

'Nick' Shields Dies Friday; Rites Monday

Services for Leon "Nick" Shields, 85, long-time resident of the Vermontville and Nashville area, were held Monday at 1:30 p.m. from the Vogt Funeral Home in Nashville. Burial was made in Lakeview cemetery.

Mr. Shields died Friday afternoon, Oct. 17, in the Eaton Medical Facility, Charlotte.

A former blacksmith, he was born in Nashville July 1, 1884, a son of Will E. and Lydia (Loomis) Shields. He married Soloma Jane Worst on Nov. 24, 1904, in Nashville. She died Feb. 26, 1916.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Leta Miner of Freeport; a son, Marion F. of Grand Rapids; a sister, Mrs. Lulu Southern of Vermontville; six grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Rites Held Monday for Darwin Benjamin, Sr.

Services for Darwin A. Benjamin Sr., 53, of Sunfield were conducted Monday, Oct. 13 from the Mapes-Fisher Funeral Home in Sunfield. Mr Benjamin passed away unexpectedly Saturday at his home.

He was born August 19, 1916 in Ingham County, Mich., a son of Dale J. and Evelyn (Merry) Benjamin. His early life was spent in Delta Center. He came to the Sunfield area in 1943. He was a charter member of the Sunfield Lions Club and served as president last year, chairman of the Eaton County Jury Board, active in Republican circles, and a former village councilman. Mr Benjamin was a real estate salesman.

He is survived by his wife, Lulu; a daughter, Mrs Patricia Bower; and a son, Dadwin Jr., both of Sunfield; a brother, Kenneth of Lansing, and three grandchildren.

The Rev. Theodore Seavolt officiated at the 1 p.m. rites. Interment was in Sunfield Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Floyd Van Buren, Dean McDiarmid, Keith Hough, Richard Fender, Edgar Fleetham, and Elmer Creighton.

Mrs. Gladys Cochrane Dies Here Tuesday

Mrs. Gladys B. (Lemmon) Cochrane, 76, of 312 N. Cochran Ave., died of a heart attack, Tuesday at her residence.

Mrs. Cochrane was born in Sunfield township and had resided in Eaton County her entire life. She was the widow of Harry Cochrane.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Mitchlel (Icyphe) Hulst of Eaton Rapids; Mrs. Menzo (Phyllis) Howe of rural Charlotte, Mrs. Glen (Shirley) Segar of Route 2, Olivet, Mrs. Virgil (Lela) Saurer and Mrs. Lavon (Dorothy) Desgrange, both of R-4, Eaton Rapids; a son Neil of Lansing and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, at the Burkhead Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in the Freemire cemetery.

Charles H. Spice Sr.

Charles H. Spice Sr., 81, of 910 W. Willow, died in a local hospital Tuesday.

A resident of Lansing since 1940, he was a former auto mechanic with Oldsmobile, and Schaeffer Bakery Co., and in later years was a ticket taker at the Michigan Theater.

Surviving are his wife, Lydia; a daughter, Miss Mary Alice Spice of Lansing; three sons, Robert of Lansing, Russell of Indiana, James of Iowa; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Burton of Kentucky.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the Estes-Leadley Colonial Chapel, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.