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Kfeirian Newsletter Editor Diann Michael Passes Away

Dr. Diann Dee Michael, your Kfeirian Reunion Foundations' current newsletter editor, a past president and a past member of the Kfeirian Board of Trustees passed away, Wednesday, March 2nd, 2011. Her daughter Gianna and cousin Lila Mickel Fischer, a current board member, were with her. Her parents were Esber John Michael and Asma Radwan Michael.

Born and raised in Charleston, WV, Dr. Michael received a B.A. from Marshall University, Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Akron, & Diplme des tudes Approfondies in Art History at the Sorbonne, Paris, France.

Diann was the Kfeirian Reunions first scholarship recipient and has consistently given back to the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation ever since. Diann's most current vision was to put together a cookbook of Kfeirian family recipes. She has always been very proud of her Lebanese heritage and made several trips back to our village of Kfeir.

She taught at Nova University the last 17 years, and had a private practice as a Clinical Psychologist in Ft Lauderdale, FL. She was a longstanding member of the Florida Psychological Association.

Diann was a writer, and an artist of all kinds. She is survived by her daughter, Gianna Michael (Khaled Mourra) of Beirut, Lebanon.

Though her health was declining, Diann was able to complete, this her final newsletter. We therefore dedicate this edition to Diann's memory and legacy. A legacy of passion for her family, her profession, her Kfeirian roots and for life.



79th Kfeirian Reunion Will Be at Myrtle Beach Hilton in 2011



Sea, sand and sunshine! Our destination for the 79th Kfeirian Reunion is Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Great golf, glorious beaches and sensational shopping combined with the scenic beauty that **Myrtle Beach** is known for. We'll be gathering at **Hilton Myrtle Beach** at this seaside resort Labor Day Weekend, September 3rd, 4th and 5th and what an opportunity it will be to gather once again to rekindle old acquaintances and establish new ones in the warmth of the South Carolina sun.

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78th KFEIRIAN
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Post Reunion Message from your Vice President Michael Abraham

Labor Day Weekend 2010, we met once again, this time in Huntington, West Virginia. Food, dancing, and relationships once again dominated the weekend as we gathered as one to celebrate our families, our heritage and a legacy, which is second to none, and yes, a true American success story. A success in we have met for last 78 years, a success in carrying on the traditions our loved ones have given us and a success in building on true relationships that have been part of our very existence all these many years. Many of our Kfeirian families have been merged together when children and grandchildren of our founders met during these reunions and married. (Please forward your own personal story so it can be published in future newsletters!) We all have so much to be proud of even in the most difficult of times. I take personal pleasure each year to enjoy even more Lebanese food and fellowship in the room of Jeanette McCoy thanks to her wonderful cooking. I was a running late this year, however; her daughter Cheryl Slater corralled me in just time to finish their supply of Kibbee! (Thank you so much Jeanette for letting me in the door!) As with any reunion, Kfeirian or American, good food is a vital formula to a guaranteed good time.

Your board of trustees wants to thank all Kfeirians for their contributions to a wonderful reunion. Always remember it is our people that make our reunions a success. Kfeirians volunteering their own time despite commitments to their families, their work, and their communities. As I have said before, this dedication and unselfishness has made us a success and will continue to do so in the years to come as we go forward towards a century of our Kfeirian Reunion. I am personally humbled and take great pride by what Kfeirians have accomplished the past 78 years so we can keep the dream of our founders alive. It's not a self-pride, but pride in knowing my grandfather, Mike Abraham, once stood before the 1936 Reunion as master of ceremonies and 74 years later I stood before the 2010 Reunion in front of his son, my father Raymond with my son Michael beside me at the head table. A pride I know we all feel when we recall the memories of our loved ones and how they have influenced us today.

All reunions, no matter where the location is, are a special time where family and friends gather and a unique opportunity for younger Kfeirians to discover their legacy, their heritage and possibly discover family members they never knew. We proudly ask all Kfeirians to plan now for your 79th Kfeirian Reunion, Labor Day Weekend in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

May God bless all Kfeirians and their families with good health and financial peace for 2011 and beyond.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Abraham



Booking Information

The Hilton Myrtle Beach management has been able to provide us a limited group of rooms at the unbelievable low rate of \$99! The regular room rate is \$189. **This low rate will be available**

3 days prior to the Reunion and 3 days afterwards! WOW! What a deal! To be guaranteed the \$99 room rate, **you must book by June 30, 2011**. That's right, **booked by JUNE 30th, 2011**. After that, you would only get the low rate of \$99 **if** there are rooms available and there is **NO** guarantee room availability after **JUNE 30th**.

For the road warriors among us, Interstates 20 and 95 connect Highways 327, 501 and 22 to bring you into the heart of the Myrtle Beach area. For those wanting to fly, you can visit www.FlyMyrtleBeach.com for all airline information. Allegiant Air, Spirit Airlines and Direct Air offer many discounted opportunities. These can be found on their websites at www.AllegiantAir.com, www.spirit.com and www.visitdirectair.com. Please check our own travel website, www.kfeirtravels.com when booking your flights (Other than Allegiant Air, Spirit and Direct Air) and all your other travel needs during the year. It's an excellent way to get the best travel deals while supporting your Reunion.

I would like to close by quoting part of an article by Sol Steffan from the 33rd Reunion address book that was held in Beckley, WV, Labor Day Weekend, 1965:

“.....the Kfeirian Reunion was founded for the purpose of getting acquainted and meeting old friends, and that our children who were born under the skies of Liberty will know each other, particularly their genealogy and where they came from.”

(Please read the complete article reprinted in our 75th Reunion address book which was held in Huntington, WV, 2007) <http://www.spirit.com/>

We have an opportunity each year to keep this dream alive that extends beyond our 79 years. Your board of directors encourages every Kfeirian to plan with all of their family members and make Myrtle Beach the place to be this Labor Day Weekend, 2011.....after all, it could be almost heaven.

Kfeirian Reunion Has its Own Travel Website!

Your Kfeirian Reunion Foundation now has a service for you and our supporters that lets us all take full advantage of great travel prices while supporting our organization! The Kfeirian Reunion Foundation's travel website is:

www.kfeirtravels.com

Our travel website is powered by the same websites you normally use to book travel - Travelocity.com, Hotels.com and Cheaptickets.com - giving you the same great features and low prices! So designate it as one of your favorite sites now!!!

Our site can take care of all your travel needs, including plane tickets, cruises, vacation package, sporting events, theme park tickets and lots, lots more.

How Does This Work? Every time you use a travel website, the travel companies pay BIG commissions for your reservation. Now, when you book travel on our website, your Kfeirian Reunion Foundation will get a portion of the travel commission. You'll experience competitive travel prices and significantly help fund both The Foundations general funds.

With your help and other Kfeirian Reunion supporters we can raise *thousands* of dollars for our organization!

Please note Kfeirian Reunion Foundation is not involved with your travel arrangements. When you book travel through www.kfeirtravels.com, you are dealing directly with the vendors just like you would on sites like Travelocity.com.

2010-2011 Scholarship Recipients

Since founding the Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship in 1964, over 135 Kfeirians have been awarded scholarships for higher education. Congratulations to the following Kfeirian who were awarded the 2010-2011 Kfeirian Reunion scholarship.

Scholarship Recipients for 2010-2011

Evan Thompson, is the son of Doug and Norma Hodge Thompson , and grandson of Rhoda Hodge, Huntington, WV Evan is attending Marshall University in Huntington, WV.

Melaina Russell, is the daughter of Ronald and Denise Mickel Russell, of Glen Allen, VA and granddaughter of the late Mitchell and Linda Mickel of South Charleston, WV. Meliana is attending James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

Isabel Bush, is the daughter of Jeff and Jan Rutherford (Bassett Family) of Juneau, AK. Isabel is attending Harvey Mud College, Claremont, CA.

We encourage Kfeirians to apply for next year's scholarship. To download the application and apply, please visit our Web site at www.kfeir.com/scholarship.html.

Kfeirian Reunion Newsletter Editor Wanted!

Looking for ‘in-the-know’ Kfeirian to gather news and information and write the newsletter! Collect information on fellow Kfeirians such as milestone events, births, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, etc. Using Microsoft Word and Microsoft Publisher put the newsletter together for the entire Kfeirian community. Contact Mike Abraham (904) 230-9148 or email to vvabe@att.net.

Newsletter Funding

As we progress towards 100 years of the Kfeirian Reunion, communication is a key ingredient to our very existence. As families grow and move away from their hometowns, generational relationships are difficult to keep going year after year. Your board of directors values the importance of the newsletter to help keep those relationships strong so we all know what is going on within the Kfeirian Family.

Unfortunately, the cost of publishing and mailing the newsletter continues to increase in cost, coming to close to \$1,000 or more per edition. We are working towards making your newsletter available electronically to help reduce the cost, it is now available on our website www.kfeir.com, Face Book and we are building our e/mail database to be able to forward the letter to everyone within the database and then they can forward to other family members and friends. Besides reducing costs, the color version can be enjoyed by taking advantage of this technology.

As positive as all of this technology can be, we are still committed in making sure **ALL** Kfeirians receive a copy of the newsletter. Over 20 years ago mailing and publishing costs were offset by donations from the Kfeirian body, from a few dollars to a few hundred were given individually by our members. At this time, we are again asking for your assistance in helping us to reduce the costs of your newsletter so we can continue to keep in touch with our Kfeirian families. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Please be sure to designate on any checks “Newsletter” as all monies received would go directly into the reducing the cost of the publication. Mail to: Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, 25 Hillendale Drive, Huntington, WV 25705

In these difficult economic times, we understand the impact contributions can have on a family, so don’t be discouraged if it’s not possible to help at this time. You can contribute by sending any news about your family or an article on your family history. It is after all **YOUR** newsletter and we want it to be an important part of every Kfeirian Family.

Your board of directors thanks you for your time and consideration.

The Kfeirian Reunion Heritage Cookbook

For the 80th Reunion, we hope to have a Kfeirian Reunion Heritage Cookbook completed and ready for sale. All proceeds will go to the Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship. Before her death, Diann Michael had been working on the cookbook and heritage history for sometime and updated a lot of information about Kfeirian recipes, cooking, heritage and traditions during her recent trip to Lebanon and Syria, where she said eating was the major daily event! Traveling to the Kfeir and spending a month with her cousins from the Kfeir, she had a lot of new ideas and details about the food traditions through which our culture has been transmitted.

Diann said food and culture are almost synonymous for our people, as preparing serving and eating food is an all day, every day event. We will be continuing on with her vision of the Kfeirian Reunion Heritage Cookbook and it will be dedicated in honor of her memory.

As she wanted, we want family anecdotes about cooking, recipes, foods, and, especially, our grandmothers' and mothers' recipes, but we want pictures, from the old times, of our beloved cooking ancestors. Food stories, history and funny stories will all go into the cookbook. This is a major project, so we need everyone's cooperation! At this time, please forward to Gloria Hanna at Gloria_Hanna@comcast.net or give Gloria a call at (304) 523-8814.

A sample of our cookbook is an all time favorite: **HUMMUS (HOMOS/HOUUMMOUS)**

Submitted by "The Hummus Queen," Gloria Hanna

Preparation

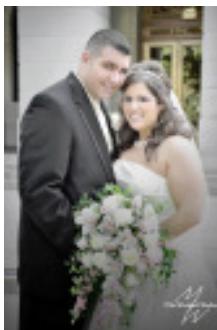
Drain chickpeas and rinse in cold water. Empty the drained chickpeas into a saucepan. Add water, but do not cover. Bring to a boil and cook for about 25-30 minutes on medium heat. Add a pinch of baking soda when chickpeas begin to boil. This will help soften the chickpeas to give a smooth consistency. Flour will achieve the same result; however, Set aside to cool. Place cooled chickpeas, along with the water they were cooked in, into a food processor. Process until smooth. Begin adding tahini, then lemon juice. Continue blending until very smooth. Mash garlic with 1 tsp. salt and add to mixture along with the other teaspoon of salt. At intervals, stop and scrape the side of the bowl. You may continue to add salt, lemon juice, and garlic to taste. The consistency should be firmer than pudding, resulting in a thick, creamy texture. If hummus is getting the right consistency, but may need more lemon juice, use citric acid a pinch at a time. If hummus is chilled before use, you may need to "loosen" with a few tablespoons of water or lemon juice. Serve hummus in a bowl or platter with sides, garnish with parsley, and a little olive oil drizzled on the top. Serve with pita bread slices.

Hummus Throw Down a GREAT success!

At the 78th Reunion in Huntington we had a Hummus Throw Down just like on the Cooking Channel! Gloria Hanna submitted the original recipe, but added 2 TBLS. lebanee, coarsely chopped fresh mint leaves (about 1 TBLS) and this resulted in a creamier texture and a pleasant minty taste! I think this type of humus would make great appetizer. It has a cleansing effect to the palate. Joey Peck submitted a humus with shawarma spices), and an addition of za'atar. Julian Sadd submitted the traditional humus that he offers in his store, and, as is often the case, the traditional recipe was the one favored by the crowd. Everyone had a great time tasting and voting, and our thanks go out to the cooks for this fun activity that we added to the Reunion schedule. People seemed to enjoy the idea, and the food, so we may have more at upcoming Reunions! There were about 35 people at the Throw Down.



Marriages/Engagements



Mary Elizabeth Michael to Tony Nassim Nasr were married June 25, 2010 at the St. George Cathedral in Charleston, West Virginia. Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Michael; Charleston, West Virginia; Tony is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nassim Nasr from Delaware.



On 10-10-10 at 10 am, **Stephanie Hanna and Bashir Antonio Adili** were united on the beautiful beaches of Maui. They rented a jeep and spent their 10-day honeymoon doing many activities like surfing, snorkeling, zip lining and going to the mountains. They hope to move there one day! Upon their arrival back to the East Coast, a wedding

reception was given in their honor by the Hanna's at the MU Foundation Hall in Huntington. Guests celebrated to the tunes of Lebanese and Greek dance music. Stephanie and Bashir live in Charleston, SC along with their dog, Amir. The reception was hosted by Stephanie's parents, George and Gloria Hanna, of Huntington, long time, stall wart supporters of the Kfeirian Reunion and Board Members. The reception was attended by 125 of their many friends and relatives.

Laura Jamra Wisniewski and Mark Wisniewski got married at St. Elias Orthodox Church in October of 2008. It was an amazing wedding surrounded by family and friends. They honeymooned in the Dominican Republic and have recently purchased a new home.

Kristi Thomas, daughter of Bob and Linda Thomas, granddaughter of Ray Abraham was married to **Ray Henson** on the beach of Siesta Key, Florida May 16th. Immediate family was in attendance. A reception for all family and friends to celebrate the marriage of Kristi and Ray was held in Huntington, WV at the Guyan Golf and Country Club on May 29th. They will be living in Proctorville, Ohio.

Karen Wigglesworth and DeWayne Torres

announce their engagement. They will be married June 26th, 2011 in Boulder, CO with close family members in attendance.

Philip Andrew Cassis of Morgantown W.V. is engaged to Elizabeth LaRose. Philip is the son of Dr. Bruce Lee and Eva Marie (Rahall) Cassis of Fayetteville, WV. They were engaged on Christmas 2010. They are planning a summer wedding at St. George Cathedral. Liz is an elementary school teacher and is excited about her work. Phil works for Enterprise car rentals and is doing very well in his work. We are very happy for this young couple and pray they have a long and happy life together.

Stacy Nichole Rahall of Fayetteville, W.V. is engaged to Shawn Harmon. Stacy is the daughter of Michael and Donna Rahall of Fayetteville, WV. Stacy owns and operates Gorge-ous Hair Designs. Shawn works in construction. They are planning a fall wedding at Black Water Falls, overlooking a beautiful New River Gorge in Fayetteville, WV. We wish this young couple all the happiness in the world.

Births

Troy and Melissa (Husson) Snider of Hilliard, Ohio, had a beautiful daughter, Claire Jeanette, January 15, 2010 at 1:56 a.m. Claire weighed 6# 13oz. and 19 " long with 3 1/2 " of cold black hair. Malissa is the daughter of Nick and Sharon Husson of Scott Depot, WV. Claire is the great grand daughter of Nick and Simon Husson and Deloris Rahall Hawarny.

We can't wait to meet Claire Jeanette at our next Kfeirian Reunion in Huntington.



Grace Ann Sadd celebrated her first birthday Marche 26, 2011 she is the daughter of proud parents Phillip and Stephanie Sadd, of Atlanta GA. pictured with Grace Ann is mommy and aunt Tammy Sadd Brinkley.



Sarah Ann Wisniewski (Jamra), Mark D and Laura (Jamra) Wisniewski' beautiful, daughter, (8.2 lbs / 21.5" long), was born on March 18, 2010 in Jacksonville, Florida.. Sarah is happy and healthy and is looking forward to many Kfeirian Reunions to come! Sarah's grandparents on mother's side: Larry J and Ruth A Jamra (Ramey) and grandparents on father's side: Richard and Rachel Wisniewski.

Accomplishments

Tanya Jamra Glick resides with her husband Matt Glick in Tiffin, Ohio. They have recently opened a "mom and pop" diner called University Diner, right down from Tiffin University. Tanya and Matt are enjoying the collaboration of this new endeavor. Last year, Tanya and Matt purchased a new home where they enjoy the beautiful view. Tanya is also still teaching 5th grade in Bedford, MI. She and Matt enjoy spending time with their two children and new puppy! Tanya Jamra Glick is still teaching and owns a realty company and the diner in Tiffin Ohio.

Dr. Deitra Jamra Hickey and her husband **John Hickey** have recently opened a wellness center in Maumee, Ohio employing 10 therapists (www.SerenityHealthMaumee.com). Deitra is still working as an administrator for Toledo Public Schools and teaching part-time at the University of Toledo. John accepted a position as an aerospace engineer for NASA in Sandusky. Deitra and John enjoy spending time with dad, Larry, their travels, and playing volleyball together! Her husband John is an engineer with the space program for NASA.

Michael Abraham of St. Johns, FL, son of **Mike and Nora Abraham**, grandson of **Raymond Abraham** from Huntington, WV was named first chair of the trumpet section for the Hickory Creek Elementary School Band where he is a 5th grade student. Hickory Creek Elementary in St. Johns County Florida is focused on the arts and was the first elementary school in the county to have a school band. They have performed at various venues in the Jacksonville and St. Augustine, FL areas, including the Jacksonville International Airport, St. Johns County Board of Education and Four performances of the annual Hickory Creek Elementary school musical, The Polar Express.

Kimberly Thomas of Huntington, WV, daughter of **Bob and Linda Thomas**, granddaughter of **Raymond Abraham**, graduated in December 2010 from Shawnee State University with an Associate Degree in Nursing.

Joseph M. Peck, *Pesident* of our Kfeirian Reunion accepted a new opportunity with a marketing company in Augusta, GA and has been in his new job since March 2011.



Jihad and Alida Kahil
celebrating their 40th
wedding anniversary in
Cairo Egypt

GETWELL SOON

Jeanette Bolus, Huntington WV, had a heart attack and doctors had to put 3 stints in her heart at St. Mary's Hospital. After weeks in the hospital, she was moved to Health South Rehab Hospital. She still has a tracheotomy.

Kfeirian Cultural Reunion continues through Monday



Among those attending the 78th annual Kfeirian Reunion were (from left) Denise Russell of Glen Allen, Va.; Lila Fischer of Orlando; Sherry Parrish of Ellicott City, Md.; Geore Hanna of Huntington and Michael Harris of Minnesota. All but Russell are on the board of directors for the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation.

May their memory be eternal!



Hafiza Lowen, 95, originally from Aitha El Fakhar, Lebanon, most recently of Beckley, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2011, after a long illness.

She was a longtime member of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Beckley. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, aunt, friend and cook.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Victor Lowen; her father, the Very Rev. George Husson; her mother, Ghantousie; brothers, Touffic Husson, John Husson, Fred Husson, Elia Husson, John Husson and Zachariah Husson; and sisters, Katrina, Mariam, Olga, Rosa, and Jenna.

Surviving her are her children, John of Charlotte, N.C., George of Beckley, and Jim Lowen and his wife Dee of Charleston; one sister, Malakee of San Francisco, Calif.; three grandchildren, Luke, Renee, and Jessica; and one Goddaughter, Beverly Mourad of Beckley. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Beckley, with Father Samuel Haddad and The Very Rev. Olof Scott officiating. Burial will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Prosperity. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

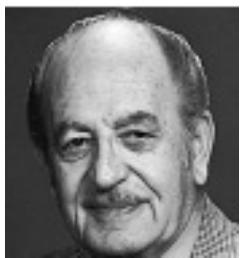
Friends may gather with the family from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2011, at the church, with Trisagion service at 7:30 p.m. on Monday. There will also be a one hour visitation prior to the service on Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 211 S. Heber Street, Beckley, WV 25801.

Online condolences may be sent to our guestbook at www.roseandquesenberry.net.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, 1901 S. Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV 25801

May their memory be eternal!



HAFIZ A. NASSAR, of Toledo, OH, passed on to eternal life on Tuesday, August 24, 2010. He was born February 24, 1924, in Kfeir, South Lebanon and moved to Toledo in 1949. In 1951, he married Julia Bokair, a native of Huntington, WV. Hafiz was a local business man, first operating Nassar Garden Land & Landscape at Byrne and Dorr Streets. In 1965, he and his brother, Nabih, became the proprietors of the Bassett Nut Company in downtown Toledo. Hafiz and wife Julia were dedicated members of St Elias Orthodox Christian Church and were instrumental in the church's transition in 1979 from Mulberry and Huron Streets downtown to the church's current Sylvania location. Hafiz has served St. Elias Church as parish council chairman and was a lifetime honorary member of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese Board of Trustees. He has received the highest honors from the archdiocese, recognizing his years of faithful service to Christ and His Church. He was also a lifetime member of the Church's philanthropic arm, the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch. Hafiz is survived by his loving wife, Julia; his brother and best friend, Nabih and many, many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 27, from 5-8 p.m. at Walker Funeral Home, 5515 Sylvania Ave., with Trisagion (Thrice Holy) Prayers at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Service will be Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at St. Elias Orthodox Christian Church, 4940 Harroun Rd. (at Brint), Sylvania, OH, with the Very Rev. Fr. Paul Albert officiating. Interment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park, with a meal of mercy following at the church.

JOAN GEORGE RAHAL, 79, of Huntington, died Friday, December 10, 2010, in Cabell Huntington Hospital. She was born August 18, 1931, in Huntington, a daughter of the late Michael and Hilda Gottos George Sr. She was a graduate of Huntington High School, Marshall University and taught Home Economics at Barboursville High School. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Marguerite George Esber, and a brother, Mike George Jr. She is survived by two sons, Edward Michael Rahal and David Allen Rahal. Friends may call 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, December 11, 2010, at Klingel-Carpenter Mortuary. Funeral Services will be private for the family. The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to Dr. Charles Clements and the staff of Doctors and Nurses at Cabell Huntington Hospital Respiratory, Physical Therapy, Transitional Care and Intensive Care units. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation, 1340 Hal Greer Boulevard, Huntington, WV 25701.



NADINE LACKEY MICHEL, 80, of Richmond died peacefully in the presence of her family at Hospice of VA on September 28, 2010. She is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Alex J. Mickel; daughters Sherry M. Parrish and Sandy M. Ruder. She was predeceased by her son, David R. Mickel. She is also survived by her caring grandchildren, Jessica Ruder, Grant Ruder & Shannon Parrish and sons-in-law Kim Ruder and John Parrish; nephew, John Messere and family; sister-in-law Gloria Bevins, brother-in-law Fred Mickel and their families.

Born in Cedar Grove, WV, she was the daughter of Anna & Joseph Lackey and the sister of Paul Lackey & Dorothea Messere. Nadine was an active member and church hostess at The Church of the Epiphany. She began her work life as a social welfare worker in WV.



LINDA THABET MICHEL, 85, of South Charleston passed away in Glen Allen, Va., at her daughter's home on Thursday, August 19, 2010.

Born in Kfeir, Lebanon, she was the first daughter of Toufic and Rasmia Thabet of South Charleston. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lt. Col. Mitchell M. Mickel, retired.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharman Mickel of Charleston and Denise Russell and husband, Ronald Russell, of Glen Allen, Va.; grandchildren, Melaina and Garrett Russell; sisters, Clemence Bassett of Blissfield, Mich., Rose Christian of South Charleston and Carolyn Sadd of Encino, Calif.; brother, Charles Thabet of South Charleston; and many other relatives.

She was a member of St. George Orthodox Cathedral. She was also a member of the Retired Military Officers Association of West Virginia.

Family and friends may visit from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, August 22, at Snodgrass Funeral Home, with a Trisagion prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

A service to honor the life of Linda will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Charleston, with the Rev. Father Stephen de Young officiating. Linda will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., where Mitchell was laid to rest in March 2008.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. George Orthodox Cathedral, P.O. Box 2044, Charleston, WV 25327, or the Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship Foundation, 25 Hillendale Drive, Huntington, WV 25705, in her memory.

Snodgrass Funeral Home, South Charleston, is in charge of arrangements.



JULIA A. NASSAR, 81, passed on to eternal life on Saturday March 12, 2011 at The Toledo Hospital. She was born on Oct. 9, 1929 in Huntington, W.V.A. She was married to Hafiz A. Nassar in Toledo on Jan. 6, 1951 who came from Al-Kfeir, Lebanon. Hafiz and Julia lived in Toledo since then and were members of St. Elias Orthodox Christian Church on Harroun Rd. They were business owners of the Basset Nut Co. for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hafiz A. Nassar. She is survived by her brother-in-law, Nabih A. Nassar, and many nieces & nephews.

Friends may visit the family on Monday from 4-8 PM at the Walker Funeral Home 5155 Sylvania Ave. (west of Corey Rd) with Trisagion (thrice Holy) Prayers at 7:30 PM. Funeral services will be Tuesday morning at 11:00 AM at St. Elias Orthodox Christian Church, 4940 Harroun Rd Sylvania, OH with Rev. Ayman Kfouf and Very Rev. Joseph Antypas. Interment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials be made to St. Elias Church. Condolences may sent to the family at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com



In Richmond, she worked for local firms, department stores, and a restaurant. She co-owned with Lee Poates a highly regarded local catering company, A Touch of Elegance.

Funeral services will be held at The Church of the Epiphany on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at 11:00am with Rev. Mary Brennan Thorpe officiating. In lieu of flowers, please honor her with contributions to this church (266-2503), 8000 Hermitage Rd, Richmond, VA 23228.

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