

# OBITUARIES/NEWS

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BALD KNOB, Ark.

## Elder M. V. Hammack

Elder M.V. Hammack, 77, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007. He was a resident of Bald Knob, Ark.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy (Sloan) Hammack; three daughters, Kathy Brock of Velvet Ridge, Ark., Teresa Lucas of Franklin and Beverly Hicks of Bethesda, Ark.; three sisters, Lucille Sullivan, Velma Brandon and Dorothy Knight; seven grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John William and Lucy (Brawner) Hammack.

A service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Drasco, Ark. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the church. Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob-Judsonia, in Bald Knob, Ark., is handling arrangements.

TELL CITY

## Shirley Edward Little

Shirley Edward Little, 83, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at Perry County Memorial Hospital. He was a resident of Tell City.

He was born July 25, 1923, in Derby.

Shirley was a World War II Army veteran of the European Theater, and he played an active role in the realization of the World War II memorial in Washington.

He was married March 25, 1947, to the former Sylvia Wint.

He retired from Tell City Chair Co. in 1986 as a product engineer. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards and dominoes, spending time with family and friends and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda "Jody" Gelarden and husband David of Rocky Point and Jenny Sissom and husband Troy of Greenwood; two sons, Kent Little and wife Rita of Cannelton and John Little and wife Joane of Tell City; 11 grandchildren, Connie Jarboe, Danielle Zuelly, Jeremy Gelarden, Mandy Cooper, Sally James, Tally Little, Kathy Little, Kristy Little, Pat Little, and Sarah and Geoff Sissom; 11 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Esther Mae Sumner and Bessie Taylor, both of Tell City, and Martha Smith of Grandview.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia (Wint) Little, in May 2001; his parents, Edward and Anna (Fischer) Little; four brothers, Robert, Theodore, Richard and Junior Little; and a sister, Mary Bowman.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. today at Tell Street Baptist Church, 1002 33rd St., Tell City. The Rev. Tom Brown will officiate. Burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in Tell City. Visitation will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. today at Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home, 920 10th St. in Tell City.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tell Street Baptist Church, 1002 33rd St., Tell City, IN 47586; or Perry County Community Foundation, 601 Main St., Suite B, P.O. Box 13, Tell City, IN 47586.

GREENWOOD

## Candy Lynn McNicholas

Candy Lynn McNicholas, 39, passed away Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at her residence in Greenwood. She was a former longtime resident of Franklin.

She was born June 12, 1967, in Shelbyville to William VanCleave and Marlene McNicholas VanCleave. They survive in Franklin. Other survivors include a son, James H. Barger of Greenwood; a sister, Felicia (Tom) Ward of

Greenwood

Candy Lynn McNicholas, 39

Nineveh

Cheryl D. Vaught, 55

Elsewhere

Elder M.V. Hammack, 77

Shirley Edward Little, 83

Amelia Schneeman, 96

Illinois; a niece, Brittany Ward; a nephew, Devan Ward; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was a graduate of Franklin Community High School.

She was a volunteer at Johnson Memorial Hospital for many years.

A service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at Flinn & Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St. in Franklin. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.flinnmaguire.com](http://www.flinnmaguire.com).

CINCINNATI

## Amelia Elizabeth (Staubach) Schneeman

Amelia Elizabeth (Staubach) Schneeman, 96, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007. She was a resident of Cincinnati.

Survivors include three sons, Paul (Gloria) Schneeman, David Schneeman and Ronald (Linda) Schneeman; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Roger Schneeman; and a son, Roger Schneeman.

A service will be conducted at noon Saturday at Hodapp Funeral Home, 6041 Hamilton Ave., in Cincinnati. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vitas Hospice, 1150 Northlake Drive, Suite 400, Cincinnati, OH 45249; or Christ Hospital, 2139 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45219.

NINEVEH

## Cheryl D. (Hughes) Vaught

Cheryl D. (Hughes) Vaught, 55, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at Greenwood Health and Living Center. She was a resident of Nineveh.

Survivors include a daughter, Sarah Vaught of Shelbyville; a son, Ronnie Vaught of Cope; her father, Ted Hughes of Alabama; and a sister, Debra Dodson Hemmingsen of Nineveh.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dora (Small) Hughes Dodson; and a brother, Ronald G. Hughes.

A service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at Jessen Funeral Home, Franklin Chapel, 197 E. Jefferson St. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Centennial Christian Cemetery in Martinsville.

## Obituary policy

The Daily Journal will publish free death notices for Johnson County area residents, former residents and close relatives of area residents.

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

The custom obituaries on this page have been paid for.

The deadline for submitting obituaries to the Daily Journal is 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Sundays, the deadline is 1 p.m.



McNICHOLAS



LITTLE

# Cancer deaths dropping

## Fatalities fall for second year straight

By MIKE STOBBE

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA

The tide has turned in the nation's battle against cancer.

Cancer deaths in the United States dropped for the second year in a row, health officials reported Wednesday, confirming that the trend is real and becoming more pronounced, too.

The news was cause for celebration among doctors and politicians.

"It's very exciting," said Dr. Felice Schnoll-Sussman, a cancer physician at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. "When we saw the first decline, the number wasn't that enormous. But once you start to see a trend like this, it obviously makes you feel like 'We must be doing something right!'"

Cancer deaths in the United States in 2004 fell to 553,888 — a drop-off of 3,014 deaths, or 0.5 percent, from the year before, according to a review of U.S. death certificates conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics and released by the American Cancer Society.

Cancer deaths also fell in 2003, the first drop seen since 1930. But that decline was so small — just 369 deaths — that experts were hesitant at the time to say whether it was a triumph of medicine or just a statistical fluke.



President Bush, right, looks at kidney cancer cells through a microscope as he tours the National Institute of Health Laboratories in Bethesda, Md., on Wednesday. At left is Dr. Marston Lienhan, chief of urological oncology at the institute.

## Bush applauds medical advances in cancer prevention

By DEB RIECHMANN

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BETHESDA, Md.

President Bush on Wednesday hailed the downward trend in cancer deaths in the United States, a signal that medicine is making strides in the battling a disease that kills nearly 1,500 Americans a day.

"This is the second consecutive year there was a drop in the number of cancer deaths in the United States," Bush said at the National Institutes of Health Laboratories. "And the drop this year was the steepest ever recorded."

Bush, who participated in a round-table discussion of advances in cancer prevention, also urged Congress to pass legislation to protect the privacy of a person's genetic information — which can reveal a person's predisposition to disease. Employers or insurance companies, for instance, would not be able to use such information against individuals and their offspring.

"If a person is willing to share his or her genetic information, it is important that that information not be exploited in improper ways, and Congress can pass good legislation to prevent that from happening," Bush said.

"In other words, we want medical research to go forward without an individual fearing of personal discrimination."

The president's visit to the institute coincided with the release of an American Cancer Society report showing cancer deaths dropped to 553,888 in 2004 — down from 556,902 in 2003 and 557,271 in 2002.

After a decline of 369 deaths from 2002 to 2003, the decrease from 2003 to 2004 was 3,014 — or more than eight times greater, according to a review of U.S. death certificates by the National Center for Health Statistics. The drop from 2002 to 2003 was the first annual decrease in total cancer deaths since 1930.

## Colts

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She's been a Colts fan for more than 20 years and a season ticket holder since their second season in Indianapolis.

Those days no one wore Colts gear to the games, she said. Now the stadium is a sea of blue and white.

Hire thinks the Colts will finally get their chance for a Super Bowl title.

"If the Colts win ..." she starts, quickly correcting herself to say "when the Colts win ..."

She jokes that when the Colts win Sunday she might have to sell blood so she can afford a trip to Miami to watch the Super Bowl.

She was supposed to have surgery Friday morning, but she canceled.

Can't chance not feeling well for the game Sunday, she said.

"My family thinks I'm crazy. They say I bleed blue," she said.

Hire, who will go to the game with her husband, will be greeted downtown by countless displays of Colts pride.

Downtown businesses will leave their lights on Sunday night to light up the sky. High-light videos will be projected onto Indiana State Museum. A Friday night rally will end with a fireworks display.

On the southside, blue lingerie and cheerleading outfits hang in a window display at XO Paradise

in Old Towne Greenwood.

The lingerie shop is encouraging people to "wear blue from top to bottom," selling Colts-inspired lingerie, pompoms and boas, store owner Michelle Kuntz said.

The display went up Dec. 31, and the store had to get a second shipment of the items, Kuntz said.

The sign outside Mike's Express Carwash on U.S. 31 always displays Colts messages at playoff time, manager Darren Harris said.

Now the sign says, "Go Colts beat the Patriots."

Harris is waiting to see what it should say next.

"We'll put, 'Go Colts beat the Bears' or 'Saints' depending on whoever wins," he said, showing no doubt the Colts will win this weekend.

Mike's Express Carwash employees will wear Colts hats and ties to show their support on Sunday, Harris said.

At Daylight Donuts off of State Road 135 in Center Grove, customers are bombarded with Colts spirit as soon as they walk in the door.

Banners and posters line the walls, and the NFL Network is always playing on the TV, closing manager Matt Gale said.

Sunday the shop will offer Colts face painting, priced \$1 to

\$10, from noon to 1 p.m.

Gale's grandmother, Rita Gale, will do full-face paintings or just something on the cheek, he said.

Matt Gale plans to get a face painting before heading downtown for the game.

"I'm pumped," he said. "It's almost like a kid at Christmas time."

The store will sell doughnuts with blue and white sprinkles and the Colts emblem on them Sunday, he said.

Regular Daylight Donuts customer Steve Ball, wearing a Chicago Bears coat, harassed Gale a little, saying he forgot to wear his Colts gear.

But the Bears fan said he will root for the Colts Sunday, hoping for a Bears-Colts match in Miami.

"That would be a storybook Super Bowl for me," he said.

While he will change his Bears jersey to a Colts jersey between games Sunday, he said he'd have to root for the Bears if the two make it to the big game.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts is selling football-shaped doughnuts, covered with blue icing. The doughnuts, selling for 89 cents each or \$6.39 a dozen, have black and white icing for the lacing on the football, Southside store supervisor Linda Wilson said.

Lucas Digital Graphics is already preparing designs for T-shirts to proclaim the Colts the AFC champions.

The shirts will say something about the Colts going to Miami, general manager Sheri Dallas said.

The store sells custom-made Colts jerseys, Colts T-shirts, hats, banners and license plates.

Colts fans have already bought a couple hundred division championship shirts, Dallas said.

The company even offered to make one New England fan a shirt.

"We told him we'd do a big New England symbol with a red circle and an 'X' through it," Dallas said.

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