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Man charged with attacking, harassing Mercyhealth nurse

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JANESVILLE — A homeless man was charged with harassing and attacking an emergency room nurse at Mercyhealth Hospital in Janesville.

Willie Jenkins, 61, was charged in Rock County court with bodily harm to a health care worker, disorderly conduct and obstructing an officer, all repeat offenses, after he made inappropriate comments toward a nurse, swung his hand at her and scratched her arm.

According to the criminal complaint, the nurse told

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Kylie Jane Kremer and Amy Kremer speak with locals on a stop on the Humans First AI Data Center Revolt Bus Tour Wednesday. Humans First, founded by conservative activist Amy Kremer, is touring the nation speaking to people on data center issues.

Bus tour stops in Janesville to show data centers' weight in November election

NEIL JOHNSON AND RYAN SPOEHR

JANESVILLE — A big tour bus with a big political message against data centers stopped on

Janesville's south side to a crowd of maybe six people.

The group, Humans First, described itself in a press announcement as a conservative

group with a message to Republican Congressional candidates seeking reelection. The group

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Mocha Moment baker remembered for her love of community, adventure and scones



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY STEVE DEAN

Kathy Dean and her husband Steve opened Mocha Moment in 2003. They wanted a space to welcome people in on the Southside. Dean was the baker.

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JANESVILLE — "Hey, good looking."

This was what Kathy Dean called out the car window to her husband Steve the last Sunday she was alive.

He was riding his bicycle alone that day to Timber Hill winery, while Kathy was riding in a car with her sisters. When she spotted him on the road, she rolled down the

passenger-side window and called the words out to him.

Steve said that was the

kind of thing Kathy and he had done for nearly

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OBITUARY

George E. Dallmann

June 8, 1925 - September 19, 2026

Edgerton, WI - George Dallmann, age 101, a long-time resident of Edgerton and Janesville, WI, passed away peacefully on September 19,



2026, at Northwestern Medicine McHenry Hospital, McHenry, IL. George was born in Edgerton, WI., on June 8, 1925, the son of George Herman Dallmann and Eleanor "Nora" (Stricker) Dallmann. George's sister Betty (Dallmann) Witzel was a long-time historian of Edgerton and published numerous articles regarding this history in the Edgerton Reporter.

George graduated from Edgerton High School in 1943, where he played Varsity Basketball. He played saxophone and clarinet in the school band and with the Rhythm-Aires dance band. He also served in the role of Drum Major.

Following graduation, he entered the Army in September of 1943 and was deployed to Okinawa in June of 1945. Once the war ended, he spent 8 months waiting to return home. During this time, he put his saxophone skills to use in a makeshift band entertaining shipboard and base personnel. Upon return to his base in Texas, he was honorably discharged at the rank of Technical Corporal in December of 1946.

George graduated from Milton College in 1951 with a degree in Public School Music. He went on to teach music in Sharon, Elroy, Waunakee, and Prairie Du Sac WI.

During high school and after the Army, George helped out his father working the soda fountain area of Edgerton's Dallman-Wileman Drug Store. George met his future wife Helen, a local elementary school teacher, while working at the store. George and Helen were married on June 25, 1949. They were married 74 years.

George is survived by his daughter, Nancy (William) Bradley; grandchildren, Scot (Sarah) Bradley, Kelly (Nic) Parke, and Benjamin Bradley; great grandson, Greyson Bradley. George is also survived by his brother, Richard "Dick" Dallmann; and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, from 10:00am until the time of the funeral service at 11:00am., at Apfel-Ehlert Funeral Home, 315 Lord St., Edgerton, WI 53534. Following services, graveside prayers will be held at Fassett Cemetery, 2005 S Main St., Edgerton, WI. Use the Ebbott Dr. entrance and proceed past Robison Dr.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a veteran's support group of your choice.

The family is being assisted by Schneider Leucht Merwin and Cooney Funeral Home of Woodstock, IL., and Apfel-Ehlert Funeral Home of Edgerton, WI.

DEATH NOTICES

George E. "Bud" Dallman, 101, of Woodstock, Ill. died Sept. 19 at Northwestern Hospital in McHenry, Ill. Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. Sept. 26 at Apfel Ehlert Funeral Home in Edgerton. Visitation will take place on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Sister Timothy Geenen, 99, of Beloit died Sept. 22 at Autumn Lake Healthcare. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Sept. 28 at Daley Murphy Wisch with a Rosary at 3:45 p.m. Mass at 11 a.m. Sept. 29 in Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. Visitation will also be 10-10:45 a.m. Burial will be 1:30 p.m. Sept. 30 in Saint Nicholas Cemetery, Freedom.

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

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55 years.

Steve made it a point to do things for her, too — opening the car door, buying her clothes, making her coffee, writing her cards and calling her “gorgeous” or simply flirting back and forth.

“We were madly in love with each other right away,” he said.

That love became woven into the life they built together, eventually taking shape at Mocha Moment, a small but well-known coffee shop on Janesville’s south side.

Dean died at 73 on Aug. 8 after a six-year battle with cancer. Her husband Steve said that looking at her, you’d have never known she was sick.

Mocha Moment opened Jan. 13, 2003, after the couple decided they needed something new to do. What started as a family business, with their five children helping at the shop, gradually became a gathering place for generations of customers.

Kathy was usually behind the scenes in the kitchen, baking the muffins, scones and other pastries that became staples of the shop.

Steve said she was the “hidden gem” of Mocha Moment, someone who loved people without judgment and made them feel welcome.

Referencing the couple’s favorite singer Billy Joel’s song “Piano Man” the lyric “I know that it’s me that they’re coming to see to forget about life for a while,” this is how anyone who knew Kathy viewed her, he said.

The two wanted a space that offered more than just coffee. The two were drawn to places that had ambience and character. He wanted a space to be welcoming and act as a grand central station for people. Much like their favorite restaurants in the county, they wanted to build a space with a view.

The south-side coffee shop weathered the storms of an ever-changing city and survived after the prominent General Motors plant shuttered. Still, people flock to the coffee shop for bible study, to work on homework, study for exams, chat with their neighbors or to grab their morning cup of coffee before work.

Much like the bar in Cheers, it’s a place where everybody knows your name. Steve said that’s how Kathy wanted it to be.

An avid bike rider, Steve said they would travel all over the country on two wheels. From 2022 to just a couple weeks before she died the two had put almost 8,000 miles on their bikes.

The two met as teenagers. Steve said then he vowed that he would do whatever he could to make her happy. He said he grew up very reserved and stoic but after he met Kathy, who he described as



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY STEVE DEAN

Kathy Dean loved to dance. One of her favorite places to dance with her husband Steve was the Butterfly Club in Beloit. Steve called her the “Belle of the Butterfly Cub.”



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY STEVE DEAN

Steven and Kathy on the porch of Mocha Moment. The space has a woodland view that the Dean’s wanted to be a selling point of the coffee shop.

a “delicate rose he could not bear to wilt,” he became more charitable, less judgmental and more patient.

“I’m pretty lost without her,” he said.

When they married he decided that he wanted romance, adventure and magic and didn’t want to become a married couple that just lives with each other.

Other than biking, Kathy and Steve also spent a big part of their life dancing. The two would go to the Butterfly Club in Beloit and spend Saturday nights dancing.

They were self-taught dancers. One song was dedicated just for them every Saturday night at the Butterfly Club. It was “Ashokan Farewell,” a Scottish song composed by Jay Unger for a fiddle and dance camp in upstate New

York as a farewell dance as the camp ended.

The family held Kathy’s celebration of life at Mocha Moment. Steve spoke the lyrics to their Butterfly Club song as his farewell to Kathy for what she meant to him, but also for what she meant to the community.

“The pines and the willow know soon we will part. There’s a whisper in the wind of promises unspoken and a love that will always remain in my heart,” he said. “My thoughts will return to the sound of your laughter... And a time we’ll remember long ever after the moonlight and music and dancing are done.”

Steve made a website dedicated to Kathy and all the things that made her, her.