

Deaths

L.G. Treadway, 93, Treadway Inns founder

Lauris G. Treadway, 93, one of the leaders in the hotel business in the country and founder of nationally known Treadway Inns, died in his sleep Sunday morning at his home on Bulkeley Street, Williamstown.

Mr. Treadway, an enterprising, hardworking man who became one of Williamstown's most prominent citizens, was born in Somerville, May 13, 1884, a son of Charles and Emma Louise (Goldsmith) Treadway. In 1904, he entered Dartmouth College and earned his way as dish washer, waiter and short order cook at the College Grill Room in Hanover, N.H. After his graduation in 1908, he managed Sparhawk Hall at Ogunquit, Maine, and then ran the Orange Park (Fla.) Inn one winter. He also served as assistant manager of the New Weston Hotel in New York City.

He came to Williamstown in 1911 as manager of the old Idlewild Hotel in south Williamstown, and later that year became manager of the Williams College Commons Club which was located in Currier Hall. He became manager of the Williams Inn, then known as the Williams Alumni House, in 1912. The inn was the first of a chain of inns operated by him and later by Treadway Inns Corp., which at the time of his retirement numbered 27 throughout New England, New York and Florida.

Mr. Treadway's reputation as an innkeeper grew to the point where Henry Ford brought him to Michigan to operate his Dearborn Inn and John D. Rockefeller consulted him for the Williamsburg (Va.) restoration.

In 1946, he formed a partnership of his three sons, and Andrew Vitali and John S. Packard and became chairman of the board in 1949. The Treadway Inns Corp. was formed in 1956.

In addition to operating the inns, the Treadway Corp. operated 12 feeding and management jobs of I.B.M., General Electric, Co. Callaway Gardens, Sterling Forest, and Tanglewood, as well as six colleges, several preparatory schools, and a few clubs.

He also established the hotel training course at the University of Massachusetts and frequently lectured at Cornell, Michigan State and Boston Universities.

He and his late wife, the former Helen Fowle, were married in Boston April 10, 1911, and moved to Williamstown the same day. They observed their golden wedding anniversary in 1961. Mrs. Treadway died May 21, 1969.

Kenneth Hurley, 48, of Bennington

Kenneth G. Hurley, 48, a resident of 215 Grove St., Bennington, Vt., died Sunday at his home after a long illness.

He was born in North Pownal, Vt., Feb. 8, 1929, the son of Everett and Gertrude (Green) Hurley of North Pownal.

He attended North Pownal schools and was employed at Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, the Benmont Paper Co., Bennington, and for several years at the Union Carbide plant in Bennington.

He was a member of Co. C, the 172nd Infantry, Vermont National Guard, Moose Lodge 1233 and played bass and rhythm guitar with the Green Mountain String Band, as well as other music groups.

He married the former Joan Bourgeois of Bennington, Nov. 5, 1949.

Tom Michel, 75

Tom Michel, 75, of Fredericksburg, Tex., father of Thomas Michel Jr. of 25 Longview Ter., Williamstown, died Friday of a heart attack in Fredericksburg.

He also leaves his wife, Agnes, and another son, Adriano Michel, both of Fredericksburg, 12 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

The funeral was Saturday at Shaffers Funeral Home, Fredericksburg, followed by burial in a cemetery there.

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Frances Varno, 63, worked at hospital

Frances (Kivior) Varno, 63, of East Road, Adams, died yesterday morning at North Adams Regional Hospital after a long illness. She was the widow of Edward G. Varno.

Mrs. Varno was born in Adams, a daughter of the late Albert and Catherine (Sobczyk) Kivior, and attended Adams schools. She was employed by the Berkshire Hathaway mills in Adams for 26 years and later by North Adams Regional Hospital for 15 years. She was a member of St. Stanislaus Koska Church. Her husband died in 1975.

She is survived by four sisters, Celi Bernat and Alice Badala of Adams, and Mildred Lagowski and Helen Kivior of Savoy; and several nieces and nephews. A brother, Walter Kivior, died in 1961.

The funeral will be at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in St. Stanislaus Church, preceded by a prayer service at 8 a.m. at the Trotter Funeral Home, Adams. Burial will be in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours at the funeral home are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Albert Butterfield of Whitingham

Albert Augustine Butterfield, 69, a lifelong resident of Whitingham, Vt., died yesterday at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Butterfield was born May 12, 1908, in Whitingham, the son of Marcus and Alice (Dalrymple) Butterfield. He attended school in Whitingham and was a 1927 graduate of Brattleboro High School. Mr. Butterfield operated a family farm with his brother, Carl, for many years. In 1967, he retired from farming. Since that time, he had been employed by Combs Maple Products of Jacksonville.

He had served the town of Whitingham in many offices, including those of auditor, moderator, justice of the peace and chairman of the board of civil authority.

He was a 40-year member and past master of Unity Lodge 89, F. & A. M. of Jacksonville, and was a past master

Yvonne Pitroff, 76, native of city

Yvonne Rose Marie (Circe) Pitroff, 76, of 15 Sayles St., Adams, died yesterday morning at North Adams Regional Hospital.

Born in North Adams, she was a daughter of the late Wilfred and Angeline (Thibert) Circe, and attended Notre Dame School here. Many years ago she was employed as a sewer at the old Mayflower Woollen Mill. She was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Adams.

She leaves her husband, John Pitroff, whom she married July 30, 1919, in Notre Dame Church, North Adams; three sons, Ralph J. of Adams, William G. of North Adams, and John Pitroff of Baltimore, Md.; three sisters, Clara Beauchamp and Edwilda Champagne of North Adams, and Irene West of Williamstown; 10 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in St. Thomas Church with the Rev. Francis J. Pitroff, a brother-in-law, officiating. Burial will be in the family lot in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Visiting hours at the McBride Funeral Home are 7 to 9 p.m. today, and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow.

Doris A. Simborski, daughter here

Doris Alma (Fournier) Dietrich Simborski of 36 George Ave., North Adams, died Sunday night at North Adams Regional Hospital where she had been a patient since Aug. 19.

Mrs. Simborski was born in Springfield, a daughter of the late Eugene and Minnie (Lewis) Fournier. She attended Springfield schools and was graduated from Bay Path Junior College. She lived at 103 Gilman St., Springfield, until she moved to North Adams last year.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. John Troop, with whom she made her home here; two sons, H. Gary and Wayne K. Dietrich, both of Springfield; a sister,

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load will be the largest at the center since 1972.

"To maintain adequate services and high levels of care, staff hiring — and training — is absolutely necessary," he said.

North Adams Hospital administrator George A. Lerrigo said his institution had an "excellent patient census" during July and the first two weeks of August. He said about 180 of the hospital's 192 beds were in use during this period. "It has dropped off since then," he added.

However, hospital social service director Ellen G. Knapp said "We've had a very, very difficult time placing patients (in nursing homes) this summer."

Mrs. Knapp said most patients who need nursing home care have been placed but waiting periods have been long. She said one patient still at the hospital has waited 60 days for a nursing home bed.

The social service director said the nursing home bed shortage is severe in other areas. She said she has been told that hospitals in Rutland, Vt., are contacting homes in this area in search of available beds.

Local nursing homes report almost no available beds and say they do not expect many new openings in the near future.

"We don't have a bed available in the building," said Dorothy Hickey, director at Sweet Brook Nursing Home in Williamstown.

Deaths

Travis Rysz, infant, at Wesson

Travis N. Rysz, 10-day-old son of Ronald and Barbara (Kulas) Rysz of Ingalls Road, Cheshire, died Sunday at Wesson Memorial Hospital, Springfield. He was born at Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield, Aug. 25.

Besides the parents, he leaves a brother, Jonathan; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kulas of Cheshire; his maternal great-grandmother, Julia Lominski of Bennington, Vt.; his paternal grandmother, Loretta Rysz of Adams; paternal grandfather, Walter Rysz of North Adams; and paternal great-grandmother, Cecilia Kolodziej of Adams.

A graveside service will be tomorrow at Cheshire Cemetery.

There are no calling hours at the Dery Funeral Home, Cheshire.

In lieu of flowers, donations in the baby's memory may be made to the Special Care Unit at Wesson Memorial Hospital, Springfield.

Arthur Perrier, 68, worked at APW

Arthur Gideon Perrier, 68, of 2 Horn Pl., Adams, died Sunday afternoon at Westfield State Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Perrier was born in Champlain, N.Y., a son of the late Isaac and Bridget (Monette) Perrier. He attended schools in Easthampton and moved to Adams 40 years ago. He was employed as a color technician by Arnold Print Works Inc. of Adams. His wife was the former Bessie A. O'Dell of Adams.

He leaves a brother, Louis Perrier of Adams, and a sister, Anne Savani of Scranlon, Pa.

The funeral will be at 9 a.m. tomorrow with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in St. Thomas Church, Adams. Burial will be in the family lot in Bellevue Cemetery.

Calling hours at the McBride Funeral Home, Adams, are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 today.

Josephine Lacouture, daughter here

Josephine R. Lacouture, 83, of Smith's Nursing Home, Millbury, died Friday at the nursing home.

Mrs. Lacouture was the widow of Alphonse Lacouture, who died in 1967. She was a retired employee of William Filene Co. of Worcester, where she worked 25 years, and was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Millbury.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Cantone, she leaves another daughter, Phyllis Morgan of Norwell; 14 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a brother, Joseph Budreau of Millbury. A son, Alphonse Lacouture Jr., died in 1973.

The funeral was held yesterday with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Millbury. Burial was in the Millbury Cemetery.

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