

OBITUARIES/NEWS

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Kyle Herrington Collins

Kyle Herrington Collins, 18, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include his mother, Debra Herrington of St. James City, Fla.; two sisters, Sabrina Harris of Greenwood and Kimberly Donley of Greenfield; and a brother, Steven Collins of Indianapolis.

A memorial service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7602 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until service time Wednesday at the mortuary.

GREENWOOD

Robert L. 'Mac' McAndrews

Robert L. "Mac" McAndrews, 80, passed away Monday, Feb. 26, 2007. He was a resident of Greenwood.



McANDREWS

He was born Nov. 27, 1926, in Indianapolis to the late John L. and Edna E. (Boring) McAndrews. He married Terry DeWitt on May 19, 1990, and she survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Kevin McAndrews of Greenwood, Keith (Sally) McAndrews of Logansport and Scott (Shauna) McAndrews of Deer Park, Texas; two daughters, Carla Spears of Franklin and Jill (Randy) Hicks of Columbus; two stepsons, Michael (Tina) DeWitt of Boggstown and Christopher (Amy) DeWitt of Greenwood; two stepdaughters, Michelle (Christopher) Warren of Shelbyville and Melissa DeWitt of Greenwood; two brothers, John McAndrews of Whiteland and Tom (Diane) McAndrews of Indianapolis; brother-in-law, Robert Plahitko of Indianapolis; and 16 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Plahitko; a sister-in-law, Grace McAndrews; and a granddaughter.

Mac was formerly employed by Todd & Justack as a beer delivery driver and most recently retired from Bank One as a courier.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church and Greenwood Veterans of Foreign Wars 5864.

A Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Online condolences may be sent to the McAndrews family at www.wilsonstpierre.com.

INDIANAPOLIS

Mary Louise Morrissey

Mary Louise Morrissey, 84, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007. She was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Vincent Morrissey Sr.; five sons, Michael J., Joseph V. (Jo) Jr., Patrick D. (Eli), Daniel E. (Lynn) and John V. (Carol) Morrissey; two daughters, Ann M. (Dan Riley) Forey and Paula K. (Forrest) Staley; 20 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward R. and Marie A. (Muenchen) Bartholomew.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Little & Sons Funeral Home, 4901 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. A prayer service will be conducted at 9:15 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 8300 Rahke Road, Indianapolis. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 8300 Rahke Road, Indianapolis, IN 46217, or Community Home Health Services, Home Hospice, 9894 E. 121st St., Fishers, IN 46038.

BROWN COUNTY

Edward H. Ratzburg

Edward H. Ratzburg, 73, passed away Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at his residence in Brown County.



RATZBURG

He was born May 30, 1933, in Marion, Wis., to the late Herman J. and Louise (Schneider) Ratzburg. He married Laura M. (Artis) Ratzburg on Feb. 12, 1955, in Plymouth, Wis. She survives.

Other survivors include six sons, Brian S., Michael J. (Rose), Randolph H., Edward H. Jr., Anthony W. and Christopher L. (Michele) Ratzburg, all of

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Brown County; two daughters, Cheryl (Larry) Scoggan of Prince's Lakes and Virginia (Miles) Neal of Brown County; five sisters, Dorothy Behr of Plymouth, Wis., Laverne Eickberg of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., Arlene Heckman and Mary Theill, both of Plymouth, Wis., and JoAnne Klaser of Kiel, Wis.; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Brittany Ratzburg. He was a 1951 graduate of Plymouth High School in Plymouth, Wis.

He served with the U.S. Air Force for nine years, including during the Korean War, first as a flight engineer for six years and a diesel power production instructor for three years.

He retired in 1986 as a truck driver for McLean Trucking in Indianapolis after 23 years of service. Before that, he was a factory worker for Borden Cheese Factory in Plymouth, Wis.

He was a member of Teamsters Local 135 in Indianapolis. He attended Sprunica Baptist Church in Brown County. He enjoyed being outdoors, working in his vegetable garden, deer hunting and fishing. He was known as "The Fisherman" by his friends and family. He was an avid Indianapolis Colts and NASCAR fan.

The Rev. Danny Law Jr. will conduct a funeral service at noon Thursday at Meredith-Clark Funeral Home, Cremation & Personalization Center, 179 E. Mulberry St., Morgantown. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Graveside military honors will be presented by Brown County Veterans Honor Guard at Weeping Willow Cemetery in Brown County.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 2201 W. Sudbury Drive, Suite C, Bloomington, IN 47403, or Riley Cancer Research for Children, P.O. Box 40786, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.meredith-clark.com. Information: (812) 597-4670

MORRISTOWN

Ross Allen Sheridan

Ross Allen Sheridan, 21, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007. He was a resident of Morristown.

Survivors include his father, Harry C. "Tag" Sheridan III; his stepmother, Esther D. Sheridan; a brother, Casey W. Sheridan; and five sisters, Rita R. Sheridan, Kelly A. Sheridan, Angela Schuyler and Jennifer M. and April D. Buckler.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Cynthia Gradelless.

A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Indiana Chapter, 7301 Georgetown Road, Suite 112, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Obituary policy

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A free death notice contains basic information, including details about visitation and services, memorial contributions and some survivors.

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Study says garlic stinks as cholesterol fighter

Herb longtime folk remedy for heart disease, mosquito bites

By LINDSEY TANNER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO

Garlic doesn't do much for the breath and won't help lower cholesterol. That's the conclusion of the most rigorous, head-to-head study of raw garlic and popular garlic supplements, despite promoters' claims to the contrary.

Whether it was eaten raw in heart-healthy sandwiches, or in pills made of powdered or aged garlic, the strong-smelling herb had no effect on cholesterol in people whose levels were already elevated, the government-funded study found.

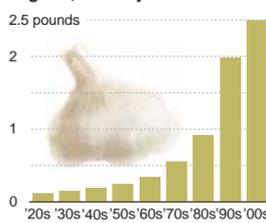
"If garlic was going to have a chance to work, it would have worked in this study," said researcher Christopher Gardner. But it didn't.

Garlic is a longtime folk remedy for a variety of ills, including heart disease, cancer, infections and even mosquito bites. Scientific research on its purported benefits has had conflicting results. Some previous studies

Popular herb

The amount of garlic in the food supply has significantly increased in the past 80 years. A new study challenges the theory that garlic lowers cholesterol.

Average U.S. per capita supply of garlic, annually



NOTE: Data through 2005

SOURCE: Department of Agriculture AP

suggested garlic might help lower risks for digestive and prostate cancers, or might reduce blood pressure and cholesterol levels; others found no benefit.

Health benefits have been thought to come from a sulfur-

containing substance called allicin that is released when raw garlic is chopped or crushed. In lab tests, it can be applied directly to cells and has been shown to prevent cholesterol production.

But any direct benefits to the body from allicin may be diluted when garlic is eaten, said Gardner, an assistant professor of medicine at Stanford University.

Still, Gardner, a garlic lover, was optimistic when he and colleagues began their study. He called the results disappointing but said it's still possible garlic might improve cholesterol when eaten in bigger doses or by people with more severe cholesterol problems. Also, garlic could have characteristics other than influencing cholesterol that might benefit the heart, he said.

The study appears in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.

An Archives editorial agreed and said "the jury is still out" on whether garlic might prevent cardiovascular disease.

The study involved 192 adults aged about 50 on average with

moderately elevated levels of LDL cholesterol, the bad kind that contributes to heart disease. The average LDL level was 140 milligrams per deciliter of blood, or in the borderline-high range. Below 100 is considered ideal.

Participants were randomly assigned to eat the equivalent of an average clove of garlic in either raw form or garlic pills, or dummy pills, six days weekly for six months.

Raw garlic was mixed into salsa, fat-free mayonnaise or other condiments spread on portobello mushroom sandwiches, chicken quesadillas and other specialty sandwiches.

Participants in the garlic pill and dummy pill groups also got sandwiches, but without garlic.

Bad breath and body odor were reported by more than half the raw garlic eaters, and a handful of people in the supplement groups reported flatulence, but there were no major side effects. There also was virtually no effect on cholesterol levels in any of the groups.

Government says bird-flu vaccine even less effective than was first believed

By ANDREW BRIDGES
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

The nation's first vaccine against bird flu is even less effective than previously thought, according to Food and Drug Administration documents released Monday.

In clinical trials, the two-shot series appears to provide protection to just 45 percent of adults who received the highest dose of the Sanofi Aventis SA vaccine.

An earlier, interim analysis of the same study of the vaccine suggested it sparked a protective immune response in 54 percent of patients, when measured 28 days after getting the second shot. The New England Journal of Medicine published those results in March 2006.

The FDA released the more recent results, contained in company and agency documents, ahead of a meeting today where it will ask a panel of outside experts to review the vaccine. The agency isn't required to follow the advice of its advisory committees but usually does. The vaccine is the first against the H5N1 influenza strain to seek FDA approval.

The FDA said the 452-person study showed the vaccine against the deadly bird-flu strain called H5N1 is safe, but it remained unclear whether it would be effective. Seasonal flu vaccines, for example, protect 75 percent to

90 percent of vaccinated adults younger than 65.

The newer analysis used final data, while the earlier study used interim results, Sanofi said. The later analysis also used tougher standards to show the vaccine works, according to company documents released by the FDA. The Paris-based company said the study shows the vaccine's benefits outweigh its risks.

Effectiveness was measured by the antibodies patients developed against the flu strain.

The modest protective effects of the vaccine were seen in patients who received two 90-microgram doses of vaccine. The two shots contain 12 times the 15-microgram dose contained in regular winter flu shots.

Already, there are further studies under way that are looking at the use of immune boosters, called adjuvants, to try to improve the effectiveness of the H5N1 vaccine. Eventually, adjuvants also might shrink the needed dose for a pandemic vaccine closer to what's now used in seasonal shots.

Health officials also are studying the development of cell-based vaccines, which would be faster to produce in an outbreak of deadly flu than are current egg-based vaccines. The FDA suggested the Sanofi vaccine, if approved, could be used on an interim basis until others are developed.

In Loving Memory
Eugene Maggard
3/6/27 - 2/27/06



There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you feel their presence. You know this because your heart is breaking and you feel the tears on your face.
Eugene you are always with us. You remain in our thoughts, prayers, and always in our hearts. We love you.

Wife Louanna, Children Lisa, Anthony & Shelia, Grandchildren, Brothers & Sisters

In Loving Memory Of
Clayton E. Hobbs
March 17, 1932 - Feb. 27, 2002
Dad

*So many images come to mind whenever I speak your name;
It seems without you in my life things have never been the same.*

*What happened to those lazy days when I was just a child;
When my life was consumed in you in your love and in your smile.*

*What happened to all those times when I always looked to you;
No matter what happened in my life you could make my gray skies blue.*

*Dad, some days I hear your voice and turn to see your face;
Yet in my turning...it seems the sound has been erased.*

*Dad, who will I turn to for answers when life does not make sense;
Who will be there to hold me close when the pieces just don't fit.*

*Oh Dad, if I could turn back time and once more hear your voice;
I'd tell you that out of all the dads you would still be my choice.*

*Please always know I love you and no one can take your place;
Years may come and go but your memory will never be erased.*

*Today, Jesus, as You are listening in your home above;
Would you go and find my dad and give him all my love.*

Love You Always
Your Daughter & Son
Linda Jo & Gene

In Loving Memory of
Clayton E. Hobbs
March 17, 1932 - Feb. 27, 2002

It broke my heart to lose you, but you did not go alone. Part of me went with you, the day God called you home. A million times I've thought of you. A million times I've cried. If loving could have saved you, you would have never died. Forgive me Lord, I'll always weep for the husband I loved but could not keep.

Love You Always,
Your Loving Wife
Peggy

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