

# Ziggy creator Tom Wilson dies at age 80

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**CLEVELAND** | Tom Wilson Sr., the creator of the hard-luck comic strip character Ziggy, has died, his family said Monday. He was 80.

Tom Wilson Jr., who took over the comic in 1987, said his father died Friday of pneumonia at a Cincinnati hospital. The elder Wilson had moved from Cleveland to a Cincinnati nursing home about eight years ago to be near his family, his son said.

Wilson was an artist at American Greetings card company in Cleveland for more than 35 years and first published Ziggy in a 1969 cartoon collection, "When You're Not Around."

Ziggy was launched in 15 newspapers in 1971 and now appears in more than 500 daily and Sunday newspapers. It also has appeared in books, calendars and greeting cards.

Tom Wilson Jr. said the name Ziggy derived from his father's school experience of being the last alphabetically. When a new class-

mate arrived with a last name beginning with "Z," the idea took root with the friendly sounding "y" ending, such as Billy or Tommy.

"Ziggy is a last-in-line character," the son said in a phone interview. "The last picked for everything and kind of a lovable kind of loser character."

"I had a 'y' at the end and 'z' at the beginning, so the word Ziggy just fell into place. That became his name," was the way Tom Wilson Sr. described it, according to his son.

Tom Wilson Jr. said his father was always optimistic.

"He was a passionate and charismatic man, it came out in everything he did," he said. "He loved ideas and he loved creating – that was really what drove him. He wasn't a loser in that sense because his passion just came out and inspired everyone around him."

Wilson was "a visionary cartoonist," said John McMeel, chairman and president of Andrews McMeel Universal, which owns Universal Uclick, formerly known as Universal Press Syndicate.

# Bob Hope's wife, singer Delores Hope dead at 102

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**LOS ANGELES** | Dolores Hope, the sultry-voiced songstress who was married to Bob Hope for 69 years and sometimes sang on his shows for U.S. troops and on his television specials, has died at age 102.

Hope family spokesman Harlan Boll said Hope died Monday of natural causes at home in Los Angeles. He did not elaborate.

Bob Hope died at age 100 on July 27, 2003.

At her 100th birthday party, Hope appeared little changed: Her white hair was richly coiffed, her skin smooth and her voice deep and warm. She was brought to the party in a wheelchair but was alert and happy as she greeted old friends

and posed for photographs.

Hope mused, "I thought it was going to be just another birthday."

In 1933, when Bob Hope was appearing in his first Broadway show, "Roberta," his friend and fellow cast member George Murphy persuaded him to visit the Vogue Club to "hear a pretty girl sing." She was Dolores Reade, a dark beauty whose singing of "It's Only a Paper Moon" entranced the young comedian.

"I'll never forget what a wonderful singer she was," said Rip Taylor. "In fact, that's how Bob and Dolores met. It seems to me that they were always laughing."

Hope returned every night and soon he was escorting her to her hotel after her shows. They married Feb. 19, 1934, and she quit night-clubs to join his vaudeville act.

## Death Notices

### James L. Burgio

**CORNING** | James L. Burgio, 76, of Corning, died unexpectedly Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011 at Corning Hospital.

He owned JB Sales and Marketing and also worked for Chase-Pitkins and RKB Supply in Elmira.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Graus Burgio; four children, Cindy Burgio of Rochester, Steven Burgio of Meshoppen, Pa., Brian Burgio of Houston, Texas and Keith Burgio of Greer, S.C.; a sister, Barbara Graves of Rochester; and a brother, Robert Burgio of Columbia, Md.

Calling hours are 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Lynch Funeral Home, 318 W. Broad St., Horseheads.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary Our Mother Church, 816 W. Broad St., Horseheads.

Burial will be in St. Mary Our Mother Cemetery, Horseheads.

### Earl D. Collson

**ERIN** | Earl D. Collson, 97, of Church Street, Erin, died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 at home.

He retired as a teacher, teaching in Chemung County and at Spencer-VaEtten School, and also worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps, Elmira Precision Tool, Remington

Rand and Bendix and owned and operated a grocery store in Erin.

Survivors include four children, Joan Swan of Lexington, N.C., Judith Emerson of Lincoln, Calif., Rod Collson of Horseheads and Terry Bettis of Gilbert, Ariz.

Calling hours are 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Barber Funeral Home, 413 S. Main St., Horseheads.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Erin United Methodist Church, Church Street, the Rev. Beverly Davenport officiating.

Burial will be held at a later date in Scotchtown Cemetery.

### Mark A. Hawley

**HORSEHEADS** | Mark A. Hawley, 38, died unexpectedly Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 at home.

He was a school bus driver for the Newfield Central School District.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Dann Hawley; two daughters, Brittney and Megan Hawley; parents, David and Susan Hawley; and a brother, Scott Hawley.

Calling hours are noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sullivan's Funeral Home, 365 E. Franklin St., Horseheads.

Services will be held there at the conclusion of calling hours at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Fr. Michael

Hartney officiating.

Private burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

### Stephanie C. McGuire

**ELMIRA** | Stephanie Clark McGuire, 50, of Ulysses, Pa., died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Survivors include her mother, Doris F. Clark of Ulysses, Pa.; a son, Benjamin Swan of Florida; and a sister, Tracey Stermer of Wellsboro, Pa.

Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are with Olney Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Ulysses, Pa.

### D. Jane VanGorden

**TROY, PA.** | D. Jane VanGorden, 84, of Lawrenceville, died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 at Bradford County Manor.

She retired from Corning Glass Works.

Calling hours are 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Gary Wilston Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 130 S. Main St., Mansfield.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church, Tioga, Pastor Debbie Button officiating.

Burial will be in Lawrenceville Cemetery.

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fiscal practices, including Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Spending and Government Efficiency Commission, commonly known as the SAGE Commission.

SAGE, established earlier this year, is charged with leading the first major overhaul of the state bureaucracy since the late 1920s.

"We can't have too many probes into wasteful government spending, mismanaged government programs,

or abused government services," O'Mara said. "I look forward to this opportunity to fully encourage what I believe is the number one government reform effort facing New York. The taxpayers deserve this long-overdue accounting."

## OBITUARIES



### BOWEN, "TED" THEODORE K.

**ELMIRA** | Born April 13, 1948 in Syracuse, NY. On Saturday, September 17, 2011, Ted's heroic 15-year battle with cancer came to an end and he went to his rest with Christ. Ted's good humor, courage and grace throughout his battle were an inspiration to those who knew him. He was principal of Thomas Edison High School in Elmira Heights from 1987 to his retirement in 2003. Ted was a passionate golfer and spent many happy hours at Corning County Club, where he served as club president and board member. As much as he loved being on the golf course his true passion was spending time with his immediate and extended family.

Ted is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Eileen Lane Bowen; daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Greg Tomblin with their son Joshua; brothers and sisters, Nancy (Walter) McKeen, Pamela Bowen, Daniel (Patty) Bowen, Phillip Bowen and Terry (Bruce) White; along with a large, loving extended family.

Ted will be missed by everyone who knew and

loved him.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects to Ted and to help celebrate his life. Calling hours are on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at McInerney Funeral Home, Elmira, corner of W. Water and Walnut Sts., from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 12:00 noon at St. Patrick's Church, Elmira.

Those wishing may remember Ted with a donation to Wilmot Cancer Center, University of Rochester, 601 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14642-0002.



### LEO S. "BUTCH" WALKER, JR

**CORNING** | Leo S. "Butch" Walker, Jr. age 68, of College Avenue in Corning, NY died Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira.

Butch was born in Corning on May 5, 1943, to Leo S. "Tip" and Margaret (Welty) Walker, Sr. He was a member of Corning Lodge of Elks No. 1071 and the Gibson Volunteer Fire

Department.

Butch was employed several years as food service manager at Corning Community College.

He is survived by his wife Joyce; father, Tip Walker of Corning; three daughters, Penny Tirrell of Corning, Florence (Brian) Reed-Ward of Beaver Dams, and Michelle Walker of Myrtle Beach, SC; sister, Marsha (Denny Piersons) Overhiser of Largo, FL; three brothers, Greg (Karen) Walker of Corning, Michael Walker of Lindley, Charles (Kimberly) Walker of Horseheads; granddaughter, Amanda (Ryan) Kinsman of Beaver Dams, NY; grandson, Matthew Ward of Beaver Dams, NY; great grandchildren, Makalei, Madison, and Mia; one aunt, several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Butch was preceded in death by his mother Margaret this year.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, September 20th from 1-3 and 6-8 PM at Phillips Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 17 W. Pulteney Street in Corning, where funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 21st at 11:00 AM with Rev. Bern Lytle officiating. Burial will be in Hope Cemetery, Corning.



### LTC FRANCIS L. (GUS) GUSTINA

**CAMP HILL** | LTC Francis L. (Gus) Gustina, US Army Ret., 95, of Camp

Hill, died Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011, at the Carolyn Croxton Slane Residence, Susquehanna Twp.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys. Born in Waverly, NY, on September 15, 1916, he was the son of the late Francis S. and Hazel R. (Beeman) Gustina and was raised in the Corning, NY, area.

After graduating from the Corning Free Academy High School, he became employed by the engineering department of the Ingersoll-Rand Air Compressor Company in Painted Post, NY. He enlisted in the New York National Guard on April 13, 1937, and in January, 1941, his unit, the 134th Medical Regiment, was federally activated and stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. In April, 1942, he attended the Engineer Officer's Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, VA, and upon graduation, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers. He served in Northern Europe during WWII having made the June 6, 1944 D-Day landing on Omaha Beach, Northern France, with the 336th Engineer Combat Battalion. After the war, he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. In January, 1950, he was transferred to Okinawa. After the Korean War started, his unit was transferred to Korea. He returned to the U.S. in November, 1951, and was assigned to the Orlando Air Force Base in FL and then to Fort Belvoir, VA, where he became Chief of the Mechanical Branch of the Engineer School. In 1954 he was transferred

to Germany and became Commanding Officer of the 18th Engineer Combat Battalion. Upon his return to the U.S. in 1957, he was assigned to the U.S. Army Maintenance Board at Fort Knox, KY, and retired from active military service in 1960 after being awarded two Bronze Star Medals and the Army Commendation Medal. After retiring from active duty, he was employed as a Maintenance System Analyst in the field agency under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, DA, and retired from the Logistics Evaluation Agency at the former New Cumberland Army Depot on January 7, 1977.

He was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church, New Cumberland; Knights of Columbus, St. Theresa Council #8921; The Msgr. Pouchet Assembly # 0308, Lexington, KY; the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels; VFW Post 7415, New Cumberland. Surviving

are a brother, Edward Gustina of Painted Post, NY; a step-son, Charles T. Underwood of Fayetteville, NC; a step grandson and two great step grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at St. Theresa Catholic Church, New Cumberland, PA, with the Rev. Michael McFadden as celebrant. Burial will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Hanover Twp., PA. Visitation will be held 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at Parthemore Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 1303 Bridge Street, New Cumberland PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Theresa Catholic Church, 1300 Bridge Street, New Cumberland PA 17070. For more information or to send messages of condolence, please visit [www.Parthemore.com](http://www.Parthemore.com).

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