

# Melissa Chudy, director of development

Melissa Chudy, 46, of Williamsville, director of development for the Amherst Youth Foundation, died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, in Roswell Park Cancer Institute.



Chudy

Born Melissa Reed in Buffalo, she was a graduate of Buffalo Seminary and Hartwick College.

Mrs. Chudy worked from 2003 to August 2006 as Director of Development for the Amherst Youth Foundation. Her key role was creating a conversion of the former Hutchinson Hose Fire Hall into the Independent Health Family & Youth Center.

From 1989 to 2003, she ran a catering business called Desserts by Melissa, which specialized in gourmet desserts. She supplied desserts to the cast and crew of "Manna From Heaven" which was

filmed on location in Buffalo and made one of its stars, Cloris Leachman, a birthday cake.

In 1999, Mrs. Chudy was temporary director of development for Park School.

She was a buyer for department stores in the 1980's for Lord and Taylor in New York City, Beirs in Niagara Falls, and Bergers in Buffalo.

On June 28, 2006, she went to Washington, D.C., representing Roswell Park Cancer Institute and was the only cancer patient to take part in a lobbying effort by the American Association for Cancer Research and the Association of American Cancer Institutes.

Her family said she finished radiation therapy at 2 p.m. and traveled to Washington that evening. She was asked to attend next year.

Known for her hat collection, her family said she had endless energy to facilitate relationships among the community. She was also a leader in promoting the

betterment of programming and asset building of youth.

Mrs. Chudy had a life-long membership in Pythonga Fish and Game Camp in Quebec. She spent summers at Lorraine Beach in Port Colborne, Ont. After chemotherapy in April, she traveled to Scotland.

In 1997, she was a soiree chair for Buffalo Seminary. From 2000 to 2003, she served on the Amherst Youth Board and was chairperson for the Board's relay challenge from 2000 to 2001. She also belonged to the Williamsville Music Boosters and Association of Fundraising Professionals.

She also performed yoga, reflexology, and liked skiing, biking and swimming.

Mrs. Chudy is survived by her husband, John E. III; two sons, Robert Reed and James McWilliams; three sisters, Rebecca DeFields, Ann Moellen; and Dortha Martel.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 from Calvary Episcopal Church, Cayuga and Milton St., Williamsville.

Arrangements were made by Perna-Pellegrino Funeral Home.

# Mary Anne Doro, homemaker

A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 18 at St. Gregory the Great Church, 250 Saint Gregory Ct., Williamsville, for Mary Anne Doro.



Doro

Mrs. Doro, 80, formerly of Williamsville, died Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, in Coral Springs, Fla.

Born Mary Anne Fronczak, she graduated from Holy Angels Academy. She worked at the Westinghouse Plant at the Buffalo Airport before becoming a full-time mother of five children.

Her husband of 49 years, Alfred, died in 1998. They raised their children in Williamsville. She was also active in Doro's Dry Cleaning Co., Inc.

Mrs. Doro was involved in many civic and social organizations, most notably: Meals on Wheels, Polish American Youth Organization and St. Gregory the Great Bridge Club.

Mrs. Doro also had a keen interest in gardening and flower arranging as a member of Ichibana Club of Western New York.

She also loved to travel. In Oct. 1978, she went to Rome to witness the installation of Pope John Paul II. With her husband, they maintained homes in Pompano Beach, Fla. and Crecent Beach, Ont.

Mrs. Doro is survived by four sons, James of East Amherst, Michael of Parkland, Fla., Joseph of Ellicottville and Chip of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; a daughter, Holly Warters of Pompano, Fla. and 16 grandchildren.

Contributions in Mrs. Doro's memory can be made to The Essential Care Program - Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 102, East Amherst 14051.

# Kenneth Charles Orr, retired from insurance company

Kenneth Charles Orr, 79, of Ormond Beach, Fla., a retired employee from Zurich Insurance Co., died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, in Ormond Beach, Fla.

Born in Buffalo, Mr. Orr graduated from Kenmore High School and Canisius College. He also served in the US Navy, S2C.

Mr. Orr retired from Zurich Insurance Co. in 1990.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion and loved gardening.

Mr. Orr is survived by his wife, Nancy Murphy; three sons, Kevin of Apopka, Fla., Michael of Torrington, Conn., Daniel of Abingdon, Md.; two daughters, Kathleen Goodemote of Jamison, Pa. and Karen Campbell of Forest Hill, Md.; a brother, David J. of Williamsville; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday, Oct. 26 from St. Margaret's RC Church in Bel Air, Md.

Donations may be made to The Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, Fla. 32129



# Obituaries

## Norman W. Scull, retired Amherst Police captain

Norman W. Scull, 78, a retired Amherst Police captain, formerly of Amherst, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, in Port St. Lucie, Fla.



Scull

Born in Scranton, Pa., Mr. Scull received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University at Buffalo.

He was a member of the Amherst Police Department for nearly 38 years, retiring as captain.

Mr. Scull was co-founder and headed the Amherst Police Underwater Rescue Team and was recipient of the Amherst Bee's Award for Outstanding Officer of the Year twice. He also received numerous merit awards and a medal for outstanding service.

Mr. Scull was a member of the Captain and Lieutenants Association of Western New York, Amherst Police Club, International Police Association Region 26 where he was an officer for 13 years, Amherst Masonic Lodge No. 981, St. Lucie County Shrine

Club, American Legion Post 126, and Veterans of Foreign War Post 10132, BPOE Lodge 1520.

He was also a volunteer criminal investigative aide for the Port St. Lucie Police Department.

Mr. Scull served in the Navy during World War II and was awarded the Victory Medal, American Theater Medal, and Asiatic Pacific Medal.

Mr. Scull is survived by his wife of 35 years, Marilyn Ryan; two daughters, Denise of Key West, Fla. and Susan L. Olivos of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; two brothers, Gerald of Clarence and Harry of Springville; and three grandchildren.

A memorial Masonic service and tribute by the Port St. Lucie Police Department will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27 at the Byrd Young & Prill Chapel in Port St. Lucie, Fla. There will also be military honors by the Navy.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 25 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 68 Eagle St., Williamsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation, PO Box 613 Annapolis Md., 21404

# Gottlieb Sperl, engineer

Gottlieb Sperl, 77, of Williamsville, formerly of Susice, Czech Republic, an engineer whose design work helped create the NASA space shuttle and spacesuits, died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006.

Mr. Sperl became restless from the confines of Russian occupation following World War II and endured a two-week fugitive escape from a coal mine work camp.

After crossing the border, he joined American forces in Germany and served from 1952 to 1957, earning his passage to the United States and ultimately, his citizenship.

Following discharge, Mr. Sperl moved to Erie, Penn. where he met his future wife, Carolyn McCleery, a nursing student in Hamot Hospital. They married Oct. 25, 1958.

Mr. Sperl received his degree in design engineering from the State Technical Institute in Pilsen, Czech Republic. He worked as an engineer at Houdaille Hydraulics Inc. and Moog Inc.

In 1980, Mr. Sperl moved to Hartford, Conn. where he was employed by the then Hamilton Standard division of United Technologies. His design work was for elements of the NASA space shuttle and space suits. During his over 20 years in Hartford, he was a member of Calvary Church where he was a trustee and assistant treasurer.

In retirement, he and his wife returned to Williamsville, returning to the same home where they raised their family.

Mr. Sperl was passionate about flying, owning his own plane and was a longtime member of Christian Airmen's Fellowship. He enjoyed playing tennis and gardening and would return regularly to the Czech Republic.

Besides his wife of 48 years, Mr. Sperl is survived by two sons, Jan Bohumil of Williamsville and Thomas Ondrej of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; a daughter, Susan Maria of Wooster, Ohio; a brother, Ladislav Sperl; a sister, Maria Polaufova, both of Susice in the Czech Republic; and seven grandchildren.

A service was held Tuesday, Oct. 24 at Randall Memorial Baptist church in Williamsville.

Arrangements were made by Beach-Tuyn Funeral Home.

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