

Obituaries

NALESNIK

HELEN R. NALESNIK, (nee Sholtis), age 95, beloved wife of the late Michael, Jr., loving mother of Dorothy Canepari (Bernard) and the late Gerald Nalesnik, dear grandmother of Eileen and Dorothy Canepari, sister of the late Andrew, Joseph, Stephen and John Sholtis, loving aunt and cousin to many. Funeral Mass, Saturday, June 16 at 11 am at St. Mary Church Chapel, 250 Kraft St. Berea, OH, where friends may call **SATURDAY MORNING AT ST. MARY CHURCH CHAPEL 10-11AM**. Family suggests memorial contributions to the Hospice of the Western Reserve. **ARRANGEMENTS BY BAKER-OSINSKI-KENSINGER FUNERAL HOME, BEREA, OH.**



NOVAK

PATRICIA A. NOVAK (nee Snelling), aged 82 years. Beloved wife of the late Stephen; loving daughter of the late C. Howard and Naomi (nee Hayes) Snelling; cherished sister of June Ricci (husband Gabe, deceased), Howard Snelling (wife Barbara, nee Morrissey) and the late Margaret Irwin, Thomas Snelling and Geraldine Cooney; devoted aunt and grand-aunt to many. Private burial in All Souls Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to meet for a Memorial Mass Monday, June 18, 2012 in St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish at 11 a.m. Family will receive friends at a luncheon following the Mass in the Community Room of THE DEJOHN-FLYNN-MYLOTT FUNERAL HOME, 4600 MAYFIELD RD., SOUTH EUCLID (just East of Green Rd.) Online obituary, guestbook and order flowers at www.dejohncares.com.



O'TOOLE

See COMELLA Notice

PARANKA

CECILIA E. PARANKA (nee Katz), age 97. Beloved wife of Samuel (deceased); loving daughter of Leopold and Eva Katz (both deceased); sister of the following deceased: Anna Katz, Leo Katz and Eva Katz; aunt of Peter Kalkin (Carol), Marilyn Gorecki (Stanley, deceased), Barbara Foderaro (George) and Cecilia Kelly; sister-in-law of Eleanor Zawiski (John, deceased); great-aunt and great-great-aunt of many. Graduate of Notre Dame Academy in 1933. Funeral Services Monday, June 18, 2012 at THE MALLCHOK FUNERAL HOME, 5660 RIDGE RD., PARMA, OH., at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. **FAMILY WILL RECEIVE FRIENDS AT THE FUNERAL HOME SUNDAY 2-4 AND 6-8 P.M.** www.cleveland.com/obits



PHILLIPS

BENJAMIN V. PHILLIPS, 48, went home to be with the Lord June 8, 2012. Loving son of Benjamin and Ruby Phillips; brother of Angelia Rassoull, Rev. Terrance and Byron Phillips. Former member of Zion Chapel Baptist Church. Service in Nashville, TN.

PLESCIA

JOSEPHINE R. PLESCIA (nee Melfi), age 85. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Carolyn Rehner (Ralph), Ken (fiancee Karey), Cindy Krusinski (Jeff) (of TX.) and the late JoAnn Kish (Frank). Cherished grandmother of Steven, Gary and Holly Rehner, Rebecca and Joanne Plescia, Alina and Amelia Krusinski and great-grandmother of Justin and Gabriella. Dear sister of Michael Melfi (deceased) (Frances), Albert Melfi (late Lois) and Lucy Stewart (late Thomas). Mass of Christian Burial, St. Columbkille Church, Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Friends received **FRIDAY 2-4 AND 6-8 P.M. AT THE A. RIPEPI AND SONS FUNERAL HOME, 18149 BAGLEY RD., MIDDLEBURG HTS., (WEST OF I-71)**



POPE

VERA LEE POPE, age 97, passed June 12, 2012; devoted wife of Sterling Pope (deceased); mother of Violet (Moore) Cobb; seven grandchildren, 17 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Services Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 10101 St. Clair Ave., where family will receive friends at 10a.m. Arrangements by Cummings & Davis Funeral Home, 13201 Euclid Ave.

POTTER

DOROTHY SUZANNE POTTER (nee Greytak) has joined the angels, departing this life peacefully on June 13, 2012. She is reunited with her beloved husband William O. Potter, who predeceased her and with her late parents Molly and Joseph Greytak. She is loved and mourned by her five children: Bea Adams (Brian), Dorie, William (Janet), Darlene Lynch (Michael) and Bonnie Hesse (Matthew); her eight grandchildren: Stephanie Perczak, Mike II and Nicole Lynch, Craig and Kimberly Potter, and William, Samantha and Mia Hesse; her four great grandchildren: Megan, Ben, Allyson and Mason; her two brothers: Joseph (Clare) and Gil (Sharon) Greytak. Friends received at the **HOPKO FUNERAL HOME 6020 BROADVIEW RD. (S OF SNOW RD.)**, PARMA, where services will be held Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 8:45a.m. and at St. Anthony of Padua Church at 9:30a.m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. **VISITING HOURS: FRIDAY 2-4 AND 7-9P.M.**

PRESLEY

See URH Notice.

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REHNER

See PLESCIA Notice.

RILEY

SHIRLEY A. RILEY age 84 died June 13, 2012 at Solon Pointe Nursing Home after surviving two brain surgeries for a brain aneurysm and then a stroke. After 125 days in the hospital in 2000, she learned to walk again and regained much of the use of her left arm. A resident of Orange Village since 1993, she was born in Cincinnati, OH, and graduated from high school in Evansville, IN. She attended business school in Tyler TX. Her first husband, Robert Kash died in 1990, after 39 years of marriage. They had lived in Ohio, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. In 1993 she married Bernard J. Riley, a widower who with his wife had been close friends for many years. He survives her. She is survived by a son Michael M. Kash of Lake Forest, IL, a daughter Barbara Joyce of Pittsburgh, PA, one grandchild, five step-children and 11 step grandchildren. A Private Memorial Service will be held at Our Lady Catholic Chapel at Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, with Rev. John Blazek, C.S.C. campus minister and a personal friend officiating. Burial will be Private. Arrangements by **STROUD-LAWRENCE FUNERAL HOME CHAGRIN FALLS, OH.**

ROGERS

LYNN E. ROGERS, JR., age 81, of Sagamore Hills. Beloved husband of LaVerne (nee Wittshire); beloved father of Susan (Ronald) Emert, and the late Daniel; loving grandfather of Ronald (Lori) Emert Jr., Lynnette (Ronald) Adkins, and Kristi (Nicholas) Ralston; great grandfather of Austlin, Dannette, Adrianna and Taylor; dear brother of the late Janet Rockenstein, Robert F. Rogers, Carol Pincombay and Frances Bockmiller. Died Wednesday, June 13, 2012, peacefully, at his home in Sagamore Hills. He was the former Pastor of the Northfield Baptist Church in Sagamore Hills serving the church for 40 years. It is suggested by the family that memorials be made to Camp Patmos, P.O. 1920, Kelley's Island, OH 43438 or the Northfield Baptist Church, 311 W. Aurora Rd., Northfield, OH 44067 WHERE FRIENDS WILL BE RECEIVED FROM 2-4 AND 6-8 P.M. SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012 AND FROM 9-45 A.M. UNTIL SERVICE TIME AT 11 A.M. Interment will be at Northfield-Macedonia Cemetery. Arrangements by **JOHNSON ROMITO FUNERAL HOME, NORTHFIELD CENTER, OH (330-468-1443)** www.johnsonromito.com

ROMANO

ROSE A. ROMANO (nee Arcoria), age 89; beloved wife of the late Frank; loving mother of Dominic (Patti) and Ann Morris; dearest grandmother of Nicole Waggle (Matt), Anthony, Roslyn Parravano (Dion), and Torry; great-grandmother of Angelina and Julianne Parravano, Rex and Nora Waggle; dear sister of Angelina Eppolito (deceased), Antoinette Bonvissuto (Gino), and Charles Arcoria (Gina); beloved aunt of many. Mass of Christian Burial St. Anthony of Padua Church (State Rd.), Monday, June 18 at 9:30 a.m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Friends received at **RIPEPI FUNERAL HOME, 5762 PEARL RD. (AT SNOW RD.), SUNDAY 2-6 P.M.**



ROSS

RAQUELLE ROSS (nee Friedman) beloved wife of the late Howard. Loving mother of Laura (Phillip) Cheron, Jeffrey (Katherine) Ross and Adam Ross. Devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. Graveside services will be held Friday, June 15 at 2PM at the Mt. Olive Cemetery. Family will observe Shiva at the Cheron Residence, 3769 Shannon Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio.



SANTORO

JOHN A. SANTORO, age 67. Precious husband for 20 years of Holly (nee Hein). Loving father of Marie Santoro. Devoted grandfather of Nicholas. Cherished son of the late Wilfred and Evelyn (nee Loihle) Santoro. Beloved brother of William (wife Peggy). Dear uncle and great-uncle of many. Former husband of Karen Santoro (nee Rahrig). John taught in the Cleveland Public School System for over 20 years and retired in 1992. Contributions may be made in John's memory to Bethlehem Lutheran Church 3740 Mayfield Rd Cleveland Hts, OH 44121. Funeral Service Friday, June 15, 2012 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 10:30 AM. Burial following at Knollwood Cemetery. Family will receive friends to pay tribute to and celebrate the life of John at THE DEJOHN-FLYNN-MYLOTT FUNERAL HOME OF SOUTH EUCLID, 4600 MAYFIELD RD. (just east of Green Rd.) **THURSDAY 4-8 P.M.** Online obituary, guestbook, & order flowers at www.DeJohnCares.com



SARANITI

THOMAS A. SARANITI, SR., age 61. Loving father of Thomas A. Jr. and Nicole P. Saraniti and Amber Chase. Cherished son of Evelyn (nee Parr) and the late Thomas Saraniti. Devoted brother of the late Daniel. Treasured nephew of Florence Fragapane and Josephine Rullo. Dearest companion of Sonia Horodysky and her children Markian Kowcz and Christina Horodysky. Former husband and friend of Barbara Lovin (nee Marria). Dear cousin and friend of many. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, June 16, 2012 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 10 AM. Burial following at All Souls Cemetery. Family will receive friends to pay tribute to and celebrate the life of Tom at the **DEJOHN-FLYNN-MYLOTT FUNERAL HOME OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, 28890 CHARDON ROAD (between Bishop Rd. and Rt. 91), FRIDAY 4-8 PM.** Online obituary, guestbook, & order flowers at www.DeJohnCares.com.



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SIMMONDS

NORMAN C. SIMMONDS, age 86 of Brook Park passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family on June 11, 2012. Norman is preceded in death by Bernice Jean (nee Neat), his beloved wife of 59 years. Loving father of Thomas D. (Carolyn), Donna (Jim) Watson and Joyce (Bill) Marks. Dearest brother of Barbara (Frank) Hamobik and the following deceased: Jean Simmons, Garnet Myers, Marie Bostic and Ethel Brinker. Cherished grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of ten. Veteran US Marines WWII. Retired Brook Park Police Officer, Member of Theodore Brick Masonic Lodge #714, Al Koran Temple Shriners, Scottish Rite, and American Legion Post 610 Brook Park. The family will receive friends in celebration of Norman's life at **HUMENIK FUNERAL CHAPEL, 14200 Snow Rd., Brook Park on Friday June 15, between 2-4 and 6-8PM.** Funeral Services will be celebrated at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6151 Smith Rd., Brook Park, on Saturday, June 16th at 12 Noon. Friends may begin arriving at 11AM. Interment at Brooklyn Hts. Cemetery. For those who wish, the family suggests contributions to Hospice Services of Southwest Greater, 18659 Drake Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136 1-877-HUMENIK humenikfuneralchapel.com

SIMONELLI

JOSEPH SIMONELLI, beloved husband of the late Gloria (nee Berry); loving father of Joseph, Mary Brown, Pamela Messina and the late Anthony; dear grandfather of Griffin, Garrett, Nicholas, Anthony, Dawn, Candy, Anthony, Brittany, Gina and John; great-grandfather; brother of Theresa Sidoti and Nina Lovano. Friends may call at the **FERFOLIA FUNERAL HOME, 356 WEST AURORA RD. (RT. 82) SAGAMORE HILLS FOR VISITATION SATURDAY 2-4 AND 6-8 P.M. CONCLUDING WITH SERVICES AT 8 P.M.** Family and friends are asked to gather **WEDNESDAY AT 10 A.M.** at the funeral home for a procession to the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. www.ferfolia.com

SMITH

NORA ILA SMITH, 52, beloved daughter of Gurchers Smith; went home to be with the Lord on June 6, 2012. Cherished sister of Charissa (LeRoy) Sallee, Glenn, and William (Bonnie) Smith; Home Going Celebration services will be held Saturday, June 16 at 11:00 am at New Cornerstone Baptist Church, 18900 Libby Road (inside the Maple Hts. Methodist Church), where the family will receive friends one hour prior to services. Funeral arrangements entrusted to E. F. BOYD & SON FUNERAL HOME, 25900 EMERY ROAD.

SNELLING

See NOVAK Notice.

SWANCER

LEO J. SWANCER, age 87, passed away on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 with his family gathered at his bedside. He was born Nov. 15, 1924 in Cleveland, OH., to the late Joseph and Anna (Naxer) Swancer. Leo taught Auto Mechanics for 30 years at Max S. Hayes High School and Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. He graduated from West Tech High School and attended Kent State University. Leo was a poet and musician. He organized and directed the "Jolly Jammers" band at the Medina Office for Older Adults. He served in the U.S. Air Force in the Pacific during World War II. Leo was the beloved husband of Arlene B. Swancer (Schroeder) for 63 years; devoted father of David (Bernadette), Sally Osborne (deceased), Carol, Paul (Valarie), Patricia Mencia (Robert) and Robert; grandfather and great-grandfather; brother of Anne Boughton (Ronald, deceased), Joseph (Carol) and Joanne (deceased) (William) Bak. A service will be held Monday, June 18 at 7 p.m. at **WAITE & SON FUNERAL HOME, MEDINA CHAPEL, 765 N. COURT ST.** Robin Hawkins, Pastoral Assistant at Holy Martyrs will officiate. Family will receive friends **FROM 1-3 AND 5-7 P.M. MONDAY AT THE FUNERAL HOME**, with a meal being provided during the evening visitation. Private family burial will be held at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Medina County, 5075 Windfall Rd., Medina, OH 44256 or Holy Martyrs Church, 3100 S. Weymouth Rd., Medina, OH 44256.

TOTH

KAREN L. (BROWN) TOTZ, 46, of Bazetta Twp., formerly of Maple Hts. Passed away Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 12:16 p.m. at her residence. She was born Nov. 24, 1965 in Cleveland, OH., the daughter of Howard and Elaine Potochar Brown. She is survived by her husband, James E. "Jim" Toth; two children, Zachary and Morgan at home; parents of Champion OH.; brothers Kenneth (Jill) Brown of Aurora, OH.; Kevin J. (Stephanie) Brown of Rome, OH.; father and mother-in-law, Richard and Kathleen Toth of Parma, OH.; brothers-in-law Stephen (Traci) Toth of Parma, OH., Nick Kopcho of Parma, OH.; sister-in-law Chris Kopcho of Parma, OH. Preceded in death by brother, Kevin Michael Brown. A Memorial Mass of the Resurrection will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. William Church, 5411 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren, OH 44483 with Rev. Michael D. Balash officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Zachary and Morgan Toth Scholarship Fund, c/o The Middlefield Banking Company, PETER ROSSI & SON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 330-372-4211.

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URH

MARIE URH (nee Folvarsky), age 91. Beloved wife of the late Frank C. Dear-est daughter of the late Michael and Josephine (nee Obojtek) Folvarsky. Loving sister of the late Anne Presley and Michael Folvarsky. Cherished aunt of Michael Folvarsky (MaryAnn) (deceased), Sheila Walker (Bill), Judy Presley and Janice Colbert (Chris). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Celebration of Life Service Saturday, June 16, 2012, at the funeral home, 12:00 P.M. Interment Crown Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends **SATURDAY, 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at A. RIPEPI & SONS FUNERAL HOME, 18149 BAGLEY RD., MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS (WEST OF I-71).** www.A.RippepiandSons.com 440-260-8800

WILKINS

LUEQUENTON WILKINS, JR. Age 65. Passed on June 12, 2012. Beloved Husband of Janace. Loving brother of Mary Watts and Stanley. With a host of family and friends. Services Saturday June 16th at 10:30 AM. Wake at 10:00 AM at the EF Boyd & Son Funeral Home and Crematory 25900 Emery Road.

WILLIAMS

EMMA E. WILLIAMS, 90; Passed away June 11, 2012. Cherished mother of Kerby and Cordell Williams and Nelva Cary; grandmother of Leah Williams and Donald Cary, Jr. leaves a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. **SERVICES SATURDAY, JUNE 16; WAKE 11:00 AM. FUNERAL 11:30 AM** at Beth El A.M.E. Zion Church, 1428 East 110 Street. Interment in West Park Cemetery. Watson's Funeral Home, 10913 Superior Ave., in charge. www.watsonsfuneralhome.com

ZIMMERMAN

FRANK ZIMMERMAN age 94 of Bedford Heights, beloved husband of the late Mary (nee Hill), dear father of Frank (Camille) Zimmerman, loving grandfather of Eric and Joel (Lisa) Zimmerman, cousin of Al (Heidi) Zimmerman. Died Monday, June 11, 2012. Frank served in the Navy during WWII. He worked for Cleveland Trust Bank retiring in 1978 and was a member of First Baptist Church of Bedford. Friends will be received Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 10AM until service time at 12 (noon) at **JOHNSON-ROMITO FUNERAL HOME, 521 Broadway, Bedford, OH 440-232-1441.** Burial Crown Hill Memorial Park. www.johnsonromito.com

In Memoriam

BROWN

Annie S. Brown (6-15-56 to 12-30-06) Upright and just in all her ways loyal and true through all her days...silently suffered patiently bore... god took her home so she would suffer no more.... happy birthday. **MOM AND FAMILY**

CHAPMAN

In Loving Memory
* Mary Louise Chapman *
Beloved Wife, Mother, Step-Mother & Nana
June 15, 2010
Upright and just in all her ways, loyal and true through all her days. Silently suffered, patiently bore. God took her home so she would suffer no more.
YOUR LOVING HUSBAND, JOHN, AND FAMILY. "HONOR BRIGHT"

FINNERTY

John W. Finnerty
Oct. 23, 1931 to Feb. 20-2012
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
DENISE, JIM, YVONNE, JOHNETTA, HOLLIE, LAURIE, HUGH, & MATT

GALLETTI

Judy Galletti
2/1/37 - 6/15/10
God called you home and our hearts went with you. God's promise of eternal life is yours.
LOVING YOU FOREVER, SAM, CONNIE, CHRIS, AND LORRIE

STEELE

Anthony "Tony" Steele 6/15/69 to 6/21/86
The years go by but we never forget you.
HAPPY 43RD BIRTHDAY, TONY!
YOUR LOVING FAMILY

TERIACA

LOUIS S. TERIACA
June 15, 1923 to February 6, 2012
Sadly, we cannot be together today on your Birthday. You are missed, loved, and remembrance every day. Deep in our hearts you will always stay, until we meet again. **LOVE ALWAYS, MILLIE, LORI AND DENNIS, RENEE AND MARK, DANNY AND RYAN**

TRANCHITO

Nat A. Tranchito
(1934 to 2002)
Ten years now and you were cheated of your life here, but your uncles and aunts and some Tranchitos' and friends are with you, so that's not bad.
LOVE FROM BROTHERS, TONY, LEO, JOSEPH & CARMELLO

NOTABLE LOCAL DEATHS

Lawrence Aguir, 82, was mayor of Bedford

Mayor Lawrence Aguir led Ohio's Bedford and exchanged visits with the duke and duchess of England's.



Aguir

Dan Pocek, the current mayor of Bedford, Ohio. "He had a good vision for the city."

Aguir was born in Tampa, Fla., and raised in New York City and Key West, Fla. He served in the Navy, then followed a comrade to Cleveland. He worked for many years at Republic Steel, partly as employee counselor and environmental superintendent.

He moved to Bedford about 1959 and represented Ward 2 on the City Council from 1965 to 1969. He served as mayor until 1971, declined to seek re-election that year, won the job back in

1973 and served until 1977. Aguir oversaw the city manager and supported development of the Bedford Automobile. He also led the suburb's elaborate celebration of the nation's bicentennial, partly by forging sister-city ties with Bedford, England.

He flew a Cessna and co-owned Northfield Airport. He moved to Independence in 1978, became president of its Kiwanis, helped to raise a gazebo there and worked for that city's service department. He belonged to The Plain Dealer Two Gallon Club of blood donors.

Seventeen years ago, meningitis paralyzed his lower body. He moved to Broadview Heights about 10 years ago. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, the former Mary Whitaker; five children; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Vodrazka Funeral Home handled his arrangements.

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UnitedHealthcare touts prevention, incentives

CASEY CAPACHI
Plain Dealer Reporter

UnitedHealthcare, one of the largest health insurers in Northeast Ohio, told a Cleveland audience Thursday about its program that provides incentives for health care providers and physicians who focus on preventive care.

The program is part of a national movement away from the fee-for-service model to one that compensates physicians for improved clinical outcomes.

"Providers are rewarded for providing more volume, but we need to think about paying for performance," Mark A. DiCello, a regional vice president for UnitedHealthcare, told a crowd of about 100 employers, insurance carriers and health care providers gathered at the InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center.

Long-term, effective preventive care will head off costly visits to hospital emergency rooms and save money, said DiCello.

"For every dollar spent," he said, "we would expect \$2 in return."

UnitedHealthcare announced at the meeting that

the Diabetes Prevention and Control Alliance, a division of UnitedHealth Group Inc., is now working with health coaches and pharmacists at Rite Aid stores and YMCAs in Northern Ohio. They hope to focus on pre-diabetic patients before they develop Type 2 diabetes.

"All 26 million Americans diagnosed with adult diabetes in 2010 were at one point pre-diabetic," said Lisa Chapman-Smith, senior vice president of the diabetes alliance. "And there was not a lot of conversation about it."

Patricia Horvath, executive director of UnitedHealthcare in Northern Ohio, hopes more conversation will come out of the movement toward prevention.

"There are those people who are going to say, 'I don't want someone bugging me to get my annual physical,'" said Horvath. "But we all need that nudge."

"Doctors are excited because they get to do what they're trained to do," said Horvath. "To get you well and keep you healthy."

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Son who poisoned father with eyedrops sentenced

DONNA J. MILLER
Plain Dealer Reporter

PARMA HEIGHTS — Frank Shull was fortunate, at age 84, to be in good health and strong enough to care for his 62-year-old wife, who has dementia.

But his world collapsed after his son moved from Florida into his home last year. Byron Shull, 57, who has had convictions for shoplifting, burglary, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and two counts of drunken driving, was sentenced Tuesday by Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge John O'Donnell to five years in prison for poisoning his father with eyedrops.

According to prosecutors, Shull was upset with his father for "being mean" to him Dec. 16 and went to a drugstore, where he stole two bottles of Visine. He returned home, poured one bottle of the drops into a glass of milk and gave it to his father.

Within a few hours, Frank Shull was rushed to MetroHealth Medical Center. He was delirious and had slurred speech, difficulty walking and a dangerously low heart rate, Assistant Prosecutor Frankie Goldberg told the judge in her sentencing memorandum.

Doctors couldn't find the cause of Shull's symptoms and he remained hospitalized for several weeks, before he was transferred

to a nursing home. Byron Shull's girlfriend, who had also moved into the Parma Heights house, filed a domestic violence complaint against Byron on Jan. 5 and told police that he poisoned his father with eyedrops, Goldberg said.