Jan. 21 from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

She was born Aug. 7, 1974, in Eugene to Donald Jr. and Vicki Hawkins Vermilyea.

She was a 1992 graduate of Junction City High School. She also attended Pioneer Pacific College and graduated in 2008.

She served in the U.S. Air Force between September 1992 and August 1996. She worked as a medical office assistant.

Survivors include her father and stepmother, Anita Vermilyea, of Forest Grove; her mother, of Dallas, Texas; grandparents, Donald Vermilyea Sr., Sandra Vermilyea and Maureen Smith, all of Eugene; two stepbrothers, Ben Stuart of Henderson, Nev., and Jimmy; a sister, Kim Perlot of Burns; a stepsister, Donna; and a half-sister, Tina. Her son, Jaziah, died in the same accident.

Visitation will precede the service from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at West Lawn Memorial Park. Remembrances to the Connie Vermilyea Memorial Fund at First Tech Credit Union or to the Jakobi Mulgrave Medical Expenses Fund at Pacific Continental Bank.

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**Jaziah Vermilyea**

SPRINGFIELD — A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at West Lawn Memorial Park & Funeral Home in Eugene for Jaziah Don “Ziah” Vermilyea, 10, of Springfield, who died Jan. 21 from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.



He was born Nov. 18, 1998, in Eugene to Connie Marie Vermilyea. He was a fourth-grader at The Child's Center in Eugene.

Survivors include his grandparents, Donald and Anita Vermilyea of Forest Grove; and his great-grandparents, Sandra Vermilyea and Maureen Smith of Eugene and Donald Vermilyea Sr. of Eugene. His mother died in the same accident.

Visitation will precede the service from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at West Lawn Memorial Park.

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**Darlene M. Vermilyea**<sup>9</sup>, (Clark Irving, Jr.<sup>8</sup>, Clark Irving<sup>7</sup>, Gilbert B.<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Peter Martin<sup>3</sup>, Isaac Corssen<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)



Darlene Lane passed away after a long battle with cancer on May 2, 2009 surrounded by her loving family. She was predeceased by her parents, Clark I. and Marion Vermilyea; sister, Donna Mae Vermilyea; sister-in-law, Judy Vermilyea; and her beloved pet, Sheeba. Darlene is survived by her husband, Donald Lane; son and daughter-in-law, Robert Lane and Bridgett Buchek; daughters, Nicole Lane and Kelly Hotaling; brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald (Butch) and Pamela Vermilyea, Gary and Sandy Vermilyea, David and Kathleen Vermilyea and Dennis Vermilyea; sisters and brothers-in-law, Dawn Vermilyea and Anatoly Bahriak, Debbie and Walter Hotaling; her companions, Max, Meeka and Watson; many nieces,

nephews and very close friends. Darlene and Donald own B & D Exhaust in Binghamton where she was known and loved by many.

Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. The family would like to thank Dr. Bellina and the staff at Broome Oncology, Dr. Haq, Dr. Galyon and Patty Schultz for their compassion and care. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in Darlene's memory may be made to Traci's Hope, PO Box 504, Apalachin, NY 13732.

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**Henry R. Vermilyea, Jr.**<sup>9</sup>, (Henry R. <sup>8</sup>, William Elliot<sup>7</sup>, Benjamin Franklin <sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel Drake <sup>5</sup>, Philip<sup>4</sup>, Peter Martin<sup>3</sup>, Isaac Corssen<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Henry R. Vermilyea, 78, of Shrewsbury, died Saturday, May 16, 2009, at home. He was a mechanic for Nestle in Freehold before retiring 15 years ago. Henry served his country honorably in the U.S. Coast Guard for 22 years, achieving the rank of chief warrant officer second class. Born in Brooklyn, he lived in Wall before moving to Shrewsbury.

Henry was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Vermilyea, in 2001; and his daughter, Michelle Smith, in 2008. His family was the center of his life. Surviving are two sons, Gregory Vermilyea of Shrewsbury, and Joseph Vermilyea of Pennsylvania; five daughters, Patricia Jobes of North Carolina, Lynn Caltagirone of Virginia, Valerie Bollettieri of Virginia, Christine Lawrence of Wall, and Marie Vermilyea of California; three brothers, Bill Vermilyea, Ted Vermilyea, and John Wrenn, all of New York; 15 grandchildren, Michael Herbert, Tina Teems, David Smith, Daniel Smith, Marisa Smith, Diane Jobes Plott, Denise Jobes, Cathy Jobes, Erica Vermilyea, Andrew Vermilyea, Stephen Vermilyea, Anthony Lawrence, Brian Lawrence, Jack Vermilyea, and Dean Vermilyea; and three great-grandchildren, Jailyynn, Mikayla, and Olivia.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 21 at the Damiano Funeral Home, 191 Franklin Ave., on the corner of Third Ave., Long Branch. The funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 22

at the funeral home, followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St Michael's Church, West End, Long Branch. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the U.S. War Dog Memorial, c/o Bucky Grimm, Treasurer, 183 Cummings Ave., Long Branch, NJ 07740, or American Diabetes Association, Center Pointe II, Suite 103, 1160 Route 22 East, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. If you wish, the family invites you to leave an online condolence at [www.damianofuneralhome.com](http://www.damianofuneralhome.com)

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**Joseph Edward Vermilyea**, (Lester Paul Sr. Edward D., Charles, Edward, Unidentified)

Joseph E. Vermilyea, age 66 of Holton, passed away Friday, March 6, 2009 at his home following a lingering illness. Joe was born on November 12, 1942 in Muskegon to Lester Paul and Maude May (Trowbridge) Vermilyea Sr. and graduated from Holton High School in 1961. Joe met and later married Jacqueline Lee Rasmussen on September 5, 1964 at the Holton United Methodist Church. Joe had worked for the Muskegon County Road Commission for 13 years and then became a self employed carpenter for the rest of his life. Joe shared his woodworking and wood carving trade with many in the community by making wood products including gun stocks and dog sleds. Joe most recently started wood model building and enjoyed making community of Holton in H.O. size. Joe was an avid outdoorsman where he had been a dog sledder and was a member of the American Mountain Men Association. Joe was also a veteran of the United States Navy. Joe is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jackie of Holton; his children Daniel (Michelle) Vermilyea of Muskegon, currently living and working in Kuwait; Shelli Raison of Longwood, Florida; his grandchildren, Ashleigh, Megan, and Dominick Vermilyea in Kuwait; Bethany, BreeAnna and Dylan in Longwood; his "other kids", Duane Townsend, Diane Vermilyea, Luann Decker, Jineen Vermilyea, Lester Vermilyea; his sisters, Elaine (Charles) Kiogima of Muskegon; Louise Vermilyea of Holton; Patricia (Albert) Wiegand of Twin Lake. Joe was preceded in death by his brother, Lester Vermilyea Jr.

VISITATION : Monday 2-4 & 6-8 at Crandell Funeral Home – Fremont Chapel. FUNERAL MEMORIAL SERVICES : Tuesday at 1pm at the Holton United Methodist Church. INTERMENT : Oakwood Cemetery in Holton. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS: Hospice of Michigan. Friends may send a condolence or share a memory with the Vermilyea Family online at [www.crandellfh.com](http://www.crandellfh.com).

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**Joyce Wen-Ying Vermilyea**, spouse of Gaylord George Vermilyea<sup>10</sup>, (David Mead, Jr.<sup>9</sup>, David Meade<sup>8</sup>, John Knickerbocker<sup>7</sup>, Avery<sup>6</sup>, Abram<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Joyce Wen-Ying Vermilyea Jan. 23, 2009

Joyce Wen-Ying Vermilyea, 63, of Kailua-Kona, a retired Kealakehe Elementary School teacher, died in Kona Community Hospital. She was born in Singapore, Malaysia. She is survived by husband Gaylord, son David, daughter Shu-Lin Ruedy, several brothers and sisters, and four grandchildren. Celebration of life: 4:30 p.m. Friday at Mokuaikaua Congregational Church. Casual attire. No flowers.

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**Karen Gayle Vermilyea<sup>10</sup>**, (Samuel Ervin<sup>9</sup>, Paul Samuel<sup>8</sup>, Joseph Mahlon, Sr.<sup>7</sup>, Avery<sup>6</sup>, Abram<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)

Karen Gayle Hopkins was born in Tillamook on Dec. 22, 1961, to Sam and Evalyn Jo (Gordon) Vermilyea. Karen passed away at her Tillamook home April 10, 2009, at age 47.

Karen grew up in Tillamook and graduated from Tillamook High School in the class of 1980. While in high school, she participated in FFA and basketball.

Karen was married to Mark Hopkins on Aug. 22, 1981, in Tillamook.

She worked as a teacher's assistant for over 20 years and was a real blessing to South Prairie School, where all of the children loved her.

Karen was active in the FFA Alumni Association, the Tillamook 4-H Association and the Livestock Auction. She was a member of the Tillamook First Christian Church and every year was in charge of the live nativity at the church.

She kept a well-maintained garden and loved to go snowmobiling when she got the chance.

Karen had a love for flowers, animals and children.

She loved her family and everybody who was lucky enough to call her a friend. Karen's smiling face will be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her sister in 1999, Kathy Jo Vermilyea.

She leaves behind her loving family to honor her life, husband Mark Hopkins of Tillamook; daughter Jami Duyck and husband Joe of Forest Grove; son Joseph Hopkins of Albany; parents Sam and Jo Vermilyea of Tillamook; sister Dian Frisch and husband John of Imbler; brother Paul Vermilyea of Springfield; granddaughter Mazy Gayle Duyck of Forest Grove; father-in-law Lowell Hopkins of Tillamook; brother-in-law Rick Hopkins of Enumclaw, Wash.; nieces Talor Raye Hopkins of Enumclaw, Wash., Maggie Jo Frisch of Imbler; and nephew James Patrick Frisch of Imbler.

A memorial service to celebrate Karen's life will be held April 18 at 1 p.m. at First Christian Church in Tillamook.

Memorial contributions in Karen's name may be made to the 4-H Barn Fund or FFA Alumni Fund.

Arrangements are in care of Waud's Funeral Home.

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**Marion Lee Vermilyea**<sup>9</sup>, (Paul Samuel<sup>8</sup>, Joseph Mahlon, Sr.<sup>7</sup>, Avery<sup>6</sup>, Abram<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)



Marion L. Vermilyea was born on March 21, 1921, in Bay City to Paul and Hancy (Tomlinson) Vermilyea. Marion passed away in Eugene on Jan. 23 at the age of 87. He lived his entire life in Tillamook, where he attended school until the eighth grade. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served his country honorably during World War II, from 1943 until 1946.

After returning home, he was united in marriage to Violet Mae Hudgeon on Aug. 16, 1956, in Tillamook.

Together they raised their three children, and lived in Tillamook. They owned and operated the locker plant known as South Prairie Lockers for many years. Marion worked for School District No. 9 in Tillamook. He started out as a school bus driver, and driving the lunch wagon.

After driving school bus, Marion worked as a maintenance man for the school district. He retired in 1984.

Marion enjoyed all the outdoor activities that Tillamook had to offer; he fished, clammed and hunted. He also enjoyed working on cars and welding.

Marion was a past member of the Eagles Lodge and a lifetime member of the VFW. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 47 years. Violet Vermilyea, in 2003.

Left behind to honor Marion's life is his loving family: children Raymond Vermilyea of Tillamook; Doug Vermilyea of Eugene; and Darlene Vermilyea of Eugene; brother Sam Vermilyea and wife Jo of Tillamook; sister Thelma Hanson of Bay City; and grandson Ryan Vermilyea of Eugene.

A funeral service for Marion will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 2:30 p.m. at Waud's Funeral Home.

Contributions in Marion's name may be made to the American Cancer Society, for pancreatic cancer or cancer research.

Arrangements are in care of Waud's Funeral Home.

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**Robert Donald Vermilyea**<sup>9</sup>, (Seth Robert<sup>8</sup>, Joseph Mahlon, Sr.<sup>7</sup>, Avery<sup>6</sup>, Abram<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Johannes<sup>1</sup>)



Funeral services were held for Robert Donald Vermilyea at Waud's Funeral Home in Tillamook.

Robert was born in Garibaldi on Mar. 9, 1927, to Seth and Ona (Barber) Vermilyea. He passed away in Tillamook on May 12, 2009, at age 82.

Robert grew up in the Miami Foley area of Tillamook County and attended grade school at Barnesdale Elementary. He graduated in 1944 from Wheeler High School.

After high school, Robert joined the U.S. Navy and served his country honorably during World War II.

He was married Jan. 28, 1950, to Beryl Yvonne Miller in Bay City. They lived in the Miami Foley area until Beryl passed away in 2007.

He worked for the Oceanside Lumber Company in their Garibaldi mill as a bull edger until the mill went on strike in 1954. Robert then worked at a couple of mills before returning and working for Clinton Logging, running a bulldozer.

After working in the woods, Robert decided to purchase his own log truck in the late 1950s. He started out with a self-loader, later driving a regular log truck until his retirement just before his 65th birthday in 1992.

During his retirement, Robert enjoyed everything that the outdoors on the Oregon coast had to offer. He enjoyed hunting, shooting black-powder rifles, gardening and loved fishing every chance that he got.

Robert was preceded in death by his loving wife, Beryl, in 2007.

He is survived by children Robert Seth Vermilyea of Wheeler, Michael Ray Vermilyea of Idaville, and Stacy Yvonne Ponder of Bay City; brother Dennis Vermilyea of Tillamook; sisters Bonnie Mathisen and Carol Cannell of Shedd; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and by numerous nieces and nephews. Donations in Robert's name may be made to the American Cancer Society. Interment will be at Sunset Height's Cemetery.

Arrangements are in care of Waud's Funeral Home.

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## **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 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 learning even more about our family; and, from our consolidated records, you might just find that long lost relative you've been wondering about for years.

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Membership in the VFA will not require dues starting June 2009; however, a membership application must be submitted to the VFA Treasurer. All newsletters will be sent by PDF; no newsletters will be mailed via U. S. Postal after this date, with the exception of those already receiving them.

Membership applications should be requested from and sent to: [joanne@vermilyeafamilyreunion.com](mailto:joanne@vermilyeafamilyreunion.com)

## **THIS NEWSLETTER**

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