

**UPCOMING**

*2006*

**Nov:** Joyce Eleanor  
**Dec:** Paul Gordon

*2007*

**Jan:** Alan Claire  
**Feb:** Prudence Jane  
**Mar:** Judith Pauline  
**Apr:** Carol Ann  
**May:** Henry Dale  
**Jun:** Iris Elizabeth  
**Jul:** Ralph Thomas  
**Aug:** Leslie Dudley  
**Sep:** Julia Lynne

## Mary Zelma Halloway

1<sup>st</sup> Child of Dale and Pauline Halloway



**I REMEMBER WHEN . . .**

I remember Aunt Mary always having a spotless house – my mother told me that Mary was the queen of making beds – you could bounce a quarter on beds that Mary made! Also, I remember when Mary finally had no eyebrows any longer, she had them ‘tatood’ on, so she didn’t have to use makeup all the time! ~*Rachel Brady (Meta)*

One day when I was about 15 or so I came home from school and found mom sitting in her chair with a cast on her foot up to her knee. When I asked her what happened, she told me that she was sleeping on the couch and woke to go to the bathroom and her foot was sleeping and when she stepped on it she fell on it and broke it. Now I know that is not funny, but for some reason it struck ME funny and I just started laughing hysterically. ~*Sharon Garcia (Swayze)*.



**Mary’s Motto:**

“If you want something done right, do it yourself!”

## Children, Grandchildren, and *Great Grandchildren* of Mary Zelma

<b>Robert Dale Nickerson</b>	<b>John Rudolph Johanson</b>	<b>Glen Edgar Swayze</b>	<b>Sharon Marie Swayze</b>
Jeffrey Guy Nickerson	Michael Andrew Johanson	Ryan Edgar Swayze	Lisa Marie (Garcia) Brincat
Gregory Duane Nickerson		<i>-Zane Edgar Swayze</i>	<i>-Isabelle Marie Brincat</i>
<i>-Austin Guy Nickerson</i>			



**Back row: Chris & Glen, Eddie, Rudy**  
**Front row: David & Sharon, Mary, Donna**

# CHURDAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 1944



GENEVIEVE YOUNGBLOOD



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MARY HALLOWAY



JACQUELINE SAYDE



MADDELLE PETERSON



EDWARD HADDEN



MARY ANNE LONERGAN



LUCILLE VEASMAN



BERNIECE TILLEY



ELMER BUSWELL



MARY LOU SCHROEDER



ROSEMARY MONAHAN



FRANCIS FAY



ARLINE HESS



BERNARD MACKEY



DOROTHY CADEY



NORMAN THORNTON



DOROTHY VEASMAN



SHIRLEY BALDRIDGE



ALVINA WIEDERIN

*Son Peterson photo  
FORT DODGE, IA*

Mary Zelma Holloway, the eldest child of Dale and Pauline Holloway, was born on October 31, 1925, in Churdan Iowa. Yes, it was Halloween!

One time when Mary Zelma was just 5 years old, her mother sent her down to the Dudley grocery store. Well, there was a Dudley boy that was always giving little Mary a hard time. When she got to the store, he just happened to be there and was teasing her. So little 5-year-old Mary got mad and went to the OTHER grocery store!

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## Kiddie Revue

Talent kids ride their hobby at big KRNT-WMT musical,  
7:30 p. m. Friday.



**The Churdan High School Trio.**

. . . . members of the group are Margaret Morton, Mary Zelma Holloway and Velma Youngblood. . . . Frances Casner was the winner in last week's contest.

Mary was a beautiful girl, with a glowing smile and huge dimples. She was always surrounded by lots of friends and was very outgoing. Mary would invite her friends over and they would make homemade taffy! Laughing and giggling with buttery hands, they would pull and pull the taffy and laugh some more!

Mary, her best friend,  
Margaret

Morton, and Velma Youngblood formed a singing Trio. They sang on KRNT-WMT radio, and performed, "I'll Never Smile Again". As a matter of fact, the neighbor, Pee Wee Howard, used to have a band on the radio, and he paid Mary to sing on the radio for him! One of her songs was, "Don't Fence Me In"!

People remember Mary as a perfectionist – right down to making beds that you could bounce a quarter off of, and folding her dishrag just perfectly before wiping down the dinner table! She used to set her own hair in pin curls every night before school, and it was said that she was as beautiful asleep as she was awake.

When her family moved to Minneapolis, Mary was able to convince her mother to let her go back to Churdan to graduate with her class. After graduation, Mary and her sister Joyce worked for Lamar Products, a Minneapolis company that made beauty products such as shampoos. They worked on the line putting lids on the bottles!

In 1946, at the age of 21, Mary married Richard Nickerson, who was the brother of Joyce's friend. Mary's first child, Robert Dale Nickerson, was born that year.

At this time, Mary worked as an operator for the telephone company in Minneapolis, and sometimes had to work evenings. Her sister, Joyce, would take care of little Bobby so Mary could go to work.

Richard and Mary were divorced by 1948 and Mary moved to Michigan. She was dating a man before she moved and got pregnant, and because at that time it wasn't socially acceptable to have children out of wedlock, Mary gave the baby up for adoption, without ever seeing the baby (Rudy). Oddly enough, Mary's youngest sister, Julia, was born that same year. Mary suffered great heartache in having to put her baby up for adoption.

Rudy was born at Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti on May 8, 1949, and was adopted by a Swedish couple. He grew up just one mile from Mary's sister, Prudence! Rudy's first wife searched for six years to find Mary – Rudy was 40 when he met his family and he has been a part of the family ever since.

Mary met Eddie Swayze and they were married on June 9, 1952. Mary's third child, Glen Edgar, was born that same year. A couple years later, her daughter, Sharon Marie was born.

Some of her children's favorite meals included Mary's caramel dumplings, sour cream pie, apple butter, and outstanding Chicken and Noodles. Whenever the Chicken and Noodles started cooking, you can bet all the kid's friends came for dinner!

Grandma Swayze moved in with Mary and her family when daughter Sharon was about 2 years old. She lived with them until she died at the age of 92. On top of working full time and raising a family, Mary had to deal with her mother-in-law. Sharon remembers Mary doing grandma's hair every couple of weeks. She would pin curl it and then comb it in finger waves. No one else could do it to suit her, only perfectionist, Mary!



In 1955, Mary started working as a telephone operator for Ford Motor Company. She was 30 years old then, and they still had the old plug board. Now we have all direct dial phones and no operators.

It wasn't long before Mary was promoted to Telephone Supervisor. Mary's daughter, Sharon, worked in the switchboard room as a part time operator. When Mary was promoted to Chief Operator in charge of the entire switchboard operation however, Sharon lost her job, as one family member couldn't work under another.

In 1985, Mary retired from Ford Motor Co as Chief Telephone Operator after 30 years of service – she was 60.

Mary and Eddie used to love to camp. Somehow they picked Arkansas for one of their expeditions, and liked it so much that they kept going back until one year, they decided to hook up with a realtor. They found property in Henderson and decided to give up camping and call Henderson their vacation home! They built their own house there in 1974.



Mary loved watching the birds in her yard, so they built Bluebird houses on several of their trees and would watch the birds build their nests, raise their babies, and then watch the babies fly away only to return the following year and start all over.

Another one of Mary's loves was antiques and there are many nice antiques stores in nearby towns that she loved to frequent. When people came to visit Mary and Eddie in Arkansas, they loved to show them around the many beautiful sites.

Mary played the piano and the organ, mostly by ear, but did teach herself how to read organ music a little. Her arthritis became so bad that she had to quit playing. Another hobby of Mary's was reading. She read magazines such as Country Home, Country Living, and Reminisce. Of course she loved books about birds, and she really enjoyed reading books by Jimmy Carter.

Although she wasn't much of a TV watcher, she did love to listen to the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday nights. Mary was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Henderson, and was also a member of the Garden City Presbyterian Church for more than 40 years.

Twice a year, Mary would participate in fundraisers for the purchase of fire fighting equipment in Arkansas. The ladies would make pounds and pounds of Christmas Rock Candy, then bag it and sell it. They purchased two fire trucks with their candy money! The other fundraiser was a bake sale. Mary was famous for her Pecan Pie, and made up 6 or 8 pies. Half of those were sold before they were even baked!



One of her passions after retiring became quilting. During their time in Arkansas Mary became friends with a group of ladies that got together every Wednesday to quilt. It was sort of like a good old-fashioned quilting bee. They all quilted on the same quilt. They would take turns bringing in their quilts to be quilted. She personally quilted or helped quilt upwards of 15 quilts. The

Christmas before she died she gave each one of her kids a quilt. There are still probably 6 or 8 in her room on a quilt rack. These will be great family heirlooms to pass on.

Mary was close with her sisters and brothers, and all the siblings in Michigan got together on Sundays. The girls would often pick a day during the week and go shopping – a favorite spot was Toledo, OH.

Mary had breast cancer and a mastectomy at age 60. The shock of the surgery to her body brought on Type II Diabetes. She lived with diabetes for 18 years. The diabetes destroyed her kidneys and affected her eyesight some. In a relatively short period (18 months) she suffered a heart attack, a mild stroke, and atrophy to the point of never walking again and ultimately kidney failure. Through it all she kept her faith strong that God would take care of her in the end.

Mary Zelma passed away on December 5, 2003. She was cremated and her ashes are buried in Marble Park Cemetery in Milan, Michigan. Her husband, Eddie, lives in Garden City, Michigan.



**Eddie and Mary Swayze**



**Henry, Leslie, Carol, Julia, Tommy, Iris,  
Judy, Prudence, Joyce, Mary**

## FAMILY NEWS AND INFORMATION

**Angela Meta** is closing her Clinton retail store (Redeux Consignment Boutique) on November 11<sup>th</sup>, and having the grand re-opening at the new store on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The new store will be located at 126 E Chicago Blvd, in Britton, Michigan. Store hours will be Thursday-Friday-Saturday 11 AM to 6 PM through the winter months.

Angela's little dog, Frankie, had to have two of his remaining teeth pulled. He had a chronic sinus infection for almost a year and the vet finally said the teeth were bad and had to come out and they had to clean out his sinus cavity as well. Frankie had it done on Oct. 30 and he's just now feeling better.

**Tony Meta** is living in Hartselle AL, where he is enjoying the warm weather. He has bought a building that he uses to work on old tractors. He goes into 'work' every day! His address is 501 Washington NW, Hartselle AL 35640 and his cell phone is (256) 606-1600. You can call him in the evenings at (256) 773-2734.

**Tina Guidry** sold her home in Muskegon Michigan and is now living with her family at 1620 Ausley Bend Rd NW, Hartselle Alabama 35640. Her phone number is (256) 751-3249. **Nick Meta** is currently staying at Tina's, too.

**Dave Meta** and his wife Pam call Nebraska home. Of course, he's still truckin':



**Brian Malmgren** is in the hospital - if you would like to send him a note of cheer, send it to 22 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Hopkins, MN 55343.

**Tina Guidry** will be coming to Ann Arbor Michigan on November 22 and will be staying until Saturday at her daughter Michelle Pan's.

**Michelle and Ramiro Pan** are going to the Philippines for Christmas.

**Henry and Jackie Halloway** are going to Florida for Christmas.

**Oriana Chun** (Gina Chun's [Barnabei] daughter) is getting married to Joshua Barnett on New Year's Eve in Novi Michigan! Woo hoo!

**Don't forget to sign up on the Halloway Yahoo! Group.** There has been great discussions going on and it's free and easy! Just sign up for your free Yahoo ID, then go to [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/Halloway](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/Halloway) and join! Simple as that.

And visit [www.trbmorgans.com](http://www.trbmorgans.com) to check out the newsletters as they are published to the Halloway Family button.

**Call or email me with any family news worthy of the newsletter.** Rachel Brady (231) 258-0973 [trbmorgans@triton.net](mailto:trbmorgans@triton.net).

The idea of having the **2007 Halloway Reunion** in Indian Lake has been thrown out there. Indian Lake is in Manistique, which is in the upper peninsula of Michigan. It's a huge lake with modern camping facilities including a couple of cabins and showers/bathrooms. There are lots of recreational activities to do there and it's only 4 miles to Manistique for hotel lodging and eateries.

Please be thinking about which dates work for the Halloway reunion and what location works. Email me or call me for your vote.

The **Dudley Reunion** is on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, and is held in the Community Room. It is a potluck and you bring your own table service. This reunion has been going on for over 100 years! Contact Norman Dudley for more info - (712) 652-3454 and mark your calendars!