

IN MEMORIAM

An unusual number of T.M.H.S. members have "crossed the bar" since our last issue. To conserve space, we will recall all of them together, and we thank those who have assisted us in providing information.

GERALD T. GIRVIN

Gerry Girvin, who carried T.M.H.S. membership number 123 and had been with the Society since shortly after its formation, passed away at Rochester, New York, on May 20th at the age of 73. He was retired from the Churchville-Chili School District, for which he was a librarian, and he also had been a librarian at McQuaid Jesuit High School. He had been in declining health for several years.

Gerry was dedicated to the research of nineteenth century steamboat navigation on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River and was a renowned authority on the subject. A few years ago, he contributed substantially to the book The MAPLE LEAF: An Extraordinary American Civil War Shipwreck, writing the section dealing with the steamer's Lake Ontario history. He also assisted us with a number of "Scanner" feature articles.

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RON ALTO

T.M.H.S. member number 925, Ron Alto, passed away suddenly at Thunder Bay on May 27th, at the age of 55. Ron had sailed aboard various lake vessels over a period of 27 years, and his last position was as 2nd cook aboard CARTIERDOC in 2001. He is survived by his father and two sisters.

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HOWARD MATEFF

Howard Mateff, of Port McNicoll, passed away in May after a lengthy illness. He was T.M.H.S. member 1011. He was a veteran of the C.P.R. lake steamers, and had served in MANITOBA, KEEWATIN and ASSINIBOIA, from which some of our members may remember him. He is survived by his son Keith, who will be continuing his membership in our Society.

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MISS A. L. MacNAUGHTEN

We only recently learned of the passing, back in January, of Miss A. L. MacNaughten, of Winnipeg, whose T.M.H.S. membership card bore the number 485. She took a considerable interest in shipping and had assisted us on several occasions, notably with our history of T. P. PHELAN.

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NINETY-FIVE YEARS YOUNG

We normally mention only publications produced by T.M.H.S. members, but Ninety-Five Years Young: The Story of the KEEWATIN 1907-Present should be of interest to many of us. Written by Cindy and Bob Zimmerman. The book sells for \$24.95 (U.S.) plus \$5.95 p&p to U.S. addresses, or \$7.95 to Canada. Order from Bob and Cindy Zimmerman, c/o S.S. KEEWATIN, P.O. Box 638, Douglas, Michigan 49406. You may also phone (616) 857-7235, or e-mail the Zimmermans at drydock@modempool.com. We have not seen the book yet ourselves, but know that many years of research have gone into its production.

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