

Milestone Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Durant

Richard C. Sr. and Mary Louise (St. Julien) Durant, of Westvale, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 1, 2005, with an anniversary Mass at St. Anthony's Church followed by a dinner with family and friends at the Log Cabin Inn in LaFayette.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Durant Sr.

The couple was married October 1, 1955, in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

The family includes children Amy Lynn and David Ranalli, of Emporia, Kan.; Peggy Durant, of Syracuse; Richard and Kathy Durant, of Syracuse; and Matthew Durant, of Syracuse. They have nine grandchildren.

Richard retired from Niagara Mohawk after 35 years and currently is a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker. Mary Louise retired from the Syracuse City Schools and is currently working part-time at the Franciscan House in Syracuse.

Mr. and Mrs. Burbank

Ralph S. and Christine (Thelen) Burbank, of Minoa, celebrated their 76th wedding anniversary on September 9, 2005, with dinner at the Canteen Restaurant with their children.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burbank

The couple was married September 9, 1929, in St. Mary's Church Rectory in Minoa.

The family, which all resides locally, includes daughter Margery Mozo; daughters and sons-in-law Selma and Lou Cafarchio; Toni and Jack Cassella; and Rita and Roger Ducharme; son and daughter-in-law Skip and Jan Burbank; 31 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Ralph is retired and was employed with the New York Central Railroad for 47 years. Christine is a homemaker. At ages 101 and 95, they enjoy card playing, upwords and family dinners every Sunday. Ralph was an avid golfer until age 95.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker

R. John and JoAnn (Groot) Baker, of Cato, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 16, 2005, with a catered brunch at their cottage on Cross Lake followed by a dinner at Rosalie's in Skaneateles. On Sunday, July 17, 2005, John and JoAnn renewed their wedding vows at St. Patrick's Church in Cato, with the Rev. Eloo Malachy Nwosu officiating.



Mr. and Mrs. John Baker

The events were attended by all their children, grandchildren and JoAnn's brother, Gary Groot, of Nashville, Tenn.

The couple was married July 16, 1955, at St. Patrick's Church in Cato.

The family includes son Steven and his daughter, Erin, of Oswego; son Scott and his wife, Debra, of San Jose, Calif.; daughter Sherri and her husband, Art McFarlane, and their son, John Paul, and daughter, Jennifer, of New Castle, Del.; daughter Lorelee and her husband, Louis Lardcar, and their children, Nathan and JoAnna Dorr, of Cato.

John retired from Eastern Airlines after 29½ years in aircraft maintenance. JoAnn is a retired licensed practical nurse and worked for 20 years at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center.

They enjoy sailing, gardening, volunteering in the community and spending time with family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Guinto

Philip and Joan Evelyn (LaGraffe) Guinto, of Syracuse, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 4, 2005, with a surprise party in their honor at Casa Di Copani.



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Guinto

Fifty guests attended the party, including family from Maine, Florida and Arizona. The family celebrated exactly 50 years to the day from their wedding day.

The couple was married June 4, 1955, in St. John the Baptist Church.

The family includes children and their spouses Carmen and Nancy Guinto, of Baldwinsville; Bernie and Brenda Guinto, of Syracuse; and Kathy and Bob Mungo, of East Syracuse; and four grandchildren.

Philip is a retired chef, working 30 years at the Hotel Syracuse and 25 years at the Marietta House. Joan retired as a legal secretary for Sen. John DeFrancisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Yauger

Thomas H. and Joyce M. (Johnstone) Yauger, of Syracuse, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 10, 2005, with a party in their honor at the Red Mill Inn in Buffalo with family and friends.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Yauger

The couple was married September 10, 1955, in St. James Church in Buffalo.

The family includes children Laurie Caza and her husband, Dana Caza, of North Syracuse, and Lisa Kemz, of Syracuse; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Tom has been employed with Carpenter & Hughes for 45 years. Joyce is retired and was co-owner of Thru The Looking Glass in Camillus.

Tom and Joyce enjoy gardening, traveling—especially to Ocean City, N.J.—and spending time with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Scharbach

Doug and Lynn (Maynard) Scharbach, of Manlius, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 3, 2005, with a limousine ride to Brewster Inn in Cazenovia for a spectacular brunch with their children, spouses and grandchildren. They continued the family celebration with a week's vacation at Rambler's Lodge on Fourth Lake in the Adirondacks in August. Joyce and Bill Barnett, longtime friends of Doug and Lynn, joined them from Florida.



Mr. and Mrs. Doug Scharbach

The couple was married July 9, 1955, in Schenectady. The family includes children and their spouses Lee Ann and Guy McKinney, of Liverpool; Heidi and Brian Rensing, of York; and Gretchen and Dave Seager, of Manlius; and five grandchildren.

Doug is retired. Lynn is a substitute teacher.

They enjoy spending time with their family, outdoor activities and traveling.

"Congratulations, Mom and Dad, Grammy and Papa!"

Mr. and Mrs. Mushen

Donald Albert and Shirley Ann (Steele) Mushen, of Cicero, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary September 30, 2005, by their family taking them out to dinner.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Mushen

The couple was married September 30, 1950, in St. Mary's Church in Little Falls.

The family includes children and their spouses Chris and Sally Phillips, of Mallory, and Mark and Kathleen Cooper, of Central Square, and four grandchildren. Donald and Shirley's son, Ronald A. Mushen, is deceased.

Donald is a retired truck driver and worked for 30 years. Shirley retired from General Electric after 26 years.

"Dad and Mom, Grandpa and Grandma, thank you for all that you have done for us. We love you both. God bless you."

Mr. and Mrs. Rounds

Harry Paul and Patricia Ann (Merrihew) Rounds, of Syracuse, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 7, 2005, with a dinner at Pensabene's Casa Grande with family and friends. The dinner was given by their children.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Rounds

The couple was married October 1, 1955, at the First Baptist Church in downtown Syracuse.

The family includes children and their spouses Paul and Barb Rounds, of North Syracuse; Lynne Galante, of Solway; and James and Danielle Rounds, of Liverpool; and seven grandchildren.

Harry retired from Carrier Corporation after 33 years as a foreman. Patricia retired from Twin Trees 1 after 30 years as a cook.

"Mom and Dad: Congratulations, we love you very much. We appreciate you and all you have done for us."

ENGAGEMENTS



Theodore G. Esterguard
Theodore George and Alice Ann (Orr) Esterguard, of Syracuse, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary September 24, 2005, with a party at Footprints, where Ted and Alice had their first date together. The party was given by their children.

The couple was married September 24, 1960, in Holy Family Church, Fairmount.

The family includes children and their spouses Lori and Michael Grabowski, of Skaneateles; Lisa and Jim Eddy, of Marcellus; Lynda and Duane Smith, of Marcellus; Tess and Rick Belvito, of Marcellus; and Christina and Brian Fagan, of Cicero; and 16 grandchildren.

Ted retired from CNA Insurance after 31 years. Alice retired from Regan Insurance after 22 years.

Ted and Alice enjoy traveling together and spending time with their family.



Courtney Pierce
Jeffrey Empie
Barry and Bonnie Pierce and Claire and Larry Callahan, all of Liverpool, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Pierce, of Liverpool, to Jeffrey Empie, of Clay, son of Judy Empie, of Clay, and Frank Empie, of Mebane, N.C.

Courtney is a graduate of Paul V. Moore High School in Central Square and SUNY Oswego with a Bachelor of Science in elementary education. She is employed by Enable as a human resource specialist.

Jeffrey is a graduate of Pulaski High School and the Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. He is employed by McQuay International as a development engineer.

The couple was engaged on April 23 during a trip to Lake Placid.

A June 30, 2006, wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Aksterowicz

Theodore P. and Marianne C. (Cerio) Aksterowicz, of Liverpool, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 1, 2005, at Pier 57, hosted by their children.



Mr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Aksterowicz

The couple was married October 1, 1955, in Syracuse.

The family includes children David, Donna, Doris and Donald, all of Syracuse, and four grandchildren.

Ted retired from Carrier Corporation. Marianne retired from Chase Bank.

They spend the winters in Florida and enjoy traveling.

Mr. and Mrs. Clobridge

Paul and Ann (Cantwell) Clobridge, of Minoa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 23, 2005, with a surprise anniversary party at their daughter's cottage on Lake Ontario.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clobridge

Eighty friends, family and neighbors attended the party.

The couple was married August 13, 1955, in Watertown.

The family includes children and their spouses Pam and Noel Bonvouloir, of Cicero; Paul III and Judy Clobridge, of Chittenango; and Mike and Joann Clobridge, of Cicero. They have eight grandchildren: Nicole, Kristen, Beth, Josh, Shera, Lee Ann and twins David and Patrick.

Paul retired after 42 years with Carrier Corporation as a supervisor for Transcold.

Ann is a retired registered nurse and worked at Van Duyn.

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