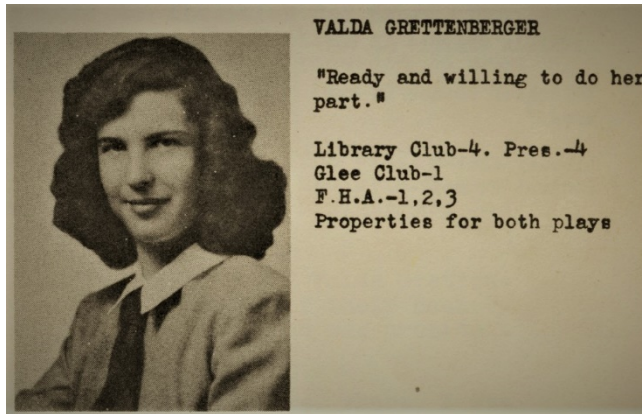
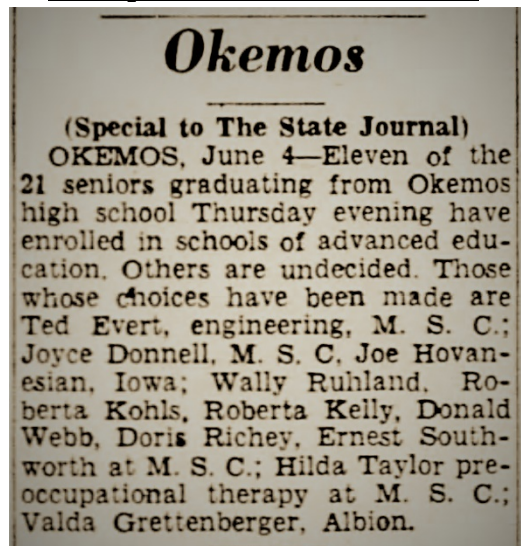


Valda Marie Grettenberger, daughter of Herman Jake (1888-1954) and Margaret Eva (Lay) (1893-1938) Grettenberger, was born 19 January 1932, Ingham County, Michigan. She graduated in 1949 from Okemos High

1949 Okemos Tomahawk



Lansing State Journal, June 4, 1949



School, then off to college at Albion.

Valda at 6 years of age lost her mother to pneumonia. Her mother Margaret had health problems for a few years prior to her death. In 1941 Herman Grettenberger married Alice Marquerite (Miller) Cole. Alice was widowed with 2 daughters, Doris and Evelyn. Doris Cole became a 1945 OHS alumni and Evelyn Cole a 1946 OHS alumni.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Monday 30 December 1935

PLAN TRIP SOUTH

Okemos, Dec 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grettenberger and two little children, Valda and Dale, are leaving soon for the southern part of the United States. They have leased their farm for a year to Albert Grettenberger, who will move his family here from DeWitt. The Grettenberger family is traveling by housecar and hopes to find the warmer climate beneficial to Mrs. Grettenberger's health, which has been rather poor since an attack of pneumonia a year ago.

By the middle 1950's Valda was living in Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan and was listed in several Jackson City Directories as an employed "Med Tec." She married Leo J. Davidowicz, 30 November 1963.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Sunday 1 December 1963

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The bride, who resided in Jackson, is the daughter of Mrs. Herman J. Grettenberger of Okemos. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Walter Davidowicz of Jackson.

For her nuptials, the bride wore a floor-length sheath gown of satin brocade. Details were a scoop neckline, long sleeves and a full skirt of unpressed pleats flowing into a chapel train. A pillbox of matching brocade accented with orange blossoms secured her veil, and she carried cymbidium orchids and stephanotis.

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Frank Davidowicz of Jackson was best man. Ushering were Ray Hasbrouck of Jackson, Dale Grettenberger of Okemos, Charles Grettenberger of Okemos, Henry Giluk of Jackson and Wentz Korniski of Jackson.

Shelley Doyle was flowergirl and David Hortman carried the rings.

After a reception in the Moose Lodge, the newlyweds left for Florida and Nassau, where they will honeymoon.

Leo and Valda celebrated 24 years of marriage and 2 children. Leo, born 11 November 1916, died 8 December 1987. Valda died 24 years after Leo, 16 May 2012, Michigan. Leo and Valda were interred Saint Johns Catholic Cemetery, Jackson.

Desnoyer Funeral Home Obituary:

DAVIDOWICZ, VALDA MARIE of Jackson, passed away Wednesday, May 16, 2012 age 80 years. Preceded in death by her husband of 24 years, Leo. Survived by her daughter Jo Lee (David) Coleman and her son Robert (Katina) Davidowicz. Three grandchildren; Lauren, Megan and Caeli. Two brothers; Dale Grettenberger and Charles (Linda) Grettenberger. One sister; Evelyn (Gerald) Horstman. Several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her sister Doris Kramer. Valda retired from Foote Hospital as a Medical Technician. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, Stockbridge Stompers, the 2nd Calvary Association and was a St. Joseph Church Youth Group Leader. She enjoyed camping, gardening, her dog Teddy, the breakfast Club at Burger King and her granddaughters. Mrs. Davidowicz is at the Desnoyer Funeral Home where a Prayer Service will be held on Monday at 10:00 AM followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 10:30 AM. Interment St. John's Catholic Cemetery. Father James Shaver will officiate at the Funeral Mass.