



Avaline D. Patterson of Cherry Road died Saturday, April 21 at her home.

Born in Newton, Mass., she was employed by the Postal Service and retired from the Lansing Post Office in 1979. She was a member of the Northeast Senior Citizens, Lansing Senior Citizens and a volunteer for the Retired Senior Volunteers Program, the Red Cross and the Tourist Information Booth at Stewart Park.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 24 with Lay Minister Daniel Maxfield of the Memorial Baptist Church of Cortland officiating. Burial will take place in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Donations in Ms. Patterson's name may be made to Hospicare, 172 E. King Rd, Ithaca, New York, 14850.



Wentworth P. Mackenzie, 58, of Savage Farm Drive died Friday, April 18 at Kendal of Ithaca. Born in Evanston, Ill., Mr. MacKenzie moved to Ithaca in 1984 from Atlanta, Georgia. In Tompkins County, Mackenzie consulted for American Demographics and was a former president of the Ithaca Festival.

Services were held on April 20 with Rev. Jack Lewis officiating. Internment in Quick Cemetery in Brooktondale will be delayed and private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the A.L.S. Association, 40 Wall St., NYC. Funeral arrangements were made by the Lansing Funeral Home.



Jeanne B. (Griffiths) Dickinson, 68, formerly of Lansing died April 17 at her Port Allegany, PA home. Born in Rochester, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Elsie Bishop.

Jeanne had worked in the Lansing Central School District and fondly recalled the experiences and relationships she'd enjoyed with students, colleagues and Lansing friends.

In addition to her husband Charles, Jeanne is survived by her daughter Shannon Griffiths of Maryland, son Kevin Griffiths

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Community Voices

Letters To The Editor

April 23, 1997

To the Person Who Killed Our Cat:

At about 9:30 p.m. on April 18, you ran over our cat. When a neighbor stepped out of his workshop to see what had happened, you sped away, leaving our poor Morgan dead in the road.

Steve, Kate, Brendan and I loved Morgan. He was gorgeous - mostly Siamese - white with blue eyes and tabby markings. Independent, like most cats, he was also affectionate, mischievous and elegant. We miss him very much.

We can understand what might have happened. It was dark, and you probably

didn't even see him. This kind of thing could happen to anybody, and has happened to many of us. We are angry, however, at your callousness and cowardice. An apology would have been appropriate, appreciated and accepted.

We have enjoyed living in Ludlowville for nearly five years: it is beautiful, and the people are kid-friendly, pet-friendly and kind. Assuming that you, too, live here, we are sorry that you have chosen not to share the mores of your neighbors.

Monica Joyce Hamill

of Newfield, grandsons Rodney and Derek Griffiths of Lansing and her brother Edward of Rochester.

She was preceded in death by a husband, Rodney Griffiths.

Services were private at the request of the family.

Memorial donations may be made in Jeanne's memory to the Lansing Central Schools for the High School Library Fund or to the charity of one's choice.

Lansing Author's Upstate Romance

As Crystal Smith Stovall, 38, prepares for a book signing of her first novel, *Dream Givers*, this Sunday afternoon at Lauriat Books, the former Storm Road resident and 1977 Lansing High School graduate recalls that the last career path she ever expected to follow was that of a professional novelist.

Yet, romance writer she is and her success at getting Pinnacle Books to publish her maiden work this spring proves it.

After graduating from Tulsa's Oral Roberts University with a combined degree in psychology and sociology, Stovall got involved in several business ventures, including an investment diamond firm, and worked as a branch office manager for a New York Stock exchange member firm.



Crystal Stovall

As part of her job reviewing the *Wall Street Journal* for her Tulsa clients, Stovall came across an article describing the phenomenal growth of paperback book sales. Might it be possible, she thought, to transform her passion for reading novels into creating them?

Ten years of taking courses, writing (and eventually selling) short stories finally led Stovall to complete her first novel in 1990 - though it would be another four years before *Dream Givers* was accepted by a publisher and another three years before it could be placed on the publisher's schedule.

Though *Dream Givers* is labeled as a romance novel, Stovall prefers to think of her book as a "relationship novel." Set in the upstate New York farming community of "Granite Springs," the novel draws on her childhood impressions growing up on a dairy farm and her adult experiences as a business owner.

In this and her subsequent novels, Stovall describes the intricate relationships of ordinary women who survive, and sometimes transcend, difficult circumstances.

Sunday's book signing in Pyramid Mall will be an occasion for Stovall to reconnect with old friends and look for new material. Her next novel, *Silent Partners*, is due out in paperback this October.



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