


## Margaret Violet Sinkovitz Family

Margaret Violet Sinkovitz, some 22 years later to be known as my Mother, was born 23 January 1914 in Monaca Heights, Beaver County, Pennsylvania as Albert and Goldie's first born child.

Margaret Violet Sinkovitz, c. 1914



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This is to Certify, That the following is a correct certification of birth, as filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Pennsylvania Department of Health.

No 171284

Primary Dist. No. 203 10-67

1. PLACE OF BIRTH  
County Beaver  
Township  
Borough Rochester  
City

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH

File No. P381-14  
Registered No. 13  
Date Filed Jan. 31, 1914

2. Full Name of Child Sinkovitz 3. Sex Female 4. Birth Jan. 23, 1914  
(Month, day, year)

5. Name of Father Albert Sinkovitz 6. Maiden Name of Mother Goldie Orack

Russell E. Peague, M.D.  
Secretary of Health

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FEB 26 1954  
Date

Margaret's Birth Certificate, Unnamed at the time.

Facts of history include:

- 1916 Woodrow Wilson is reelected President.
- 1917 June, The United States enters World War 1.
- 1918 Germany surrenders to the Allies.
- 1918 A worldwide influenza epidemic kills 22 million people



**Margaret Violet Sinkovitz (second row, far left) in Grade 6 at the Marshall School in Monaca, PA**

Note: The, object in Margaret's hair that appears to be a flower is actually a defect in the photograph. (See also the eyes of the girl to her left.) Mom pointed this out to me when perusing the photographs in about 2001 while visiting with us in Tempe, Arizona. Margaret just looked like she needed a flower in her hair!

Margaret graduated from Marshall Road School in 1929. Betty Romisher (William Floyd Adams, Jr.'s eventual wife) and Gene Tunney Adams both also attended Marshall Road School.

The Sinkovitz children did get together from time to time. Margaret wrote the names on the back of this photograph taken about 1927 when she was about 13.



**"The Whole Crowd" c. 1931**

**Top: Margaret Sinkovitz, James Sinkovitz, Laura Benning**

**Center: Helen Sinkovitz, Anna Sinkovitz**

**Front: Mildred Sinkovitz, Roy Sinkovitz**

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The Albert Sinkovitz and the William Floyd Adams, Sr. families lived in the same general area of Monaca Heights, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. During the first year of the great depression in 1929 Margaret was fifteen and attending high school while Vaughn was 17. Vaughn had earlier dropped out of school and was working with his brother, Bill, for the B&O Railroad as gandy-dancers. Gandy-dancers were workers that performed general labor work, but did not receive standard railway wages. Economic times were tough and hardships were plentiful.

Other interesting tidbits of history include:

- 1927 Lindbergh flies solo across the Atlantic.
- 1928 Mickey Mouse was born.
- 1929 The year of the great depression.

Margaret Violet Sinkovitz married Vaughn Paul Adams Sr. on 11 September 1933.



### **1940 Youngstown, Ohio**

This was our Ohio home for a few years.

There is no way one can easily, accurately, or heartfully present a condensed snapshot of one's beloved mother. Volumes could well be written in an attempt to describe my Margaret Sinkovitz and would still not accurately portray her love, kindness, strengths, amazing talents, honestly, enduring work ethic, modest frugality or identify the broad number of lives she lovingly touched.



**Mom and Dad, c. 1941**

Mom (Margaret Violet) had a tough row to hoe married to Vaughn Sr. given his wanderlust nature and love of alcohol. While dad was handsome, likable, persuasive, easy going, friendly and well meaning... alcohol had the best of him, not his wife or family. Mom tirelessly attempted to keep Dad on track regarding his work in direct sales but really to no long term avail. Dad's work came easy to him and he could generate great income when he was "on" but unfortunately, Dad apparently could not handle financial success very well.

Vaughn Sr. was born on 08 January 1912. A misfortune of the depression era, and the loss of his mother when he was four, apparently gave rise to much grief for Vaughn and his brother, Bill. They were life-long buddies, more so than just brothers.



**Idora Park, Youngstown, Ohio, 1942**



**Mom, Aunt Betty, Dad, Uncle Bill  
Youngstown, 1943**

The two brothers' bond was much tighter than their bond with their own families. As a consequence, Mom was the one who picked up the broken pieces and kept our family of four nourished and together.



**"Sonny", Mom, Bertie and Ron, 1944, Pennsylvania**

Here we are saying goodbyes to our grandparents prior to our leaving for California.

My sister, Alberta Lee Adams, was born in 1936 and named after our grandfather, Albert (Sinkovitz), Vaughn Paul Adams Jr., was born in 1937 and our brother, Ronald William Adams, was born in 1945.



**Alberta, Vaughn, Ron and Mom, Sacramento, California, 1945**

Our family moved around the country looking for something that post-war prosperity and opportunities had to offer our country, but we never seemed to find.

In Sacramento Mom, Dad and the three children found a small store at 516 20th Street with living quarters behind. Mom started Borden's Dairy Store and had it stocked with Borden's dairy products. The store was to be supplemental to Dad's income from direct selling. The store was successful largely because of Mom's outgoing personality and creativity.

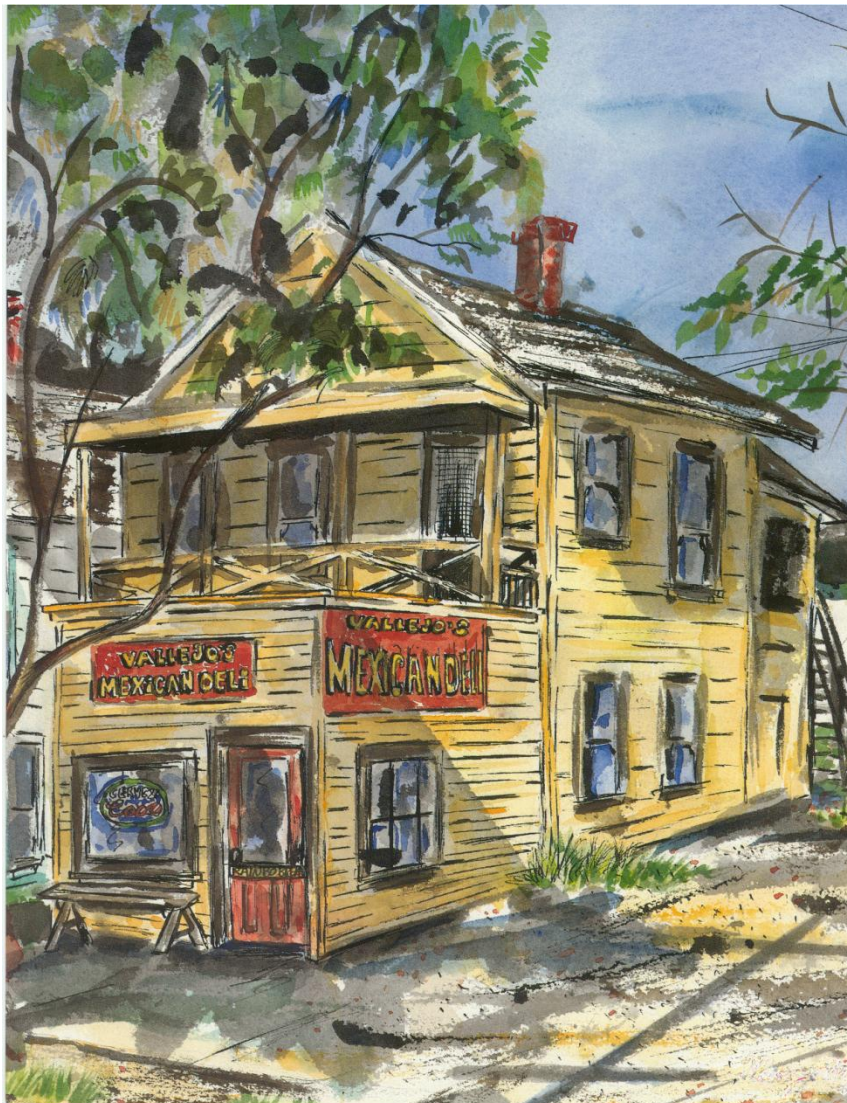
Uncle Bill and Aunt Betty lived close by. Aunt Betty helped Mom with the store sales. Dad and brother, Bill spent their time looking for sales work and apparently had little luck in doing so. Neither had anything to do with the store, as that was apparently woman's work.

One little story that I well remember well concerns the subject of "cupcakes". Mom baked cupcakes one morning for our family dinner dessert. School kids that would stop and shop at the store naturally smelled the delicious little frosted cakes and wanted to buy some to eat... now! The Sacramento Public Grade School was nearby and word spread fast. By the end of day the cupcakes were gone and so was our evening dessert. Enterprising Mom, however, launched a new and successful Adams' Dairy Store treat commodity. "Frosted Cupcakes"! Mom had a way of turning these little quirks into income opportunities and had a lot of fun doing so!



**Mom, left, with Aunt Betty next to the Adams' Dairy Store, 1946  
516 20th Street, Sacramento, California**

Our Adams store likely changed hands many times over the ensuing years. In 1995 I had a forensic engineering case north of Sacramento and found the time to drive over to the old house and store on 20th Street. The structure was exactly as I remembered... a faded yellow, wooden, clap siding frame house still in need of repair. The building housed the *Vallejo's Mexican Deli*, a take-out Mexican food restaurant. I spoke with the owner, Senor Arturo Vallejo, and shared stories about both the stillness and the changes of the neighborhood over the years. In 1996 I returned for trial on the same case and took my wife, Polly, with me to visit the Capital buildings of Sacramento. My trial testimony was completed before noon and Polly and I were both hungry and decided to visit *Vallejo's Mexican Deli*, Vis a Vis, the ol' Adams store. The Deli and old house were gone! Only the base foundation remained to bare vague witness to the bygone structure. I asked a neighbor as to what became of the old building and he informed me that the



Mexican food restaurant had burned down one night but the owners had established three new locations in the Sacramento area. I selected the one closest to the courthouse and Polly and I drove over there to eat lunch. While standing in line a waitress handed us a menu. Much to my surprise and delight a painting was featured on the cover... the old, first Vallejo's and our 1946 home and store, disguised as a Mexican deli! Again, I spoke with the owner and he mentioned that the City of Sacramento had commissioned an artist by the name of Mary Jane Stanton to paint many historic sites of the old part of the city and his Deli was included.

It was a delightful surprise.

**Vallejo's menu cover with the painting of the first Vallejo's and our 1946 home and Dairy Store in Sacramento, California, about 1995**



I'm not at all sure why or how we moved to Warrendale although the move would likely have been related to Dad's work. Our house was a rented, four room worker's quarters adjacent to the main farmhouse owned by a gentleman farmer and high school science teacher named William O. Grunnagle. He, his wife Edna, and children, Charles "Red" and Claire, constituted the only family within a mile radius, and located at the end of our lane off Route 76 between Warrendale and Pittsburgh. We would walk the mile long lane daily to catch our bus to Marshall School, where Miss Butler graciously promoted me from fourth to fifth grade. I can remember on clear nights we could witness the open-hearth ladle pours of molten steel flare up from Pittsburgh steel's blast furnaces and light up the night sky with a powerful red glow.

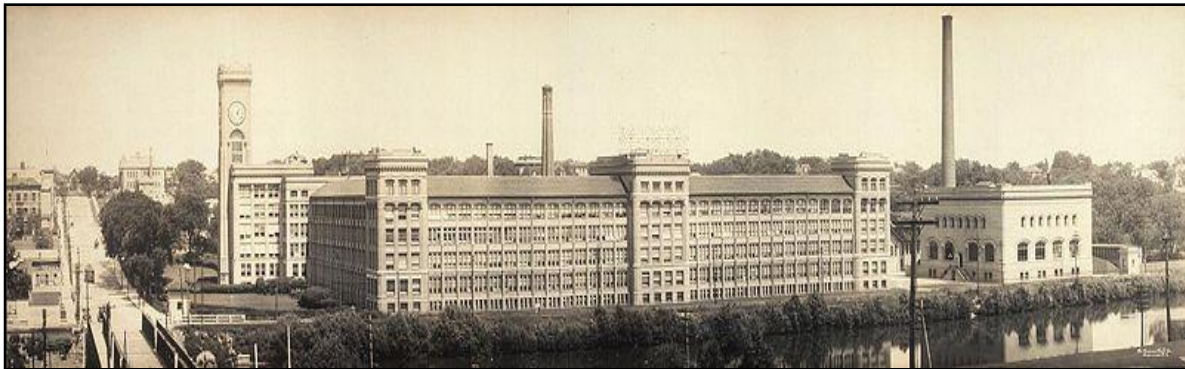
Dad was gone for what seemed to be a very long time with intermittent visits. During the long periods when Dad was gone, I remembered Mom to be lonely for my first time of observation. I can still picture Mom ironing, while singing verses of sad and plaintive songs such as "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen" and other ballads that gave the holdings of her heart away.



**1947, Grunnagle's Farm, Warrendale, Pennsylvania**

Our rented home is shown to the right, behind the trees. We lived in Warrendale for about two years before moving back to St. Charles, Illinois. Dad was in and out of our lives and Mom continued to plan for our livelihood in spite of hard economic times.

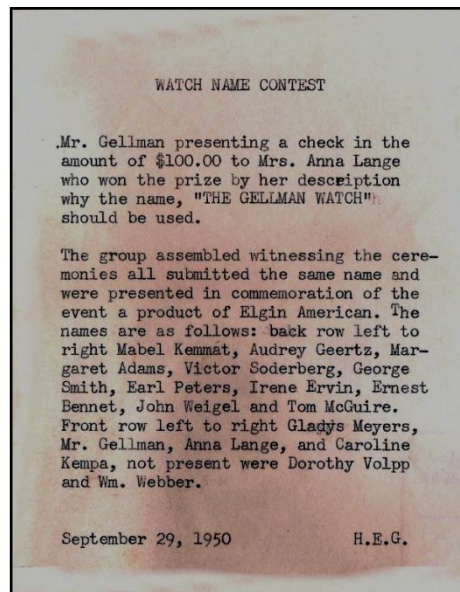
Our family then moved to Hampshire, Illinois. Mom worked at the Elgin America watch factory in Elgin, Illinois, located about twenty miles from Hampshire, while Dad was away. This was perhaps her first introduction into her later extended career in her jewelry business.



**Elgin National Watch Company, Elgin, Illinois  
1864-1968**



**Mom, top row, third from left**



**Back of photograph**

Mom is shown above (top, 3rd from the left) who was one of the workers submitting the name, "The Gellman Watch" for their new Men's watch line. Allen Gellman was an executive with the Elgin National Watch Company.

We had a garden behind our home with all kinds of vegetables, including potatoes and green snap beans. Mom would preserve a meal that included those potatoes, bacon and green beans, with a roux of browned bacon grease and flour. We would seemingly devour this Mason jar sealed dinner all winter long. This meal with buttered bread was to become our comfort food. I still occasionally yearn for its memorable, nostalgic taste.

Margaret Violet was a survivor... and she imparted her survival skills to her children. We may not have appreciated these attributes so much at the time, but they became paramount to all of us later in our lives.

We moved from Hampshire to Calumet City, Illinois then across the state line to Hammond, Indiana. Dad was out of our lives completely for about three years. Mom kept our family together in a simple, modest style working primarily as a sales clerk for a jewelry store in Hammond, Indiana. Vaughn, Sr. and Margaret divorced in 1953. We were a strong family at that time and Mom was the encourager who always seemed to know how to get the impossible task done by breaking the big task down into manageable jobs, doing them and moving upward and onward.

Mom was an outstanding sales person in the jewelry business and performed well at the Cousins Jewelry Store in Hammond, Indiana. I had finished high school, was working as a draftsman at the Edward Valve Division of Rockwell Manufacturing Company and attending Purdue University at their Calumet Campus in Hammond.

Mom's strength and fortitude was exhibited and she strove to pass it down to all three of her children. I have never held resentment of my father for not providing our needs...

principally, because our mom taught all of her children how to work through example of her own work ethic and acquiring our needs and wants in similar fashion. If we wanted something badly enough... work hard to earn and acquire it!

Mom eventually found a business location on the main street of Lansing, Illinois, just west of the state line from Hammond, Indiana, and about ten miles away. The business had an apartment behind the store front.

Mom and a friend, Larry Taylor, started dating. Larry had a job in the small package delivery service that picked up and delivered jewelry items for the store. Larry had earlier lost his wife through serious illness. Larry and Margaret were married on 03 November 1962. They moved into the apartment behind the store and called their business, L & M Jewelry...Larry and Marge.



**Mom (Margaret Violet), behind the counter at L&M Jewelry, 1952**

Their jewelry business flourished with their hard work and 10 years later in 1972, both were in a position to retire to Port Ritchie, Florida.

Mom had sold L&M Jewelry to my sister, Alberta (Bertie), who married Arris Kontos, who likewise, expanded the store, moved the L&M Jewelry store further west on Ridge Road to a larger building at 3338 Ridge Road in Lansing, Illinois. The business also continued to grow under Bertie's ownership, and Bertie retired and sold the store to her daughter, Carrie. Today, the Jewelry store continues to smoothly operate under Carolyn (Carrie) Rae Kontos and her husband, Michael Yoniles' ownership... Mom's jewelry business legacy is carried on..

Bertie's older daughter, Wanda Lee Kontos married Charles Edward Foster living in River Forest, Illinois, while Bertie's other daughter, Margaret Joyce Kontos, married Todd Tempco, and live in Lansing, Illinois with their two daughters, Alyssa Rae and Ashley Renee.

Vaughn Paul Adams, Jr. married Lucille E. Falusi in 1957 and had five children, Tracy Leigh, 1959, Vaughn, III, 1960, Kenton Douglas, 1961, Laura Lynn, 1966, and David Elliott, 1972.



**Margaret Violet Sinkovitz Taylor, 1960**

Vaughn Jr. married Paula Jeanne Kanouse on 29 July 1995 in Payson, Arizona. Polly has four sons from a previous marriage: Bartholomew Joseph, 1974; Oren Matthew, 1977; Christopher Paul, 1983; Jon Michael, 1985.

Margaret's younger son, Ronald William, married Youvonna Sherrill Pinter in 1960 and had the following children:

Rhonda Kay Adams, 1960  
Sherri Lee Adams, 1962  
John Eric Adams, 1965  
Michael Albert Adams, 1969

In 1992 Ronald married Joan Lucille Lawver and currently lives in Manchester, Tennessee.

Joan has two children with former husband, Robert Paul Gordon, Sharon Kay and Stacey Jean. Sharon is married to Kenneth Douglas Light and Stacey is married to Christopher Hogge Jones. Both families also live in the Manchester, Tennessee area.



**Margaret Violet Sinkovitz Taylor  
Marriage, 03 November 1962**

Margaret and Larry Taylor were married in Hammond, Indiana on 03 November 1962. They were living in Lansing, Illinois after they were married. Larry passed away 31 May 1985 in Florida where they retired. Margaret married Donald Hansen on (See photograph below) 08 Jul 1989.



**Margaret with Donald Hansen, about 1989**



**Margaret (Mom), and Vaughn, Alberta and Ron, (Back), Thanksgiving, 2001**



**Mom, Thanksgiving, 2001**  
**Home of Ron & Joan Adams, New Port Richey, FL**

During this time of our Thanksgiving visit, I was able to "get" mom on video camera. She was a little reluctant at first. After a minute or two later, she began to have fun being at "center stage" and really began to ham it up! The record is a precious treasure.

Margaret Violet Sinkovitz passed away on April 7, 2002. While she had remarried to Donald Hansen in 1989, she is in rest in Glenwood, Illinois at the Assumption Cemetery with her second husband, Larry Taylor.

## Memorial of Margaret Violet Sinkovitz (1914-2002)



Our dear and loving mother passed away on April 7, 2002 to be with our Lord in heaven. With her compassion, kindness, soft loving ways and bright optimism, Mom will be greatly missed by so many family and friends who had their hearts and lives blessed by her very presence. We mourn our earthly loss, but rejoice in her new body in Christ and heavenly home.

Margaret was born January 23, 1914, in Rochester, Pennsylvania of parents, Albert Sinkovitz and Golda Orock. Margaret was the first born of five children with surviving sister, Helen Ruth Jaros, living in Stanford, FL, with her son, Charles.

Margaret married Vaughn Paul Adams (1912-1986), also from Rochester, on September 11, 1933. Their children are Alberta Lee Kontos of Lansing, IL, Vaughn Paul, Jr. (Polly), Tempe, AZ, and Ronald William (Joan) of New Port Richey, FL, with whom Mom resided and received loving care until her departure. Surviving

stepchildren include Larry Taylor, Jr., and Jerry Taylor, sons of Larry Taylor, Sr., from the Port Richey area.

Margaret has 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Six of her grandchildren live in the Lansing area: Wanda (Charles) Foster, Meg (Todd) Tempco, Carrie (Michael) Yoniles, Rhonda (Gary) Throw, Michael (Rebecca) Adams and John Eric Adams. Other grandchildren include Vaughn Adams III and Kenton Adams, from Tempe, AZ; Tracy (Brent) Davis of Raleigh, NC; Laura (John) Lorange, David Adams of San Francisco, CA; and Sherrie Ceiga of Double Spring, AL.

Mom was a long time resident of the Port Richey area, retiring there in 1972 with her husband, Lawrence Elmer Taylor (1915-1985), from Lansing, IL. Larry and Mom married on November 3, 1962, and commenced the still flourishing L&M Jewelry business in Lansing. Not to be idle handed, Mom continued to do necklace restringing work for jewelry businesses in the Port Richey area until her calling home. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Spring Hill, Florida.

Mom was unceasingly thoughtful, caring, smiling, and viewed life from the most positive light. She overcame life's hurdles with uplifting determinism and hard work. Her most precious possessions were not her things, but rather the people and their treasured memories together. Mom was always one you could talk with about a trouble or care and step away having a refreshing, positive new outlook. She always made you feel blessed. Mom was dearly loved.

Viewing services will be held at the Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home, 3227 Ridge Road, Lansing, IL 60438 on Wednesday, April 10 between 5-9 pm. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 11 am at the First United Methodist Church, 6635 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, IN. Graveside services will follow.



A Tribute by Vaughn P. Adams, Jr.  
April 7, 2002

### **Loving Memories of Mom**

Engaging smiles and tender words,  
That softened hearts and gave us needed calm.  
Your gracious ways that stayed concerns,  
Giving encouragement as soothing balm.

Love you've shared, we will pass along,  
And try from start of dawn to setting sun.  
Your love is with us as the wind,  
Cascading through the lives you've touched and won.

We miss you, Mom, our hearts do sing,  
And thank you that we have your love within,  
To pass it down to those we touch,  
Until we see your lovely face again.



**Margaret Violet Sinkovitz**  
**Youngstown, Ohio, 1939**



**Margaret Violet Sinkovitz  
Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood, Illinois**

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**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
FLORIDA**

1. DECEASED'S NAME <b>MARGARET TAYLOR-HAYSEN</b>		2. SEX <b>Female</b>	
3. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) <b>April 7, 2002</b>		4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <b>236-28-0692</b>	
5. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) <b>January 23, 1914</b>		6. BIRTH PLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) <b>Benver Falls, Pennsylvania</b>	
7. MARITAL STATUS (Check one, the sex notwithstanding other entry) MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>		8. INSUREMENT (Check one) U.S. AFFILIATED SOCIETY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. FACILITY NAME (City and address, post street and apartment) <b>9766 Arrow Drive</b>		10. CITY/TOWN, CENSUS LOCATION OF DEATH <b>New Port Richey</b>	
11. DECEASED'S USUAL OCCUPATION <b>Jeweler</b>		12. SUPPORTING SOURCE (Name, age, relation, marital status) <b>Jewelry Store</b>	
13. RESIDENCE - STATE, TERRITORY <b>Florida</b>		14. CITY/TOWN OR LOCATION <b>Pasco</b>	
15. STREET AND NUMBER <b>9766 Arrow Drive</b>		16. ZIP CODE <b>34654</b>	
17. MARITAL STATUS (Check one) <b>Widow</b>		18. RACE - (Ancestral Origin, Birth, White, etc.) <b>White</b>	
19. MARRIAGE (Name, Date, Place) <b>Albert Sinkovitz</b>		20. DECEASED'S BIRTH (Name, Date, Place) <b>Galdie Brock</b>	
21. EMPLOYER'S NAME (City and address) <b>Alberta Kontos</b>		22. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number, Rural Route, P.O. Box, City or Town, State, Zip Code) <b>19560 Escanaba, Lansing, IL 60438</b>	
23. MANNER OF DEATH (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		24. PLACE OF DEATH (Name of Facility, City or Town, State) <b>Assumption Cemetery Glenwood, Illinois</b>	
25. ANALYSE OF DEATH (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		26. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY <b>Holloway Funeral Home, PO Box 1148 712 Bayview Blvd. Oldsmar FL 34677</b>	
27. NAME OF PHYSICIAN (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physician <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		28. LICENSE NUMBER (of Decedent) <b>1720</b>	
29. DATE OF DEATH <b>April 12, 2002</b>		30. HOUR OF DEATH <b>1:30P</b>	
31. NAME OF MEDICAL PHYSICIAN (If other than certifier) <b>Teodoro Mationg, M.D. 10201 State Road 62, Hudson, Florida 34669</b>		32. DATE REGISTERED <b>April 16, 2002</b>	
33. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN (If other than certifier) <i>Teodoro Mationg</i>		34. SIGNATURE OF REGISTERED EXAMINER <i>Chaine L. Lewellyn</i>	
35. CAUSE OF DEATH (List in order of causality, starting with the immediate cause and ending with the underlying condition) <b>1. Possible cardiac arrhythmia 2. Possible acute cerebrovascular accident 3. Possible acute coronary thrombosis DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: Hypertensive cardiovascular disease Generalized arteriosclerosis</b>		36. DATE REGISTERED <b>April 17, 2002</b>	
37. IS THERE A QUESTION OF CAUSALITY CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		38. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
39. WERE ANY FINDINGS USED TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF DEATH (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		40. CASE REPORTED (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
41. FEMALE WHO RECEIVED PREGNANCY WHILE DECEASED (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		42. DATE OF SURVEY (Month, Day, Year) <b>NO</b>	
43. DESCRIBE IF AVAILABLE THE MANNER OF DEATH (Specify) <b>Natural</b>		44. DATE OF SURVEY (Month, Day, Year) <b>NO</b>	
45. PLACE OF BIRTH (City, State) <b>Natural</b>		46. LOCATION (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State) <b>NO</b>	

APR 17 2002

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CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

**Death Certificate for Margaret Violet Sinkovitz  
07 April 2007**