## **OBITUARY & DEATH NOTICE RESOURCES**

### MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The reference resources described below are available for use in locating death notices and obituaries. An **obituary** is a news article about a person written by a reporter. A **death notice** is a paid ad, usually placed by the funeral home.

Except as indicated below, there are no general indexes to either *The Milwaukee Journal* or the *Milwaukee Sentinel*. Materials are located in the Frank P. Zeidler Humanities Room or the Periodicals Department.

# Frank P. Zeidler Humanities Room

Subject Catalog of the Library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, R016.973-W811. This multi-volume set is the source to use to see if the obituary of a prominent Wisconsinite can be found in the Wisconsin Necrology (1846-1968), R929.3 W811, a microfilmed set of obituaries located at the Periodicals Service Desk. The citation provides the column and page number for each name.

*Index to Deaths Reported in The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle*, 1921-1996, compiled by Manning M. Bookstaff, R929.3-B726I.

Available at the desk. The Library's holdings of this newspaper begin with September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1938. The newspaper is available at the Periodicals Service Desk.

*Death Notices/Obits*, 1930's(?) – *June 30*, 1992: *Surname Index*, compiled by the Milwaukee County Genealogical Society, R929.3-M662DE.

Available at the desk. This two-volume work is an alphabetical list of surnames found in the *Death Notices/Obits*, 1930's(?) – June 30, 1992 microfilm (R929.3-M662D), located at the Periodicals Service Desk.

Obituaries, Milwaukee Journal/Milwaukee Sentinel, 1958-1988, R929.3-O13.

A collection of obituaries of prominent people clipped from these newspapers. There is a volume for each year from 1958 through 1988. The *Milwaukee Sentinel* clippings start in 1958. *The Milwaukee Journal* clippings start in 1971. The clippings are in date order. There is an index at the back of each volume as well as a separate three-volume cumulative index.

*Milwaukee Area Necrology*, 1992-1998, compiled by Manning M. Bookstaff, R929.3-B726. Available at the desk. An index to names appearing in death notices, obituaries, and advertisements memorializing the deceased. There is one volume for each year. Newspapers checked were *The Milwaukee Journal, Milwaukee Sentinel, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, The Italian Times*, and *The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle*.

*Milwaukee's German Newspapers: An Index of Death Notices and Related Items*, 1844-1930, compiled by Gary Rebholz, R929.377595 R291.

Available at the desk. This multi-volume work indexes death notices from Milwaukee German-language newspapers. Many German newspapers are available at the Periodicals Service Desk.

The Milwaukee Journal Newspaper Index, 1915-1917, R071.7595 M6675.

Available at the desk. This resource indexes articles, obituaries and death notices. The newspaper is available at the Periodicals Service Desk.

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# **Periodicals Department**

The Milwaukee Public Library owns many English and foreign-language newspapers, but most are not indexed.

#### Milwaukee Sentinel Index, 1837 - 1890

This is an alphabetical card catalog index to the newspaper. This is an excellent source for death notices and obituaries. There is also a microfilm copy of this index at the Periodicals Service Desk.

### Wisconsin Necrology (Microfilm), R929.3-W811.

This microfilm, kept at the Periodicals Service Desk, contains obituaries of prominent Wisconsin residents from throughout the State for the years 1846-1968. The obituaries were taken from newspapers statewide. The names are included in the *Subject Catalog of the Library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin* (R016.973 -W811) shelved in the Frank P. Zeidler Humanities Room. The index provides the column and page number for each name.

**Death Notices/Obits, 1930's(?) – June 30, 1992**, (Microfilm), R929.3-M662D. Includes death notices and obituaries clipped by Milwaukee County Genealogical Society members from *The Milwaukee Journal* and *Milwaukee Sentinel*. Also includes some notices and obituaries collected from other newspapers.

The Milwaukee Journal, Milwaukee Sentinel and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (Microfilm) 1992-1998 death notices published in *The Milwaukee Journal, Milwaukee Sentinel*, and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel are indexed in the Milwaukee Area Necrology, compiled by Manning M. Bookstaff (R929.3-B726). This index is kept at the desk in the Frank P. Zeidler Humanities Room.

# The Italian Times (Print)

Death notices from 1992-1998 are indexed in the *Milwaukee Area Necrology* (R929.3 B726), compiled by Manning M. Bookstaff (R929.3-B726). This index is kept at the desk in the Frank P. Zeidler Humanities Room.

### The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle (Print and Microfilm)

Death notices from 1992-1998 are indexed in the *Milwaukee Area Necrology* (R929.3-B726). Death notices from 1921-1996 are indexed in the *Index to Deaths Reported in the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle* (R929.3-B76I). Manning M. Bookstaff compiled both titles. These indexes are kept at the desk in the Frank P. Zeidler Humanities Room.

### Kuryer Polski (Print and Microfilm)

Death notices from 1900-1935 from the first American Polish-language daily newspaper (1888-1962) are indexed in the *Kuryer Polski* Indexing Project that can be searched in the Polish Genealogical Society of America website, <a href="http://www.pgsa.org">http://www.pgsa.org</a>.

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