



President Truman drops his ballot in a box while his daughter Margaret awaits her turn to vote in Independence, Mo. on Nov. 5, 1946. The only child of former President Harry Truman, died Tuesday. She was 83.

Margaret Truman Daniel dies at 83

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KANSAS CITY, MO. | Margaret Truman, the only child of former President Harry S. Truman who became a concert singer, actress, radio and TV personality and mystery writer, died Tuesday. She was 83.

Truman, known as Margaret Truman Daniel in private life, died at a Chicago assisted living facility following a brief illness, according to Susan Medler, a spokeswoman for the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum in Independence. She had been at the facility for the past several weeks and was on a respirator, the library said.

Her father's succession to the presidency in 1945 thrust her into the national spotlight while a college junior.

"I feel that I've lived several different lives and that was one of them," she said in 1980. "Some of it was fun, but most of it was not. It was a great view of history being made."

"The only thing I ever missed about the White House was having a car and driver," she once said.

Her singing career attracted the barbs of music critics —

even the embarrassment of having her father threaten one reviewer. But she found a fulfilling professional and personal life in New York City where she met her husband, journalist Clifton Daniel, who later became managing editor of *The New York Times*. They married in 1956.

She published her first book, an autobiography titled "Souvenir," in 1956. She said it was "hard work" and told reporters: "One writing job is enough."

But then she did a book on White House pets in 1969, and later more, one a biography of her father. The idea of doing a mystery called "Murder in the White House" came "out of nowhere," she said.

That 1980 title was followed by mysteries set in the Supreme Court, the Smithsonian, Embassy Row, the FBI, Georgetown, the CIA, Kennedy Center, the National Cathedral and the Pentagon. The last book, "Murder on K Street," was released last year. Donald Bain, a well-known ghost writer, was rumored to have written Truman's mysteries, but he has denied it.

Later in life, she was a grandmother and sang only in her church choir.



Margaret Truman smiles happily in her dressing room after her concert appearance in Constitution Hall in Washington Dec. 8, 1950, when she sang before her parents, President and Mrs. Truman, and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee, who were in the audience.

DEBATE

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denied them the ability to go to the doctor. He could have stood with families of the 29th District or stand with President Bush. As we saw (at Monday's State of the Union), Randy Kuhl will do anything possible to get close to President Bush."

In Massa's letter to Kuhl, he suggested the two debate between March 17 and March 28, when Congress will be on recess.

Kuhl was unavailable for comment Tuesday and has not publicly answered Massa's challenge.

IN BRIEF

Class offered for property reval

CORNING | Limited seating is available for residents who want to sign up for classes regarding the city's new property assessments and how the informal hearing process works. The classes will be at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday and at 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday at City Hall. Reservations are required.

To register call (800) 718-5149. The informal hearing will be held at the Southeast Steuben County Library.

Town of Caton seeks candidates

CATON | The town of Caton is seeking candidates for the planning board, board of ethics and planning board/zoning board clerk. Interested candidates can send a letter of interest to the town clerks office at 11161 Henny Hollow

Road, Corning N.Y., 14830.

Fire department to meet Thursday

BIG FLATS | The Big Flats Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners will have a public meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday at the Big Flats Community Center. The open forum meeting will offer the public a chance to have questions answered by the Board.

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DEATH NOTICES

Theodora Bragg

ELMIRA | Theodora Bragg of Elmira died Friday, Jan. 25, 2007.

She was a homemaker and the owner of a catering business for more than 25 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Vera; a brother, Richie Davis; two sisters, Nathalia Snowden, Elsie Ransey.

A prayer service will be held at 9:15 a.m. today at Kalec Funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the conclusion of prayer service at 10 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul's Church, 161 High St.

Burial will be in Saints Peter and Paul's Cemetery. Arrangements are with Kalec Funeral Home, 705 E. Church St.

Joseph J Gullo

CORNING | Joseph J. Gullo, 87, of N. Hamilton Street, Painted Post, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008 at Corning Hospital.

He was employed as a gaffer at Corning Glass Works.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Gullo of Painted Post; a daughter, Barbara Sorge of Painted Post; two sons, Samuel Gullo and Jeffrey Gullo, both of Painted Post.

Arrangements are incomplete with Carpenter's Funeral Home, LLC, 14 E. Pulteney St.

Lewis E Price

WELLSBORO, PA. | Lewis E. Price, 84, of The Green Home, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008.

He was employed at LaFrance in Elmira, N.Y. and

as a dairy farmer. He was also a United States Army veteran serving in World War II.

Survivors include four brothers, Harold Price and Howard Price, both of West Pittston, Lee Price of Houston, Texas, Eugene Price of Selinsgrove.

Calling hours are 1-2 p.m. Friday at Tussey-Mosher Funeral Home, 139 Main St.

Services with military honors will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 2 p.m. Friday, Pastor Robin Baer officiating.

Burial will be in Tioga County Memorial Gardens.

Linda K. Tennant

OGDENSBURG | Linda Kay Tennant, 56, of Folsom Road, Fine, formerly of Painted Post, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008 at Claxton-Hepburn Hospital after a long illness.

She was employed as a keypunch operator for the Department of Social Services in Bath.

Survivors include her mother, Betty Putman; husband, Gerald Tennant; a daughter, Jacqueline Tennant of Fine; two sons, John Schwartz Jr. of Lowman, Cody J. Tennant of Fine; a stepson, Kelvin Tennant of Arizona; two brothers, Timothy Putman and Kevin Putman; two sisters, Cheryl Klopp and Charlene Boardman.

Calling hours are 1-2 p.m. Friday at French Funeral Home, Edwards.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 2 p.m. Friday, Philip Giardino officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Fine.

Woman's club to meet Feb. 12

CORNING | The Corning Area Woman's Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 12 at the Radisson Hotel Corning in honor of the group's 90th birthday. A program, "The Way We Were" — a reflection of 90 years of the club's history, will be presented. Special guests include Frank Muccini, deputy mayor of Corning; Dr. Edward Franklin J., mayor of Painted Post; Kathy Canzano, Woman's Club State Federation president; and Betsy Helfrich, Woman's Club Lake District Region president. For more information, call 962-6934.

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This is an Iraqi problem for Iraqis to solve, not for us."

Massa gave the president high marks for addressing issues important to veterans, including creating hiring preferences for military spouses and allowing troops to transfer their unused education benefits to their spouses and children.

But Massa blasted the president for his hard-line stance against Iran.

"The best way to create an enemy of the Iranian people is to threaten them," Massa said. "We must deal with Iran like we dealt with the Soviet Union, from inside out. The Iranian people are as sick of their government as we are, but if we threaten the government, they will rally behind it. That's what George Bush and his Texas swagger don't understand."

Kuhl's office was contacted for further comment, but Meghan Tisinger, Kuhl's director of communications, said Kuhl was unavailable.

OBITUARIES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



CAROL A. BABCOCK

PAINTED POST, NY | Carol A. Babcock 70 years of 134 Naylor Lane died Friday January 25, 2008 at her home where she had been cared for by her loving family.

She was born December 5, 1937 in Youngstown, Ohio the daughter of the late Eugene and Helen Hershey Comiskey. She received her education in Ohio and relocated to the Corning area upon her marriage to Norman Martin. Her second marriage was with Willoughby (Red) Babcock who predeceased her in 1998.

Carol was employed for several years at Woolworth's and The Lodge on the Green

where she retired in 1998. During the last several years she cared for her grandchildren and enjoyed her favorite past time — playing cards and enjoying the company of many faithful friends. Carol was a generous and compassionate person — one her family and friends could depend on. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Carol was a member of the John P. Eaton American Legion Auxiliary and Corning Lodge of Elks #1071.

Surviving her children and step children, Michael (Veronica) Martin of Hornby, NY., Norma Burris of Rochester, NY., Diane Thompson of Hammondsport, NY., Jody (Michael) Allen of Painted Post, NY., Margaret (Vern) Minkowitz of DE., Tom (Phyllis) Babcock of PA and Jeff (Karen) Babcock of NY. She is also survived by several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Family and Friends may call at the Haughey Funeral Home 216 E. First St., Corning, NY Friday February 1, 2008 from 4-7pm. A Funeral Service will be held at St. Mary's Church, Corning, NY at 10am, Deacon Ray Defendorf officiating. Committal Prayers and Interment will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery, Corning, NY.

The family would appreciate Memorial Donations be given in Carol's name to Southern Tier Hospice, 11751 E. Corning Rd., Corning, NY 14830.



ROBERT H. CLOSE

PAINTED POST, NY | Robert H. Close, 88 Painted Post, NY, passed away Sunday January 27 at the Absolut Care at Three Rivers.

Born in Sylvan Beach, NY on July 7, 1919, he was the son of the late William and Erma (Rifenbark) Close. He graduated from Colgate University in 1940 and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II in the Marine Corps. After the war, he taught for several years at Utica College while working on his Ph. D at Syracuse University.

Robert was a Chemist, employed by Corning Inc. for 31 years where he established the spectrographic lab. In the final years of his career he was a member of the project teams establishing factories in the U.S.S.R, Poland, South Korea,

and Taiwan, experiences he enjoyed immensely. He very much enjoyed traveling, playing golf, puzzles, his cats and rooting for the N.Y. Yankees and the N.Y. Giants.

Robert was predeceased by Ann, his wife of 62 years. He is survived by two daughters: Linda Bagdon of Rochester, NY, Barbara Close of Andover, CT and one son: Robert (Therese) W. Close of New Orleans, LA; One grandson: Robert (Amy) W. Close JR. of Slidell, LA; Five great grandchildren: Lena, Leslie, Kelsey, Robert III, and Jonathon, One great great grandchild: Abigail Close.

Friends may call Thursday January 31st from 3-5 pm at Carpenter's Funeral Home, LLC, 14 East Pulteney Street, Corning, NY. The service will follow with Rev. Armstrong officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1400 Winton Road North, Rochester, NY 14609-5896.

FRANCES L FOLEY SMITH

CORNING, NY | Frances L. Foley Smith, age 92, passed away on January 28, 2008 at Founders Pavilion. She was born on January

23, 1916 in Penn Yan the daughter of William and Edith Moe Foley. She married Gilbert B. Smith on May 12, 1931 in Hornby. He predeceased her on June 10, 1994 following 63 years of marriage.

She is survived by her sons Gilbert E. Smith of Painted Post and Roberta Smith of Corning, and Harold E. Smith and his wife Vicki of Canesteo. Frances was the beloved grandmother of Daniel E. Smith and his wife Melinda of Auburn, Suzanne Smith Darley and her husband Christopher of Atlanta, Laura Smith and Jason Smith of Hornell, and Nicole Smith of Arkport. She was also the proud great grandmother of Maeve and Ava Smith and Alexander Darley.

It was Frances's wish that there be no calling hours. Family and friends are invited a funeral service at Carpenter's Funeral Home, 14 E. Pulteney St., on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 11:00am. Burial will take place at Coopers Cemetery at the convenience of the family.



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