First Serviceman

Pfc. Bradley A. Walker, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Britton, Route 1, was the first county serviceman to be killed in action in Vietnam. He was killed by a sniper's bullet May 1, 1967, near Cu Chi, Vietnam, while serving with the U.S. Army.

Two other local servicemen have been lost during the Vietnam conflict.

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Airman Terry O. Fletcher Dies in Jet Tanker Crash

Airman 1/c Terry O. Fletcher, 22, of Dayton, crew member aboard a KC-135 Fairchild Air Force Base jet tanker was killed about 6 p.m., Thursday, January 19, when the huge airplane crashed in the foothills of Mt. Spokane while making a landing approach.

Eight other members of the plane's crew also perished in the accident.

Pall bearers will be Staff Sgts. Conley, Ricks, Splane and Jay and Airman 1/c McMillan and Richardson. Honorary pall bearers will be Staff Sgt. Mike Ozanich and Airman 1/c Dick Spencer. The Dayton High School band is scheduled to take part in the procession from the church to the cemetery.

Funeral services for Airman Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Fletcher of Dayton, will be conducted at 2 p.m. today, January 26, from the Dayton Methodist church. Officiating will be the Rev. James Taylor, church pastor, and Chaplain Seaber from the Spokane base.

DHS Grad in 1963

Airman Fletcher was born August 9, 1944, at Prosser. He graduated from Dayton High School with the class of 1963 and entered the Air Force in October, 1963.

He received his basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and received special training as an aircraft maintenance specialist at Amarillo, Texas. He had been stationed at Larson AFB at Moses Lake until this base was closed.

He and the former Judy Bales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harold Bales of Dayton, were married November 5, 1965, in Dayton. They are parents of a son, Terry Dale, 2½ months. They had been making their home in Spokane at 1214 West 6th.

Family Members

In addition to his parents, wife and son, immediate family members include a brother, Ted; two step-sisters, Diane and Jean; a step-brother, Delbert; and a half-sister, Christi.

Lt. Colonel Agenbroad is a first cousin of Owen Agenbroad of Dayton, Colonel Agenbroad, operations officer of the 92nd Air Refueling Squadron, was a veteran pilot who had been stationed at Fairchild for over six years. He had been in the Air Force since 1943 and had seen action in World War II and in Korea. He was also a former member of the Idaho National Guard.
DONALD EUGENE GROOM

Donald Eugene Groom, 26, of Spokane, died Friday morning at his home.

Born in Dayton July 18, 1947, he was raised in Waitsburg and graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1966. He joined the marines and after training in Pendleton, Calif., he spent two and a half years in Vietnam.

Groom married Sharon Campbell May 9, 1971 in Walla Walla and was employed by Kaiser Aluminum in Spokane.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon, his 8-month old son, Donald Eugene Jr., at the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Groom of Walla Walla; five sisters, Mrs. Junior (Sharon) Pauley of Walla Walla; Mrs. Janell Fletcher of College Place; Mrs. James (Judy) Person of Walla Walla and Donna and Carol Groom at the home of the parents; two brothers, Dennis Groom of Spokane and Darin Groom at the home of his parents. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services and interment will be held at the Thornhill Funeral Home, Pines Rd., in Spokane.
Vernon Hall
Vernon G. Hall, 52, of Walla Walla, died February 1, 1998, while fishing on the Tucannon River, north of Dayton.
The graveside service was Friday, February 6 in the Veterans section at Dayton City Cemetery with a military ritual performed by American Legion Post No. 35.
Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice through Hubbard-Rogg Chapel in Dayton.
Mr. Hall was born December 9, 1945, in Wenatchee to Guy and Sylvia Fickle Hall. He attended school in Waitsburg with the Waitsburg High School class of 1964 and later earned a certificate for general education development.
He served with the U.S. Navy in Vietnam and was awarded several commendations, including a Purple Heart Medal.
He later was an iron worker in construction and worked on many dams along the Snake River, at St. Mary Medical Center, and on projects in Alaska. In later years, he worked for area farmers and for J-Har Logging.
He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening.
Surviving are three children, including a daughter Christy Pinza of Walla Walla; six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Dorothy Smith of Walla Walla, Jo and Ron Wolfe of Dixie, Eileen and Merle Owens of Henderson, Nev., Beth and Chuck Zickuhr of Milton-Freewater, Wanda Cobb of Spokane and Beryle and Bob Desantis of Waitsburg; several grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.
Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

John E. Hilby, Accident Victim, Born in Dayton
Navy Petty Officer 2/c John Eugene Hilby, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip E. Hilby of Spokane, who was electrocuted August 17 aboard the destroyer, USS Philip, was born in Dayton.
His mother is the former Mary Rinehart, who graduated from Dayton High School.
The accident took place Saturday evening, August 17, in the sonar equipment room of the ship. Hilby, a sonarman in charge of operation and maintenance of the entire anti-submarine weapons fire control system, had completed repairs of equipment. While in front of a cabinet for a final visual check of equipment, Hilby was thrown off balance into the cabinet by ship movement.
The ship, stationed at Pearl Harbor, had been participating in fleet exercises off the coast of southern California. Hilby was a veteran of two six-month cruises in Vietnam waters in 1966 and 1967. Born in Dayton, he graduated from West Valley High School at Spokane in 1963, attended North Idaho Junior College and enlisted in the Navy in 1965.
In addition to his parents, family members include two sisters, Rita K. in Detroit, Mich., and Susan G., at home; a grandmother, Mrs. Grace B. Hilby of Spokane; a grandfather, Ward A. Rinehart of Walla Walla; two uncles, an aunt, and two cousins.
Funeral service will be conducted in Spokane.
Marine Lt. Gene Lathrop Survives Low-level Eject

Marine First Lt. Gene Lathrop, graduate of Dayton High School with the class of 1961, received only moderate injuries Sunday, March 19, in the crash of a jet plane after it developed mechanical trouble during takeoff from a Texas base.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lathrop, formerly of Dayton, are now making their home in Walla Walla.

According to the Associated Press, Lathrop and his instructor, Capt. F. Harshbarger Jr. of Alton, Illinois, ejected from the crippled TF9 Cougar jet at 400 feet altitude. The plane crashed and burned one-half mile from the runway at the Kingsville Naval Auxiliary Air Station.

It was reported the low altitude ejection did not give the parachutes time to operate fully.

Instructor Seriously Hurt

The instructor suffered head injuries and was reported in serious condition.

Both men are assigned to Training Squadron 21 at Kingsville. Lieutenant Lathrop made his first solo flight in a jet trainer last May.

Robert Lathrop flew from Walla Walla Sunday to be with his son and family. His daughter-in-law is the former Janet Conway of Walla Walla. Lieutenant and Mrs. Lathrop, who make their home in Corpus Christi, Texas, have a 20-month old son.

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Lawrence Joseph LaBonte

Larry LaBonte, age 42, died from an embolism on June 16, 1988 at Dayton General Hospital.

Although his home was in Pasco, Mr. LaBonte had been an outpatient at Dayton General Hospital’s spinal cord clinic in the physical therapy program.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church with Fr. Leonard Forsman as officiant. Burial will be in the Veteran’s plot at Dayton City Cemetery. Rosary was recited at 7 p.m., Monday, June 20th.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions may contribute to the Dayton General Hospital Spinal Cord Clinic in Mr. LaBonte’s memory.

Mr. LaBonte was born at Biddeford, Maine on September 11, 1945, the son of Raymond and Rita Wagoner LaBonte. He attended school at Biddeford, and joined the Marine Corps following school. He served in Vietnam, where he received two purple hearts and attained rank of Master Sergeant on his discharge.

He married Donnabelle Vickery on March 11, 1967 at Quantico, Virginia. Following his service with the Marines, he worked for the Department of Natural Resources in Indiana; and later was employed with Army Corps of Engineers at Shelbyville, Illinois. In 1976 he was transferred to the Tri-Cities, where he worked at Ice Harbor and McNary dams as resource maintenance supervisor. He was a talented landscaper.

In 1984 Mr. LaBonte suffered a spinal injury as a result of a motorcycle accident, and became a paraplegic. In May of 1987, he underwent surgery at the spinal cord clinic at Dayton General Hospital, and had been going through outpatient physical therapy on a routine basis.

Mr. LaBonte was a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, and also served on St. Patrick’s Catholic Church school board. He also enjoyed fishing and camping, and was instrumental in organizing a visit by a helicopter squad from Yakima for children to experience.

Mr. LaBonte is survived by his wife and son Joseph at the family’s Pasco home; a son Andrew of Seattle; a daughter, Caroline of Kennewick; a granddaughter Courtney; two brothers, Pete LaBonte of Saco, Maine and Roger LaBonte of Skowhegan, Maine; two sisters, Anna Mae Spaulding of Alfred, Maine, Julie Ann Desrosier of Biggeford, Maine; two stepbrothers, Roger Poulin of Skowhegan, Raymond Poulin of Vernon, Connecticut, a stepsister, Susan Poulin of Winslow, Maine; stepfather, Joseph Poulin of Augusta, Maine; and several nieces, nephews, and uncles.
James J. LaTour

James J. LaTour, age 61 years, of 102 W. Parit Ave Dayton, WA died January 4, 2007 at the Dayton General Hospital. Memorial services were held Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at the Hubbard-Rogg Chapel. Burial followed at the Dayton City Cemetery. Those who wish may contribute to the Columbia County Sheriff Reserve Fund or the charity of the donor’s choice.

Jim was born April 13, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois. His parents were Frank and Catherine Field LaTour. He graduated from Rainier Beach High School in Seattle. He joined the Marines and served in Vietnam. After his discharge he made his home in Yakima where he worked as an optician. He married Linda Braaten, they were later divorced. In 1981 he came to Dayton and was a dispatcher for the City of Dayton. A year later he became a deputy for the Columbia County Sheriff and was elected sheriff in 1989.

He was sheriff for 13 years, retiring December 31, 2001.

On September 17, 1987 he married Jo Sutherland in a ceremony held in Dayton.

He loved restoring old cars, tinkering around the house and yard, playing slot machines, cheering on the Seahawks, caring for his Koi Pond and walking his mini schnauzers, Bailey and Max.

He is survived by his wife at home; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Greg Seifert of Tacoma; two sons and daughter-in-law; Myron and Amy LaTour of Tacoma; and Curtis LaTour of Walla Walla; sister, Beverly Griffith of Henderson, NV; brother, Will LaTour of Rosamout, CA.; mother-in-law, Darlene Sutherland of Dayton; sister-in-law, Lori Sutherland of Walla Walla. Five grandchildren; Austin, Kassie, Spencer, Blake and Caleb.
Michael Maier

Michael Jay Maier, 42, of Mountain View Trailer Court died June 10, 1995, as the result of a chronic illness.

Visitation was held from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Hubbard-Rogg Chapel, 111 S. Second St., Dayton. A procession departed the funeral home parking lot at 9:45 a.m. Thursday for the 10 a.m. graveside service in the veterans plot at Dayton City Cemetery. The Rev. Jim McGreery will officiate. Military honors were conducted by American Legion Post No. 42.

Mr. Maier was born Feb. 3, 1953, in Dayton to Wesley and Ramona McLean Maier. He attended Roger's High School in Spokane.

He lived in Reno, Nev., and Spokane. Maier loved camping, fishing and traveling in his van or motor home. He enjoyed his nieces and nephews.

Surviving are a son, Michael Ryan of Benton City, Wash.; his father, of Dayton; three sisters, Laurel, Nill and Marcella Wilcox, both of Spokane, and Kelli Aronson of Dayton; a brother, Gary Maier of Dayton; several aunts and uncles, including great-aunt Verna Unterbrünnner of Dayton; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother; and a brother, Loren Maier.

James Munden

James W. Munden, 60, of 1017 S. Fourth St. died Dec. 30, 1998, at Dayton General Hospital.

The funeral was Saturday at the First Christian Church, Dayton, with the Rev. David Bruce officiating. Burial is in the family plot at Dayton City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be to the Christian Aid Center or First Christian Church Memorial Fund through Hubbard-Rogg Chapel.

Mr. Munden was born July 15, 1936, in Dayton to Gib and Vennette White Munden. He attended local schools and graduated in 1954 from Dayton High School.

He attended college in North Dakota, then joined the U.S. Air Force where he went through officer training. In 1960 he married Sheena Pennington; they divorced in 1973. He made a 20-year career, serving as a navigator on KC-135 and C-141 transport aircraft, and later as a computer program specialist. He retired as a captain.

He returned to Dayton and worked at the Farm Bureau and July 15, 1973, he married Judy Smith in Dayton. He was a member of the Dayton Planning Commission since 1983.

He worked to better himself with vocational and educational classes at the community college. An emergency medical technician, he drove Sonoma County, Calif., ambulances.

He loved to fly radio-controlled airplanes, fish, hunt, cut wood or just be outdoors observing the natural world. Always working to make a difference with people who appeared, to need assistance, he was known for picking up hitchhikers and bringing strangers home for dinner. He was a member of Dayton First Christian Church.

Surviving are his wife, at home; three sons, Scotty Munden of Finley, Wash., Jimmie Munden of Eugene and Travis Munden of San Antonio, Texas; a sister, Audrey Sturdevant of Dayton; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a stepson, Roy Dean Pennington.

Michael Darrell Mock

WAITSBURG — A former Waitsburg resident, Michael Darrell Mock of Chula Vista, Calif., was killed in a motorcycle accident in Chula Vista Wednesday. Mock was 22.

Funeral services will be in the Waitsburg Christian Church Monday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Vernon Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Waitsburg City Cemetery.

Friends may make memorial contributions to the Waitsburg Library Endowment Fund in care of the Waitsburg City Hall.

Mock was born in Dayton Dec. 22, 1954, the son of Darrell O. and Elsie Brockel Mock. He attended Waitsburg and Walla Walla schools and graduated from a Lakeside, Calif., high school. The family moved to Chula Vista seven years ago.

Mock served with the U.S. Army for three years, half of that time in Germany.

He is survived by his parents, Darrel O. and Elsie Mock, at the California home; his grandparents, Denzil C. and Neoma R. Mock of Waitsburg; his brother, Stan C. Mock of Boise; two aunts, two uncles and two nieces, all of Waitsburg.
Montgomery Succumbs

Jerry Montgomery, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Montgomery of Lancaster, Calif., passed away Sunday, January 10, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Sepulveda, Calif.

Cause of death was reported as virus pneumonia.

Mr. Montgomery, who was born in Dayton, had served in the U. S. Army with two duty tours in Vietnam. He was just recently married.

In addition to his parents in California, members of the family include his wife, Linda, at Lancaster; a sister, Sheri Adams, in Texas; and Dayton relatives: an uncle, A. P. Montgomery Jr., and three aunts, Mrs. Gloria Mings, Mrs. Gene (Margaret) Delp and Mrs. Roy Woodworth.

Mrs. Delp and Montgomery both left Tuesday to attend the funeral service in California.
Frank Lee McMichael II

Frank Lee McMichael II, age 57 years of 307 N. 3rd St. Dayton, WA died December 24, 2006 at the St. Mary Medical Center. There was a gathering of family and friends at the Dayton Eagles Lodge at on Saturday, December 30, 2006. Those who wish may contribute to the Cancer Fund or the charity of the donor's choice through Hubbard-Rogg Funeral Home 111 So. 2nd St. Dayton, WA 99328.

He was born August 27, 1949 in Denver, CO. His parents were Frank and Jackie Boham McMichael. He joined the Marines and served in the Vietnam War. He made his home in Spokane for many years and attended Spokane Community College. He was a plasterer and worked at numerous projects in the Northwest and Alaska including the Columbia County Courthouse in Dayton.

He became a resident of Dayton in 1991.

He married Mickey Irwin on July 14, 1989 in a ceremony held in Coeur'dAlene, ID.

He was a member of the Eagles. He enjoyed riding his motor cycle and playing Keno.

He is survived by his wife at home. Two sons; Charlie McMichael of Lancaster, CA and Red McMichael of Spokane; a sister, Sandra McMichael of Spokane; two brothers, Randall and Patrick McMichael also of Spokane; two step daughters Tracie and Shannon Stone of Spokane. 14 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.
Pfc. Richard A. Nichols
Dies July 2 in Vietnam

Artillery Fragments
Claim Dayton Marine
In Quang Tri Action

For the second time in a two-month period, the war in Vietnam has claimed the life of a young Dayton man.

Pfc. Richard Allen Nichols, 20, U.S. Marine Corps, was killed in action Sunday, July 2, in the vicinity of Quang Tri on the east coast of Vietnam. He received fatal fragment wounds in the chest and abdomen from an artillery round while serving on a Marine operation.

His mother, Mrs. Dorothy Nichols, 306 South Third, and his father, Howard Nichols, also Dayton, were advised of his death Saturday, July 8, by Major Reed from the Marine Corps station at Yakima.

Overseas in March

Pfc. Nichols, who went overseas late in March of this year, was serving with B Company, 1st Battalion, U.S. Marines. He had enlisted in the Corps in September, 1966.

A life-long resident of Dayton, he was born here January 28, 1947. He was a graduate of Dayton High School with the class of 1966.

Arrangements for the military funeral service in Dayton are pending.

In addition to his mother and his father, members of the family include four brothers: David, Douglas, Dennis and Steven, all of the home; a sister, Mrs. Richard (Julie) Couch of Kennewick; a niece, Marcie Couch, and a nephew, Lance Couch, both of Kennewick.
Greg Nysoe

Gregory Hugh Nysoe, former Dayton resident, died on January 11, 2002, at his home in Seattle, Washington. He was 52 years old.

Graveside services were held on January 18, 2002, at the Dayton City Cemetery, Dayton, WA., with Mr. David Schreck and other friends officiating. A memorial service was held on January 19, 2002, at the Herring Funeral Chapel in Walla Walla, WA; American Legion Post Frank E. Bowers #42 of Dayton officiated.

Greg Nysoe was born April 11, 1949, at Spokane, WA, to Glen E. and Janis E. Donohue Nysoe. He attended school in Dayton and graduated from Dayton High School in 1967. He attended Yakima Junior College in Yakima, WA, for one year.

Greg served with the U.S. Army in Vietnam during the Vietnam War and received the Bronze Star commendation, as had his father during his World War II service.

In 1975 he became employed with the United Parcel Service and was still with the company at the time of his death. Some of his favorite times in his early years were summers spent at his family's ranch near Dayton.

In Dayton Mr. Nysoe was a member of the First Christian Church and the Touchet Valley Golf Club.

Greg married Paige Burgess on September 15, 2001, in Seattle. He had been a resident of Walla Walla for the past several years, and he and his wife had resided in Seattle since their marriage.

Mr. Nysoe is survived by his wife at home; a stepdaughter, Alice Freilinger of Seattle; his mother at Walla Walla; three brothers: Dain Nysoe of Port Orchard, WA, Jock Nysoe of Dayton and Jason Nysoe of Spokane; two nephews, Tyler and Brent Nysoe of Seattle; two nieces, Haley and Hanna Nysoe of Spokane; and numerous cousins, including Patty Nysoe Batters of Spokane.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and in 1965 by his father.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Glen E. Nysoe Cancer Fund of Dayton through the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home.

Richard Alan Nichols Buried Here With Military Honors

United States Marine Corps
Richard Alan Nichols, vet 21 when he died in Vietnam combat July 2, Monday afternoon assumed his final rest in the family plot at Dayton Cemetery.

Nichols, 306 S. 3rd St., was born here to Mrs. Dorothy and Howard Nichols.

A member of the 1966 Dayton High School graduating class, he enlisted in the Marines September 15, 1966, and went to Vietnam in March of this year.

He died near Quang Tri, on the east coast of Vietnam, when artillery fragments felled him during a Marine operation, involving B Company, First Battalion.

Nichols' remains arrived Friday, July 21, in Spokane, escorted from Treasure Island by Marine Corporal Eldon Fred Fisher, who returned to California Tuesday, July 25, morning.

Funeral services were held Monday in Dayton Methodist Church, with the Reverend James Taylor officiating.

Nichols was buried with military honors, with members of the United States Marine Corps Reserve Training Center at Yakima serving as active casket bearers.

Honorary casket bearers were Pvt. John Ewing, S/N Fred Carson, Harold Hessler, Larry Hatfield, Kenneth Melton and Jerry Webster.

Organist was Mrs. Howard Whipple.

Nichols is survived by his parents; four brothers, David, Douglas, Dennis and Steven, all of Dayton; one sister Mrs. Julie Couch, of Spokane, and several aunts and uncles.

Nichols was the second Dayton resident to die in Vietnam combat. The other was Army Pvt. Bradley A. Walker, then 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Britton, Route 1, who was killed by a sniper's bullet May 1, 1967.
Ross Rawlings Jr. 1991

Ross Thomas "Tom" Rawlings Jr., 45, of Dayton, died Dec. 12 at St. Mary Medical Center.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Hubbard-Rogg Chapel with the Rev. Steven Walkonkos officiating. Burial will follow at the Dayton City Cemetery.

Mr. Rawlings was born Dec. 18, 1945, in Prosser to Ross and Lauren Bennett Rawlings. He graduated from Dayton High School in 1965. While in the navy, he served two tours in Vietnam on the USS Intrepid. He was part of a helicopter crew for search and rescue during the war. After leaving the navy, he attended Columbia Basin College in the Tri-Cities. He worked as a carpenter in Kodiak, and Anchorage, Alaska, before returning to Dayton 7 1/2 years ago. He enjoyed stained glass and wood work and trips to the Blue Mountains.

He is survived by a daughter, Sheila Rawlings of Dayton; his mother, Lauren of Dayton; his father, Ross of Kennewick; a brother, Wes, of Citrus Heights, Calif; two sisters, Susan Rawlings of Seattle; and Janet Taylor of Richland; his grandmother, Emma Bennett of Dayton; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Paul W. Rice
Dies in Korean Munitions Blast

Specialist Paul W. Rice, U. S. Army, husband of Mrs. Elaine M. Rice, 502 South Fourth, Dayton, was killed Thursday, June 10, in Korea when a demolition truck exploded.

A message from the adjutant general reported the 32-year-old soldier died as a result of multiple injuries sustained when the demolition truck exploded. It was also reported that Lt. Richard Beigert of Baltimore, Md. was killed in the explosion near Seoul.

Rice went overseas last August and since that time his wife and their five children have been living in Dayton. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson, Dayton. The five children are 18 months to 7 years.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Rice of Grants Pass, Oregon, former Walla Walla residents. Rice graduated from Wa-Hi in 1950. He was born July 23, 1932, at Middleton, Idaho.
Harold Spencer Lockwood, 20, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Munyan of Dayton, was killed in action June 14 while serving with the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

The young man had been in Vietnam about two months and in the U.S. Army just under one year.

Military funeral rites were conducted June 28 in Libby, Montana. Attending were Mr. Munyan and Mrs. Fines Bennett, his aunt, both of Dayton.

Lockwood had spent last summer in Dayton as an employee of the Green Giant Company. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Lockwood of Troy, Montana.

Funeral service with military honors was held Jan. 31st at Richardson Brown Funeral Home in Pomeroy. Interment followed in Pataha Flats Cemetery south of Pomeroy.

James T. Sullivan

James died peacefully at his home on October 12, 2006, surrounded by his loving family. Born August 24, 1944 in Dayton, Washington to Merle (deceased) and Marie Sullivan, James attended school in Dayton, graduating from Dayton High School in 1962. After attending Pasco Community College, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Würzburg, Germany attached to the Signal Corps. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Master Sergeant.

James returned to the United States with his wife Christine, whom he married in 1967, and their son Steve. After settling in Spokane, WA James attended Eastern Washington University, graduating in 1971 with a B.A. in Business Administration. While employed as Business Manager for Spokane Radiology, he was responsible for the implementation of an innovative medical billing system. After 18 years, James retired due to the onset of multiple sclerosis. He then completed the construction of his house and volunteered at several agencies, including Adult Literacy and Meals on Wheels. He was also a member of the Eagles.

In 1991, James married Margaret Molloy and made several trips to visit her family in Northern Ireland. Despite the progression of M.S., James continued to enjoy some of his favorite activities, including hunting, fly-tying, fishing, camping, and gardening. Until recently, he "walked the block" every day regardless of the weather and the onset of cancer. Always a true gentleman, James was an inspiration to those who knew him for his kindness and selfless consideration of others. He will be greatly missed.

James is survived by his wife Margaret; his son Steve; his mother Marie; his sister Peggy Phillips; his nephews Scott and Jeff Phillips; their spouses; and his great-niece Kaya. May he rest in peace. A memorial service was held on Sunday, October 15, 2006 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Spokane.

Inurement services will be at the family plot in the Dayton Cemetery at 1 pm, Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 with Rev. Greg Brownell officiating.
Four Remain in Hospital Following Fatal Accident

Sgt. Donald Trump
Funeral Service Conducted Monday

One week after the one-car auto accident in which Sgt. Donald J. Trump, 21, of Dayton lost his life, one of the four surviving passengers remains in critical condition, a second is off the critical list but severely injured and two are reported in good condition.

The accident took place about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 10.1 miles north of Walla Walla on the Middle Waitsburg road. The 1971 Dodge two-door, driven by Sergeant Trump, failed to negotiate a curve to the right, went off the left side of the roadway and over an embankment. The vehicle, which was demolished, rolled over twice and came to rest upright. The auto was southbound at the time of the accident.

Found Early Thursday

The accident was not discovered until approximately 7:15 a.m. Thursday, March 4. It was reported that the wreck was found by Trump's uncle, LeRoy Neal of Waitsburg, who was driving to work in Walla Walla. "I was driving south when I came around a corner and saw a girl waving her hand from one of the car's window's. " Neal is quoted as saying. He called the State Patrol and ambulances from a nearby farmhouse.

Sgt. Donald Trump, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joner Trump, Route 3, Dayton, was dead on arrival at Walla Walla General Hospital.

Condition Report

Monday afternoon, March 8, telephone reports from the hospital and physicians revealed the condition and injuries of the four passengers as follows:
Larry J. Mayer, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mayer of Spokane, was off the critical list and showing improvement. He suffered a lower back fracture and is in traction at the Walla Walla hospital. His other injuries include a broken shoulder joint and head lacerations. His attending physician reported that a collapsed right lung had been restored and that Mayer had some nerve involvement from the back fracture. Some paralysis of the right leg was improving.

Shelli Brown, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Brown of Dayton, was still in the intensive care unit at the hospital but improving slightly. She was listed as critical as of Monday afternoon and remained in a coma for condition. Her injuries included fractures of the skull, pelvis, left shoulder, left leg, left arm and a shattered elbow. Rhonda Brown, nine-month-old daughter of Shelli, was reported in good condition. The baby had suffered a leg fracture and was scheduled for x-ray to determine if she had also sustained a skull fracture.

Jody R. Brown, 17-year-old sister of Shelli, was also reported in good condition. She suffered a fractured arm and leg and cuts.

3 Trapped in Auto

Both Trump and Shelli Brown were reported thrown from the vehicle. Jody Brown, Mayer and the baby were reported trapped in the demolished vehicle.

All five were taken to Walla Walla General Hospital. The accident victims were admitted at the hospital about 8:15 a.m. Thursday.

Investigation of the accident was made by Sgt. E. L. Larson, Trooper Joel Spies and Trooper Herb Howes of the Washington State Patrol.

Funeral Monday

Funeral service for Sgt. Donald J. Trump was conducted Monday, March 8, from the First United Methodist church with Chaplain James E. Leath of Fairchild AFB, Spokane, officiating.

Interment followed at Dayton City Cemetery with military honors at graveside presented by an honor guard from the 92nd Strategic Aerospace Wing at Fairchild AFB. Hubbard-Rogg was in charge of arrangements.

Sgt. Donald Trump was born March 6, 1949, in Dayton and graduated in 1967 from Dayton High School. He joined the U. S. Air Force in 1968 and had arrived home in Dayton on February 17 on a 30-day leave after completing a year's tour of duty at Ubon Air Base in Thailand.

He received his basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and advanced training at Sheppard AFB, Texas. His duty stations included Mt. Home AFB, Idaho, Korea, Florida and Thailand.

The aircraft maintenance specialist held the following commendations: Presidential Unit Citation, AF Outstanding Unit Award, National Defense Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal with two stars, Small Arms Expert Ribbon, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon.

Family members include his parents, Joner and Madeline Trump, at the home on Route 3; two brothers, Larry Trump of Walla Walla and Bill Trump of Waitsburg; his grandmother, Mrs. Dora Shale of Waitsburg; and aunts and uncles.
Brad Walker
Killed May 1
In Vietnam
Army Private First
Casualty of County
In Vietnam Conflict

Army Private First Class Bradley A. Walker, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Britton, Route 1, became the first COLUMBIA county casualty of the Vietnam conflict May 1 as he was killed by a sniper's bullet.

Private Walker, a rifleman in Company A, 2d Battalion of the 25th Infantry Division's 14th Infantry, was on guard duty when killed. He was serving near Cu Chi, Vietnam. Additional details are unknown at this time.

He was assigned to the Cu Chi station April 1. He had entered the U.S. Army in October, 1966, and had been stationed last at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Private Walker attended grade school in Dayton and attended White Pass High School at Randall. From 1964 until entering the Army in 1966, he had made his home at Flagstaff, Arizona.

In addition to his step-father and mother, Private Britton is survived by his wife, Darlynn C. Walker, who has been living at the Britton home on Route 1; a sister, Mrs. Linda Dian Anderson of Tacoma; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Britton of Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ingalls of Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walker of Yakima; a niece; a nephew, and several aunts and uncles. His father is Lawrence P. Walker, Route 1, Selah.

Military Rite
Held May 10
For Pfc. Walker

Funeral service with full military honors was held yesterday, May 10, for Pfc. Bradley A. Walker, 20, first Dayton serviceman to die in the Vietnam conflict.

Michael Merle Whealy

Michael Merle Whealy, 111 W. Fourth St., Waitsburg, died Monday of leukemia at St. Mary Community Hospital at the age of 36.

Funeral services will be in Colonial-DeWitt Funeral Home Wednesday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Scott Mayfield officiating. Cremation will follow.

Friends may make memorial contributions to the Michael Whealy Memorial Fund through Colonial-DeWitt Funeral Home.

Whealy was pastor of the Bible Baptist Church on W. Elm Street and district circulation manager for the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin until leukemia forced his early retirement. He was born in The Dalles, Ore., May 6, 1941, the son of Patrick and Myrtle Whealy. The family moved to Washougal, Wash., in 1943 where Whealy graduated in 1959 from high school. He immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army and served six years as a Sp/5 operations intelligence specialist during the Vietnam War.

He was married in Germany June 16, 1962, to Betty Conner, whose father was in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Germany.


He was a member of the Selah Baptist Church.

He is survived by his widow, Betty Whealy, and his son, Michael M. Whealy Jr., at the home; his mother, Myrtle Whealy of Portland, and his foster-father, Melvin D. Helland of Vancouver; his sister, Kathleen Petterson of Portland; and his brother, Charles Whealy of Walla Walla.