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**Rose Gliemmo Ferry**

Rose Gliemmo Ferry, 87, of West Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of Jamestown, died Friday (Aug. 3, 2007) at the home of her daughter, Dawn, and her son-in-law, Phil Preddy.

Rose was born in Ft. Montgomery, N.Y., on August 27, 1919, the daughter of Frank and Marguerite Gliemmo. She was employed as a dietician at the former Fenton Park Nursing Home for 25 years, retiring in 1989. She was previously employed at the former Jones Bakery.

Rose was Catholic by faith and will always be remembered for her kind heart and compassion to everyone she knew. She loved unselfishly, and loved the simple things in life, like playing bingo and spending time with her grandchildren. Everyone around her felt truly blessed to have known such an angel. "To Know Her Was To Love Her."

Survivors include two sons: Charles S. (Carmen) Ferry and Stanley "Butch" (Patricia) Ferry, Jamestown; two daughters: Dawn M. (Philip) Preddy, West Palm Beach, Fla., and Nancy Mabes, Jamestown; 22 grandchildren: Tina Borysoff, Stacey Thomas, Holly Neureuter, Kim Perry, Rosa Lopez, Stephanie Giogenti, Krystal Guerra, Nany Gonzalez, Sean Mabes and Michael Ferry, Cindy Clifton and Linda Beaman, all of Jamestown, Charles "Rocky," Philip "Buddy," and Christopher E. Preddy, all of West Palm Beach, Fla., Jasmine Lopez, Orlando, Fla., Tracy Mabes, Russell, Pa., Kristie Lutz, Texas, Teresa and Melissa Ferry, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Joey Ferry, Ellery Center and Jessica Holmes, Sugar Grove, Pa.; 33 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandsons. She is also survived by her former daughter-in-law, Terry Baglia, Jamestown.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold S. Ferry, and by three brothers: Dominic, Charlie and Patrick Gliemmo, and by four sisters: Irene, Kay, Ann and Mary.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Hubert Funeral Home. The Rev. Robert Stolinski, parochial vicar of St. James Catholic Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery. Friends will be received on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

**James A. Barlow Sr.**

James A. Barlow Sr., 61, of 52 Roland Road, died at 1:05 p.m. Saturday, (August 4, 2007) in WCA Hospital following and extended illness.

A lifelong area resident, he was born May 23, 1946, in Jamestown, N.Y., a son of Rose Dina Barlow Criscione and the late Anthony J. Barlow.

Jim was a 1964 graduate of Jamestown High School and a graduate of Jamestown Community College. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Emporia State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas, in 1969.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving from 1969 to 1972.

He was employed as a sales representative for Gierston Tool Company in Jamestown for many years and for the past two years was a credit manager for the Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union.

He was a communicant of St. James Catholic Church and was known as an avid golfer and bowler. In previous years he served on the Italian American Charity Golf Tournament Committee and was a Little League baseball coach for several years.

He will be remembered as a loving and caring father who loved to be around people. He was a very congenial person who had a knack of telling funny jokes that made everyone around him laugh.

Surviving are his mother and step-father Charles Criscione of Westfield, a son James A. Barlow, Jr. (Marisa) of Phil., Pa., a daughter, Jessica Carlson (Mike) of Jamestown, two brothers: Isadore J. Barlow (Cynthia) of Falconer, Robert Barlow (Jeanne) of Jamestown and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. James Roman Catholic Church. The Rev. Robert A. Stolinski, parochial vicar of St. James, will be celebrant. Burial will be in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Lind Funeral Home where a Christian Wake Service will be led at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Italian American Charity Golf Tournament, P.O. Box 352, Jamestown, NY 14702-0352 or to the American Cancer Society, Memorial Processing Center, 6725 Lyons St., P.O. Box 7, East Syracuse, NY 13057.

**Patsy J. Manno**

Patsy J. Manno, 83, of 163 Barrett Ave., died at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, August 2, 2007, in Heritage Green Rehab and Skilled Nursing.

A Jamestown native, he was born October 9, 1923, a son of the late Raymond and Mary Quisemberto Manno.

He was a 1942 graduate of Jamestown High School.

From 1943 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Army, where he received the World War II Victory, Good Conduct, European African Middle Eastern Campaign and American Campaign medals.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Mason Carvings for many years as a machine operator.

He was a member of Herman Kent Post 777 American Legion.

He loved his grandchildren and the trips he took to Florida, California and Las Vegas. He enjoyed camping, the casino, OTB and betting on horses.

Surviving are his wife Diane Becker Manno, whom he married November 11, 1972, children JoAnne Manno (Dave) Puscizna of Villa Park, Calif., Patricia Manno Blair of Etiwanda, Calif., Dana Manno of Akron, N.Y., Julie Carr (Galen) Flegal of Jamestown, Jodi (Christine) Carr of Statesville, N.C., eight grandchildren: Nicole (Shawn) Williamson, Keri Jo Puscizna, Jessica Carr, Amanda (Brian) Fegley, Jacob Carr, Brooke Lawson, Erica Lawson and Taylore Flegal, a great granddaughter, Scotlynn Fegley and a brother, Robert (Mary Jane) Manno of Boca Raton, Fla.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by two daughters: Marie France Manno and Viviane Manno, a son, Scott Carr, a brother, Joseph Manno and a sister, Ann Sabino.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Lind Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Pine Hill Cemetery, Falconer.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Chautauqua County, 4840 West Lake Road, Mayville, NY 14757

**Bush Surveys Collapsed Bridge**

By DEB RIECHMANN  
Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — President Bush pledged Saturday to cut red tape that could delay rebuilding a highway bridge that once arched over the Mississippi River but now lies crumpled in muddy water concealing some victims.

Bush, still dogged by his administration's sluggish response to Hurricane Katrina, toured the site of Wednesday's collapse, which sent dozens of cars sliding into the river from the Minneapolis span. At least five people died and about 100 others were injured.

"Our message to the Twin Cities is, we want to get this bridge rebuilt as quick as possible, that we understand this is a main artery of life here — that people count on this bridge and this highway system to get to work," Bush said as he stood next to the buckled spans, still littered with abandoned vehicles.

"There's a lot of paperwork involved with government," he said. "One of our jobs is to work with the governor and the mayor and the senators and the members of the Congress to cut through that paperwork, and to see if we can't get this bridge rebuilt in a way that not only expedites the flow of traffic, but in a way that can stand the test of time."

Divers continued searching the river for victims Saturday, pausing periodically so crews could remove debris that stood in the way. Eight or more people are believed trapped in the wreckage.

Late Saturday the House approved \$250 million in funds to help repair the bridge. The Senate approved the amount Friday. Congress still would have to appropriate the money in future legislation. The government is also providing a \$5 million grant to help remove tons of debris and reroute traffic.

Bush offered no timetable for rebuilding the bridge, a project he put in the hands of Transportation Secretary Mary Peters.

"I do promise she's going to listen to the local authorities to find out what the folks here need," Bush said. "I do promise that when she sees roadblocks and hurdles in the way of getting the job done, she'll do everything she can to eliminate them."

In recent months, Bush has had to console victims of several disasters. In March, he visited survivors of tornadoes that ripped through Alabama and Georgia. In April, he offered words of hope at Virginia Tech after a gunman killed 32 people and committed suicide. In May, Bush went to Kansas after a tornado wiped out the tiny town of Greensburg.

Whatever the tragedy, the administration's reaction inevitably is compared with its slow response to Katrina, which devastated the Gulf Coast in August 2005.

Bush flew to Minneapolis aboard Air Force One, then boarded the Marine One presidential helicopter for an aerial tour of the broken bridge, which had been rated structurally deficient by the government as far back as 1990.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and others conferred with Bush during the private flight.

"We talked about the specifics, about what we know about how the bridge fell and how we're going to rebuild it," Rybak said.

Back on the ground, the scene was eerily quiet as Bush descended a steep slope to the riverbank. The silence was broken only by the droning of turbines from a nearby power plant. Red and blue lights flashed from rescue boats as Bush surveyed the damage: A slab of concrete that resembled an Alpine ski jump; metal shaped like an accordion; straight reinforcement rods that now look like curved prongs of a pitchfork.

The president praised rescuers and investigators who are working "to find life, to go under these murky waters to find the facts, and it's going to take a while."

He talked with first responders, rescue workers, the families of two victims and people who witnessed the disaster. The president put on a hard hat and gazed at a school bus, still hugging the guardrail of a lane of the highway, which now looks like an uphill ramp to nowhere.

Gary Babineau, 24, of Blaine, Minn., a construction worker who helped bring the school bus children to safety, said his pickup truck fell about 30 feet but did not go into the water.

**Illegal Guns: New York Laws Make Illegal Transactions Difficult**

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The Associated Press investigation found most of the guns used in violent crimes come from a relative handful of gun stores, most of which are guilty either of intentionally aiding criminals, or of having woefully inadequate business practices. Many of these guns are obtained by so-called "straw purchasers" — people with clean background records who buy guns and then give them to criminals.

New York's gun laws, however, make such a transaction difficult, at least for handguns. Anyone trying to buy a handgun must have a pistol permit and a coupon authorizing them to buy the gun before the weapon can be transferred, Gerace said.

Bruce Piatz, who has worked at the M&M Sports Den in Jamestown for 20 years, said it is impossible for a person to buy any gun at a licensed retailer without undergoing the federally mandated background check. In addition, Piatz concurred with Gerace in claiming that New York's pistol permit law makes it virtually impossible for a straw purchaser to buy a handgun with the intent of giving or selling it to a criminal.

Piatz did say that he has blocked attempted straw purchases of rifles and shotguns, which are not subject to the same rigorous permit laws that cover handguns.

"I once had a man come into the store with his wife, try to buy a gun and fail the background check," he said. "The wife came in later wanting to buy the same gun. You can tell what's going on."

Piatz said he denied the sale, stressing that scenarios like that are rare at his store. He went on to say that customers do occasionally fail the background check, estimating the frequency at once a year. Piatz claimed that most of these failures stemmed from non-violent felony convictions, like driving while intoxicated.

Although the background checks do a good job of weed-

ing out most of the gun buyers who might be dangerous, there are some gray areas where discretion is left to the retailer.

"Sometimes a customer will get a hit on the background check where it takes the FBI a little longer to investigate. But if the FBI doesn't get back to you within five days, it's up to you whether or not to transfer the weapon," Piatz said.

Piatz said those delays are often caused by misdemeanors on customers' records, which do not legally disqualify them from gun ownership. Piatz indicated that in those cases, he usually transfers the gun if he believes the customer is a good person who has only committed non-violent offenses, but will deny purchase if the customer seems suspicious. Piatz also said he denies firearms to anyone who appears intoxicated or angry, or to anyone who indicates that they are involved in a dispute.

Gerace said the evidence he has seen indicates that area gun merchants behave responsibly when it comes to denying guns to people who might use them to

commit crimes. Of the few gun crimes that occur in Chautauqua County, most of the weapons involved are either stolen or from out of state, where handgun laws are often more lax.

"We have very few issues with pistol permit holders," Gerace said.

In fact, Gerace opposed the state's raising the minimum age for a pistol permit from 18 to 21 because he had no record of a permit holder between the ages of 18 and 21 who had misused a gun. Gerace said that some people in the county do have their pistol permits suspended or revoked, but that is usually due to non-violent offenses, like DWI.

Overall, Gerace rated the gun laws in New York as very effective, but he would like to see them geared more toward punishing gun abusers than regulating responsible gun owners.

The bottom line?

"We don't have a ton of gun crimes here," Gerace said. "Very few licensed guns are used in commissions of crimes."

**Outbreak Prompts Britain To Ban Meat, Dairy Exports**

WANBOROUGH, England (AP) — Britain raced to avert economic disaster Saturday by halting meat and dairy exports and the movement of livestock around the country after foot-and-mouth disease was found on a southern English farm.

The strain of the highly infectious disease found was identical to one used at a nearby government-funded laboratory that is researching vaccines for the virus, Britain's environment agency said Saturday. Officials are still investigating other possible sources, the country's chief veterinarian said.

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