

OBITUARIES

STONE MOUNTAIN

Arnold Hardy, 85, took Pulitzer-winning photo

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Arnold Hardy, the first amateur photographer to win a Pulitzer Prize, was a reluctant celebrity.

His photograph of a woman plunging from a window of the burning Winecoff Hotel on Dec. 7, 1946, is the defining image of the nation's deadliest hotel fire.

For Mr. Hardy, then a 24-year-old Georgia Tech graduate student and lab assistant, the photograph, the publicity and the Pulitzer Prize were bittersweet, said his son Glen Hardy of Decatur.

"He stood on the sidewalk and watched people plummet to their deaths," his son said. "He had almost a post-traumatic response to that."

"It wasn't just a lucky snapshot," his son said. "It was technically a very complicated photograph to take. He had to consider lighting, temperature. He was working hard to get that photograph, to capture a moving object in pitch black darkness. He tweaked his camera to its limits."

Not long after, Mr. Hardy turned down a job from The Associated Press, married and founded a business that designs and manufactures X-ray equipment.

"The only pictures I've taken since then," Mr. Hardy said in a 2000 Atlanta Journal-Constitution article, "have been family and vacations."

Mr. Hardy, 85, of Stone Mountain died Wednesday at



Photo by ARNOLD HARDY / Special

The woman who fell from Atlanta's Winecoff Hotel survived.

Emory University Hospital of complications following hip surgery. The funeral is 2 p.m. today — the anniversary of the fire — at A.S. Turner & Sons.

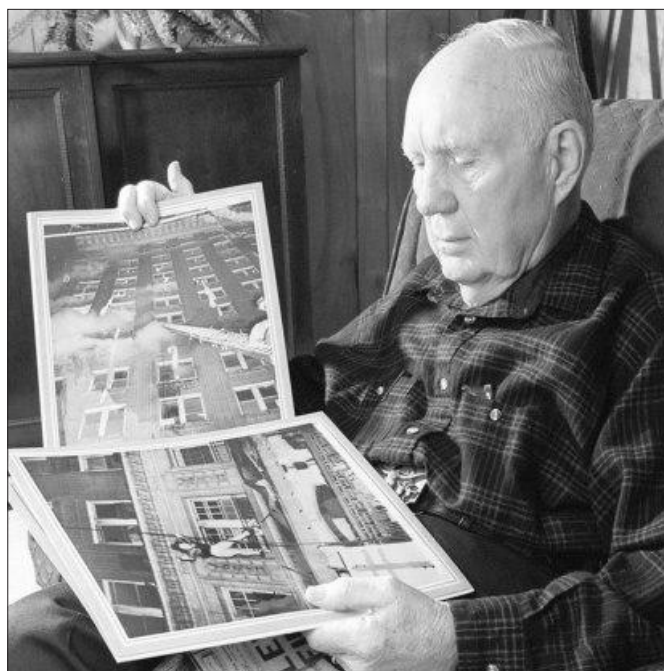
Mr. Hardy had earned his degree in physics, and photography was his hobby. He bought a \$200 Speed Graphic that folded into a box carrying case. To pay for it, he thought he could earn freelance money shooting Tech athletic events.

On that fateful Saturday, he returned to his Midtown rooming house about 3 a.m. after a date. He heard sirens scream-

ing, called the fire department to get the location, grabbed his camera and headed to the Peachtree Street hotel where it was about 6 a.m. when he saw the image of the woman in free fall. He called AP and sold the picture for \$300.

Mr. Hardy continued his freelance photography until an industrial fire led him to retire his press card. "I went out there and hung around a while; there wasn't anything worth shooting," he said. "But the next day my picture appeared in the paper with some caption about the Winecoff photographer looking for another prize." Mr. Hardy did not want people to think of him as some kind of ambulance-chaser.

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PHIL SKINNER / 2000 photo

Arnold Hardy's photo prompted improvements in fire codes.

Mr. Hardy captured her fall, her dress flying above her head and her white underpants stark against the hotel. He developed his film at Tech, and it was about 6 a.m. when he saw the image of the woman in free fall. He called AP and sold the picture for \$300.

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Mr. Hardy was a perfectionist, and that influenced his

career making X-ray equipment. He spent so much time perfecting his designs and equipment, he had to sell to high-end businesses such as medical equipment suppliers or airlines, said his son, who bought Hardy Manufacturing Co. in Decatur from his father.

"He always was designing or building some piece of medical equipment or a treehouse for me," he said. After retiring in 1987, Mr. Hardy, who enjoyed sailing, designed and began building a mini-houseboat but never launched it.

"One thing he took great pride in," his son said, "is that after his photograph was published worldwide, fire codes were changed all over the country and maybe the world."

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Hardy; a daughter, Nancy Cooper of Stockbridge; three stepsons, John F. Weber III of Stockbridge, Warren D. Weber of Seattle and Keith D. Weber of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Staff writer Jim Auchmuty contributed to this article.

DEATHS / FUNERALS

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ATLANTA

DORIS H. SANDERS, 53, died Sunday. Funeral, noon Saturday, Central Holiness Church; R.W. Andrews Mortuary.

HELEN DOROTHY SMITH, 88, died Tuesday. The body will be cremated. A private service is planned; Cremation Society of the South, Marietta.

KATHLEEN WILKINSON, 95, died Wednesday. Memorial service, 11 a.m. Thursday, First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta; H.M. Patterson & Son, Spring Hill.

CINDY HUANG YANG, 39, died Thursday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Dec. 28, Lee's Funeral Home.

BARTOW COUNTY

RONNIE DEAN BAKER III, 19, of Cartersville died Wednesday. The body was cremated. Memorial service, 2 p.m. Sunday, Phoenix Air, Hanger Facility; Parnick Jennings Funeral Home.

ROSA BELL POPHAM COCHRAN, 83, of Cartersville died Tuesday. The funeral was Thursday; Parnick Jennings Funeral Home.

AUDREY WESTCOTT HURLIMANN, 81, of Cartersville died Tuesday. Funeral, 3 p.m. today, Parnick Jennings Funeral Home.

LINDA DIANE BOHAN-NON TRAMMELL, 56, of Cartersville died Tuesday. Funeral, 2 p.m. today, Fellowship Baptist Church, White; Parnick Jennings Funeral Home.

BRANTON WALKER, infant son of Holly and Michael Walker of Rydal, died Thursday. Graveside service, 11 a.m. today, Fellowship Baptist Church; Parnick Jennings Funeral Home.

TREVOR WALKER, infant son of Holly and Michael Walker of Rydal, died Thursday. Graveside service, 11 a.m. today, Fellowship Baptist Church; Parnick Jennings Funeral Home.

INEZ GIBSON WYATT, 79, of Adairville died Wednesday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, Barton Funeral Home.

CARROLL COUNTY

DAMERON CALEB McCLURE, infant son of Gina Burks and Dameron McClure of Carrollton, died Thursday. Funeral, 2 p.m. today, Martin & Hightower Heritage Chapel.

WILLIAM VERNON THOMPSON SR., 78, of Carrollton died Thursday. Funeral, 4 p.m. today, Jeff Eberhart Funeral Home.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

FELIX GLENN BEVILL JR., 57, of Woodstock died Tuesday. The body will be cremated. Funeral, 2 p.m. Sunday, Woodstock Funeral Home.

JAMES DAVID CAMP, 74, of Ball Ground died Wednesday. Graveside service, 2 p.m. Saturday, Oak Hill Baptist Church Cemetery; Sosebee Funeral Home.

MICHAEL EPPS, 51, of Woodstock died Monday. Funeral, 3 p.m. Saturday, Hillcrest Baptist Church; Medford-Peden Funeral Home.

PAULINE FORRESTER GRAMLING, 94, of Canton died Thursday. Graveside service, 11 a.m. Saturday, Cherokee Memorial Park; Sosebee Funeral Home.

DENISE ANN PAGANO, 46, of Canton died Monday. The body will be cremated. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, Huey Funeral Home.

RODNEY DALE RICHTER, 53, of Woodstock died Wednesday. Funeral, 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Northside Chapel Funeral Directors.

CLAYTON COUNTY

CAROL DIANE SEALE JETTER, 61, of Forest Park died Tuesday. Memorial service, 2 p.m. Saturday, Tim Stewart Funeral Home, Snellville.

VERNON J. SMELLEY, 69, of Jonesboro died Tuesday. Funeral, 1 p.m. today, Ford-Stewart Funeral Home.

ROBBIE TILLMAN, 47, of Forest Park died Tuesday. Graveside service, 11 a.m. Saturday, Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens; Horis A. Ward, Parkway Chapel.

COBB COUNTY

LORENE JEAN LITTLE, 79, of Acworth died Monday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, Woodstock Funeral Home.

BRADLEY SCOTT SHIRLEY, 43, of Smyrna died Thursday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, West Cobb Funeral Home.

MARVENE SMITH, 83, of Marietta died Wednesday. Funeral, 11 a.m. Saturday, Medford-Peden Funeral Home.

COWETA COUNTY

LYNN DALTON, 54, of Newnan died Wednesday. The body was cremated. Memorial service, 10 a.m. Monday, Parrott Funeral Home.

JAMES D. MILLER, 72, of Philadelphia, formerly of Grantville, died Nov. 28. Funeral, 1 p.m. today, John Wesley United Methodist Church; Sellers-Smith funeral home.

DeKALB COUNTY

EDGAR A. FRONIABARGER, 69, of Decatur died Sunday. Funeral, 1 p.m. Saturday, Donald Trimble Mortuary.

LAVELLE HEINZ, 90, of Avondale Estates died Monday. The body was cremated. A private service is planned; Cremation Society of Georgia.

JAMES S. McCULLOUGH, 89, of Decatur died Wednesday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, Reshaven Gardens of Memory; A.S. Turner & Sons.

T. BRUCE TILLEY, 80, of Dunwoody died Monday. Funeral, 11 a.m. today, Wieuca Road Baptist Church; Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel Funeral Home.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

HAZEL VIOLA BARR, 83, of Douglasville died Thursday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, Whitley-Garner at Rosehaven.

MATTIE LEE DANIEL COHRAN, 97, of Douglasville died Wednesday. Funeral, 11 a.m. today, Jones-Wynn Funeral Home, Douglas Chapel.

TOY MAE PIRKLE TRAYLOR, 88, of Douglasville died Wednesday. Funeral, 11 a.m. Saturday, Hightower's Memorial Chapel.

FORSYTH COUNTY

KENNETH BLUME, 74, of Cumming died Thursday. The body was cremated. Memorial service, noon Sunday, Living Faith Lutheran Church; Byars Funeral Home.

CARL HOUCK, 95, of Cumming died Wednesday. The body was cremated. Memorial service plans will be announced; Byars Funeral Home.

FULTON COUNTY

STANLEY DLUGOZIMA, 87, of Alpharetta died Nov. 29. The body was cremated. Memorial Mass, noon Saturday, Blessed Sacrament Church, Savannah; Cremation Society of the South, Marietta.

JoANNE HUNTER, 72, of Fairburn died Thursday. Funeral, 1 p.m. Saturday, Parrott Funeral Home.

NORMA CLINKINBEARD WOLFE, 88, of Union City died Tuesday. The body was cremated. Memorial service plans will be announced; Carmichael-Hemperley, Peachtree City.

GWINNETT COUNTY

JEWEL ALLEN, 92, of Duluth died Monday. The funeral was Thursday; Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel Funeral Home.

ELIZABETH JANE CARTER, 83, of Lawrenceville died Thursday. Funeral, 1 p.m. Saturday, Tim Stewart Funeral Home, Lawrenceville.

WILLIAM HARLEN DAVIS, 74, of Snellville died Thursday. Funeral plans will be announced; Tim Stewart Funeral Home, Snellville.

LARRY C. VAUGHN, 45, of Duluth died Wednesday. Memorial service, 11 a.m. Saturday, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Norcross; Bill Head Funeral Home, Duluth Chapel.

HALL COUNTY

EULA JEANNETTE AIKENS, 67, of Gainesville died Wednesday. Funeral, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Park Funeral Home.

JANE MARIE BROWNAGLE, 75, of Gainesville died Monday. Memorial service, 4 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Park Funeral Home.

JAMES JACKSON PRAYTOR, 55, of Gainesville died Tuesday. Funeral plans in Mobile, Ala., will be announced; Memorial Park Funeral Home.

SUSIE LATTY SMITH, 63, of Gainesville died Wednesday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Park Funeral Home.

HENRY COUNTY

FREDDY COKER, 39, of McDonough died Monday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, McKoon Funeral Home.

HUGH F. WAITES, 75, of Jackson died Wednesday. Funeral, 11 a.m. today, Union Grove Baptist Church; Henry Funeral Home.

ROCKDALE COUNTY

RAYMOND B. McKINLEY SR., 82, of Conyers died Wednesday. Funeral, 1 p.m. Saturday, Scot H. Ward, Harry White Chapel.

ANGIE B. WHITE, 85, of Conyers died Tuesday. Funeral, 11 a.m. today, Conyers Church of Christ; Horis A. Ward, Rockdale Chapel.

WALTON COUNTY

WALTER H. HARRIS, 70, of Monroe died Wednesday. Funeral plans will be announced; Young Funeral Home.

GEORGIA

PHILLIP F. ARRENDALE, 71, of Cornelia died Wednesday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Sunday, McGahee-Griffin & Stewart.

MILDRED BARGE, 91, of Griffin died Wednesday. Funeral, 11 a.m. Saturday, Parrot Funeral Home.

MARY GRETCHEN BARNHARDT, 92, of Manchester, Tenn., formerly of Clayton, died Wednesday. The funeral was Thursday; Beck Funeral Home.

NANCY GELENE BLACK, 70, of Ringgold died Wednesday. Funeral, 11 a.m. today, Jones Funeral Home.

JAMES HILTON BLANKENSHIP, 83, of Shiloh died Tuesday. Funeral, 11 a.m. today, Carl J. Mowell and Son Funeral Home, Fayetteville.

DARLENE CHILDS, 49, of Jackson died Monday. Funeral, noon Saturday, Zion Baptist Church; Trice Funeral Home.

BARBARA ANN SIMONS COMBS, 71, of Union Point died Wednesday. Funeral, 11 a.m. Saturday, Bethesda Baptist Church; McCommons Funeral Home.

WILLIE FESS EVANS, 65, of Eatonton died Dec. 1. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, Texas AME Church; Hurt & Redd Funeral Home.

PERRY FOSTER JR., 50, of Sparta died Nov. 30. Funeral, 1 p.m. Saturday, Mount Zion Baptist Church; Ingram Bros.

CECIL MINCEY AARON JOYCE, 83, of Dalton died Wednesday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, Ponders Funeral Home, Dalton.

HULON LAMAR MINOR, 86, of Chickamauga died Wednesday. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel Funeral Home.

BILL ROE, 82, of Bowersville died Thursday. Funeral, 11 a.m. Saturday, Bowersville Baptist Church; Strickland Funeral Home, Hartwell.

ELSIE HOLLAND SIMPSON, 96, of Mount Airy died Wednesday. Funeral, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Hazel Creek Baptist Church; Whitfield Funeral Home, Baldwin.

LEROY STEMBRIDGE, 75, of Sparta died Monday. Funeral, 1 p.m. Saturday, New Greens Spring AME Church; Ingram Bros.

JEAN ROWLAND STRONG, 84, of Griffin, formerly of Hartwell, died Wednesday. Graveside service, 2 p.m. today, Nancy Hart Memorial Park; Strickland Funeral Home, Hartwell.

BERNICE SARAH TOMLIN, 80, of Demorest died Wednesday. Funeral, 11 a.m. today, McGahee-Griffin & Stewart.

ZACHARY WAYNE WALLACE, 1-week-old son of Hubert and Onda Ellard Wallace of Rome, died Tuesday. Funeral, 2 p.m. today, Ponders Funeral Home, Dalton.

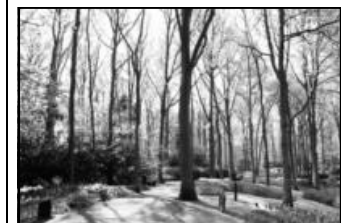
TAWANNA DENISE WALTON, 31, of Chatsworth died Saturday. Funeral, 1 p.m. Monday, Ponders Funeral Home, Dalton.

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