

**PHOTOGRAPHY BY HAYNES**

**AUDREY M. & VIRGIL D. Haynes**

**HARBOR SPRINGS, EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

## PHOTOGRAPHY BY HAYNES TO HARBOR SPRINGS TO HAVE NEW OWNER

Virgil D. Haynes, Harbor Springs photographer for the past 28 years, has sold his business and will retire on July 1.

The new owners are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce {Mary} Gathman of Elgin, Ill.

Well known and established in the area, Haynes said he would continue to work in the store with the new owners for the balance of the summer until September 1. After that he said his plans were indefinite but he would not be doing any photography.

Born in Johnston, Pa. in 1915 he moved with his parents to Detroit in 1927 and was married to Audrey M. Davis in 1940. He was employed as a photo engraver prior to World War II and then served as a medic in the Army for two years in England and France.

While in England he won a GI photographic contest. Upon his return from the army he entered and graduated from the Detroit School of Photography and moved to Harbor Springs in 1946 where he started his business, working out of his home.

He relocated his business to 114 E. Main-st. in June, 1947, and recalled the night before he was to open he was taken to Little Traverse Hospital for an emergency appendix operation.

*"The store opened as scheduled with my wife, Audrey taking over the duties until I could get back on the job," Haynes recalled.*

He is active in church and civic affairs and also various photographic organizations. He was past president of the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce, Harbor Springs Kiwanis Club and the Michigan Photographers Society were membership is by invitation only. He also held other offices in the Michigan Photographers Association and is an elder in the Harbor Springs Presbyterian Church.

His wife has been associated with him as well as his two children Cynthia and Roger who assisted in both the studio and the Gallery. Roger learned custom framing and assisted in this department.

Haynes said he has no special hobbies except to do some traveling and making still photographic nature studies. He is a member of the Edsels Owners Club and owns three of the Edsels. He enjoys driving his restored station wagon and also owns and still drives a 20 year old Ford with a skyliner top.

He has received many photographic awards throughout his 28 years of business.

The Gathmans plan to continue the same friendly tradition and quality service in all present phases of photography, custom framing, gallery art and camera shop.

Bruce Gathman is a graduate of the Brooks Institute of Photography in California and holds a Bachelor of Professional Arts degree. He also served as an officer in the U.S. Army in Germany and Vietnam, serving as a supervisor in the photographic laboratory in Germany. At the present

time he is a Captain in the army reserves, serving as an Adjutant and Communications Officer on the Battalion staff and will be in Harbor Springs at the end of June.

Bruce and Mary Gathman both were born and raised in Elgin, Illinois area and he is an avid model railroader and the narrow gauge Shay engine, of which he owns three, is his favorite. He also served in Elgins Model Railroad Club.

Since being discharged from the service, Bruce was employed as a commercial photographer for an advertising agency and also has experience in camera shop management. His wife holds an associate degree in commercial art.

Both the Gathmans are active in church and civic affairs and are presently residing in the apartment above Photography by Haynes.

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## VIRGIL DIETZ HAYNES

**Virgil Dietz Haynes** of Harbor Springs died early Monday, Oct. 19, 1998, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey from congestive heart failure after a recent heart attack.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs. **Pastor Tom Cook** will officiate. A family-attended graveside service will take place earlier that day.

**Virgil D. Haynes** was born Jan. 28, 1915, in Johnstown, Pa., and was raised in the gentle, rural ways of the Church of the Brethren. He and his family moved to Detroit in 1927 to join his grandfather, **John F. Dietz**, who had earlier gone to help establish the First Church of the Brethren of Detroit.

He married **Audrey Davis** in Detroit on June 1, 1940, in a double ceremony also uniting **Audrey's** sister, **Kathryn Davis**, with **Virgil's** best friend, **Henry Young**.

**Mr. Haynes** served 3 ½ years in World War II in England and France with the "38<sup>th</sup>" continued through the years and the **Haynes** had just enjoyed hosting the most recent "38<sup>th</sup>" Army Group Reunion in Harbor Springs Sept. 19-24, 1998.

**Mr. Haynes** had a natural and intrinsic love of the people and places around him which he expressed through his photography. He and his wife began **Haynes** studio working out of a small home on Hoyt St. in Harbor Springs, having moved there in June of 1946. By summer of 1947, the couple opened Photography by **Haynes** on Main Street, a well-known business for 28 years. After retirement in 1974, the

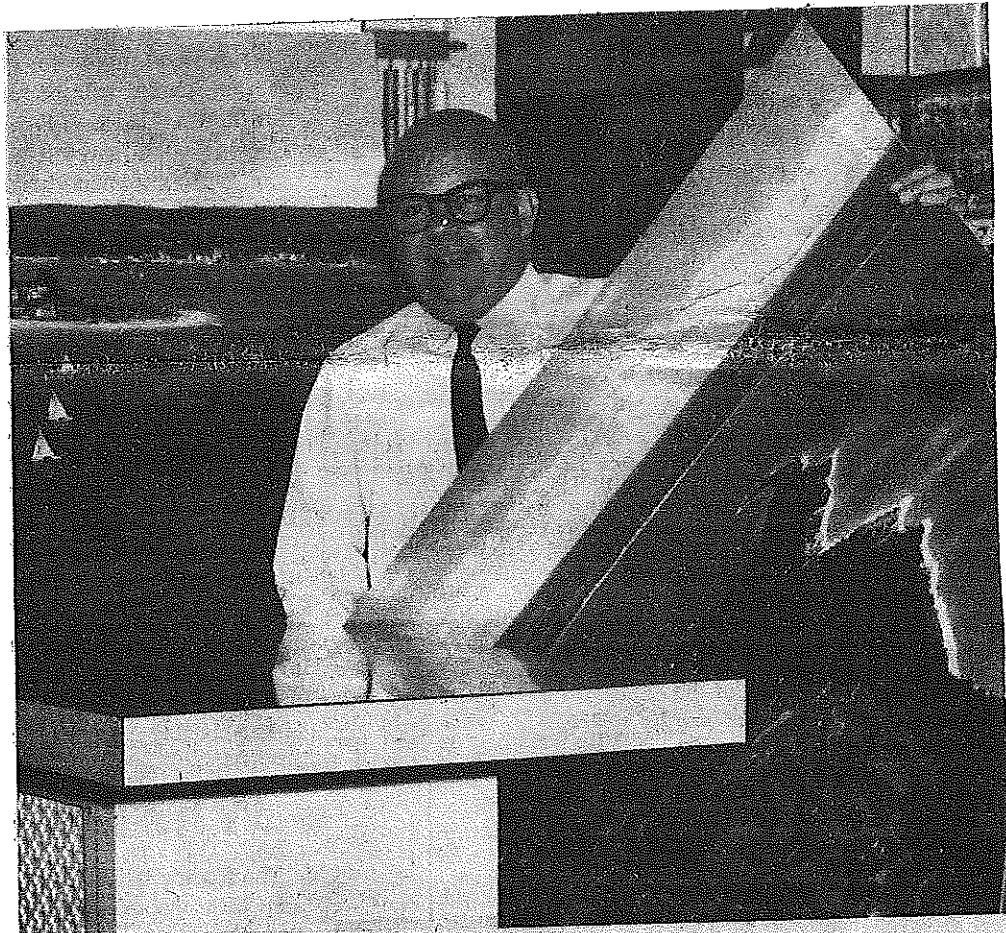
**Haynes** traveled extensively visiting friends, exploring scenic areas of the country and shooting photographs.

**Mr. Haynes** had won numerous awards through his years as a photographer; he was a life member of the Professional Photographers of Michigan, a past president and member of the Michigan Photographers Society, a charter member and past president of the Harbor Springs Kiwanis, and a member {and former elder} of the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs for more than 50 years. He was recently named a **Paul Harris Fellow** by Rotary and he and his wife received the 1997 Outstanding Citizen Award from the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce for "contribution of time, talents and resources for the betterment of our community."

A "Photographic Retrospective" of the more than 50 years of images of **Virgil D. Haynes** was held at the Virginia M. McCkune Community Arts Center in Petoskey in the summer of 1996. Numerous other exhibits and two books, "Green Light" and "White Wake," have shared his photographs with others.

Survivors include his wife, **Audrey**, daughter, **Cythia**, and son **Roger**, all of Harbor Springs.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 7940 Cemetery Road, Harbor Springs, Mich. 49740; or to the Virginia M. McCune Community Arts Center, 461 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey, Mich. 49770.  
Extracted from Greenwood Cemetery records.



**VIRGIL D. HAYNES** and some of his giant colored photo-murals of the Harbor Springs area.

# Audrey D. Haynes

Audrey D. Haynes passed on May 25, 2006, in the presence of her children after a brief but intense illness.

Audrey was born Feb. 27, 1917, in Harbor Springs, the daughter of Ivan J. and Mildred (Hoover) Davis. After moving with her family to Detroit's east side, she married Virgil D. Haynes on June 1, 1940, in a double wedding ceremony with her sister, Kathryn, and Virgil's best friend, Henry Young. The couples had been part of a Church of the Brethren youth group and Audrey treasured the lifelong friendships formed in that close-knit group.

Audrey worked for the telephone company in Detroit during her husband's Army service in World War II. In 1946, Audrey and Virgil relocated to Harbor Springs, operating their business, Photography by Haynes, for 28 years. Audrey worked full time and was a "super mom" long before the word was added to the current culture. Many very long hours were spent in the family business, yet she made time for being involved as a scout leader, in PTA and the numerous school, church and community activities needing volunteers. Audrey's lifelong dedication to clubs and causes are too numerous to mention. She especially enjoyed church activities, University Club, Women's Club, the "swim group" and heading up fundraising for Bay Bluffs Auxilliary.

She and her husband, Virgil, were named Harbor Springs Citizens of the Year in 1997.

She and Virgil also stayed actively engaged with the 38th Station Hospital group and forged strong friendships through reunions with these Army vets of World War II and their spouses.

Recently, Audrey became



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the chamber of commerce's "information lady" at the waterfront gazebo, taking pleasure in every minute of talking with all the people she met. She had a keen interest in local

history, coming as she did from a background of two homesteading families who arrived in Harbor Springs in the late 1800s.

Audrey's love of the local area could be seen in her active outdoor lifestyle and her love of each season's beauty. She was an outspoken advocate for maintaining natural places whether farm fields, shorelines, or forests. Her determination, drive to get things done, boundless energy and tough constitution were remarkable to behold.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil, and her two sisters, Kathryn Young and Irene Davis.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Haynes, and son, Roger C. Haynes, both of Harbor Springs, as well as sister-in-law, Roberta Smith and many very dear nieces, nephews and cousins with whom she loved to stay in touch. She also leaves behind three special "rescue pets."

The funeral service for Audrey was held today, Tuesday, May 30, at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs with Toby Jones officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in Audrey's name to Bay Bluffs, the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society, the Little Traverse Conservancy, or Little Traverse Bay Humane Society.

Arrangements were handled by Schiller Funeral Home of Harbor Springs.

*Extracted from Greenwood Cemetery Records*