

Nobody Dies Anymore

Nobody dies anymore
Just open the pages any morning
And look at the obits, some even smile
They must be the ones who haven't died
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Forty-three obits and only a dozen people died.
Indeed, most of the others "passed away"; one who must
have crossed the Don "was given an offer he couldn't
refuse"; Horace Greeley's double "went west," while the
mystic "took his first breath in the next world."
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One, no a few more than one, "flew away with the angels";
and a fan of *It's a Wonderful Life* "received her angel's
wings." And talk about wings, the former bomber pilot
didn't need those kind of wings for he "was cleared for
departure."
Only a dozen died, while the other thirty-one didn't
The rest? Well, they took the euphemistic route.