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Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

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The word "TUSCANIA" is written in a large, black, serif font with a decorative, slightly gothic style. The letters are bold and have a classic, historical feel. The text is centered within a white rectangular area.

Kramer, Jacob Wilfred
1899 WI – 1970 WI



Jacob Wilfred Kramer – Find A Grave 195221730



Find A Grave 195221730 – The Kramer family - Jacob Wilfred Kramer standing in the back row, 2nd from left

Father Peter Kramer seated in front (2nd from left) & mother Anna Lieburg Kramer, seated, far right.



Anniversary of Jacob Wilfred Kramer & wife Martha Jacobs Kramer -
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Tuscania:



AT TUSCANIA SURVIVORS GATHERING—These 16 survivors of the sinking of the troopship Tuscania by a German torpedo in the Atlantic Feb. 5, 1918, gathered in Medford Saturday for the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors Association. Seated, left to right, are Art Hansen, Withee; Martin De Boer, La Crosse; Charles Meyenberg, Stone Lake; A. R. Willey, Washburn; Oakley Parkhill, Neills-

ville, reelected president of the association Saturday; Charles M. Jonas, Washburn; Nat Carhardt, Neillsville, reelected secretary-treasurer; and Edmond Johnson, Rosholt. Standing, same order, are Fred Braem, Marshfield; O. R. Thompson, Rib Lake; William Rueschel, Shawano; Alvin W. Grambsch, Neenah; J. W. Kramer, Medford; Herb Hurd, Wausau; Hobart Edmunds, Waupaca; and Lehland McCue, Poy Sippi.



Jacob Wilfred Kramer is 4th from the right – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Monday 7 Feb 1955 p 3

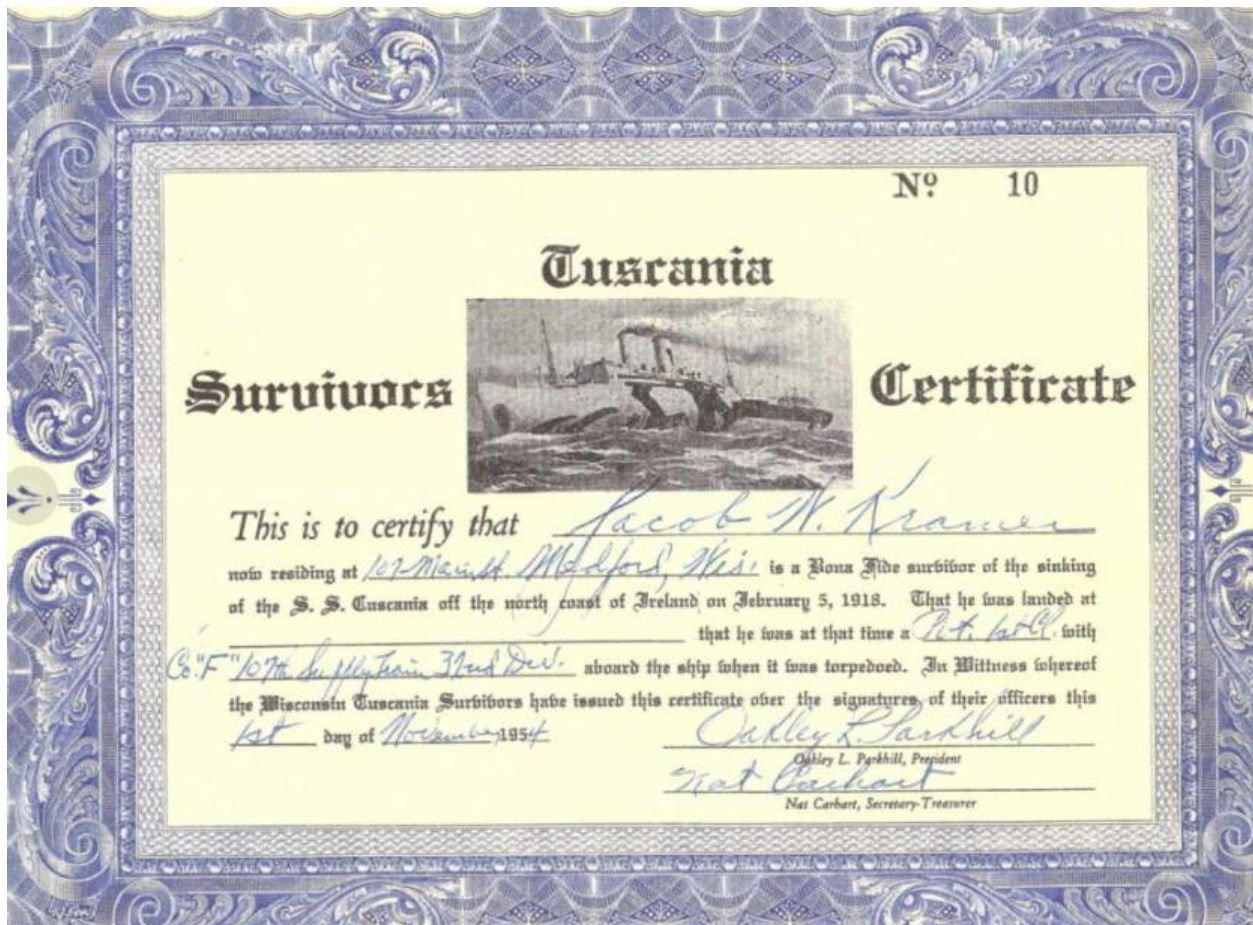




HOLD REUNION HERE—Survivors of the torpedoing of British ship *Tuscania* during World War I met at the Elks Club here Saturday night for a reunion and memorial service marking the 38th anniversary of the disaster. Seated, left to right, are N. T. Carhart, Galesville, secretary-treasurer; Oakley L. Parkhill, Galesville, president; Fred Braem, Marshfield, in charge of local arrangements; and V. M. Kelly, Wisconsin Rapids. Standing, left to right, are O. R. Thompson,

Rib Lake; William Gereau, Chippewa Falls; Herb Hurd, Wausau, T. S. Greene, Oconto Falls; I. W. (Jim) Wendt, Marshfield, who was ill in a New Jersey camp when his outfit boarded the ill-fated transport; Arthur J. Siplon, Muskegon, Mich.; William Ruechel, Shawano; Leland McCue, Poy Sippi; J. W. Kramer, Medford, and John Jacobson, Waupaca. (News-Herald Photo)

Jacob Wilfred Kramer is standing, 2nd from the right – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald”
Monday 6 Feb 1956 p 1



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The following is a list of the missing and it is feared all have been lost:

Jacob W. Kramer, Abbotsford.

“Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” 13 Feb 1918 p 1

Attorney Parkhill further states that Private Jacob W. Kramer of the 107th Supply train, is the only one from Abbotsford whose fate was not yet known.

Sgt. Oakley Parkhill writes to his father, attorney, G.B. Parkhill of Abbotsford WI, that the fate of Jacob W. Kramer is still unknown – “Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub” 14 Feb 1918 p 1

Two Missing.

The fate of two of the boys from this section on the ill-fate Tuscania is still in doubt, according to a list of names of those reported as still missing. They are:

Francis Firmsihal, Colby.

Jacob Kramer, Abbotsford.

The day earlier, the “Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” 20 Feb 1918 p 1 had reported Jacob Kramer was a survivor - “Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub” 21 Feb 1918 p 10

16 Tuscania Vets Attend Ceremonies

(See picture on page 3)
 MEDFORD — (Special) — On Feb. 5, 1918, a German U-boat lurking off the north coast of Ireland torpedoed and sunk the American troopship *Tuscania*. More than 200 of the 2,179 doughboys, mainly from Wisconsin, Michigan and California, lost their lives in this first serious military loss for the United States in World War I. Saturday, on the 37th anniversary of the tragedy, 16 of the survivors rescued from the frigid Atlantic gathered here to renew wartime friendships and honor the memory of those whom death has cut down in the intervening years.

They reelected Oakley Parkhill president and Nat Carhardt secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin *Tuscania* Survivors Association. Both of the officers are from Neillsville. They made plans for a picnic to be held on the grounds of the Veterans Hospital at King in July; at that time the location of the annual meeting, held on the weekend nearest the date of the sinking, will be selected.

At 5:45 p. m. Saturday, close to the actual time when the German submarine crept into the convoy and struck the *Tuscania* a death-blow, the group conducted memorial services at the Black River bridge here. A floral remembrance was dropped into the open water as taps was sounded by bugler Verne Krackenberger. The Rev. Fred Kollath, chaplain of the Medford American Legion post, conducted the memorial rites.

Later, at the American Legion clubrooms, the survivors and their wives gathered for their annual dinner and business meeting. Thirty-one persons were present.

At one time the *Tuscania* Survivors Association was a national organization, but it apparently faded early in the 1940s. The state association became active about 1939, according to J. W. Kramer, Medford, one of the survivors who played an active part in arrangements for this year's gathering. The largest recent meeting was at Baraboo two years ago, when about 60 "Tuscanians" appeared. Kramer said that 202 members are still on the rolls of the Wisconsin *Tuscania* Survivors Association.

Obituary & death:

Jacob Kramer Dies at Age 70

MEDFORD — Services for Jacob W. Kramer, 70, of Medford, who died at Memorial Hospital Thursday after a lengthy illness, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Ruesch Funeral Home, with the Rev. Henry Bahrenburg officiating. Burial will be made in Evergreen cemetery.

Military rites will be conducted at the graveside by the Landua-Jensen Post of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Masonic services will be held at the funeral home at 8 p.m. today (Friday).

Mr. Kramer was born in the town of Holway June 19, 1899, and received his education in Fond du Lac schools. He served in the U. S. Army during World War I and was a survivor of the Tuscania which had been torpedoed.

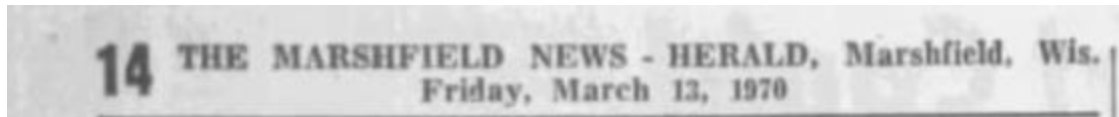
He began his employment in the plumbing, and heating business in 1920 with E. R. Jacobs. In 1933, he purchased the business, which he operated until his retirement in 1963. At that time he and his wife moved to Mesa, Ariz. Four years later they returned to Medford.

He was a charter member of the Landua-Jensen Post, American Legion; a member of the Masonic Lodge; a member of the Medford Lions Club, and had served as a director of the Wisconsin Plumbing Contractors Association, and the Medford Federal Savings and Loan Association.

He was married at Duluth Jan. 17, 1920, to Martha Jacobs, who survives him.

Other survivors are three

sons, Robert, Medford; Jack, Ladysmith, and Wilfred, Wausau; 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Frank Kramer, Langley, Wash., and Anton Kramer, Crookston, Minn., and two sisters, Mrs. Walter Wesle and Mrs. Iver Johnson, both of Medford.



Military:

(WW I) WW II KOREA		ORIGIN
1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE (Print or Type)		14. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State)
KRAMER, JACOB W.		Medford Evergreen, Medford, Wisconsin
2. SERVICE NUMBER	3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER	IMPORTANT - Item 18 on reverse side must be completed. See attached instructions and complete and submit both copies.
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4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year)	5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year)	I hereby agree to accept responsibility for proper placement at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.
May 1, 1917	April 26, 1919	NAME OF APPLICANT (Print or Type)
6. STATE	7. DECORATIONS	RELATIONSHIP
Wisconsin		Martha K. Kramer
8. GRADE OR RANK	9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, DIVISION	ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street address, City and State)
PFC	Co. "F", 101st Supply Train U. S. Army	537 West Broadway Medford, Wisconsin 54451
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year)	11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year)	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT
June 19, 1899	March 12, 1970	Martha K. Kramer
12. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one)	13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED	DATE
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☐ STAR OF DAVID (Hebrew)	☒ FLAT MARBLE MARKER	16. FREIGHT STATION
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	☐ FLAT BRONZE MARKER	17. NAME OF CONSIGNEE WHO WILL TRANSPORT STONE OR MARKER
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Wife:

Mrs. Jacob Kramer

Mrs. Jacob Kramer, 72, Medford, died Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the home of her son, Robert, Medford.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Ruesch Funeral Home, Medford. The Rev. Henry Bahrneburg of United Methodist Church, Medford, will officiate and burial will be in Medford Evergreen Cemetery. Friends may call Sunday after 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

The former Martha Jacobs was born April 16, 1898, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jacobs. On Jan. 17, 1920, in Duluth, Minn., she was married to Jacob Kramer, who died March 12, 1970. She was a graduate of Medford High

School and the former Whitewater State Normal School.

She taught in Abbotsford until her marriage. After her marriage, she and her husband were associated with her father in a plumbing and heating business until 1933 when they purchased the concern. She also lived in Mesa, Ariz., and came to Medford after her husband's death.

She was a member and past president of the Medford

American Legion Auxiliary. She was a past president of the Plumbing and Heating Association Auxiliary, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors, besides her son, include two other sons, Jacob, Ladysmith, and Wilfred, 164 Ethel St., Wausau, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Obituary of his wife Martha Jacobs Kramer – according to this obituary she died at the home of her son Robert Kramer in Medford WI - “Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Saturday 10 Apr 1971 p 12

Taylor County

Mrs. Kramer Dies; Was 72

MEDFORD — Services for Mrs. Jacob Kramer, 72, Medford, have been set tentatively for 2:30 p. m. Monday at the Ruesch Funeral Home with the Rev. Henry Bahrenburg, pastor of the United Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Kramer died of an apparent heart attack about 5:30 p. m. Thursday in the Kramer Plumbing Shop. She had helped in the store in the absence of her son, Robert, who with his wife had left that morning for a trip to Texas.

An employee of the shop found her body about 7 p. m. when he drove by and saw that the lights were still on. Deputy Coroner Les Hirt ruled the death due to natural causes.

Visitations may be made at the funeral home beginning at 1 p. m. Sunday.

The former Martha Jacobs was born in Medford April 16, 1898. She was graduated from Medford High School and the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, and had taught school at Abbotsford before her marriage.

Her marriage to Jacob Kramer took place at Duluth, Minn., Jan. 17, 1920. Mr. Kramer died March 12, 1970.

Following their marriage, the Kramers were associated with Mrs. Kramer's father, E. R. Jacobs in the plumbing and heating business in Medford. They purchased the business in 1933 and operated it until their retirement in 1963, when they moved to Mesa, Ariz. Several years afterwards they returned to Medford.

Mrs. Kramer was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Eastern Star and a member and past president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Wisconsin Plumbing Contractors Association.

She is survived by three sons, Robert, Medford; Jack, Ladysmith, and Wilfred, Wausau; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Martha Jacobs Kramer – according to this obituary, she was found dead in the Kramer Plumbing Shop - “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Saturday 10 Apr 1971 p 6

News:

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kramer, Los Angeles, came Sunday evening to visit at the Jake Kramer home. Mr. Kramer, who is employed by an aircraft company there, was granted a 30-day leave-of-absence. His father, Jake Kramer, returned from the St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield, Wednesday and is recovering from a serious eye injury. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, parents of Mrs. Jake Kramer, came as far as Rochester, Minn. with the Bob Kramers, and will come to Medford after Mrs. Jacobs has there.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Thursday 9 Sep 1943 p 10

Jack Kramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kramer, of Medford, and Mrs. Bob Kramer returned from Los Angeles Tuesday evening, after having made arrangements to move the Bob Kramers to Medford. Bob Kramer is taking charge of this father's business while he recovers from a recent eye injury.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Thursday 11 Nov 1943 p 11

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kramer plan to leave tomorrow for Los Angeles, Calif. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Kramer's mother, Mrs. Ernest Jacobs, and aunt, Mrs. Paul Burnette, of Los Angeles. They plan to be gone about a month. Mrs. Jacobs, who formerly lived in Los Angeles until the death of her husband last month, will return with them and plans to make her home in Medford.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Monday 3 Feb 1947 p 5

Children:



Left: son Robert Ernest Kramer, Find A Grave 93599187 – Right: son Wilfred Ray Kramer, Find A Grave 56973208

Kramer-Long

Miss Louella J. Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Long, Medford, became the bride of Jack W. Kramer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kramer, Medford, Thursday at the Methodist-Congregational Church, Medford, the Rev. Henry J. Halverson officiating. James Lib, brother-in-law of the bride, gave the bride in marriage.

Miss Unita Long, sister of the bride came from Milwaukee to be the maid of honor at the wedding. She wore blue faille and net, with a blue half-hat. She carried pink and white roses.

The best man was William Kramer, brother of the groom, Medford.

Howard Long, brother of the bride, and Robert Kramer, brother of the groom, ushered.

Marsha Mae Lib, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lib, Milwaukee, was the flower girl. She is the bride's niece.

The bride was gowned in white satin, with a sheer skirt. Her finger-tip veil was caught to a crown. She carried white roses.

Dinner was served to 20 guests at the Payette Hotel. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Seventy-five guests were in attendance.

The groom, who is a Navy veteran, is employed as a plumber. Mr. and Mrs. Long will make their home at Medford following their return from their honeymoon July 1.

Robert Kramer

MEDFORD — Robert E. Kramer, 76, Medford, died May 26, 1997, at Memorial Hospital of Taylor County.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hemer Funeral Home. Burial will be in Medford Evergreen Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 7, 1920, in Medford. He owned and operated Kramer Plumbing & Heating of Phillips and Medford.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy (Selinger) Kramer of Medford; two sons, Richard E. (Mellodye) Kramer of Fond du Lac and Dudley Paulus of Phillips; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Bill (Elaine) Kramer of Wausau.

Left: Wedding of Louella J. Long to son Jack W. Kramer on 19 Jun 1947 – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Monday 23 Jun 1947 p 6 – Right: obituary of son Robert Ernest Kramer – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Wednesday 28 May 1997 p 13



Obituary of son Robert Ernest Kramer's 1st wife & mother of his son Richard Elliot Kramer, Clara E. Cooper Kramer – "Fond du Lac (WI) Reporter" Tuesday 23 Sep 1997 p 10

----Source: The Star News (Medford, Taylor Co., WI), Thursday, February 26, 2009, Online Edition

Kramer, Wilfred "Bill" (May 9, 1930 - February 18, 2009)

Wilfred "Bill" Kramer, 78, 164 Ethel St., Wausau, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

He was born May 9, 1930 in Medford to the late Jacob and Martha (Jacobs) Kramer. He married Elaine Smith June 24, 1950 in Medford. She preceded him in death on September 19, 2000.

Bill and Elaine built, owned and operated the Kramer Motel in Medford until 1962 when they moved to Wausau. He was a salesman for Wausau Furniture and later managed the Budgetel Inn in Wausau. In retirement he cared for his wife Elaine.

He played in the German Band and Wausau City Band for many years. He enjoyed traveling and loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include two sons, William (Mary Esthimer) Kramer and Michael Kramer, both of Wausau; three daughters, Susan (Jack) Bliss of Wausau, Debra (Jim) Leiternann of Schofield and Diane (Michael) Dalnodar of Stevens Point; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and his English springer spaniel, Tipper.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Jack Kramer.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 22 at Brainard Funeral Home of Wausau, with Rev. Tim Vanden Langenberger officiating. Entombment was at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Wausau.

Online condolences may be given at www.brainardfuneral.com.

<https://www.wiclarkcountyhistory.org/4data/97/1163.htm>

Siblings:

Mrs. Walter Wesle

MEDFORD — Services for Mrs. Walter Wesle, 76, town of Molitor, who died Wednesday morning at Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for the past three years, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Ruesch Funeral Home. The Rev. Milton Petzold, pastor of United Church of Christ will officiate and burial will be made in the Medford Evergreen cemetery.

Friends may call at the Ruesch Funeral Home until the time of services. A private family devotion will be held this evening (Thursday).

The former Anna Kramer was born in the town of Holway May 23, 1896, and received her education in Fond du Lac and Abbotsford. She had been employed as a telephone operator in Minneapolis and Abbotsford, and after her marriage to Walter Wesle on Oct. 6, 1919, they moved to the town of Molitor where she had resided since.

Surviving are her husband;

three daughters Mrs. Raymond (Harriet) Meyer, Mrs. Reiny (Audrey) Klingbeil, and Mrs. Harold (Joan) Bizer, all of Medford; a son, Glen, Stetsonville; 22 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Anton Kramer, Crookston, Minn., and Frank Kramer, Langley, Wash., and a sister, Mrs. Iver Johnson, Medford.

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THE MARSHFIELD NEWS - HERALD, Marshfield, Wis.
Thursday, June 8, 1972

Obituary of sister Anna Kramer Wesle

ABBOTSFORD MAN FATALLY HURT HUNTING DEER

**Mathias Kramer, Victim of
Stray-Bullet in North Woods,
Dies at St. Joseph's Hospi-
tal Tuesday Night**

The list of casualties in Wisconsin since the deer hunting season opened ten days ago, increased to four with the death here yesterday of Mathias Kramer, married and 38 years old, who died at St. Joseph's hospital at 7 o'clock last night from the effects of a gunshot wound in his left hip, accidentally inflicted by a hunting companion, a Mr. Hylan, while the two men were hunting deer west of Westboro Monday afternoon.

Fired at Deer

Hylan fired at a deer and the bullet struck Kramer. Hylan was unaware that his companion was so near at hand in line with the shot when he discharged the bullet.

Kramer was brought to Marshfield late Monday afternoon and removed to the hospital where physicians immediately performed an operation, hoping to save the man's life. The two men were close companions and hunted together for years without any previous mishap occurring.

The remains of the deceased will be sent to Abbotsford, where he conducted a farm, and where funeral services and burial will take place Saturday. A widow and several children survive.

Hunting accident death of brother Mathias Kramer – "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald"
Wednesday 19 Nov 1924 p 1

Iver Johnsons Celebrate Golden Event on Holiday

Mr. and Mrs. Iver Johnson, 320 Cedar St., Medford, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 4, at the American Legion Hall in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the fifth couple in the Kramer family to celebrate a golden wedding anniversary and they are expecting about 90 relatives and friends to join them for the occasion. An open house is being held from 2 to 6 p.m.

White and gold carnations will fashion the corsage and boutonniere for the honored couple.

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The marriage of the former Hana Kramer and Iver Johnson took place May 19, 1920, at Duluth, Minn. They lived in Abbotsford until 1935 and then moved to Medford.

Mr. Johnson, born July 13,

1890, in Norway to Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Johnson, was educated in Abbotsford. He was engine watchman for the Soo Line Railroad there, and later did plumbing and then was sewerage treatment plant operator at Medford. He retired about 13 years ago.

Mr. Johnson also served his country with the U. S. Navy and is a past commander of the American Legion. He enjoys his hobby of woodworking and making of spinning wheels.

Mrs. Johnson was born March 8, 1898, in the town of Holway to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kramer. She too received her education in Abbotsford.

Mrs. Johnson and her husband are the parents of two sons — Norman of Woodhaven, N. Y., and Lloyd of Milwaukee, and one daughter, Mrs. Joe (Mary Jane) Deml, Medford. There are

six grandchildren.

Among the out-of-town guests who will be attending the celebration Saturday are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kramer, Langley, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hasbrouck and Anton Kramer, Crookston, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Princel and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Princel, Wausau; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Kramer and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kramer, Fond du Lac; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kramer, Ladysmith; Miss Lelah LeClaire, Cornell, and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Noth, Menomonee Falls.

Hana Johnson

MEDFORD — Hana Johnson, 93, Memorial Nursing Home, Medford, died at 1:20 p.m. Friday at Memorial Hospital of Taylor County, Medford, where she had been a patient for one week.

Services were today at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Medford, with the Rev. Dennis Meulemans officiating. Burial was in Medford Catholic Cemetery.

Hemer Funeral Home, Medford, handled arrangements.

She was born March 8, 1898, in the town of Holway, to the late Peter and Anna (Lieberg) Kramer. She moved as a child from Taylor County to Fond du Lac and then in 1908 to Abbotsford. She attended schools in Fond du Lac and Abbotsford.

She was married to Iver Johnson May 19, 1920, in Duluth, Minn. He died Oct. 28, 1976.

After her education, she worked as a telephone operator in Abbotsford, Fond du Lac and Berlin. She later returned to Medford and was employed for many years in the grocery department at the Medford Cooperative. She also worked as a cook at Holy Rosary School and helped set up the hot lunch program. She retired in 1967 and became a resident of Memorial Home two years ago. While at the Nursing Home, she entertained others with organ, piano and harmonica music.

She was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church and its Womens Group. She was also a member of Landua-Jensen American Legion Auxiliary in Medford and was a past president of the group.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Joe (Mary Jane) Deml of Medford; one son, Norman Johnson of Woodhaven, N.Y.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Obituary of sister Hana Kramer Johnson – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Monday 23 Sep 1991 p 15

Name: Jacob Wilfred Kramer

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. F – private 1st class

Serial number: 251,318

Entered service from: Abbotsford, Clark WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Jacob W. Kramer

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Peter Kramer, Abbotsford WI

Returned from war on: “Winifredian” Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Peter W. Kramer

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Peter Kramer, Abbotsford WI (PFC, Co. F, 101st Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): 107 Main St., Medford WI (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors)

World War II draft registration (1942):

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917
 Discharged 26 Apr 1919
 Address: Medford WI
 Rank/unit: private 1st class, 2nd Co., 161st Depot Brigade

Birth & death:

Born: 19 Jun 1899 Holway Township, Taylor WI
 Died: 12 Mar 1970 Medford, Taylor WI (at Memorial Hospital, Medford WI)
 Find A Grave record: 195221730 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower
 Burial location: Medford, Taylor WI
 Cemetery: Evergreen I
 Tombstone:

Father: Peter F. Kramer, May 1858 [Fond du Lac Co.?] WI – 1933. Buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, Dotyville, Fond du Lac WI.
 Find A Grave: 67730297

Mother: Anna Lieburg/Lieberg Kramer, Feb 1858 WI – 1933. In the 1870 census, daughter of Mattis & Mary Lieberg. Buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, Dotyville, Fond Du Lac WI.
 Find A Grave: 67730296
 Parents' marriage: 6 Sep 1881 Negaunee, Marquette MI. Peter was age 24, Anna was 23. Both had been born in WI; he was a laborer. Married by the rector of "St. P Church."

Spouse: Martha K. Jacobs Kramer, 16 Apr 1898 Medford, Taylor WI – 8 Apr 1971 Medford, Taylor WI. Daughter of Ernest R. Jacobs (1877 IL – 1947 CA), who had operated a plumbing & heating business in Medford WI. Her father is also buried in Evergreen Cemetery, but is not on Find A Grave as of 25 Jun 2021. Her mother was Stella Bambrough, whom Ernest married 6 Nov 1897. He operated Jacobs Plumbing & Heating Shop for 28 years; her parents moved to Los Angeles CA in 1933. According to one obituary, she died at the home of her son Robert Kramer in Medford WI – in the other version, she was found dead in the Kramer Plumbing Shop. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery I, Medford, Taylor WI.
 Spouse Find A Grave: 209485742
 Marriage: 1 May 1920 Duluth, St. Louis MN

Children:

- Robert Ernest Kramer, 7 Nov 1920 Medford, Taylor WI – 26 May 1997 Medford, Taylor WI. Married Clara Cooper (1916 IL – 1997 WI), the daughter of Clyde & Clover Cooper. They had a son, Richard Elliot Kramer, b. Feb 1944. (Richard's wife was Mellodye). On 1 Oct 1960 married Dorothy M. Seliger Paulus (1920-2010, F: 66162880) whose 1st husband was Earl Paulus. Dorothy was a corporate officer & office manager of Kramer Plumbing & Heating in Phillips WI & Medford WI from 1959 until 1989. Robert is buried in Evergreen Cemetery I, Medford, Taylor WI. F: 93599187
- Jack W. Kramer, 18 Dec 1925 Medford, Taylor WI – 7 Oct 1979 Ladysmith, Rusk WI. Husband of Louella Jean Long (1926-1981, F: 122086282) whom he married in 1947. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Ladysmith, Rusk WI. F: 122086280
- Wilfred Ray ("Bill") Kramer, 9 May 1930 Medford, Taylor WI – 18 Feb 2009 Wausau, Marathon WI (at Aspirus Wausau Hospital). Husband of Elaine Joyce Smith (1928-2000, F:

56973207) whom he married 24 Jun 1950 in Medford, Taylor WI. Elaine was the daughter of Clay Edwin Smith & Mae Pearl Julia Barber. -Bill & Elaine built, operated & owned Kramer Motel in Medford WI until 1962 when they moved to Wausau WI. Salesman for Wausau Furniture; manager of Budgetel Inn in Wausau WI. Was in the German Band & Wausau City Band for several years. Survived by 2 sons & 3 daughters. Buried in Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau, Marathon WI. F: 56973208

Siblings: Jacob was the youngest surviving child. His mother indicated in the 1900 & 1910 censuses that she had given birth to 11 children, 8 of whom were living

- John Paul Kramer, 2 May 1884 Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac WI (also found on Find A Grave as Greenland, Ontonagon MI) – 25 Dec 1957 Fond du Lac Co. WI. According to Social Security claim record, his middle name is Peter. Age 21 in 1905. Husband of Gertrude Maria Koenigs (1879-1955, F: 203127143). Buried in Calvary Cemetery & Mausoleum, Oshkosh, Winnebago WI. F: 203127149s
- Mathias Joseph Kramer, 3 May 1886 WI [MI?] – 18 Nov 1924 Marshfield, Wood WI. Husband of Edith LeClaire (1886-1948, F: 85654552) whom he married 14 Feb 1912. Edith was the daughter of Julius LeClaire & Dena Fountain. Killed by his hunting companion when he shot at a deer. Survived by his wife & 2 children. Buried in Dorchester Memorial Cemetery, Dorchester, Clark WI. FP: 85654379
- Henry Donatus Kramer, 1 Jul 1889 WI – 24 Nov 1971 Marinette Co. WI. Husband of Fredicka ("Fritz") Werner (1890-1972, F: 179108985), daughter of Ernst Werner & Mary Struck. Buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Athelstane, Marinette WI. F: 179108962
- Anton Peter Kramer, 11 Sep 1890 Abbotsford, Clark WI – 18 Aug 1973 Crookston, Polk MN. Husband of Pauline A. Novak (1896-1970, F: 49540243). Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Crookston, Polk MN. F: 49540242
- Frank Joseph Kramer, Sr., 10 Sep 1893 Taylor Co. WI – 17 Jul 1977 Langley, Island WA. Husband of Marie Margaret Martin (1893-1983, F: 82938430). Frank Kramer obtained a marriage license in Silver Bow Co. MT on 15 Jun 1914 & Frank "Kremer" was married on 19 Jun 1914. He was age 21, b. Medford WI, resident of Glendive MT, son of Peter Kramer & Anna Lieberg. "Mary Martin" was age 27, b. Butte, Silver Bow MT, resident of Glendive MT, daughter of James P. Martin & Mary Tinsley. Buried in Bayview Cemetery, Langley, Island WA. F: 82938432
- Anna Kramer Wesle, 23 May 1896 Holway township, Taylor WI – 7 Jun 1972 Medford, Taylor WI. Educated in Fond du Lac WI & Abbotsford WI. Was employed as a telephone operator in Minneapolis MN & Abbotsford WI. Married Walter Alvin Wesle (10 Nov 1893 WI – 12 Dec 1977 WI) on 6 Oct 1919; the couple moved to Molitor township where she resided until her death. Survived by her husband, 3 daughters, 1 son, 2 brothers (Anton & Frank) & sister Mrs. Iver Johnson. Died at Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for 3 years. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Medford, Taylor WI – probably Evergreen Cemetery I, where the rest of her family is buried – but not on Find A Grave as of 25 Jun 2021.
- Johanna (Hana) Kramer, 8 Mar 1898 Holway, Taylor WI – 20 Sep 1991 Medford, Taylor WI. Age 7 in 1905. Wife of Iver Johnson (1890-1976, F: 192704031) whom she married 19 May 1920 in Duluth, St. Louis MN. Buried in Holy Rosary Cemetery, Medford, Taylor WI. F: 192704023
- ? Mark John Kramer, 2 May 1896 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 6 Jan 1968 Livermore, Alameda CA. He is not listed in the 1900 or 1910 censuses – but, surviving brother Harry D. Kramer

does live in Athelstane WI. His mother said she had 8 living children in the 1900 & 1910 censuses, and the other names total 8 – without Mark. He is linked on Find A Grave to the family. And his birth in Kenosha WI is suspicious as there are no other linkages to Kenosha. His father is Johannes Antonius Kraemer (1860-1899) & his mother Maria Zeitler (1860-1899) on Ancestry.com. - His obituary spells his surname Kraemer. A resident of 7 S. School St., Lodi CA at the time of his death. WWI veteran. Member VFW & World War I Veterans Barracks 1214. Also a member of the Bartenders Union, Local 47; had worked at the country club in Lodi for many years. Survived by 1 brother, Harry D. Kramer, of Athelstane WI. Buried in Lodi Memorial Park & Cemetery, Lodi, San Joaquin CA. F: 130801794

Notes: Ancestry.com family trees confuse several Peter Kramer families & their offspring.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Marshfield (WI) Herald & Wisconsin Hub” Thursday 6 Dec 1917 p 1 – At Camp McArthur [sic], Waco TX, Jacob Kramer is attending school for signal men at the 57th Artillery Brigade.

“La Crosse (WI) Tribune” 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – one of the Wisconsin men not yet reported as a survivor: Jacob M. [sic] Kramer of Abbotsford WI

“Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1 – on the revised War Department list of the missing is Jacob W. Kramer, Abbotsford WI, of the 107th Supply Train, Co. F., private.

“Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Wednesday 20 Feb 1918 p 1 – there were 37 more soldiers, previously unaccounted for, who were found to be saved when the Associated Press list was checked against all official records. One survivor from WI: Jacob W. Kramer of Abbotsford WI.

Post-war:

“Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Wednesday 5 Apr 1933 p 2- in Medford WI elections, for alderman in the Second Ward, Jake Kramer got 91 votes, A.A. Gerhardt got 54 & A.J. Rieth got 16.

“Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Wednesday 14 Jun 1950 p 6 – the Medford WI city council met Monday night to discuss adding restrooms in the city park & will pay \$882.28 to Jake Kramer & Sons for restroom fixtures. The park pavilion was raised last week to allow restrooms to be installed beneath it.

“Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Wednesday 22 May 1957 p 13 – the Landua-Jensen American Legion Post in Marshfield elected new officers, among them chaplain Jake Kramer.

“Chippewa Herald-Telegram” (Chippewa Falls WI) Monday 6 Feb 1961 p 1 – 43 years after the Tuscania sunk, about 20 members of the Wisconsin Tuscania Association & their wives held a reunion on Saturday. One of the attendees was Jacob Kramer of Medford.

Obituary:

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" 13 Mar 1970 p 14 - age 70, Medford WI resident, funeral 14 Mar, burial Evergreen with military honors by Am. Legion & VFW, b. Holway Township 19 Jun 1899, educated in Fond du Lac schools WWI vet, Tuscania survivor, began in plumbing & heating business 1920 with E.R. Jacobs, bought the business 1933 & operated until retired 1963, then he & wife moved to Mesa AZ, returned to Medford 4 yrs later. Charter member Landua-Jensen American Legion Post, director WI Plumbing Contractors Assn. & Medford Federal Savings & Loan Assn., married 17 Jan 1920 Martha Jacobs in Duluth MN, survived by wife, 3 sons, 2 brothers, 2 sisters

Social Security number: 390-32-7938

Censuses:

1900 Holway township, Taylor WI – conducted Jun 25-27, 1900

Peter Kramer, 42 WI, May 1858, parents b. Germany, married 18 years, farmer

Anna, 42 WI, Feb 1858, parents b. Germany, gave birth to 11 children, 8 are living

John, 16 WI, May 1884, laborer, saw mill

Mathias, 12 WI, May 1886

Henry, 11 WI, Mar 1889, at school

Anton, 9 WI, Sep 1890, at school

Frank, 6 WI, Sep 1893

Anna, 4 WI, May 1896

Johana, 2 WI, Mar 1898

Jacob, 11 months WI, Jun 1899

1905 WI state census – Empire, Fond du Lac WI

Peter Kramer, 47 WI

Anna, 47 WI

John, 21 WI

Joseph, 19 WI

Henry, 16 WI

Anton, 14 WI

Frank, 12 WI

Anna, 9 WI

Johana, 7 WI

Jacob, 6 WI

1910 Mayville, Clark WI

Peter Kramer, 52 WI, father b. Norway, mother b. IL, in 1st marriage, married 28 years, farmer, general farm

Anna, 52 WI, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 11 children, 8 are living

Henry, 21 WI, laborer, railroad section

Anton, 20 WI, laborer, farm

Frank, 16 WI

Anne, 13 WI

Hannah, 12 WI

Jacob, 10 Wi

1920 Mayville, Clark WI

Peter Kramer, 61 WI, parents b. Germany, farmer, dairy farm

Anna, 61 WI, parents b. Germany

Hana, 21 WI, single

Jacob W., 20 WI, single, laborer, home farm

1930 Medford, Taylor WI – 659 Broadway

Jacob Kramer, 32 WI, parents b. MI, age 32 at 1st marriage, plumber, plumbing & heating shop, WWI veteran

Martha, 32 WI, father b. MO [illegible], mother b. WI, age 22 at 1st marriage

Robert E., 9 WI

Jack, 4 WI

1940 Medford, Taylor WI – indexed as Roamer - 167 S. Main – in same house in 1935

Jacob W. Kramer, 40 WI, plumber, plumbing

Martha, 41 WI

Robert, 19 WI, plumber, plumbing

Jack, 14 WI

Wilfred, 9 WI