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Yolanda Ester Wheeler



Born in Bayamon Puerto Rico on June 28, 1928, Yolanda passed away on August 21st, 2015 at Steuben Center in Bath NY.

Yolanda came to the states in 1946 and was married to Wilbur B. Wheeler (Bill) for 30 years. Following Bill's retirement from the Army, they moved to the family vineyard on Winding Stairs Rd. where Yolanda resided for 50 years.

She had a lifelong interest in history and was among the original tour guides for Bully Hill Wine Museum.

A natural retailer with a flair for fashion, Yolanda ran the women's dress department at Grants department store. She worked many years as the buyer and manager of Love of Pete gift shop at Peterson's Drug Store, where her talent and vision led to award winning sales results.

As a leader in her community, she served senior citizens in central NY through the Green Thumb program. She was President of the Bath Kiwanis Club and was also elected the Kiwanian of the year in 1993. She spearheaded the annual flea market at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Hammondsport, where she was a member.

She shared her passion for music, dance and travel with Gene Saunders, her partner of over 25 years. They were long time members of Aragon Dance Club and the Southern Tier Dine and Dance Club. They also followed Joe Cavallaro and his Dixie Land Band for many years.

Yolanda and Gene enjoyed extensive travel. Among her favorite trips were dance cruises on the Mississippi River and to Hawaii.

Yolanda was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother who always put her family first. She is survived by her children, Linda Saxton (Tom) of Chicago IL, Yolanda Adrean (Lee) and Robert Wheeler of Atlanta, GA, Dolores Wheeler and Valerie Stern of Hammondsport NY. She is also survived by her brother, George Davis (Fran) of Wilmington NC and many nieces and nephews.

DEATH NOTICES

Martha J. VanGorder

Martha J. VanGorder, 82, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015 at the Taylor Health Care Facility. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Nondaga Cemetery in Bath. Arrangements are by Bond-Davis Funeral Home in Bath.

Charles J. English

Charles J. English, 55, of Tuscarora, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015 at home. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Addison American Legion Post 730. Arrangements are by Carpenter-Flint Funeral Home in Addison.

Shirley Ann Edsall

She was grandmother to Eric Presher, Hillary Saxton, Maureen Murphy, Laura Ladefian, Stephanie Adrean, Jessie Flores, Elliott Stern and Jack Stern., and great grandmother to Layla Flores, Nick Hepler, Madeline Presher and Connor Murphy, with two more to come: baby Ladefian and baby Flores.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Ricardo David and William Nemcik, sister Sigrid Whitney and her former husband Bill.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fred and Harriett Taylor Memorial Library in Hammondsport NY.

A memorial service will be held at St. Gabriel Church in Hammondsport at 1:00 pm, Saturday October 3, 2015. Funeral arrangements are being made by LaMarche Funeral Home in Hammondsport.

Jenna D. Miller

Troupsburg, NY | Jenna D. Miller, 13, of Back St. Troupsburg, NY, died suddenly on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell following an ATV accident.

Jenna was born in Corning on January 18, 2002, the daughter of Jolynn Southard and Daniel Miller.

She was a student at Jasper Troupsburg School in Jasper and was preparing to enter 8th grade there. Jenna attended the Austinburg Baptist Church in Austinburg, PA. She loved amusement parks and enjoyed camping. A typical teenager, Jenna loved spending time with her many friends. They were the major focus of her life.

Surviving are her mother, Jolynn Southard (Corey Irvine) of Troupsburg, her father and step mother, Daniel and Kelly Miller of Presho, her brothers, Tyler Southard and Jacob Button, her step brother, Kalan Knickerbocker, her maternal grandparents, Debra and Anthony Markowski of Woodhull and Ronald Southard Jr. of Middlebury Center, PA, her paternal grandparents, Kathleen Morrow (Marvin Olmstead) of Corning, her nephew, Jackson Southard and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Following the wishes of Jenna's family, funeral services will be held privately with burial in Woodhull Cemetery. Pastor and family friend Adrian Essigmann will officiate. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.hpsmithandsonfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Ann Edsall, 82, of Campbell, died Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2015 at Guthrie Corning Hospital. Calling hours are 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Fagan's Funeral Home, 31 W. Morris St., Bath. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph's Church in Campbell. Burial will be in St. Catherine's Cemetery in Addison.

Jean A. Peck

Jean A. Peck, 90, of Corning, died Friday, Aug. 28, 2015 at home. Calling hours are 6-8 p.m. Monday at Carpenter's Funeral Home, 14 E. Pulteney St., Corning. A service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Lakeside Cemetery in Wayland.

WEEKLY COLUMN | SEN. TOM O'MARA

Upstate investment lags since the Erie Canal

At least we have the admission. Speaking in central New York recently, Governor Cuomo said, "I have gone out of my way to put my thumb on the scale to balance the beam to make sure upstate New York gets its fair share. Never before has upstate New York gotten \$1.5 billion like they did this year. It's the largest investment in upstate New York since the Erie Canal."

That's a pretty definitive declaration on the governor's part. But isn't it still fair to ask if what's been done during the Cuomo administration has been nearly enough to make up for lost time, or lost opportunities? On one hand, yes, billions of dollars of taxpayer dollars have been spread across the upstate region (although the jury's still out on the cost effectiveness of its economic impact). On the other hand, the Cuomo administration has closed the border to any development whatsoever of the Marcellus Shale natural gas industry, development which would have a huge economic impact across the Southern Tier and create thousands of jobs without the need for vast spending of taxpayer dollars. That's just one example.

The governor hangs his hat on \$1.5 billion for upstate this year. He calls it the "largest investment in upstate New York since the Erie Canal." Think about that for a second. The governor has to go back to the construction of the Erie Canal in the early 1800's to highlight the last meaningful investment in upstate New York? That's a pretty depressing commentary in and of itself. And this



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from a governor who earlier this year told a major struggling upstate city to "fix your own pipes."

I'm glad we didn't have that attitude when our forefathers were contemplating the Erie Canal infrastructure. Although I do have to ask what that Erie Canal investment would be in today's dollars? Or what percentage of the state budget was committed to it? To hazard a guess, I assume it would be far, far greater than \$1.5 billion today, which is less than a tenth of a percent of the total annual state budget. Furthermore, doesn't this \$1.5-billion upstate investment pale in comparison to the \$8 billion (at least) currently being delivered to two New York City-area projects alone to rebuild the Tappan Zee Bridge and LaGuardia Airport? In this context, isn't upstate still being short-changed?

The governor went on to say, "The overwhelming majority of (state) legislators are from downstate — overwhelmingly from New York City. They all have the same agenda which is New York City... That has played out over the years where upstate has been short-changed." Welcome aboard, governor (and anyone else who thought we were just blowing political smoke all these years about the upstate-downstate disparity in state government), and thanks for confirming what many

upstate legislators have been saying for years. So while we may be making some important progress in some key areas, I'm hardly ready to declare that upstate is now getting our "fair share," as the governor claims, or that we've somehow leveled the political playing field.

The latest unemployment figures continue to bear out the reality that, despite gains in some regions, especially downstate, in large measure any widespread turnaround across upstate — despite the spending of those billions of taxpayer dollars — remains stubbornly stagnant. Every new report about upstate's decades-long struggle to reclaim any sort of meaningful and sustained economic foothold in this modern economy reinforces the reality that it's not happening.

In other words, it has to be about more than redistributing and spending taxpayer dollars.

Over the past few months, I've written more than once about the significant gains that have been made within New York's agricultural industry — in particular for state dairy farmers, wineries, craft brewers and distillers — that have been pushed along by state regulatory reforms. Production has surged. Jobs have been created. Revenue's been generated. There's been significant economic growth without, in many instances, costing taxpayers a dime.

I'll pose the question again: What could be achieved in New York if we approached every industry with an eye toward a more conducive and business friendly regulatory structure and lessened tax burden?

Targeted investments that work are all well and good — and necessary — but we can't lose sight of other, equally important challenges, such as the overregulation that keeps the upstate economy going nowhere. Until we seriously address it, we're going to keep right on seeing reports about upstate New York's economy at a standstill.

Two years ago, the Senate proposed what could have been one of New York's largest-ever state regulatory reform efforts since, well, since the building of the Erie Canal. In 2013, and following a series of statewide public forums to receive input from small business owners, manufacturers and others who deal day in and day out with New York's regulatory burden, we identified upwards of 2,000 state rules and regulations most detrimental to economic growth and job creation.

It's time to get rid of the costly red tape that keeps a lid on upstate economic growth and makes New York's business climate one of the worst in America. Taking a step like regulatory reform is fundamentally important to reclaiming upstate New York's rightful place in this economy. Let's make an Erie Canal-sized commitment to lowering taxes across the board and reducing regulations for all businesses, not just the lucky chosen few.

— State Sen. Tom O'Mara represents New York's 53rd Senate District, which includes Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler and Yates counties, and a portion of Tompkins County.

PERSONAL FINANCE

The best medicine for getting control of your money

DEAR DAVE: I've worked in a hospital as a nurse for 10 years. I make good money working long hours. The problem is that it seems to disappear, and I'm left trying to stretch those last few dollars to the end of the month. I know I eat out a lot. I grab quick meals between shifts and on the way home because I'm too tired to cook. I think I spend more than I should on other things, too. Do you have any tips for someone who wants to get control of their money but has very little free time? — Amy

DEAR AMY: Sometimes the medicine that works the best tastes the worst. This is true for both physical and financial health.



DAVE RAMSEY

That's why, no matter how tired you are or how little free time you seem to have, you must make time do a written budget every month. This is essential, and it really doesn't take long. When you sit down and commit a plan to paper, giving every dollar a name before the month begins, you're taking control of your money instead of allowing a lack of it to control you.

Start with the income you know is predictable. If this isn't possible, look back over the last several months and find the minimum amount you brought home during a month over that period of time. This will be the basis for your budget. Once you've established a baseline income, you can prioritize expenses. But remember, restaurants are not a priority!

When you start telling your money what to do ahead of time, you'll have more ability to do what's

needed with what you've earned. It's empowering and energizing, and it gives you the chance to make your Total Money Make-over a reality! — Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books, including "More Than Enough." "The Dave Ramsey Show" is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Analysis from The Washington Post

Hackers show they can take down corporate hotshots, again

Infidelity website Ashley Madison split with chief executive Noel Biderman on Friday, after hackers revealed the company that encouraged people to have illicit affairs wasn't very good at keeping its own customers' secrets.

Biderman is the latest in a string of high-profile

corporate leaders to lose their jobs amid the fallout of embarrassing cyberattacks — joining the likes of former Sony Pictures Entertainment co-chair Amy Pascal in February and former Target chief executive Gregg Steinhafel last year. The breaches highlight how hackers not only can blow through a firm's security, the modern foundation of consumer trust, but also threaten enterprises built on discretion — and abruptly end high-powered careers.

Biderman was less known than the other corporate figures, and his company was much smaller.

— The Washington Post



In Loving Memory of
Judith L. Hogan-Alfonso
my wife and true friend for over 40 years

3 years to date, your presence was requested in heaven by God, Angels and Saints, and that is why I know you are in a good place. But let me say, that a day, nor an hour goes by where I do not think of you and miss you tremendously.

The memories of our lives together will always remain in my heart and soul!

Love you Para Siempre
Vicente (Chente) Alfonso