

ADVICE

Feeling guilty for not granting final wishes

DEAR ABBY: I lost my mom to cancer several months ago. She made my sister and me promise not to let her die in a hospital, but the night of her death we decided to put her in hospice.

She needed care 24/7, and although we and Mom's companion were taking turns in shifts, the stress had taken a heavy toll. Mom died three hours after we made our decision.

We also promised to bury her because she didn't want cremation. However, we realized that we couldn't afford the price of a funeral so we convinced Mom to be cremated. Part of it was financial, but also, neither my sister nor I plan to stay here.

Abby, Mom had two wishes at the end of her life, and I wasn't able to fulfill either one. She had no life insurance, and the financial responsibilities my sister and I have made it impossible.

Now I'm having second thoughts. Was I wrong? Should you grant your parents their final wishes? I'm seeing a counselor about this, but would like your thoughts.

I'm afraid we forced Mom into accepting cre-

mation. Will the guilt ever go away? - **GRIEVING IN LAS VEGAS**

DEAR GRIEVING: Before I answer that question, let me commend you for seeking counseling.

Sometimes it is simply not possible to grant a dying person's final wishes. Because caring for your mother was taking a toll on your health, it was necessary to ensure that she received the care she needed before any of you buckled under the stress.

As to your discussing the necessity for cremation with her, I'm sure she recognized that you were right or she wouldn't have agreed.

Will the "guilt" ever go away? Yes, but only when you are finally ready to recognize that guilt can be part of the grieving process and let it go.

You have done nothing wrong. Talking about this with your therapist is the surest way to work it through.

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BOOKS
IN BRIEF

'The Last Train' publisher promises to fix factual error

NEW YORK - The publisher of a disputed book about the atomic bombing of Japan has confirmed that a key source misrepresented himself and has promised that any errors will be fixed soon.

Charles Pellegrino, author of "The Last Train From Hiroshima," told The New York Times recently that he was likely duped by Joseph Fuoco.

Fuoco claimed to have flown on one of the planes accompanying the Enola Gay.

Publisher Henry Holt and Co. says in a news release that the changes will affect fewer than five pages of text and one illustration.

The book was published in January. Film rights have been optioned by director James Cameron.

Obama bio coming in April

NEW YORK - A biography of President Barack Obama is coming this spring from New Yorker editor and Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Remnick.

Publisher Alfred A. Knopf says "The Bridge: The Life and Rise of Barack Obama" will be released April 6. Knopf says Remnick conducted "hundreds of on-the-record interviews" for the book, including of Obama himself, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright and former radical Bill Ayers.

"The Bridge" also will include some of Obama's private correspondence and letters by his mother, Stanley Ann Dunham.

Knopf is an imprint of Random House Inc. and a sister company of the Crown Publishing Group.

'Inside account' of Tiger Woods

NEW YORK - A long-time journalist's "inside account" of Tiger Woods is being published in June.

Atria Books announced Thursday that Robert Luseth's "Unplayable: An Inside Account of Tiger's Most Tumultuous Season" will tell "how golf's greatest and most famous player built a

public persona at odds with his private life."

Luseth is a senior columnist for FoxSports.com who reported on Woods throughout 2009.

His book is scheduled to come one month after another biography about the golfer. That book is being written by People magazine's Steve Helling. It's called simply "Tiger Woods" and promises a "never-before-seen portrait."

Atria is an imprint of Simon & Schuster.

Next in 'Celestine' series on its way

NEW YORK - The long-awaited fourth installment of James Redfield's million-selling "Celestine" series is expected next year.

"The Twelfth Insight" will be Redfield's first "Celestine" novel since 1999. The author says it "describes a new wave of religious tolerance and integrity."

The division of Hachette Book Group tentatively plans to release "Twelfth Insight" in early 2011.

In 1992, Redfield self-published "The Celestine Prophecy." It became so popular that Warner Books - now Grand Central - acquired it. Other "Celestine" books include "The Tenth Insight" and "The Secret of Shambhala."

You'll get lost in 'Baja Florida'

While most Florida mystery writers keep their novels tightly focused on the Sunshine State, Bob Morris takes a different route. Each of the Orlando author's five novels start in Central Florida and then quickly move to the Bahamas.

"Baja Florida" (Mino-taur, 288 pages, \$24.99) works as a nail-biting thriller as well as a novel about loyalty and friendship.

Morris keeps the action brisk as he island-hops throughout the Bahamas. His affection for the Bahamas shines as he showcases the islands' history and scenery and gives an insider's view of the hidden Bahamas - and its residents - that tourists never see.

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The Associated Press

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Coluzza-Fonner

Matthew and Emma Jo Fonner are so happy to announce the marriage of their mother, Heidi VanDerhoof Fonner, to Michael A. Coluzza. A July 17, 2010 wedding weekend celebration is planned for family and friends in Camden, Maine. The future bride is the daughter of Angela Zegarelli VanDerhoof of Utica and the late Thomas E. VanDerhoof. Heidi is a 1990 graduate of Utica Senior Academy, a 1992 graduate of St. Elizabeth Hospital College of Nursing and a 2002 graduate of SUNYIT where she earned her B.S. in Nursing. She is currently working toward a Masters of Science degree in Nursing Administration at SUNYIT. She is a board certified medical-surgical registered nurse and is employed as a Medical Surgical and Vascular Access department nurse manager at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The future groom is the son of the late John and Vicenzina "Vinnie" Ruggiero Coluzza. Michael is a 1983 graduate of Utica Free Academy, a 1987 graduate of the State University of New York at Albany where he earned his B.S. in Political Science and a 1990 graduate of the Boston University School of Law where he received his Juris Doctorate. He is employed by the Oneida County District Attorney's Office where he holds the appointed position of First Assistant District Attorney.



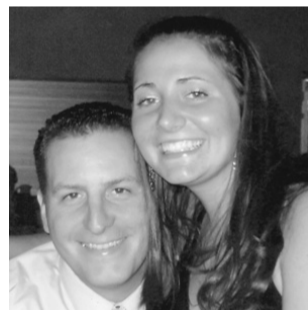
Muller-25th

Keith and Susan of Whitesboro marked their 25th wedding anniversary with a sunset vow renewal in Palm Beach, Aruba on November 10, 2009. Mr. Keith Muller and the former Susan Sheerin were married on November 10, 1984 at St. Paul's Church in Whitesboro. The couple has two children: Steven Muller of Whitesboro and Jennifer Muller of Deerfield. Keith works at Whitesboro Central Schools and Susan works at Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield.



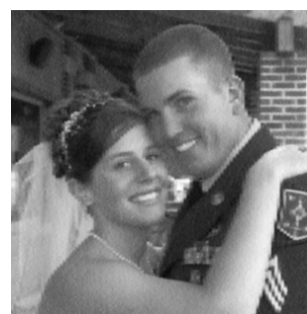
Vore-Metzler

A July 3, 2010 wedding is planned for Allison M. Metzler and David E. Vore. The future bride is the daughter of Richard & Linda Metzler of Remsen. She is the granddaughter of Douglas & Pauline Schaafl, Whitesboro, John & Clara Mae Durant, Deerfield and the late Richard Metzler Jr. The future groom is the son of Dane Vore of Ballston Lake, NY and Deborah Vore of Glenville, NY. He is the grandson of Mary Muzio, Cohoes and the late John & Ruth Vore. Allison is a graduate of Remsen Central HS, has a Bachelors Degree from Hartwick College and a Masters Degree in School Psychology from the College of Saint Rose. She is the school psychologist at Clyde-Savannah Central School. David is a graduate of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central, has an Associates Degree from Monroe Community College and is pursuing his Bachelors Degree at SUNY Albany. He is a sales coordinator at Buffalo Lodging Associates.



Dodge-Muller

An October 2010 wedding is planned for Jennifer Lynn Muller and Brent Michael Dodge. The future bride is the daughter of Keith & Susan Muller of Whitesboro. She is the granddaughter of William Sheerin of Whitesboro and Catherine Muller of Dewitt. The future groom is the son of Marie Dodge of Utica and the late John Dodge. He is the grandson of Dominick Francavilla of Utica. Jennifer is a graduate of Whitesboro HS, the College of St. Rose with a BA in Education and, she is currently pursuing her Master's degree at Grand Canyon University. She is a high school history teacher at Madison Central School. Brent is a graduate of Whitesboro HS, Hartwick College with a BA in Psychology and SUNY Oneonta with a Master's degree in Education. He is employed at New Hartford Central School.



Quick-Chirillo

Alyssa Grace Chirillo and Joshua Calvin Quick were united in marriage by Father LaFache, on December 19, 2009. The 2 pm ceremony took place at St. Anthony's Church in Utica, followed by a reception at Chesterfield's. The bride is the daughter of Deborah and Daniel Chirillo of Deerfield. The groom is the son of Timothy and Jodi Quick of Maine, NY and Michelle Quick of El Paso, TX. Maid of honor was Lindsey Chirillo and best man was Cody Ladd. Bridesmaids were Nicole & Shannon Jacobs and Melissa Gachowski. Alyssa is a graduate of Whitesboro HS and earned a BS in Sociology from SUNY IT. Joshua is a graduate of Maine-Endwell HS and is currently a Sergeant in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. The couple are planning a summer 2010 celebration and currently reside in St. Robert, MO.



Maldonado-Grassi

An October 9, 2010 wedding is planned for Jaclyn R. Grassi and Christopher "Crittter" M. Maldonado. The future bride is the daughter of Michael and Deborah Grassi of Utica. The future groom is the son of Louis and Patricia Maldonado of New York Mills. Jaclyn is a graduate of Proctor HS and attended BOCES for cosmetology. She is a hairdresser at Serendipity Hair Salon in New Hartford. Chris is a graduate of Proctor HS and attended MVCC. In 2002, he took co-ownership of Line Em Up Barbershop in Utica.

Anniversaries, Engagements, & Weddings may be placed by calling Stacy Wurz at 792-5104 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. swurz@uticaod.com



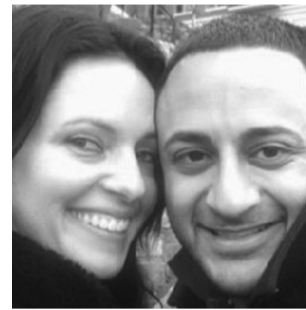
Smith-Racioppa

An August 21, 2010 wedding is planned for Eugenia M. Racioppa and James L. Smith. The future bride is the daughter of Richard and Sharon Racioppa of Utica. The future groom is the son of George and Roberta Smith of Floyd. Eugenia is a graduate of Proctor HS and SUNY Brockport with a BS in Criminal Justice. She is employed at Workforce Investment Board. James is a graduate of Holland Patent HS. He is an appliance specialist at Lowe's Home Improvement.



Converse-Barry

An August 28, 2010 wedding is planned for Lauren L. Barry; daughter of Steven & Francine Barry of Whitesboro, to Brian Converse, son of Timothy & Kathleen Converse of Marcy. They are both graduates of Whitesboro HS. Lauren received her BS and MS in Accounting from Binghamton University and is a CPA at Ernst & Young in Boston. Brian received his Bachelors in Applied Mathematics from SUNY IT and is a technical service spec. at X2 Development Corp. in Boston.



Hobaica-Maida

A wedding is planned for Kelly Maida and Joseph Hobaica, both of Utica. The future bride is the daughter of Kathleen Ganci of Utica and August Maida of Herkimer. The future groom is the son of Michael and Marlene Hobaica of Utica. Kelly is a graduate of HCCC and attended SUNY IT. Joseph is a graduate of SUNY Oneonta with a BS in Political Science and received his Juris Doctorate from the University at Buffalo Law School.



PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST SELLERS

Here are the best-sellers for the week that ended Saturday, Feb. 13, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

HARDCOVER FICTION

- 1. Worst Case.** James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge. Little, Brown, \$27.99. Last Week: 1; Weeks on List: 2
- 2. The Help.** Kathryn Stockett. Putnam/Amy Einhorn, \$24.95. Last Week: 2; Weeks on List: 36
- 3. The Lost Symbol.** Dan Brown. Doubleday, \$29.95. Last

- Week: 5; Weeks on List: 21
- 4. Winter Garden.** Kristin Hannah. St. Martin's, \$26.99. Last Week: 4; Weeks on List: 2
 - 5. Flirt.** Laurell K. Hamilton. Berkley, \$23.95. Last Week: 3; Weeks on List: 2
 - 6. Poor Little Bitch Girl.** Jackie Collins. St. Martin's, \$26.99. Weeks on List: 1
 - 7. Brava, Valentine.** Adriana Trigiani. Harper, \$25.99. Weeks on List: 1
 - 8. The Postmistress.** Sarah Blake. Putnam/Amy Einhorn, \$25.95. Weeks on List: 1
 - 9. Kisser.** Stuart Woods. Putnam, \$25.95. Last Week: 7; Weeks on List: 4
 - 10. The Midnight House.** Alex Berenson. Putnam,

\$25.95. Weeks on List: 1

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

- 1. Game Change.** John Heilemann & Mark Halperin. Harper, \$27.99. Last Week: 1; Weeks on List: 5
 - 2. The Politician.** Andrew Young. St. Martin's/Thomas Dunne, \$24.99. Last Week: 2; Weeks on List: 3
 - 3. Staying True.** Jenny Sanford. Ballantine, \$25. Last Week: 9; Weeks on List: 2
 - 4. I Am Ozzy.** Ozzy Osbourne. Grand Central, \$26.99. Last Week: 4; Weeks on List: 3
 - 5. On the Brink.** Henry M. Paulson Jr. Business Plus,
- \$28.99. Last Week: 3; Weeks on List: 2
- 6. Have a Little Faith.** Mitch Albom. Hyperion, \$23.99. Last Week: 6; Weeks on List: 19
 - 7. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.** Rebecca Skloot. Crown, \$26. Last Week: 5; Weeks on List: 2
 - 8. Willie Mays.** James S. Hirsch. Scribner, \$30. Weeks on List: 1
 - 9. Committed.** Elizabeth Gilbert. Viking, \$26.95. Last Week: 7; Weeks on List: 6
 - 10. The Kind Diet.** Alicia Silverstone. Rodale, \$29.99. Last Week: 8; Weeks on List: 3
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