

GENTILLY TERRACE SCHOOL 1950s ERA TEACHER OBITUARIES

ELSIE JANE McWHIRTER CORNAY, a New Orleans librarian and retired public school teacher, died Sunday at Ochsner Foundation Hospital. She was 76. Mrs. Cornay was a lifelong resident of New Orleans. She graduated from Newcomb College and received a master's degree from Loyola University. Survivors include a son, William E. McWhirter Jr. of Dickerson, Texas. A Mass will be said today at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 4640 Canal St. Visitation will be today from 9 to 10:45 a.m. at P.J. McMahan and Sons Funeral Home, 4800 Canal St. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

RUTH EDWINA DEVONSHIRE On Sunday January 27, 1985 at 1:30 o'clock p.m, daughter of the late Angelina Molinaro and Edward Devonshire, sister of the late Mrs. Hyacinth Hickey, sister-in-law of the late Albert J. Hickey, Sr., aunt of Albert Jr., Gerald, Edward and William Hickey, Rosarie Hickey Toncrey, and Hyacinth Hickey Delerno. Also survived by many great nieces and nephews. Age 79 years a native of New Orleans. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the chapel of Jacob Schoen and Son, Inc., 3827 Canal at N. Scott on Wednesday, January 30, 1985 at 1:15 p.m. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery. A parishoner of Our Lady Of The Rosary Catholic Church. Friends may call after 11 a.m on Wednesday.

HELEN C. DONAHOE on Wednesday morning April 22 1982 at 3:51 a.m, daughter of the late Annie Cassidy and the late Hugh P. Donahoe, sister of the late Frank J. Donahoe, aunt of James F. and John J. Donahoe, grand aunt of Terrance and Kevin Donahoe and Eran Druham. Relatives and Friends and the Retired Teachers of the Orleans Parish School System are invited to attend the funeral services from P.J. McMahan and Sons Funeral Home at 4800 Canal St. (parking in rear) on Friday morning April 23, 1982 at 9 o'clock followed by a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Canal St. Interment in St. Patrick #1 Cemetery. Friends may call after 6:30 p.m on Thursday. *(Published Thursday, April 22, 1982 in the New Orleans Times-Picayune.)*

Alma C. Flucke, died 8/5/1997

ISAAC L. FOSTER 53 of 3706 Daneel St., principal of Gentilly Terrace School, died at 6:30 PM Thursday at the Foundation hospital after an illness of nearly seven weeks. A leader in education in Louisiana, Mr. Foster had previously served as principal of the Jefferson and Howard #1 schools. Funeral services will be conducted from the funeral home of Tharp Sontheimer Tharp, Inc., 4117 S. Claiborne at 1:00 PM Friday, followed by religious services at First Baptist Church. The body will be sent to Brookhaven, Mississippi for interment in the Shiloh Baptist Church cemetery at 10 a.m on Saturday. Mr. Foster is survived by his widow, the former Miss Gladys White, a daughter Miss Jewell B. Foster, one son Ensign Isaac L. Foster, Jr., three brothers H.Emile Foster of Brookhaven, Ms, Albert Foster of Faraday, and Garland W. Foster of Houston, and two sisters Mrs. Willie G. Wright and Mrs. Clytae B. St. Alexander. *(Published January 16, 1953 in the Times Picayune)*

MARTHA BERNISSANT GEHRKE, a retired teacher at Gentilly Terrace Elementary School, died Thursday at her summer home in Bay St. Louis, Miss. She was 90. Mrs. Gehrke was born in New Orleans and lived in Metairie for the past 50 years. She was a graduate of Tulane University. She was a member of the Bay Waveland Yacht Club. Survivors include a daughter, Martha G. Merrigan; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. A Mass will be said today at 1 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie. Visitation will begin at noon. Burial will be in Lake Lawn Park Cemetery. Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. *(Published in New Orleans Times Picayune November 27, 2004)*

PAULINE JOHNSON Pauline Lehmann Johnson passed away on June 9, 2009 at 98 years of age. Beloved wife of the late David Lee Johnson, she is survived by children Ted Johnson of Rancho Palos Verdes, California; Carol Johnson Robertson of Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa; grandson Everette Robertson of New Orleans; and granddaughter Becky Robertson of East Africa. A graduate of LSU and Tulane, she taught for 40 years in the New Orleans public school system, most recently at Gentilly Terrace Elementary School. She was a faithful member of Lakeview Baptist Church, having served as a Sunday School teacher and Woman's Missionary Union Director. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 16th, at Tharp-Sontheimer Funeral Home, 1600 N. Causeway Blvd., with visitation at 9:00 a.m and service at 10:00, with interment following at the Garden of Memories.

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CLIFTON P. "KIP" KESSLER On Saturday Oct 10, 1981 at 9 p.m, beloved husband of the late Mary Dempsey Kessler, brother of the late Mrs Lorraine Priest and Paul Kessler. 84 years of age. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services from the home of McMahan, Coburn, Briede at 1600 Moss St. on Monday afternoon, October 12th at 1:30 o'clock, followed by religious services at the funeral home. Interment in St. Patrick #1 Cemetery. Friends may call on Monday morning after 11 o'clock.

INEZ R. LANDRY, age 94, born Jan. 8, 1918, died Nov. 10, 2012. She was a resident of Painscourtville, LA. Native of Napoleonville, LA. Visitation will begin 9am until Funeral time, Tuesday November 13, 2012 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Painscourtville, LA. Mass of Christian burial at 11am, Tuesday November 13, 2012 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Painscourtville, LA. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. She is survived by brother, Charles (Chase) Landry and spouse Diane, sister, Marilyn Daigle and spouse Calvin, sister-in-laws: Marguerite Landry and Mary Landry, and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents Rudolph and Noemie Templet Landry, brothers Rudy, Allen, Neil, and Arthur Landry, sisters Dolores Burns, Vera Blanchard and Therese Alleman. Inez was a resident of New Orleans and Metairie for 60 years. She was a graduate of the Hotel Dieu School of Nursing. *(Note: Miss Landry was the Gentilly Terrace School nurse in the 1950s.*

EMMA McGOWAN McLENDON on Monday afternoon, January 21, 1980 at 3 o'clock. Beloved wife of Thomas O. McLendon, mother of Mrs. Julia Monroe, Mrs. Kathleen McCoy and Thomas O. McLendon, Jr. Sister of Mrs. Alma McGowan, Ms. Julia Gillespie, and the late Ms. Margaret McGowan. Also survived by eleven grandchildren. Relatives, friends and members of Oak Park Presbyterian Church, New Orleans Retired Public School Teachers Association, Inc., New Orleans Camilia Club and employees of U.S. Customs Service are invited to attend the funeral services from P.J. McMahan and Sons Funeral Home at 4800 Canal St. (parking in rear) on Wednesday afternoon, January 23, 1980 at 1 p.m. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call after 6 o'clock Tuesday evening.

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LYDIA MICKAL, a retired New Orleans public school teacher, died Friday of heart failure at Memorial Medical Center. She was 90. Miss Mickal was a lifelong resident of New Orleans. She graduated from the New Orleans Normal School. She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, the Syrian and Lebanese American Club of New Orleans and the New Orleans Retired Teachers Association. Survivors include a sister, Odette Mickal. A funeral will be held today at 1 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5875 Canal Blvd. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Jacob Schoen & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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MOREL Harry J. Morel, Sr. Age of deceased: 94.....Born May 8, 1919 in New Orleans, LA. Date of Death: Sunday May 12,

2013 Military Service: Army----Enlisted, August 26, 1942, Reported to duty March 16, 1943Served in Army's 89th Division Artillery Band, First Trumpet (Camp Carson: Colorado Springs, Colorado), and 101st Army Band, First Trumpet (Camp Butner: Durham, North Carolina)

Education: Elementary-Gayarre; High School-S.J.Peters (Commy High); PostGrad-Jesuit High School('35- '36); College: L.S.U.-Graduated January 1943---Bachelor of Music Education(BME); Post-Graduate: Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa-Masters Music Education(MME), 1946. Occupation: Music Instructor, Orleans Parish School Board, 1947-1980 (33 years) @ Elementary Schools: McDonough 39, Gentilly Terrace, Wilson, Lafayette and Hines (Lakeview).

Harry was also a musician (trumpet) and orchestra leader and performed in the New Orleans area from 1932-2005 (73 years). Throughout his career as a musician, he performed in: Daily week-day radio/studio band programs (KRNT) Des Moines Iowa, Mainliner Club (Leader: Barney Bernard), National Premier of movie "State Fair," Des Moines-Drake Symphony Orchestra, Johnny Kidd Orchestra w/Lee Fortier, New Orleans POPS, Nat Brandywine Orchestra, Joe Reichman Orchestra, Skinnay Ennis Orchestra, Joe Martin Orchestra (NYC), Emil Coleman Orchestra (NYC), Blue Prestopnik Orchestra, Rene Louapre Orchestra, and Russ Papalia Orchestra (New Orleans). In the 50's he also took spot gigs at most of New Orleans famous show-rooms such as the Beverly Supper Club and the Roosevelt Hotel's famous Blue Room. From 1975-2005 he was the Leader of the Harry Morel Orchestra. His orchestra included many of New Orleans finest musicians at the time such as Herb Tassin, Frank Vicari, Norman Faulk, Bob Benoit, Leon Krasnoff, Frank Alessi, and Julius Chavez. In the latter years of his orchestra's tenure, it was not unusual to find former students that he introduced to music in their early years, actually playing as sidemen in the Harry Morel Orchestra.

For decades Mr. Morel was on a first-name basis with the Captains of all of the Carnival Crews of his day, and his Orchestra frequently performed at the balls and supper dances for most of the major Krewes. Since 1985 Mr. Morel and family have funded in perpetuity the annual Father Fox Award presented to the outstanding band instrumentalist at Jesuit High School. Harry and Sports: As a young man, Harry was an all-around sports enthusiast, and excelled on the baseball diamond. While at Jesuit High School, he was the starting first-baseman on the 1936 American Legion State and Regional Championship team, while hitting .386. He often reminisced about the days of playing ball at Jesuit with the likes of Connie Ryan and Larry Gilbert. In the early/mid '60's he and his wife Anna became avid LSU baseball and football fans and enjoyed travelling to Baton Rouge to watch their two (2) sons, Harry Jr.(baseball) and Tommy(football) perform. Harry was also an avid fly-fisherman, and in the '70s and '80s he could often be found angling for that "monster green trout." Katrina Experience: Two (2) days before Katrina hit the New Orleans area, Harry was admitted to Ochsner Baptist Hospital having earlier been diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. When the attempt was made to evacuate the elderly and critical care patients from Ochsner Baptist to triage in Baton Rouge, Harry was fortunate to have been chosen to board the National Guard bus transporting patients to Baton Rouge. Although lucky in this regard, days later Harry was to learn that his house in Gentilly had been hard-hit by Katrina's waters, and was a total loss. Thus began Harry's successful battle against this deadly disease, as well as his inspirational attitude in the post-Katrina aftermath.

Memberships: American Federation of Musicians; Year-Round Tiger Boosters Club (N.O. Chapter);

Knights of Columbus (Gentilly); Saint Raphael Catholic Church (Gentilly); Holy Family Catholic Church (Luling); American Legion Manitou Springs, CO.) Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity (Louisiana Xi Chapter) Preceded in Death By: wife, Anna Powers Morel, as well as his parents, Harry L Morel (New Orleans, LA), and Mary Elizabeth Bryan (Aberdeen, MS). Sons: (2): Harry J. Morel, Jr. of Luling (Gwen), and Tommy G. Morel of Destrehan (Sandra) Grandchildren: (11) Michele Morel (Ricky Oubre), Margaret Pelitere (Mike), Mary Beth Hymel (Brett), Leslie Lafredo (Ken), Tommy Morel (Kelley), Gavin Morel (Brecken), Derek Morel (Lauren), Connor Morel (En'Joli), Brandon Morel (Lauren), Deven Morel (Dianna), and Ali Morel Great Grandchildren: (14) Chloe Pelitere, Cameron Pelitere, Collin Pelitere, Donovan Blair, Nicholas Lafredo, Benjamin Lafredo, Therese Hymel, Camille Hymel, Kylan Morel, Bri'lan Morel, Harper Morel, Evan Morel, Nathan Morel, and Thomas S. Morel Special Medical Gratitude: Mr. Morel's family will be forever grateful for the superb level of professionalism, understanding, and compassion exhibited in the past few months by the following physicians: Michael J. Castine III, M.D., Sujata Chava, M.D., Margaret Pelitere, M.D., Tommy D. Morel, M.D., and Brett Hymel, M.D. Pallbearers: Don Walker, Chase Chiasson, Tommy D. Morel, Derek Morel, Connor Morel, Deven Morel, Brandon Morel, and Cameron Pelitere

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation and Funeral Mass at LAKE LAWN METAIRIE FUNERAL HOME, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd. on Saturday, May 18, 2013. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., followed by a Mass in the chapel at 12:00 Noon, celebrate, Father John Finn. Interment in Metairie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

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MARION M. SARRAT On Friday, July 31, 1981 at 4:30 p.m. Daughter of the late Almais Commegere and J. Belmont Sarrat; sister of Mrs. C. Layton Merrit, Mrs. Joseph F. Bayhi, Mrs. Alfred L. Reinecke, Mrs. L. Villere Cressy, Mrs. Louis A. Demourelle, and the late Mrs. P. A. Couturie. Also survived by a number of nieces and nephews. A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held from the downtown chapel of Tharp-Sontheimer-Laudumiey, 1225 North Rampart St. on Monday, August 3, 1981 at 11 a.m. Interment in St. Louis No.2 Cemetery. Visitation on Monday August 3, 1981 after 9 a.m.

PROVIDENCE SUE DIMARTINO SCHRENK, a retired elementary school teacher for Gentilly Terrace Elementary, died Tuesday at Mercy+Baptist Medical Center. She was 78. Mrs. Schrenck was a lifelong resident of New Orleans. She was a member of Dixie Chain and Gold Dust Twirlers Square Dance clubs, the New Orleans Retired Teacher's Association, Veteran of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and St. Dominic Catholic Church. Survivors include her husband, Hartley C. Schrenk; and three sisters, Gertrude Meade, Ann Reber and Amelia Grimes. A Mass will be said Friday at 9:45 a.m. at Jacob Schoen and Son Funeral Home, 3827 Canal St. A visitation will be held today from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Friday after 8:30 a.m. Burial will be in Lake Lawn Mausoleum.

(New Orleans Times Picayune May 12, 1994)

RUTH COLLINS STEWART passed away on Sunday, December 28, 2014 at the age of 102. She was a loving and beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was for 25 years a teacher and was also a businesswoman, a world traveler, a bridge player and an avid bargain hunter. Above all, she was a fiercely independent spirit. Relatives and friends are invited to the funeral mass at Lake Lawn Memorial Chapel, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd., New Orleans, LA on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at 12:00pm. Visitation will be from 10:00am until 12:00pm. Interment will follow in Metairie Cemetery. The family thanks the staff at Heritage Manor in Mandeville who took such good care of her for 9 years.

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DORIS CLARK TOGNONI on Sunday October 22, 2000 at 3:16 PM. Beloved Wife of Louis M. Tognoni. Daughter of the late Alice Vautrain and Edward Charles Clark. Sister of the late Edward Charles Clark. Private Funeral Services were held at LAKE LAWN METAIRIE FUNERAL HOME.

(Published in New Orleans Times Picayune October 27, 2000)

CATHERINE TUMINELLO, a retired special-education teacher, died Sunday of complications from heart disease at her home in Carriere, Miss. She was 68. Miss Tuminello was born in New Orleans and lived in Carriere for the past 12 years. She was a graduate of Holy Angels Academy. She received a master's degree in education from Loyola University and certification in special education from the University of New Orleans. She taught in elementary schools for Army and Air Force dependents in France, Germany and Japan, and she taught lower elementary school and special-education classes in Orleans and Jefferson parish public schools. She also taught in summer Bible school at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Survivors include two brothers, Henry S. Tuminello Jr. of Harahan and Michael S. Tuminello of New Orleans; and two sisters, Anna Mae Tuminello of New Orleans and Madeline Tuminello Lambert of Dallas. A Mass will be said today at noon at Jacob Schoen & Son Funeral Home, 3827 Canal St. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

WINGERTER, MARJORIE RITA on Sunday, January 20, 2013 Age 93 years. Daughter of the late Mary Ellen Taylor and Philip J. Wingerter. Sister of the late Philip G. Wingerter, Sr. Clare W. Ziegler and Ellen W. Muller. Beloved Aunt of Phil Wingerter (Barbara), Jack Wingerter (Joyce), Jimmy Wingerter (Myra), Dottie Toranto (Rudy), Margie Adams (Bill), Malcolm Ziegler (Pam), Gretchen Mc Cleney, P.J. Muller (Bonnie) and the late Fred J. Muller (Linda Babineaux) and Kathie Kelly (John). Also survived by a host of Grand Nieces and Nephews and Great Grand Nieces and Nephews. Relatives and friends also members of New Orleans retired Teacher Association, Slidell Senior Citizens Club, St. Luke's Ladies Club, The Scarett Magnolias Red Hat Society are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at GREENWOOD FUNERAL HOME, 5200 Canal Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70124 on Friday, January 25 , 2013 at 11:00 a. m. Interment in Hope Mausoleum. Visitation after 9:00 a.m. Friday. In lieu of flowers Mass preferred.

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MILDRED GONZALES WUNDER, a retired teacher for the Orleans Parish School Board, died Monday at St. Mary's Nursing Home in Baton Rouge. She was 89. Mrs. Wunder was born in New Orleans and lived in Baton Rouge. She was a member of Resurrection of Our Lord Church and the Ladies Altar Society and was a volunteer at Children's Hospital of New Orleans. Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Trosclair of Baton Rouge; a sister, Edna Gonzales of Chalmette; and five grandchildren. Greenoaks Funeral Home in Baton Rouge was in charge of arrangements.

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EMELDA AGNES ZIEGAN on Friday, September 23, 2005, at 4:15pm. Daughter of the late Barbara Fleisch and Albert Ziegan. Sister of the late Gladys Ziegan Wilson. Thelma Ziegan Rouse and Irma Frances Ziegan. Aunt of Flora Schindler and Richard Ziegan Wilson. Great Aunt of Charles Arthur Schech, David Samuel Schech, Lorraine Schech Gritter, Gweldolyn Wilson Bridevaux, Holland Wilson Householder, and Richard Derek Wilson. Age 91 years. A native of New Orleans. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services at Schoen Funeral Home, 1414 South Tyler Street, in Covington on Sunday, October 2, 2005, from 11am to 1pm

