



# Obituaries

## William Felski, retired restaurateur, motel owner

Services were held Monday, March 5 at Pacer Funeral Home for William Felski.

Mr. Felski, 88, of Clarence and formerly of Amherst, a long-time Buffalo restaurateur and Clarence motel owner, died Thursday, March 1, 2007, in Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital.



Felski

Born in Buffalo, Mr. Felski worked during World War II as a tool and die machinist at Curtis-Wright Aircraft and was the recipient of many awards for cost effective suggestions for aircraft production.

In 1950, Mr. Felski and his wife, the former Anita Knast, his brother Henry, and sister-in-law Theresa, started Fels Grill on Genesee and Mills streets.

In 1953, Mr. Felski and his wife started Fels Lounge, a family restau-

rant on Walden and Harmonia.

He was a member of the Innkeepers Association of Western New York for more than 50 years and served as an officer for approximately 30 years.

From 1964 to 1972, Mr. Felski owned Fels Three Crown Motel on Main Street in Clarence. In the 1970s, he co-owned and operated QK Auto Wash on Genesee Street for several years with his brother.

He and his wife retired from the restaurant business in 1982. Their home on Maple Road in Amherst gained wide recognition for the variety of lighted displays that covered it on holidays. Mr. Felski patented and produced the custom designed outdoor light decorations up until several years ago. Since 1995, Mr. Felski has resided in Clarence with his daughter Diana.

Besides his daughter, Diana, Mr. Felski is survived by another daughter, Elaine Polvinen; a sister, Theresa Miller; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Thomas E. Ray, retired Niagara University comptroller

Thomas E. Ray, 75, of Amherst, Niagara University's comptroller for more than 20 years, died Sunday, February 25, 2007, at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital.

Born in Buffalo, Mr. Ray graduated from Nichols School in 1949 and earned a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in 1953.

In 1972, he became employed by Niagara University as a Certified Public Accountant until his retirement in 1993.

Mr. Ray was a life member, former director and treasurer at the Buffalo Canoe Club and a member of the Buffalo Yacht Club.

He had a summer home in Holloway Beach, Ont. Canada and was an avid sailboat racer.

He was a member of Christ the King Church.

Mr. Ray is survived by his wife of 51 years, the former Catherine Miller, three sons, Thomas E. Ray, Jr., Stephen D. and David M. Ray, one daughter, Elizabeth R. Weber, one sister, Susan Dillon, one brother, Michael Ray and eight grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, March 1 at Christ the King Church.

Arrangements were made by Dietrich Funeral Home.



Ray

## Anthony J. DiQuilio, retired Williamsville science teacher

Anthony J. DiQuilio, 78, of Amherst, a retired Williamsville Central School District science teacher, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, in Bristol Village in Clarence Center.

Born in Buffalo, Mr. DiQuilio graduated from Riverside High School, received an undergraduate degree from the University at Buffalo and a master's degree from Buffalo State College.

Before he could get his New York State Teaching Certificate, he was drafted into the Army, serving two years as a medic in the 6th Infantry Regiment in Berlin, Germany. He was promoted to noncommissioned officer in charge of preventive medicine and was discharged in 1957.

Mr. DiQuilio was hired by Trico-Buffalo in 1959 where he met Marian Kozlowski and married in June 1959. He returned to UB to get his teaching

certificate in the fall of 1959.

Soon after, he was hired by the Williamsville Central School District as a science teacher at Mill Middle School. He worked 31 years, retiring in 1990.

Mr. DiQuilio also taught driver's education and coached Williamsville freshman football for 10 years.

After retirement, he worked for six years as a cashier at Rite Aid on Maple and North Forest in Williamsville.

Mr. DiQuilio volunteered at the Amherst Senior Services as a Meals on Wheels helper and was a member of the Erie County Water Authority's "flavor" panel where he evaluated the county's drinking water.

Mr. DiQuilio is survived by a daughter, Carol J. of Spring Branch, Texas, and a brother, Mario S.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, March 5 in St. Gregory the Great Church following prayers at the (Amherst Chapel) Amigone Funeral Home.



DiQuilio

## Joan A. Baer, South economics teacher, guidance counselor

Joan A. Baer, 76, of Amherst, a former Williamsville South High School economics teacher and guidance counselor, died Sunday, March 4, 2007, in Beechwood Nursing Home.

Born in Buffalo, she was a 1948 graduate of Mt. Mercy Academy and received a bachelor's degree in



Baer

home economics in 1952 from Buffalo State College and a master's degree in counseling from Canisius College.

Mrs. Baer worked 35 years at Williamsville South, teaching home economics from 1954 to 1968 and as a guidance counselor from 1970 until her retirement in 1989.

Mrs. Baer was a 30-year member of the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts and also belonged to the WNY Miniature Enthusiasts and South Towns Miniature Club. She constructed her own doll house and miniature

furniture and displayed her work at major shows and events throughout Western New York and across the country. She also was a seamstress and made her own wedding gown.

She was a member of the Willow Ridge Home Bureau and Williamsville Retired Teachers Association.

Mrs. Baer is survived by a daughter, Amy J.; three sisters, Marion Cervellera, Virginia Murphy, and Dorothy Fitzgerald; and a brother, Charles Makey, Jr.

Prayers will be said at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 7 at the (Tonawanda Chapel) Amigone Funeral Home, 2600 Sheridan Dr., Tonawanda, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. from St. Joseph's Church (University Heights), 3269 Main Street, Buffalo.

## Patricia Jean 'Pat' Mohr, financial administrator

Patricia Jean "Pat" Mohr, 60, of Pinellas Park, Fla., a former financial administrator in Amherst, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007 at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla.

Born in Neptune, N.J., she moved to Florida in 2006 from Buffalo.

Mrs. Mohr was a financial administrator for 21 years at L&M Financial Services in Amherst. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pinellas Park.

Mrs. Mohr loved children and enjoyed cross-stitching, needlepoint, traveling, and playing bingo.

Mrs. Mohr is survived by her husband of 40 years, William G.; a son, Bryan of Greenville, Penn.; a daughter, Christine Cummins of Pinellas Park; three brothers, Joseph Lipiec of Clarence, Stanley of Holly, N.Y., and Kenneth of Barker, N.Y.; four sisters, Mary Quinn of Grand Island, N.Y., Andrea Thiele of South Pasadena, Fla., Kenneth Kane of Lockport, N.Y. and Donna Riches of Medina, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 8 from Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 10 French Road, Depew.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Elm & Carlton streets., Buffalo.



Mohr

## Mary T. Betz, active church member

Mary T. Betz, 80, died Thursday, March 1, 2007, in Oakwood Health Care Facility, in Williamsville.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, she attended Villa Maria College. Mrs. Betz taught in the Pittsburgh School District.

She was an active member at St. Gregory the Great Church as

a Eucharistic minister and Catholic Charities team leader. She also belonged to the Millard Fillmore Hospital Volunteers, was on numerous Parent Teacher Associations, the Junior League of Pittsburgh and enjoyed the theater.

Her husband Gregory W. died in March 2000.

Mrs. Betz is survived by three daughters, Mary Kay Betz, RPA-C, Marcella Parsons and Susan Lankes; and three brothers, William, John, and Rev. Thomas Tunney, C.S.Sp.

A Mass of a Christian Burial was held Monday, March 5 from St. Gregory the Great Church following prayers in Amigone Funeral Home.



Betz

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### Deaths

**DRDUL, Ruth E.**, of Amherst, died Saturday, March 3, 2007; wife of the late Paul J. Drdul Jr.; mother of Kathleen Schmidt and Paul J. Drdul III; also survived by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Services were held Monday, March 5 at the Harry A. Wedekindt Funeral Home.

**EVERITT, Robert K.**, of Williamsville died Sunday, March 4, 2007; husband of Rachel L. Everitt; father of Barbara Radmore; brother of Ralph Everitt and Pauline Narehood; also survived by two grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 8 in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 68 Eagle St., Williamsville. Memorials may be made to the Church or Williamsville High School, Robert K. Everitt Scholarship. Arrangements made by Beach-Tuyn Funeral Home.

**LENDWAY, George F.**, of Montgomery, Ohio, formerly of Williamsville, died Thursday, March 1, 2007 (105 years old); husband of the late Dolores nee Colling; father of George and Dolores McKeever; also survived by four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Prayers will be offered at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 10 at Beach-Tuyn Funeral Home, 5541 Main Street (at Cayuga Road), Williamsville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9 a.m. in SS Peter and Paul Church. Donations may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati.

**SCHMIDT, Ethel B. (nee Kreinheder)**, of Amherst, died Thursday, March 1, 2007; wife of the late Albert M.; mother of Lois Pieta and Sandra Davison; also survived by four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Services were held Tuesday, March 6 at the Harry A. Wedekindt Funeral Home. If desired, memorials may be made to the Eggertsville Hose Co., 1880 Eggert Road.