

The Rochester Sentinel

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Friday, January 2, 2004

L. G. Alber

March 17, 1907 - Dec. 31, 2003

L.G. ALBER, 96, Hickory Creek of Rochester, and formerly of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died at 4:54 p.m. Wednesday at Hickory Creek. His health had been failing for two weeks. Born to Ebbert H. and Mary E. "Molly" Conrad Alber in Richland Township near Rochester, he lived in Fulton County his entire life. On Oct. 21, 1933, he married Helen M. Clark in Mentone. She preceded him in death on Dec. 25, 1987. He was a member of Talma United Methodist church and a charter member of Talma Lions Club. He retired from farming. He was a very talented whistler. He was the last of a family of nine children.

Survivors include one daughter-in-law, Phyllis Alber, Rochester; three grandchildren, Connie and husband Roy Burkhardt Amboy, Thomas Alber and wife Sandy, Woodburn, Randy Alber and wife Theresa, Claypool, and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Helen, and one son, Sidney "Sid" Alber on April 22, 1995.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Omer L. Guyer

May 1, 1916 - Dec. 30, 2003

Omer L. GUYER, 87, Denver passed away at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Born to Roy and Ida Opple Guyer at the Guyer homestead near Denver, he married Evelyn Jones of LaFontaine on April 19, 1940. She preceded him in death on Dec. 24, 1999.

He was owner and operator of a farm in Denver. He was a former employee of International Harvester, Peru; McMahan Construction Co., Rochester, and Delco Electronics, Kokomo, from which he retired in December 1983.

He was a member of Boundary Line church of Christ, LaFontaine.

Survivors include one sister, Esther L. Turnipseed, Millers Merry Manor, Peru; one daughter, Colleen and husband Howard Whittlesey, Denver; four sons, Jay Guyer and wife Patty, Florence, Ky., Jaun Guyer and wife Beverly, Brazil, Dan Guyer and wife Tanja, Tampa, Fla., Dawson Guyer and wife Renee, Brownsburg; 24 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clyde and Earl, one son, Carson, and one daughter, Anita M. Lord.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Sam Miller and Mike Willis officiating. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Saturday, January 3, 2004

[no obits]

Monday, January 5, 2004

L.G. Alber

March 17, 1907–Dec. 31, 2003

L.G. ALBER, 96, Hickory Creek of Rochester and formerly of Wynnfield Crossing, 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died at 4:54 p.m. Wednesday at Hickory Creek. He had been in failing health for two weeks.

Born in Richland Township near Rochester to Ebbert H. and Mary E. “Molly” Conrad Alber, he lived in Fulton County his entire life. He was one of a family of nine children. He married Helen M. Clark in Mentone on Oct. 21, 1933. She preceded him in death on Dec. 25, 1987. He married Margurite Sperry in Plymouth on Aug. 26, 1989. She preceded him in death on Sept. 10, 1999.

He retired from Rochester Metal Products in 1957 and was a retired farmer. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Talma United Methodist Church and a charter member of the Talma Lions Club. He won awards and was known for his talent for whistling.

Survivors include one daughter-in-law, Phyllis Alber, Rochester; three grandchildren, Connie and husband Roy Burkhart, Amboy, Thomas Alber and wife Sandy, Woodburn, Randy Alber and wife Theresa, Claypool; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Helen Murphy, Chula Vista, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents, wives, Helen and Margurite, and one son, Sidney “Sid” Alber on April 22, 1995.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with Rev. William Kaiser officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Betty J. Drake

Betty J. DRAKE, 73, 401 N. Virgil St., Akron, died at 11:13 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Akron.

Lester A. Feece

Lester A. Feece, 83, Plymouth, and formerly of Argos, died at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Hospice House, South Bend. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Lester C. Kindig

Feb. 8, 1908–Jan. 3, 2004

Lester C. KINDIG, 95, 7833 W. Indiana 25, Mentone, died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at his home.

Born in Fulton County to Estil and Bessie Clemans Kindig, he married Reathel B. Herrell in Fulton County on March 4, 1933. She preceded him in death on April 1, 1997. He was a farmer and carpenter. He was a member of the Modern Woodman.

Survivors include two daughters, Wilma Prater, Etna Green, Bonnie and husband Harold Hile, Mentone; two sons, Dale Kindig and wife Ellen, Warsaw, Ronnie Kindig, Warsaw; 12

grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Parentha Johnson, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two sisters, Fay Olson, Bernice Fenstermacher; and one brother, F. Leon Kindig.

A private family graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Athens Cemetery with Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. today and 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Bonnie Neace

Bonnie NEACE, 64, 13784 6A Road, Plymouth, died Friday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include her husband, Olen Neace, at home; two daughters, Jeanne Randall, at home, Bernadine Goens, South Bend; two sisters, Unice Stidham, Monterey, Laura Collette, Pierceton; and one brother, William Fields, Seymour, Tenn. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Kenneth E. Romine

Sept. 16, 1924 – Jan. 5, 2004

Kenneth E. ROMINE, 79, 710 W. Main St., Mentone, died at 3 a.m. today at his home. Born in Mentone to F. Monroe "Dutch" and Maude F. Hissong Romine, he was a lifetime resident of the Mentone area. He married Mary Esther Smith in Brimfield on Nov. 30, 1944. She survives. They recently celebrated their 59th anniversary.

He was a dedicated postmaster in Mentone for 38 years. He retired in 1987. He was a World War II veteran and European campaign Purple Heart recipient. He was a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church, National League of Postmasters, Indiana Postmasters Association and the Bell Memorial Library Board. He was a 50 year member of the Mentone Lions Club, American Legion Post No. 49 and the Mentone Masonic Lodge. He was a former member of the Mentone Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Esther Romine, Mentone; two sons, Ken Romine and wife Sharon, Northville, Mich., John Romine, Carmel; four grandchildren, Julie Stedman, Newark, Ohio, Benjamin Romine, Farmington Hills, Mich., Grant Romine, Noblesville, Clark Romine, Carmel; two great-grandchildren, Peter and Isaac Stedman; one sister, Janet and husband Tom Smith, Warsaw; and one brother Gerald Romine and wife Elvira, Mentone. He was preceded in death by one son, Robert Romine, on Feb. 15, 1998.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Rev. Doris Smith officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. American Legion Post, Warsaw, will conduct military graveside rites. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, 902 Provident Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580, Mentone United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 456, Mentone, IN 46539, or the American Cancer Society.

Wilbert R. Utter

Jan. 4, 1910 – Jan. 4, 2004

Wilbert R. UTTER, 94, Life Care Center, Rochester, and formerly of Athens, died at 7:35 a.m. Sunday at Life Care Center.

Born in Fulton County to Harley R. and Gertrude Johnson Utter, he married LaVera M. Walters in Rochester on Sept. 3, 1933. She survives. He was a retired farmer and member of Talma United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, LaVera M. Utter, Rochester; two daughters, Sue Curtis, Warsaw, Luanne and husband Jim May, Warsaw; two sons, Richard Utter and wife Lois, Mentone, Ron Utter, Rochester; one sister Josephine Sanders, Rochester; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, James R. Utter, in the Vietnam War, one great-grandson, one stepgrandson and four brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Rev. William Kaiser officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Talma United Methodist Church.

Esther Hohlt Sohl

July 6, 1913–Jan. 3, 2004

Esther Hohlt SOHL, 90, 1725 Colonial Drive, Rochester, died at 11:15 a.m. Saturday at her home following an illness.

Born in Indianapolis to Harry and Rosina Lawall Hohlt, she lived in the Rochester community for the past 34 years after coming here from Noblesville. She married Charles Sohl in Indianapolis on July 6, 1936. He preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1993.

She was a 1930 graduate of Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis, and a 1934 graduate of Purdue University, West Lafayette, where she earned a bachelor's degree in home economics. While at Purdue, she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Women's Sorority. In 2001, she was awarded the prestigious "Hidden Diamond Award" by the Purdue University Department of Consumer and Family Sciences.

After graduation, she taught school at the Speedway, Ben Davis, Noblesville and Jackson Central school systems in Marion and Hamilton counties. During World War II, she served as the home demonstration agent for Hamilton County. She was a volunteer for many organizations including Girl Scouts of America, American Red Cross, where she was a first aid instructor, and 4-H, where she was a 4-H Fair leader and judge. She served as the director for the Indiana State Fair Girl School from 1948–1965. She was very active in the Tri Kappa Sorority, Noblesville. Locally, she was an active volunteer at Woodlawn Hospital and the Fulton County Historical Society which honored her as the "Volunteer of the Year" in December 2000. She was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association and the Classroom Teachers Association.

Survivors include one brother, Carl Hohlt and wife Iva Lou, Rogers, Ark.; nieces; nephews; special friends, Walt and Judy Talbott, Rochester; and their sons, Scott Talbott, Jackson, Ga., and Rod Talbott, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Rev. Frank Hibbard officiating. Interment will follow the service at Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville. Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, and 11-2 p.m. Wednesday at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Tuesday, January 6, 2004

Betty Joan Stevens Drake

June 18, 1930–Jan. 3, 2004

Betty Joan Stevens DRAKE, 73, 401 N. Virgil St., Akron, died at 11:13 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, where she had been a patient for one day.

Born in Clinton County to John T. and Arizona Emery Stevens, she lived in Akron for

five years after moving from the Middlebury and Goshen areas of Elkhart County.

She had been involved in manufacturing in the Bristol area for most of her life. She enjoyed reading and cooking; however, her favorite pastime was assisting her family and friends with their special needs and projects.

Survivors include one sister, Nial and husband Shorty Lappin, Deltona, Fla.; one brother, Dick Stevens and wife Jane, Deltona, Fla.; one great-niece, Darlene and husband Jerry Eckrote, Akron; two great-great-nephews, Jerry Eckrote Jr. and wife Amy, Macy, Jeff Eckrote and wife Michele, Akron; and great-great-great-nieces and nephews, Emma, Lane and Lucretia Eckrote, Macy, Jeff Jr., Sarah and Anna Eckrote, Akron; and several other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

At her request, no visitation or viewing will be held. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Children's Ministry Fund. Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

Lester A. Feece

Nov. 29, 1920–Jan. 4, 2004

Lester A. FEECE, 83, Plymouth, and formerly of Argos, passed away at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Hospice House, South Bend.

Born in Marshall County to Ezra and Cora Ransbottom Feece, he married Kathern L. Johnson in Plymouth on Jan. 24, 1942. She preceded him in death on May 22, 2003.

He was a retired auto body mechanic and was a member of the Rochester American Legion. He was a World War II Army veteran who served during the invasion of Sicily, Anzio, southern France and central Germany.

Survivors include three sons, Dennis Feece and wife Debra, Montrose, Pa., Kevin L. Feece, Logansport, Curt Feece and wife Eileen, Plymouth; seven grandchildren, Marissa Feece, Kaitlin Feece, Zachariah Feece, Katherine Feece, Michael Feece, Cassandra Feece, Matthew Feece; two brothers, Burton Feece and wife Ineva, Plymouth, Ezra Feece Jr. and wife Lexie, Plymouth; one sister, Gertrude Elliott, South Bend. He was preceded in death by three brothers, William, Robert and Ted Feece.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery where Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside services. Memorials may be made to Hospice of St. Joseph County, South Bend.

Wednesday, January 7, 2004

Jennings O. Cyrus

Jan. 23, 1912–Jan. 6, 2004

Jennings O. CYRUS, 91, 2027 E. 600 North, Rochester, died at 10:12 a.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, where he had been a patient since Monday. His health had been failing for six months.

Born in Wayne County, W.Va., to Smith and Florence Cyrus, he lived in Rochester since 1972 after moving from Huntington, W.Va. He graduated from Wayne High School, Wayne, W.Va. He married Marguerite H. Hamilton in Grayson, Ky., on March 16, 1940. She preceded him in death on Nov. 16, 1996. He retired from the refrigeration and air conditioning division of the Ohio River Co.

Survivors include two daughters, Lindyl and husband William Bradley, Rochester, Joanne and husband Charles Porter, Montgomery, Ala.; one son, Garey Cyrus and wife Marjory, Rochester; and eight grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, wife, one grandson, Daniel Cyrus in 1994, one sister and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Robert George officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the funeral home.

Roland F. Carr

Oct. 30, 1934 – Jan. 5, 2004

Roland F. CARR, 69, 213 Pierce St., Plymouth, died at 10:48 p.m. Monday at his home, following an illness. He was under the loving care of his family and Starke County Hospice. Born in Rochester to Lester H. and Effie C. Burkett Carr, he was a lifetime area resident. He attended Rochester schools.

He served as a corporal in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. On Oct. 27, 1956, he married Margaret P. Moore in Rochester. She survives.

He retired in 1984 from the Bendix Corp., South Bend, after 19 years of employment. In the 1970s, he ran a trash route around the Lake of the Woods. He worked as a tree trimmer for the H.W. Moore Tree Service, South Bend, for 17 years.

He enjoyed hunting rabbits and squirrels and liked to fish. He was a fan of and followed professional wrestling on television.

A member of the Christian faith, he attended Pretty Lake United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Rochester Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Margaret; two daughters, Roberta K. and husband Kurt Wunder, Robin C. and husband, Kris Morcombe, both of Plymouth; two sons, Roy A. Carr, Bourbon, Roland F. Carr, Jr., Bremen; seven grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Marian "Bud" Carr and Lester "Les" Carr Jr., and one sister, Hilda M. Thomas.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, with Revs. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem Methodist Church, Bremen, and Deb Peterson, pastor of Union Church of the Brethren, Plymouth, officiating. Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Plymouth VFW No. 1162 will conduct military graveside services. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Cancer Association or the American Lung Society. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Thursday, January 8, 2004

Laura Belle Holloway

Laura Belle HOLLOWAY, 66, 6920 E. 500 North, Rochester, died at 1:36 p.m. Wednesday at The Heart Center, Indianapolis, where she was a patient. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Lloyd E. Jefferies

July 10, 1913–Jan. 7, 2004

Lloyd E. JEFFERIES, 90, 630 Fulton Ave., Rochester, passed away at 9:44 a.m. Wednesday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Born in Fort Benton, Mont., to Perry and Blanche Clifton Jefferies, he married Florence L. Irvine on Nov. 15, 1942, in Rochester. She preceded him in death on Jan. 27, 1997. On Oct. 7, 2001, he married Vada Quackenbush at Prill School in Rochester.

He was a licensed real estate agent and insurance agent with the former Jefferies Real Estate and Insurance Agency of Rochester. He had been a farmer in Macy, a circulation manager for The South Bend Tribune and a school bus driver.

He was a former Rochester City Council member, a 50-year and lifetime member of the Rochester Odd Fellows Lodge No. 47, past Grand Master of Indiana, South Bend Canton Lodge No. 9, Encampment Lodge No. 24, a 50-year member of the Rochester Masonic Lodge No. 79, South Bend Scottish Rite, Evergreen Rebekah Lodge No. 57 and the Rochester Order of the Eastern Star. He was also on the board of directors for the Prill School Museum and a prayer leader. He was a Boy Scoutmaster and member of the Rochester Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, Kiwanis Club and Toastmasters Club. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church where he had served as a deacon, elder, trustee and sang in the church choir.

Survivors include his wife, Vada Quackenbush-Jefferies, Rochester; two sons, Ed Jefferies, Rochester, Ernest Jefferies, Santa Cruz, Calif.; and four grandchildren, Manitou, Johanna and Leilani Jefferies, all of Santa Cruz, and Gael Jefferies, San Francisco. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Ben Whitfield officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Masonic and Odd Fellows services will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Odd Fellows, Prill School Museum or First Presbyterian Church.

Goldie C. Prior

Dec. 12, 1909–Jan. 6, 2004

Goldie C. PRIOR, 94, Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, died at 10:50 p.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor. She had been ill for an extended period of time.

Born in Miami County to Benjamin and Hettie Yike Yoder, she married Cecil M. Prior on Jan. 1, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1977. She was a homemaker and member of Oakdale Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, John Benjamin "Ben" Prior and wife Bonnie, Peru, James O. Prior and wife Janice, Peru; six grandchildren, Troy Prior, Lori Rusie, Melissa Cripe, Gregory Graves, Brent Prior, Michael Prior; six great-grandchildren, Ashley Rusie, Alison Rusie, Jenna Prior, Justin Prior, Emily Prior, Clair Prior; and one brother, Kenneth Yoder, Akron. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, six brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Rev. Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Oakdale Baptist Church.

Walter B. Safford

Walter B. SAFFORD, 89, Orchard Lane, Goshen, died Monday at Valley View Nursing Home, Elkhart. Survivors include one brother, Albert Safford; and two sisters, Christine King-Safford, Naples, Fla., Charlene Bailey, Fort Collins, Colo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola, is in charge of arrangements.

Hugh David Striggle

May 8, 1919–Jan. 7, 2004

Hugh David STRIGGLE, 84, Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester, passed away at 2:13 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born in Chicago to Dr. Claude Wayne and Elma Elizabeth Tschantz Striggle while his father served as a meat inspector for the government.

His family moved to South Whitley in 1920. He graduated from South Whitley High School in 1937. He attended Manchester College and Indiana University. He married Helen Berniece Jackson in 1941, and moved to Rochester in 1952. They divorced in 1966. He married Janice Catherine Box on May 28, 1970, in Rochester. She preceded him in death on Sept. 26, 2000.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge and the Carver Baptist Church of Douglas, Ga. Besides farming, he enjoyed golf and carpentry. One of his favorite things to do was customizing yachts in Florida. Most of his family and friends will remember him having a wonderful sense of humor.

Survivors include one daughter, Susan and husband Horst Westerling, Cincinnati, Ohio; and two grandsons, Brandon Horst Westerling and Austin Peter Westerling, Boston. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Steven David Striggle, and one sister, Helen Catherine Chapman, Columbia City.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with Rev. George Hapner officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Friday, January 9, 2004

Laura Belle Holloway

Dec. 20, 1937–Jan. 7, 2004

Laura Belle HOLLOWAY, 66, 6920 E. 500 North, Rochester, died at 1:36 p.m. Wednesday at The Heart Center of Indiana, Indianapolis, where she had been a patient for five days. Her health had been failing for the past year.

Born in Kewanna to George and Wildia J. Personett Wilson, she lived most of her life in Fulton County. She married Richard K. Holloway in Fulton on Feb. 21, 1959. He survives. She retired from Talma Fastener Corp. due to ill health. She was a member of Athens United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Richard K. Holloway, at home; two sons, Richard Lee Holloway and wife Lorna, Rochester, Christopher A. Holloway, at home; two grandchildren, Alex Boyd and wife Debbie, Warsaw, Della Boyd, Norfolk, Va.; three great-grandchildren; and one brother, Hugh Wilson and wife Wiletta, Kewanna. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Bertha Crippen, and two brothers, Donald and George Wilson Jr.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with

Rev. David Inskeep officiating. Burial will be at Sycamore Cemetery, about seven miles northeast of Rochester. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Athens United Methodist Church.

Walter B. Safford

July 16, 1914–Jan. 5, 2004

Walter B. SAFFORD, 89, Orchard Lane, Goshen, passed away Monday at Valley View Nursing Home, Elkhart.

Born in Tiosa, to Charles and Louise Fellows Safford, he married Thelma Sanders in Athens on May 14, 1944. He was a member of Athens United Methodist Church. He was employed by the Mentone newspaper for more than 20 years as a printer and line up typist. He enjoyed farming. A longtime member of Farm Bureau, he worked with the Civilian Conservation Corp. during the Great Depression.

Survivors include one daughter-in-law, Susan Safford, Goshen; one brother, Albert Safford; two sisters, Christine King-Safford, Naples, Fla., Charlene Bailey, Fort Collins, Colo.; four grandchildren, Alisha Safford, Angelia Safford, Jessica Hartman, Jacob Hartman; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one son, Lowell Dale Safford, one brother, Donald Earl Safford, one sister, Stella Catherine Safford, one granddaughter, Victoria Lynn Safford, and one grandson, Joshua Hartman.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Thursday at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola, was in charge of arrangements Saturday, January 10, 2004.

[no obits]

Monday, January 12, 2004

Barbara Ellen Bradley

Dec. 22, 1937 – Jan. 10, 2004

Barbara Ellen BRADLEY, 66, 530 E. 18th St., Rochester, died at 4:40 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend, after a three-week illness.

Born in Rochester to LeRoy "Lee" and Lillie Mikesell Holloway, she married Glen Bradley in Rochester on June 6, 1954. He preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 2003. She was a homemaker and office manager for the family plumbing and heating company. She was a member of the First Church of God, Rochester, and enjoyed her shopping adventures to Wal-Mart.

Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia Bradley and Cheryl Bradley, both of Rochester; two sons, Glen A. "Jake" Bradley and wife Jennie, and Dale Bradley, all of Rochester; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Lois and husband C.L. Stones, Rochester, Donna and husband Bob Anglin, Wabash, Phyllis Jean Duzan, Rochester; one brother, Bob Holloway, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. Four sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with Rev. David Dittman officiating. Burial will be at Citizen's Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from 4–8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mary Ina Shaw

March 17, 1920 – Jan. 10, 2004

Mary Ina SHAW, 83, Bloomington, died Saturday at Bloomington Hospital.

Born in Cedarville, Ohio, to Robert S. and Pearl Smith McElhinney, she was a 1937 graduate of Bloomington High School and a 1942 graduate of Indiana University where she was a member of Pi Lambda Theta.

She was a teacher of commerce and Latin at Paoli High School, a newspaper society editor in Rochester and Sellersburg, co-founder of Fulton County Cancer Detection Center, executive secretary of the I.U. Dean of Students office and of a corporate law firm in Louisville, and Farm Bureau Inc. newsletter editor for 18 years in Clark and Monroe counties.

She was a member of S.E.C. Extension Homemakers Club, Monroe County Farm Bureau Inc. Board of Directors, Cambridge Square Club secretary and Fairview United Methodist Church where she held offices in Victory Sunday School and led a Wednesday morning Bible study.

Survivors include one son, Robert D. Shaw and wife Barbara, Memphis; one grandson, Robert I. Shaw, Los Angeles; one granddaughter, Hannah J. and husband Stephen Phillips, Savoy, Ill.; one great-grandson, Deklan Riley Phillips; and a special friend, Paul Sailor. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale L. Shaw, and one granddaughter, Lovette Shaw, both in 1979.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Allen Funeral Home, 3000 E. Third St., Bloomington, with Rev. Douglas Simpson officiating. Burial will be at Covenant Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today and from noon until the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Audrey A. Mishler

Audrey A. MISHLER, 91, 7409 W. 775 North, Culver, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Survivors include four sons, Dennis R. Mishler, Culver, Terry M. Mishler, Kalamazoo, Mich., Lynn E. Mishler, Leiters Ford, and Larry L. Mishler, Mena, Ark. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bonine Funeral Home, Culver. Visitation will be 2-6 p.m. Tuesday.

Tuesday, January 13, 2004

John C. Pontius

John C. PONTIUS, 75, Rochester, died at 6:37 a.m. today at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Ashley N. Rusie

Oct. 27, 1987 – Jan. 11, 2004

Ashley N. RUSIE, 16, 10203 E. 400 North, Peru, died at 4 p.m. Saturday in an auto accident on Wabash Road near Paw Paw Pike in Miami County. She was a sophomore at North Miami High School.

Born in Kokomo to Mark A. and Lori Prior Rusie, she loved music, dance and being in the Ballet of Arts. She loved her family and hanging out with her friends. She attended Mexico Baptist Church and St. Charles Catholic Church.

Survivors include her parents, at home; her grandparents, James and Janice Prior, Peru, and Linda Rusie, Mexico; aunts and uncles, Byron and Mary Beth Fites, Bill and Ann Friend, John and Dana Rusie, Randy and Teresa Pier, Troy and Lisa Prior, Missy and Larry Cripe; one sister,

Alison Rusie, Peru; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, John Rusie.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Mexico Baptist Church, Second and Carroll streets, with Revs. Gary Colby and Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Mexico Baptist Church. Flowers—Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, is handling arrangements.

Nina Faye Weir

June 4, 1920 – Jan. 11, 2004

Nina Faye WEIR, 83, Lincoln City, Ore., died Saturday in Lincoln City.

Born in Rochester to Eric Bernard and Mellie Odessa Woodcox Ysberg, she was raised in this area. She married Rudy Weir on March 24, 1976. A housewife and homemaker, she was a member of Burton United Methodist Church near Rochester. She loved flowers, birds and gardening. She was loved by all who knew her. She moved to Lincoln City in 1982.

Survivors include her husband, at home; two daughters, Carol Soles, Carrier, Miss., and Chris Soles, Lincoln City, Ore.; one son, Mike Herrell and wife Roxie, Rochester; one sister, Helen Showley, California; two nieces; one nephew; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Pacific View Memorial Chapel, Lincoln City, Ore. Inurnment will be at Pacific View Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 9 a.m.–noon Thursday at the funeral chapel.

Wednesday, January 14, 2004

Harvey Earl Guyer

Harvey Earl GUYER, 76, 23274 Century Drive, Elkhart, died Monday at Elkhart General Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Diane Guyer; two sons, Randall W. Guyer, Middlebury, Ronald D. Guyer, Elkhart; four daughters, Debra McArthur, Elkhart, Janet Ferro, Elkhart, Barbara Stump, Mishawaka, Jennifer Rudynski, Niles, Mich.; one brother, Delbert Guyer, Sun City, Ariz.; three sisters, Florence Partridge, Rochester, Marjorie Kistler, Indianapolis, Norma Lee Reynolds, Indianapolis. Services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home & Crematory, Elkhart. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

John C. Pontius

July 4, 1928-Jan. 13, 2004

John C. PONTIUS, 75, 1708 S. 500 East, Rochester, passed away at 6:37 a.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born in Akron to Clyde and Bernice Squires Pontius, he married Opal Stahl in Macy on Nov. 28, 1953. He retired from the former Sealed Power Corp., Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Pontius, Rochester; one son, Robert Dean Pontius, Elkhart; and one sister, Gloria “Dolly” and husband Bill Eaton, Rochester. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Glendon Hancock and Grace Gagnon.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with Rev. Robert Rensberger officiating. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the donor’s charity of choice.

Pauline Prible

Aug. 9, 1918-Jan. 10, 2004

Pauline PRIBLE, 85, 1921 Boulevard St., Rochester, and formerly of Peru, died at 4 p.m. Saturday at her home.

Born in Frankfort to Carl and Marie Hutchison Brittain, she moved to Peru at age 3. She graduated from Peru High School in 1936. She married Thomas W. Murden on Nov. 15, 1939. He preceded her in death Feb. 26, 1970. She married Paul H. Prible on June 16, 1973. He preceded her in death Aug. 14, 2001. She was a secretary at Peru Junior High School for eight years, retiring in 1976. After retirement, she moved to Lake Manitou. She and her husband Paul spent 23 winters in Bradenton, Fla.

She was a member of First Christian Church, Rochester, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Phi Delta Kappa Ladies and Ruth Dorcas Circle of First Christian Church.

Survivors include one stepson, Dr. C. Ray Prible and wife Linda, Virginia Beach, Va.; four stepgrandchildren, William P. Prible, Amy Prible, Jonathan Prible and Joshua Prible; two nephews, Jay Seiler and wife Mary Ann, Kokomo, and Toby J. Seiler and wife Christina, Rochester; three nieces, Sindy and husband David Zirkle, Bloomfield, Joanie and husband Jeff Sackett, Lewisville, Texas, Carolyn Seiler, widow of nephew Kenneth Seiler, Peru; one brother-in-law, Toby Seiler Jr., Rochester; 10 great-nieces and nephews including Jon, Caty and Ali Seiler, Rochester; and one great-great-niece. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Mary Marie Murden, one sister, Betty Seiler and one nephew, Kenneth Seiler.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 Main St., Peru, with Pastor Woody Slade officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, Rochester.

Russell Stonebraker

Nov. 9, 1942-Jan. 12, 2004

Russell STONEBRAKER, 61, 1016 Wabash Ave., Rochester, passed away at 9:20 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Kokomo to Gale and Pauline Doolittle Stonebraker, he married Linda Brown in Ocala, Fla., on Jan. 13, 1990. She survives. A retired upholsterer and member of Manitou Moose Lodge and Walton American Legion, he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, at home; three sons, Brian Robert Stonebraker and wife Marilyn, Kokomo, Scott Russell Stonebraker and wife Shanna, Cutler, and Chris Wayne Stonebraker and wife, Candy, Kokomo; two daughters, April and husband Bob Marley, Kokomo, and Donna Durham, Auburndale, Fla.; one sister, Ruth Cantu, Bunker Hill; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. His parents and two grandsons preceded him in death.

There will be no funeral service. The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. Friday at the home of Linda Stonebraker. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Thursday, January 15, 2004

Richard Francis Krol

Richard Francis KROL, 51, 3107 Barrett Road, Rochester, passed away at 2:40 p.m. Wednesday at his home. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Caroline McCrosky

Caroline McCROSKY, 86, 1652 W. 500 South, Rochester, passed away today at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton.

Nicky Joe Rudd

Dec. 25, 1950.-Jan. 14, 2004

Nicky Joe RUDD, 53, Milford, Del., died Wednesday at home.

Born in Rochester to Charles L. and Jannavee Patton Rudd Jr., he retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Master Sergeant in 1990. He began a career as an assistant manager for Food Lion stores in several Delaware locations before becoming disabled in 2003.

He was a member of the Harrington Moose Lodge. He coached girls softball with the Milford Little League, was active with the Milford High School Cross Country Booster Club and helped with the Milford Magic softball team of the American Softball Association League. He enjoyed skiing, hunting, fishing, NASCAR racing and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his wife of 28 years, Mary R.C. Rudd; one son, Andrew R. Rudd, Fort Walton, Fla.; two daughters, Melody and husband Michael Day, New Castle, Del., and Heather Rudd, Milford; and two brothers, Robert Rudd and Roy Gene Rudd, both of Rochester.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Reformation Lutheran Church, 613 Lakeview Ave., Milford. Interment with military honors will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Delaware Veterans Cemetery, Bear, Del. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Blood Bank of Delaware/Eastern Shore, 100 Hygeia Dr. Newark, DE 19713-2085.

Mary Catherine Weaver

Mary Catherine WEAVER, 93, Miller's Merry Manor, Culver, and formerly of Rochester, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, January 16, 2004

Richard Francis Krol

March 5, 1952-Jan. 14, 2003

Richard Francis KROL, 51, 3107 Barrett Road, Rochester, passed away at 2:40 p.m. Wednesday at his Lake Manitou residence in the loving care of his wife and brother following a battle with cancer.

Born at the Jackson Park Hospital, Chicago, to Francis Richard "Frank" & Olga Julia Marolt Krol, he lived in the Rochester area for the past 15 years after moving from Chicago. On Oct. 22, 1977, in Chicago Heights, Ill., he married Janet Renelle DeVries. Their marriage was sealed for time and eternity in the Washington, D.C., Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on April 22, 1981.

Richard was a service specialist for Northern Indiana Public Service Co. for the past 15 years. He worked in utility services for more than 29 years. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Logansport, and the United Steel Workers Union (USWA), Local 12775, Portage, he took great pride and enjoyed working in his beautiful yard and home on Lake Manitou. He was an avid baseball fan and loved his dog and three cats, especially his cat, "Scooter."

Survivors include his wife, Janet Renelle Krol, at home; one daughter, Julia Ruth Krol, Utah State University, Logan, Utah; one brother, Gary Krol and wife Debby, Romeoville, Ill., and their sons, Jacob Krol and Josh Bindgen; and several other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. 6th Street, Rochester, with Bishop Joseph Hintz officiating. Interment will be in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, following his services. Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made in his name to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' Missionary Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Mary Catherine Weaver

Sept. 2, 1910-Jan. 14, 2004

Mary Catherine WEAVER, 93, formerly of Gary and Rochester, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, January 14, in Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

She was born September 2, 1910, to James T. & Mary L. (Scanlon) Considine. After graduating from Emerson High School in Gary in 1929, she married Earl L. "Buck" Weaver, who died on March 21, 1991, after 62 years of marriage.

Mary Cath was also preceded in death by two sons, Richard J. in 1935, and Earl J. "Jim" in 2000. Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Margaret "Peg" Snyder and Rosemary Schenher; along with three brothers, Leonard, James and Raymond Considine.

Mary Cath leaves behind one daughter, Judy Lewis of Portland, Oregon, and three sons, Bob (Nancy) of Rochester; John (Marge) of Fernandina Beach, Florida; and Tom Weaver of Flagstaff, Arizona. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren along with four nieces and two nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 20 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1300 Main St., Rochester. Officiating will be Father Joseph E. Jacob, Pastor. Burial will follow at the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family for a future suitable memorial, which will be donated in Mary Cath's name. A celebration of Mary Cath's life will be held for family and friends at the St. Joseph Parish Hall immediately following the funeral. Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana, has been entrusted with her arrangements.

Caroline McCrosky

Caroline McCROSKY, 86, 1652 W. 500 South, Rochester, died at 8:35 a.m. Thursday at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Survivors include several great-nieces and nephews. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Saturday, January 17, 2004

Elizabeth Ann Day

Devin Lee Day

Elizabeth Ann DAY, twin-daughter of David and Julie Easterday Day, 17225 Shadoan Way, Westfield, died at 11:24 a.m. Friday at St. Vincent's Hospital, Carmel.

Devin Lee Day, twin-son of David and Julie Easterday Day, 17225 Shadoan Way, Westfield, passed away at 11:30 a.m. Friday at St. Vincent's Hospital, Carmel. Arrangements are

pending at Bonine Funeral Home, Culver.

Richard Francis Krol

March 5, 1952-Jan. 14, 2004

Richard Francis KROL, 51, 3107 Barrett Road, Rochester, passed away at 2:40 p.m. Wednesday at his Lake Manitou residence in the loving care of his wife and brother following a battle with cancer.

Born at the Jackson Park Hospital, Chicago, to Francis Richard "Frank" & Olga Julia Marolt Krol, he lived in the Rochester area for the past 15 years after moving from Chicago. On Oct. 22, 1977, in Chicago Heights, Ill., he married Janet Renelle DeVries. Their marriage was sealed for time and eternity in the Washington, D.C., Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on April 22, 1981.

Richard was a service specialist for Northern Indiana Public Service Co. for the past 15 years. He worked in utility services for more than 29 years. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Logansport, and the United Steel Workers Union (USWA), Local 12775, Portage, he took great pride and enjoyed working in his beautiful yard and home on Lake Manitou. He was an avid baseball fan and loved his dog and three cats, especially his cat, "Scooter."

Survivors include his wife, Janet Renelle Krol, at home; one daughter, Julia Ruth Krol, Utah State University, Logan, Utah; one brother, Gary Krol and wife Debby, Romeoville, Ill., and their sons, Jacob Krol and Josh Bindgen; and several other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. 6th Street, Rochester, with Bishop Joseph Hintz officiating. Interment will be in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, following his services. Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made in his name to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' Missionary Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Nov. 12, 1915-Jan. 16, 2004

Mary Ann Overmyer

Ira Virdell Overmyer

Feb. 17, 1911-Jan. 11, 2004

Mary Ann OVERMYER, 88, died Friday. Ira Virdell OVERMYER, 92, died Sunday.

She was born in Fulton. He was born in Kewanna. They lived in Fulton until 1988 when they moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., to be near their children. In November 2003, they moved to the Delta Retirement Center, Lansing, Mich.

They were members of the Fulton Wesleyan Church and attended Honey Creek Church of the Nazarene, Ann Arbor.

A 1933 Fulton High School graduate, she retired from Farmers and Merchants Bank after 21 years of service.

A 1929 graduate of Kewanna High School, he was an owner-operator of several trucks that served local farms by hauling grain and livestock. He was a Star Route mail contractor for the U.S. Postal Service for 25 years and served as Fulton clerk-treasurer for 22 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virdell; two brothers, Claude and Clyde; three sisters, Marie Crippen, May Preble and Fern Pownall.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ray and Carl and his wife Mary Alice; and one sister, Edna.

They are survived by one son, Gerry Overmyer and wife Donna, Lansing; one daughter, Suzanne Fraker, Chelsea, Mich.; four grandchildren, Cynthia Sanborn, James Hollingsworth and wife Carrie, Julee and husband Matt Laur and Janette and husband Bob Twenter; eight great-grandchildren; and Mary's sister, Ruth Mead, Midland.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Tiffany Funeral Home, 3232 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Mich., with Dr. Harold DeMott of the South Church of the Nazarene officiating. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday. Interment service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Memorials may be made to the Gideon's Society or Heartland Hospice.

Monday, January 19, 2004

Bertha M. Engle Bennett

May 21, 1913-Jan. 16, 2004

Bertha M. ENGLE BENNETT, 90, Highland, died Friday. Born in Akron, she had lived in Highland since 1941. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Survivors include two sons, William Hershel and wife Sandra Bennett, Hammond, and Robert Lee and wife Lanan Bennett, St. Petersburg, Fla.; six grandchildren, Lynn and husband Jeffrey Kapp, William D. and James R. Bennett, John R., Robert L. and Brooke L. Bennett; kind caregiver Boyka; and good friend, Lillian Hurst. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 63 years, William Henry Bennett, and two brothers, Ronald and George Engle.

Services were at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Fagen-Miller Funeral Home, 2828 Highway Avenue, Highland. Graveside services were at 1 p.m. today at Akron Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

E. Michael Ball

E. Michael BALL, 66, Muncie, died Jan. 7 at his home. Survivors include one daughter, Cheri Lin Ball, Weed, Calif.; two sons, R. Patrick Ball, Frankfort, and E. Michael Ball II, Newbury, Ohio; one brother, Robert Ball, Seattle, Wash.; and three sisters, Mary Cook, Cicero, Margret Cooney, Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Melinda Harlow, Indianapolis. Services were at 11 a.m. today at St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Montpelier. Glancy Funeral Homes-Walker Chapel, Montpelier, was in charge of arrangements.

Devin Lee Day

Elizabeth Ann Day

Jan. 15, 2004-Jan. 15, 2004

Devin Lee and Elizabeth Ann DAY, infant twins of David L. and Julie A. Easterday Day, 17225 Shadoan Way, Westfield, died at birth Thursday at St. Vincent's Hospital, Carmel.

In addition to their loving parents, they are survived by maternal grandparents, Gregory O., DDS, and Karen S. Easterday, Culver; paternal grandparents, Fred and Nancy Day, Leiters Ford; maternal great-grandfather, Fred Banks, Culver, paternal great-grandmother, Georgia Day, Arcadia; and paternal great-grandfather, Gale Young, Sheridan.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. today at Zion Cemetery, Culver, with the Rev. Robert Metzger officiating. There was no visitation. Interment followed at the cemetery. Bonine Funeral Home, Culver, handled the arrangements. Letters of condolence to the family may be sent via www.boninefh.com.

Jay L. Hood

July 8, 1926-Jan. 18, 2004

Jay L. HOOD, 77, Kewanna, died at 8:20 a.m. Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Born in Pulaski County to George C. and Sarah E. Hahn Hood, he graduated from Star City High School in 1944. A retired blacksmith, he had a shop at Lake Bruce from 1958-1996. He was a 50-year member of Winamac Lodge No. 262 F. & A.M., Winamac. He loved to fly and had earned his pilot's license and purchased his own airplane. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force in Germany during World War II.

Survivors include two brothers, Kenneth K. Hood, Rochester, Cecil R. Hood, Kewanna; two sisters, Gertrude J. Spoor, Culver, and Ruth J. DePoy, Plymouth; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, with the Rev. Linda Craig officiating. Burial will be at Star City Cemetery West at a later date. Friends may call one hour prior to his services.

Mearlie Manuwal

June 16, 1911-Jan. 17, 2004

Mearlie MANUWAL, 15771 14th Rd., Plymouth, a lifetime Plymouth resident, died of natural causes at 5:26 p.m. Saturday at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Mearlie, 92, had lived with her son, Dale and his wife, Carolyn, since June of 2000.

Born in Plymouth, the daughter of Reuben and Emily Singleton McKesson, she attended Plymouth schools. On March 18, 1928, in Plymouth, Myrl G. Manuwal and Mearlie were married. Myrl died on July 23, 1990.

A homemaker, she enjoyed most of all, being with her family. She loved to sew and usually had a needle and thread in her hand. She made many quilts, lap robes, pot holders and other useful and decorative items.

When she was younger, she enjoyed hunting mushrooms. She made numerous bus trips across the United States and liked watching golf on T.V. Her favorite game was Rumicube and she was a fan of Southern Gospel music.

Mearlie is survived by two sons, Fred and Brenda Manuwal, Rochester, and Dale and Carolyn Manuwal, Plymouth; seven grandchildren, Tim and Janet Manuwal, Elizabeth and Joe Bottorff, Barb and Garry Hartman, Denny and Mary Manuwal, Karen Woods, Mary Manuwal, all of Plymouth; and Vicki Manuwal, Indianapolis; 15 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren. Mearlie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Myrl, six sisters, one brother, one grandson, James Lee Manuwal, and one great-great-grandson, Devin Cole Manuwal.

A celebration of her life will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Funeral services for Mearlie will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The Rev. Rick Gaul, pastor of the Open Bible Church where she attended services, will officiate. Interment will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Howard D. Fred

Howard D. FRED, 81, 403 Pontiac St., Rochester, died at 6:37 a.m. today at Harborside Health Care, New Lebanon, Ohio. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

John H. ‘Jack’ Ponsonby Sr.

Aug. 17, 1925-Jan. 18, 2004

John H. “Jack” PONSONBY Sr., 78, 859 Bobtail Court, Peru, died at 11:40 p.m. Sunday at Miller’s Merry Manor, Peru.

Born in Wilkes Barre, Pa., to John and Eleanor Nave Ponsonby, he married Joan E. Alspach in 1952. She preceded him in death. A salesman, he retired from Noland Inc.

He was a member of the VFW, Moose and enjoyed fishing and reading. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include seven children, John Ponsonby Jr. and wife Karen, Acton, Maine; Jeanne Duffey and Nelson Owens, Mexico; Jim Ponsonby and wife Lana, Windsor, Va.; Joy and husband Dave Goller, Macy; Jeff Ponsonby and Lynn Todd, Springfield, Ill.; Julie and husband Dave Harris, Macy; JoAnne and husband Rod Middaugh, Wabash; and 17 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson and one granddaughter.

A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Steve Fleck officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. until the time of services at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Robert Roy ‘Doc’ Davis

Robert Roy “Doc” DAVIS, 62, Nashville, Tenn., died Sunday at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville.

Born in Logansport, he was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

He is survived by his beloved companion, Jean; his children, Kerry Davis Bourne, Clarksville, Tenn., Robert Roy Davis III, Clarksville, Tenn., Beverly Hutchison, Ogden, Utah, Sheila Batson, Lynchburg, Tenn., Cindy Richardson, Winter Haven, Fla., Vicki Batson, South Bend; his mother, Francelia Davis, Plymouth; four sisters, Bessie Crain, Burlington, Karen Sue Sutton, Plymouth, Janet Platt, Lakeland, Fla., Joan McCloske, Kokomo; one brother, Wayne Davis; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Roy Davis Sr., one daughter, Angelina Davis Shephard, and two brothers, Merle L. and Richard D. Davis.

A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Chapel of Roses, Woodlawn Funeral Home, 660 Thompson Lane, Nashville, TN 37204. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. The funeral home may be contacted at 615-383-4754.

Howard D. Fred

May 15, 1922-Jan. 20, 2004

Howard D. FRED, 81, 403 Pontiac St., Rochester, passed away at 6:37 a.m. Tuesday at Harborside Health Care Center, New Lebanon, Ohio.

Born in Fulton, the son of Cecil H. and Edith May Reed Fred, he married Marjorie Downs in Rochester on Jan. 8, 1946. She preceded him in death on Sept. 30, 2001.

Mr. Fred was a livestock buyer, part owner of Parrott Packing Co. in Fort Wayne and sold vehicles for Rochester Ford-Lincoln-Mercury for many years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge and Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include his three daughters, Kathie Stevens, Rebecca “Becky” E. Savage, both

of Richmond, Diane Fred, South Bend; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Betty and husband Raymond Gottschalk and Barbara and husband Jack Helvie, all of Logansport. He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, where Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Memorials may be made to the Rochester High School Scholarship Fund or the Fulton County Historical Society

Emma Grace Jackson

June 28, 1929-Jan. 20, 2004

Emma Grace JACKSON, 74, 1511 S. 1275 East, Akron, died at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at her home following an illness. She had been failing in health since September 2003.

Born in Magoffin County, Ky., to Ben and Emily Marshall Jackson, she had lived in the Akron community for the past 47 years. She married Earl Jackson in Warsaw on Dec. 31, 1948. He preceded her in death.

A homemaker, she had also worked as a grinder for Rochester Metal Products, Rochester, retiring in 1992. Prior to that time, she worked for Blue Belle Clothiers, Warsaw. She was a member of the House of Prayer Church, Akron.

Survivors include one daughter, Brenda and husband Jerry Honeycutt, Akron; two sons, Ronnie Jackson, Tippecanoe, and Garrett Jackson, Roann; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; one brother Alger Jackson and wife Angie, Mentone; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one daughter, Linda Purvis, one grandson, Martin Scott Purvis, and three brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the House of Prayer Church, 15102 E. 300 South, Akron, with Pastor Danny Honeycutt officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 808 E. Rochester St., Akron, and one hour prior to her services Friday at the church. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice or the House of Prayer Church.

Albert E. Safford

April 3, 1922-Jan. 17, 2004

Mr. Albert E. SAFFORD, Indianapolis, passed away Saturday. He was 81 years old, having been born on April 3, 1922, to Charles and Louise Fellows Safford of rural Rochester.

Mr. Safford was a long-time violinist for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Starlight Musicals and the Scottish Rite Orchestra. He traveled with the Henry Mancini Orchestra and the Dick Hayman Orchestra. He was a lifetime member of Musicians Local No. 3 A.F. of M. and was the piano tuner for Butler University for several years. He was on leave of absence from International Parts Warehouse where he worked during his retirement years.

Mr. Safford was an avid fisherman and passed on that love to many youngsters with his involvement in the Boy Scouts of America. A deacon at First Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, Mr. Safford also contributed to the church's musical offerings at Christmas time.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia F. (McMillan) Safford; one son, Charles Safford; one daughter, Denise Safford; two granddaughters, Katie and Chrissie Winn; two sisters, Charlene Bailey, Ft. Collins, Colo., and Christine Doke King, Naples, Fla.; as well as several nieces and nephews. Two brothers, Walter B. Safford, Akron, and Donald E. Safford Sr., Park Forest, Ill., preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral

CenterBroad Ripple, 1305 E. Broad Ripple Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46220. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. www.flannerbuchanan.com

Thursday, January 22, 2004

Mildred Berniece Eshelman

July 25, 1910-Jan. 22, 2004

Former Miami County resident Mildred Berniece ESHELMAN, 93, died at 5:30 a.m. today at Peabody Retirement Community.

Born in Miami County to William E. and Sarah Olive Lewis Chichester, she married Walter A. Eshelman on Dec. 25, 1932. He died Oct. 13, 1987. Mildred was a homemaker and member of Parkview United Methodist Church, Peru. She formerly attended the Macy United Methodist Church where she was a member of the United Methodist Women and belonged to the Hope Circle.

A 1928 Bunker Hill High School graduate, Mildred lived most of her life in the Pipe Creek and Allen townships of Miami County. Mildred was the last of a family of four. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Glenn and Clarence Chichester, and one sister, Mary Ethel Foust. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Peabody Retirement Community Chapel, North Manchester, with Rev. Norman McBride officiating. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. Indiana 16, Denver, and one hour prior to her service Saturday at the chapel.

Grace B. Gochenour

Grace B. Gochenour, 93, 600 W. Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, and formerly of Argos, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Murray, Whiting, and Cheryl Stephenson, Etna Green; and one sister, Aleene Adams, Mentone. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home Friday January 23, 2004

Rafael D. Lopez

March 29, 1930-Jan. 21, 2004

Rafael D. LOPEZ, 73, 1315 N. Mexico Road, Peru, died at 5:03 p.m. Wednesday at Dukes Continuing Care Center, Peru.

Born in Cienfuegos, Cuba, to Juan B. and Luisa Palacios Lopez, he married Hilda C. Leyva in Cienfuegos on Sept. 16, 1950. With help from the CIA and Cuba's Columbian Ambassador, he escaped from Cuba arriving in Key Marathon, Fla., on July 20, 1961. He owned and operated Apollo Vending, Peru, since 1971. He was involved in his community and often shared how fortunate people were to live in such a wonderful country.

A member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru Rotary Club, National Automatic Merchandising Association and Knights of Columbus and an active supporter of the Salvation Army, he became a naturalized citizen on March 23, 1982.

Survivors include his wife, Hilda Lopez, Peru; two sons, Ralph I. Lopez, Peru, and Armando E. Lopez and wife Gina, Peru; one daughter, Hilda and husband Rick Lennon, Peru; one sister, Maria C. Lopez, Cienfuegos, Cuba; one brother-in-law, Jesus L. Pernas, Mexico City, Mexico; one sister-in-law, Adelfa Lopez, Anderson; his grandchildren, Eddie Lopez and wife

Michelle, Jason Walker, Matthew Lopez, Lyndi Cook, April Lopez, Jolene Lopez, Tony Lopez, Jordan Cook, Francene Lopez and Taylor Cook; his great-grandchildren, Hanna Lopez and Haley Lopez. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Juan P. Lopez and Felipe A. Lopez, and his sisters, Lourdes Lopez and Maria Del Carmen Pernas.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at St. Charles Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. There will be a prayer service at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

William S. 'Stan' Scott

Aug. 13, 1935-Jan. 22, 2004

William S. "Stan" SCOTT, 68, 7265 W. 800 South, Claypool, died at 5:23 p.m. Thursday at Mason Health Care, Warsaw. He had resided at Mason Health Care for 2 1/2 year.

Born in Kosciusko County to Leo F. and Elizabeth E. Jamison Scott, he was a lifetime Claypool area resident. On Dec. 1, 1956, he married Phyllis J. Krichbaum. She died Dec. 8, 2000. He worked for R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Warsaw, for 25 years. He had also been a farmer. He enjoyed raising and showing sheep as well as other livestock.

Survivors include two daughters, Lana and husband Larry Hunter, Akron, Jennifer and husband Dan Jones, Claypool; one son, Mitchell Scott, Claypool; six grandchildren, Dustin Hunter, Jill Honeycutt, Bret Hunter, Tara Scott, Sarah Jones and Hannah Jones; three great-grandchildren, Kayla and Madelynn Hunter and Jace Honeycutt; and one brother, John Scott and wife Shirley, Milton, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Phyllis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Ronald Purkey officiating. Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery, Claypool. Visitation will be 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Saturday, January 24, 2004

Clifford Baker

Clifford BAKER, 80, 4319 S., 800 W., Mentone, died Friday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Melody A. 'Shuey' Perez

March 8, 1946 - Jan. 23, 2004

Melody Ann 'Shuey' PEREZ, 57, 429 E. 12th St., Rochester, died at 12:00 a.m., Friday at South Bend Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She had been in failing health for the past year. She was born March 8, 1946 in Peru to Samuel Wayne and Esther Arementrout Shuey. On Dec. 22, 1970 in Rochester, she married Francisco Perez, Sr. She had been a registered dietitian in Texas for 15 years and she had been an employee of Kralis Brothers Foods, Mentone for 15 years and she had most recently been a supervisor at Quick Clean Laundry Mat, Rochester until she became ill. She had attended the First Church of God, Rochester for a number of years.

Survivors include her husband at home; one son, Francisco 'Chico' Perez, at home; five sisters, Carolyn Sue Griffis, Bourbon; Sandra Watts, Owensboro, Ky., Tami Mounsey and husband Greg, Centerville; Pequitti Montelongo and companion Edward Rodriguez and Robin

Kelly and husband John all of Rochester and three brothers, Gary Shuey and wife Kathy, Rochester; Martin Shuey and wife Sue, Renneslear and Rex Shuey and wife Terry, Italy. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and three brothers. Services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 28, 10:00 a.m. at Foster and Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Jerry Pitman officiating. Burial will take place at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Monday, January 26, 2004

Clifford F. Baker

July 9, 1923 – Jan. 23, 2004

Clifford F. BAKER, 80, 4319 S. 800 West, Mentone, died Friday at his home.

Born in Claypool to Edward and Clara Ulrey Baker, he was a lifetime Kosciusko County resident. He worked for the Kosciusko County Jail. He was a World War II Navy veteran and member of American Legion Post No. 49, Warsaw.

Survivors include one sister, Mary (Igo) Bowers and husband John, Edwardsville, Mich., and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death with his parents were one sister, Berniece VanCuren, and one brother, Guy Baker.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Mentone EMS.

Winifred Irene (Davis) Fuqua

April 24, 1914-Jan. 24, 2004

Winifred Irene (Davis) FUQUA, 89, Fortville, died at 6:49 p.m. Saturday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Born in Fortville to Fred and Lois Roudebush Davis, she married Lloyd Fuqua in Fortville on Nov. 8, 1936.

Survivors include her children, Gayle and husband Tom Landis, Rochester, Brenda and husband David Ayers, Fortville, Loisanne and husband Bob Williams, Bedford, John Fuqua and wife Vickey, Noblesville; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Fuqua, in 1992; parents; sister Charlotte Mitchell; brothers Forrest and Robert Davis and grandson Scott Linville.

She was a member of Fortville Christian Church and Psi Iota Xi sorority. She was a dental assistant for Dr. Byron Deakyne, retiring in 1976 after 30 years of service.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Fortville Christian Church with the Rev. Jon Vance of Fortville Christian Church officiating. Burial will be at Gravel Lawn Cemetery, Fortville. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Seals Funeral Home, Fortville, and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Brother Edward J. McCourt

Brother Edward J. McCOURT, 90, Mt. Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, Ore., died Saturday. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Angel Abbey. Unger Funeral Home, Silverton, Ore., is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Reynolds

Donald REYNOLDS, 78, 330 W. 11th St., Rochester, died at 4:07 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

James W. Schrimsher

James W. SCHRIMSHER, 55, 9924 S. 475 West, Kewanna, died Saturday at his home. Survivors include his wife, Lona Schrimsher, at home; his father, Wesley Schrimsher, Logansport; one daughter, Erica Bailey, Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Alice Kersey, Logansport; and one brother, Kenneth Kersey, Logansport. Memorial services will be at a later date. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, is in charge of arrangements.

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Judith Jeanne Levy

Judith Jeanne LEVY, 71, formerly of Logansport and Rochester, died Saturday at her South Bend home. Survivors include her children, Jeff Russell, Mishawaka, Steve Russell, Rochester, Becky Dancy, Rochester, Melvin Russell, Lakeville, David Russell, Mishawaka, and Claudia Russell, San Diego, Calif. Palmer Funeral Home, South Bend, is in charge of arrangements. A private service will follow at a later date.

Lucinda 'Cindy' S. Cutshaw

Aug. 16, 1942-Jan. 10, 2004

Born Aug. 16, 1942, in Rochester, Lucinda "Cindy" S. Cutshaw, Boise, Idaho, went to be with our Father in heaven on Jan. 10, 2004, after a short illness.

Cindy was the eldest of three daughters of William Earl and Ida Katherine "Ike" Carr CUTSHAW. Cindy was a registered nurse at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise. She was well respected and loved by her patients and fellow staff members. She worked her whole career on Medical 2 East, which is now 5 South.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Survivors include her sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Allen "Butch" Raiser, Pinconning, Mich.; her sister, Billie Adamson, Boise, Idaho; her niece and nephew, Twanette and Jay Raiser, Charlotte, N.C.; her niece and nephew, Lucinda and William Adamson, Boise, Idaho; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service was held at St. Al's in the McCleary Auditorium at 3 p.m. Jan. 16. Memorials may be made to an educational fund for Lucinda and William Adamson at U.S. Bank, 8534 Franklin Road, Boise, ID 83709, Account No. 153352070152 or to the donor's charity of choice.

Donald E. Reynolds

Dec. 7, 1925-Jan. 24, 2004

Donald E. REYNOLDS, 78, 330 W. 11th St., Rochester, was pronounced dead at 4:07 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital Emergency Room shortly after arrival, following a sudden illness suffered at his home.

Born Dec. 7, 1925, in Miami County, as the son of Boice and Maude Armentrout Reynolds, he resided in the Rochester community the past 50 years, coming here from Miami County. He married Bette June Miller in Rochester on Dec. 20, 1953.

He retired from the Norfolk & Southern Railroad, Peru, in 1986. He had been employed as a railroader for more than 30 years, first as a switchman and later as a brakeman. He was a lifetime member of the United Transportation Union, Peru. He served his country in the United States Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater.

His hobbies included walking and caring for his dog and collecting miniature NASCAR race cars. He also loved watching NASCAR races and Indiana University basketball games on the television. The real light of his life was the time spent supporting and caring for his grandchildren through their various school activities and sports.

He is survived by his wife, Bette J. Reynolds, at home; one daughter, Deborah S. Wilson and husband Tim, Kewanna; three sons, Dana E. and wife Nona E., Logansport, Linn and wife Beth, Monterey, and Mark A., Rochester; eight grandchildren, Heather, Erik, Tiffany and Bryce Reynolds, Monterey, Joshua Reynolds, Austin, Texas, Amber Reynolds, Rochester, and Kaylee and Taylor Wilson, Kewanna. Nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Betty Thomas, and one brother, Russell Reynolds.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St. with Pastor Buck Padilla officiating. Interment will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Family and friends may call one hour prior to his service in the funeral home on Saturday. His family requests that memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36 and Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct military honors at the funeral home following his service.

Wednesday, January 28, 2004

Frederick 'Fred' D. Crispen

Jan. 7, 1935-Jan. 27, 2004

Frederick "Fred" D. CRISPEN, 69, 3982 E. 750 South, Macy, died at 8:35 a.m. Tuesday at his home following an illness. He had been failing in health for four years.

Born in Fulton County near Macy to Francis W. and Burnice Enyart Crispen, he resided in the Macy area most of his life. He married Ramona M. Phillips in La Crosse, Wisc., on April 21, 1956. She survives, at home.

He was a 1954 graduate of Macy High School where he was a standout on the basketball team. He was a former employee of W.C. Redmans & Sons Corp., Peru, where he worked in the maintenance department for 25 years. He later worked as a material handler and setup-man for Olin Corp., formerly United Technologies, currently the Lear Corp., Peru, for 16 years until retiring in 2001.

Survivors include his wife, Ramona M. Crispen, at home; two daughters, Louise and husband Bill Kaiser, Oconomowoc, Wisc., and Judy Yates and friend Kenny Jones, Peru; three sons, Steven Crispen, Macy, Rodney Crispen, Akron, and Michael A. Crispen, Macy; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his mother, Burnice Crispen, Macy; one brother, Ben Crispen and wife Jeanine, Macy; one sister-in-law, Ann Crispen Miller and husband George, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Francis W. Crispen, and one brother, Francis Lee Crispen in 1985.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Lawrence See officiating. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to his service Saturday at the funeral home.

Martha L. Paull

Martha L. PAULL, 68, 309 S. Logan St., Kewanna, died Monday at Lafayette Home Hospital, Lafayette. Survivors include four daughters, Susan Starr, Groton, Conn., Lillian Barnes, Groton, Conn., Deborah Metcalf, Monroe, Mich., and Vanesse Fort, Kewanna; one son, Charles Taylor III, Uncasville, Conn.; two brothers, James E. Atkinson, Virginia, and Robert Atkinson, Virginia; and one sister, Mildred Palardy, Ledyard, Conn. Services and final disposition will be at a later date.

Wilma M. Thomas

Wilma M. THOMAS, 79, Grass Creek, died at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna.

Thursday, January 29, 2004

Fern E. Besson

Jan. 15, 1921-Jan. 28, 2004

Fern E. BESSON, 83, 2829 S. 950 West, Mentone, died at 10:17 p.m. Wednesday at her home. She had been critically ill for two weeks.

Born in Fulton County to George and Agnes Hendrickson Rans, she lived in the Mentone area since 1938, coming from Fulton County. She married Everett Besson in Mentone on May 24, 1941. He survives. She was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church, Mentone, and the Merry Mollys Extension Club.

Survivors include her husband, Everett Besson, Mentone; two daughters, Janet and husband Tom Tucker, Mentone, and Judy Bowerman, West Lafayette; three grandchildren, Jeff Bowerman, West Lafayette, Chris Tucker, Defiance, Ohio, and Julianne Dunnuck, Winona Lake; and one sister, Grace and husband Raymond Lewis, Mentone. She was preceded in death by one sister and one brother.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with Pastor Rodney Ruberg and Dr. Lee Kantenwein officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Scott A. Inglesby

Jan. 31, 1965-Jan. 27, 2004

Scott A. INGLESBY, 38, 661 S. 900 East, Akron, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at his home.

Born Jan. 31, 1965, in Rochester to Dennis and Karen Utter Inglesby, he was self-employed and a 1983 Tippecanoe Valley High School graduate. He served with the U.S. Marine Corp. from 1983 to 1987. He was a member of Fulton County ABATE, Rochester American Legion and Rochester Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include two sons, Brendan and Ryan Inglesby, Chicago; one brother, Keith Inglesby, Chicago; his father and stepmother, Dennis and Margaret Inglesby, Escanaba, Mich.; his paternal grandfather, John Inglesby, Chicago; two sisters, Shelly Inglesby, Kansas, and Karey Putman, Peru; three stepsisters, Michelle Martin, Chicago, Laura and husband Thad Stewart, Rochester, and Kelly and husband Ted Hathaway, Clymers; stepfather, Al Putman, Rochester; and several aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces. Preceding him in death were his mother in 1979, maternal grandparents and paternal grandmother.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with

the Rev. Gene Personett officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to his service Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Akron Cemetery with full graveside military rites conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

Charles K. Shambarger

Charles K. SHAMBARGER, 68, 1032 Madison St., Bruce Lake, died at 7:49 p.m. Wednesday at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wilma M. Thomas

Dec. 25, 1924-Jan. 27, 2004

Wilma M. THOMAS, 79, Grass Creek, died at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born Dec. 25, 1924, in Wayne Township of Fulton County to Lester and Irene Johnston Rouch, she married Charles Richard Thomas in Grass Creek on July 2, 1944. He died Jan. 31, 1969. She married Vincent Berwanger on July 14, 1973. He died Feb. 17, 1998.

She was a 1942 Grass Creek High School graduate, 10-year 4-H member and seven-year 4-H leader. She was an active Fulton County Rural Youth member and a 57-year member of Fulton County Extension Homemakers. A charter member of the 20th Century Extension Homemakers Club, she served as club president for 19 years. She was a Fulton County Jane Award recipient and served as county president 1975-77.

An active member of the Fulton County Historical Society who served as board member, bookkeeper and treasurer for 20 years, she remained a board member and frequent volunteer for the organization. She was a member of the Fulton County Genealogy Society, Grass Creek United Methodist Church and Ladies Aid. She liked to travel, embroider and spend time with her family.

Survivors include one son, Charles Richard Thomas Jr. and wife Jan, Brookston; three daughters, Charlene and husband Harold Vote, Evansville, Charlotte Robson, Oxford, and Charla and husband Craig Sparks, Avon; two sisters, Janece Herrold, Kewanna, and Carita Brown, Rochester; one brother, Gerald Rouch, Atlanta; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grass Creek United Methodist Church, with Pastor Ron Vittoe officiating. Burial will be at Grass Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, and one hour prior to service at the church. Memorials may be made to Grass Creek United Methodist Church or Fulton County Historical Society.

Friday, January 30, 2004

G. Maxine Heltzel

Feb. 3, 1910-Jan. 27, 2004

G. Maxine HELTZEL, 93, Fort Pierce, Fla., died Tuesday at her home.

Born in St. Joseph County to Frank and Olive Benedict Voreis, she graduated from Culver High School and Manchester College. She married Marvin Heltzel on June 11, 1939. He preceded her in death on June 1, 2002.

She was a retired teacher and member of Akron United Methodist Church since 1939.

She is survived by two sons, Paul Heltzel, Bloomington, and Allen Heltzel, Akron; one

daughter, Carolyn Parker-Smith, Fort Pierce, Fla.; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, R. Rose Voreis, and two brothers, Glenn Voreis and Ralph Voreis.

Services will be Feb. 8 at First United Methodist Church, Fort Pierce, Fla. Burial will be at Hoover Cemetery, Athens, at a later date.

Scott A. Inglesby

Jan. 31, 1965-Jan. 27, 2004

Scott A. INGLESBY, 38, 661 S. 900 East, Akron, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at his home.

Born Jan. 31, 1965, in Rochester to Dennis and Karen Utter Inglesby, he was self-employed and a 1983 Tippecanoe Valley High School graduate. He served with the U.S. Marine Corp. from 1983 to 1987. He was a member of Fulton County ABATE, Rochester American Legion and Rochester Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include two sons, Brendan and Ryan Inglesby, Chicago; one brother, Keith Inglesby, Chicago; his father and stepmother, Dennis and Margaret Inglesby, Escanaba, Mich.; his paternal grandfather, John Inglesby, Chicago; two sisters, Shelly Inglesby, Kansas, and Karey Putman, Peru; three stepsisters, Michelle Martin, Chicago, Laura and husband Thad Stewart, Rochester, and Kelly and husband Ted Hathaway, Clymers; stepfather, Al Putman, Rochester; and several aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces. Preceding him in death were his mother in 1979, maternal grandparents and paternal grandmother.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Gene Personett officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to his service Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Akron Cemetery with full graveside military rites conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

Thurman Wayne ‘Squirt’ Metzger

Thurman Wayne “Squirt” METZGER, 85, 431 E. Nelson Dr., Milford, died Wednesday at Lakeland Health and Rehabilitation Center, Milford. Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Metzger, Waubee Lake, Milford; one son, Larry “Mike” Metzger, Atwood; and one daughter, Lisbeth “Kay” DuBois, Akron. Mishler Eastlund Funeral Home, Milford, will conduct private services.

Charles K. Shambarger, Sr.

Oct. 20, 1935-Jan. 28, 2004

Charles K. SHAMBARGER, Sr., 68, 1032 N. Madison St., Kewanna (Bruce Lake), passed away at 7:49 p.m. Wednesday at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac, after suffering an apparent heart attack at his residence. He was a former resident of the Rochester and Macy communities.

He was born on Oct. 20, 1935, in Deedsville, to Lewis J. and Bernice E. Cover Shambarger. He lived most of his life in the Miami and Fulton County areas of Indiana. He was first married on Sept. 1, 1957, in Peru to Carol Crousore. He was later married in February 1980 to Marjorie Joanne Medley Casey. He was the founder of The Bears Den Tavern, currently known as The Den, in Akron, which he operated 1974-1978. He was a district manager for United Parcel Service in Atlanta and Albany, N.Y. He later served as regional manager for Elsons Co., Atlanta, in the Atlanta, Chicago and New York markets. He also had been an over-the-road truck driver for Tandem Trucking, Milwaukee, for a number of years. Most recently, he served the Fulton County

Veterans Service Office as a driver for county veterans.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36 and Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1343, both of Rochester. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Lodge, Logansport. When he wasn't driving for the veterans, his favorite pastime was investing in stocks and following the stock markets.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Joanne Shambarger, at home; two daughters, Kelly Lebo and husband Gary, Middletown, Ohio, and Lela Nash and husband Gordon, Warsaw; three sons, Chuck K. Shambarger Jr. and wife Robin, Jackson, N.J., Randy L. Shambarger and wife Vita, Rochester, and Skip A. Shambarger, Roann. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Justin C. Shambarger, Jackson, N.J., Lacey and Lucas Skipper, Warsaw, Kayla Ewing, Rochester, Jesilyn Shambarger, Roann, Garrett and Gwendolyn Lebo, Middletown, Ohio, and Jordan Shambarger, Rochester; one stepdaughter, Joanna Lyn Rucker, Rochester; one stepson, Donald David Casey and wife Donna, Delphi; four stepgrandchildren, Travis and Ryan Rucker, Rochester, Steven and Anthony David Casey, Delphi; three sisters, Marjorie DeWitt, Logansport, Ann Miller and husband George, Rochester, and Marilyn Nicodemus, Royal Center; and two brothers, Lewis "Bob" Shambarger and wife Jan, Plymouth, and Herb Shambarger and wife Doris, Laketon. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him. He was one of a family of nine children. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Interment will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to his service Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans, American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Riley S. Shirley

Riley S. SHIRLEY, Annandale, Va., died Wednesday. He was the beloved husband of Marietta Shirley and loving father to his children, Richard Shirley and wife Eleanor, Thomas Shirley and wife Sherry, Keith Shirley and wife Ginger, Anita Gunzelman and husband Ronald, Joseph Shirley and wife Margo, John Shirley, Paul Shirley and wife Wendy, and Diane Cockrum and husband Carl. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8800 Braddock Rd., Annandale, Va. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Murphy's Falls Church Funeral Home, 1102 W. Broad St, Falls Church, Va. Inurnment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Januita Sons Correll

Januita Sons CORRELL, 54, Mexico, died Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Survivors include her husband, Paul Correll, at home; one son, Paul J. Correll II, Indianapolis; one daughter, Melissa K. Arnold; three sisters, Mary Crabtree, Stanton, Ky., Rita Kay Green, Peru,

Rosie Southerland, Kokomo; two brothers, Butch Sons, Twelve Mile, and Dave Sons, Peru. Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Zion Chapel Church, Peru. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. Indiana 16, Denver, and one hour prior to service at the church.

Saturday, January 31, 2004

[no obits]

Monday, February 2, 2004

William Dale Eads

Dec. 24, 1910-Jan. 31, 2004

William Dale EADS, 93, Life Care Center, Rochester, and formerly of 5161 W. 475 North, Rochester, died at 10 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, where he had been a patient for six days. He had been failing in health for one week.

Born in Pekin, Ill., to Leora A. and Clara Belle Woodruff Eads, he lived most of his life in the Fulton County area, coming here from Kokomo in 1948. He married Ruth L. Newton in Kokomo on Feb. 23, 1934. She preceded him in death on May 1, 1993. He retired from the former Sealed Power Corp. in Rochester in 1974. He had also been a farmer for several years in Richland Township of Fulton County where he had resided. He attended Whippoorwill Community Church, Rochester.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Bryant, Rochester, and Jane Ann French and husband Don, Rockville; two sons, William and wife Dortha, Rochester, and Richard "Rick" and wife Patricia, Nyona Lake; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one grandson, one great-grandson, two sisters and one brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Brian Sewell officiating. Burial will be at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery, northwest of Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to his service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Edna N. Mellers

April 8, 1902-Jan. 31, 2004

Edna N. MALLERS, 101, Christian Care Retirement Community, Bluffton, died at 6:15 a.m. Saturday at her home. She had lived at Christian Care Retirement Community since 1993.

Born in Lima, Ohio, to Ora and Maude Binkley Swaney, she married Charles G. Mellers in Lima on Oct. 3, 1920. He preceded her in death on Feb. 1, 1985. Edna operated Mellers Brothers Theaters Inc., Bluffton, with her husband. She was a charter member of Bluffton Sigma Phi Gamma chapter, a member of First Baptist Church, Bluffton, and Eastern Star. She lived in Wells County since 1927.

Survivors include her children, Mary K. Reilly, Miami, Fla., William C. Mellers, Bass Lake, Jane Pautsch, Rochester, James C. Mellers, Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Edna was preceded in death by one son, Robert Mellers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton, with Pastor Bud Abrams of First Baptist Church, Bluffton, officiating. Private family graveside services will be conducted Thursday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to her service Thursday. Memorials may be made to Christian Care Retirement Community, First Baptist Church or to the memorial of the donor's choice.

Donna Von Ulmer

Dec. 15, 1940-Jan. 31, 2004

Donna Von ULMER, 63, 4104 15th Road., Bourbon, died unexpectedly at 11:44 a.m. Saturday at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Fla.

Born in Rochester, Mich., to Burl and Sarah Marquiss Keel, she was an employee at Biomet Inc., Warsaw, and a faithful member of the Tippecanoe Community Church. She loved to sew and crochet. She was a 1960 Rochester (Ind.) High School graduate. Donna married Jerry Lee Ulmer on June 5, 1960. He survives.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Lee Ulmer, at home; one daughter, Kimberly and husband Edward Hickman Jr., Goshen; one son, Jerry Leon Ulmer, Etna Green; six grandchildren; and one sister, Patty and husband Jim Towne, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her son, Rodney L., in 1988, and her brother, Burl Keel Jr.

Visitation will be 3-9 p.m. Wednesday at Deaton Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, and one hour prior to service at the church Thursday. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Tippecanoe Community Church with Pastor Kenneth Todd officiating. Burial will follow in the Etna Green Cemetery, Etna Green. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Deaton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth F. Yoder

April 28, 1915-Jan. 31, 2004

Kenneth F. YODER, 88, 2965 S. 1075 East, Akron, died Saturday morning at his residence.

Born in Miami County to Benjamin and Hettie Yike Yoder, he married Florence S. Anderson in Royal Center on March 26, 1967. She died Oct. 13, 1999. He was a farmer and also worked at Pike Lumber Co., Akron, retiring in 1993.

Several nieces and nephews survive.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Cline Cemetery, Royal Center. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home on Tuesday, February 3, 2004

[no obits]

Wednesday, February 4, 2004

[no obits]

Thursday, February 5, 2004

Ann Benzing

Ann BENZING, 58, 512 E. Eighth St., Rochester, died at 7 a.m. today at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Charles Andrew Nufer

Charles Andrew NUFER, 59, 1813 S. 225 East, Winamac, died Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Survivors include his wife, Lynn H. Nufer, Winamac; two sons, Bret J. Nufer, Lafayette, and Scott P. Nufer, Bass Lake; one daughter, Jessika M. Nufer, Winamac; and two sisters, Jane Vogel, Lafayette, and Theresa Yankowky, Tatamy, Penn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Winamac. Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. until the service Saturday at Frain Mortuary, Winamac.

Lola Jewell Severns

Mrs. Lola Jewell SEVERNS, 95, formerly of 505 W. Third St., Rochester, died Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, February 6, 2004

Charlotte Ann Benzing

Dec. 3, 1945-Feb. 5, 2004

Charlotte Ann BENZING, 58, 512 E. Eighth St., Rochester, died at 7 a.m. Thursday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for four months.

Born in Warsaw to Estel and Catherine Towne Crall, she resided most of her life in Fulton County. She married Norman L. Benzing Sr. on Sept. 30, 1962, at the Akron Church of God. Employed at Moore Business Forms for 17 years, she volunteered at Fulton County Historical Society. She was the caregiver for her mother in her home and loved motorcycle riding, fishing and researching geneology.

Survivors include her husband, Norman L. Benzing Sr., at home; her mother, Catherine Crall, Rochester; three sons, David Benzing and wife Brenda, Rochester, Norman L. Benzing Jr. and wife Kim, Rochester, and Michael Benzing and wife Traci, Rochester; three sisters, Barbara Claxton, Warsaw, Sue and husband Laddie Helser, Warsaw, and Diane and husband David Bieganski, Cowelsville, N.Y.; and one brother, Richard Crall and wife Barbara, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her father in March 2000, one infant daughter, two infant sisters and one infant brother.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the United Ministry Food Pantry, Rochester.

Lola Jewell Severns

Nov. 9, 1909-Feb. 4, 2004

Lola Jewell SEVERNS, 94, formerly of 505 W. Third St., Rochester, died at 5:10 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester, where she had been a patient.

Born in Starke County to Samuel and Ida Heeter, she lived in the Fulton County area her entire life. She married Marion "Bill" Severns on Feb. 22, 1950, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 1988. She retired from Public Service of Indiana, now Cinergy. A homemaker, she was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Rebekah Lodge and a 30-year member of the Neighborly Club.

Survivors include three nieces, Sharon and husband James Cheesman, Rochester, Linda Hogan, Reseda, Calif., and Nancy and husband Jerry Stewart, Michigan City; numerous great nieces and nephews; and one brother-in-law, Frank Livesay, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters, Kathleen Campbell and Violet Livesay, and one brother, Johnny Heeter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Buck Padilla officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. There will be no visitation.

Olive M. Thomas

Jan. 11, 1916-Feb. 5, 2004

Olive M. THOMAS, 88, Wellston, Mich., and formerly of Grass Creek, died at 5:35 a.m. Thursday at Manistee County Medical Care Facility, Manistee, Mich.

Born in Fulton County to Ralph W. and Mae Snyder Emerson, she graduated from Grass Creek High School in 1933. She married Francis L. Thomas in Logansport on April 24, 1936. He preceded her in death on Nov. 6, 2002. She was a homemaker and member of Grass Creek United Methodist Church. She worked with her husband on Lions Club and fire department projects. She especially enjoyed Lions Club Thanksgiving and Christmas projects and fish fries. She loved flowers and enjoyed collecting antiques.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn Webb and husband Charles, Wellston, Mich., and Maebelle Lontz and husband Tom, Lancaster, Penn.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, with Pastor Ron Vittoe officiating. Burial will be at Grass Creek Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to her service Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Saturday, February 7, 2004

Donnell S. Ocheskey

Aug. 1, 1942 – Feb. 5, 2004

Donnell S. OCHESKEY, 61, 399 N. 700 East, died at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Roudebush Regional Veterans Administration Medical Center, Indianapolis, where he had been a patient.

Born to Harold and Erline Barries Ocheskey, he lived in the Fulton County area since 1974 when he came here from Fox Lake, Ill.

He was a heavy equipment operator for McMahon O'Conner Construction Company, formerly of Rochester, and later for E. & B. Paving, Rochester. He was a Vietnam War U.S. Navy veteran having served aboard the U.S.S. Surfbird and the U.S.S. Apache. He was a member of the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post #36, the Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1343 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles #852, all of Rochester. He had been very active in the VFW where he had served as the Commander of Post #1343 since 1978. He was also a member of the Lake Manitou Moose Lodge #1107.

Survivors include one daughter, Jenny S. Nelson and husband Todd, Burket; one son, Tim D. Doud and wife Misti, Plymouth; two brothers, David Ocheskey and wife Mary Jane, New Haven, Mo., and Glen Ocheskey and wife Janet, Hermann, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Rich Barclay.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Monday or one hour prior to the services in the funeral home. Burial will be at Marion National Veterans Administration Cemetery, Marion. The American Legion and VFW will have charge of military rites. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Monday, February 9, 2004

Guy Eugene Bilby

Guy Eugene BILBY, 67, 423 1/2 E. South D St., Gas City, died at 7:22 p.m. Friday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Janelda Bilby, at home; two sons, Robert Bilby, Sharpsville, and Brian Bilby, Marion; six daughters, Debbie Peer, Mesick, Mich., Donna Wallace, Cindy Weaver, Metta Pierce, Jill Flowers and Jeanette Bilby, all of Marion; and two brothers, Butch Bilby, Rochester, and Dan Bilby, Marion.

Services were at 2 p.m. today at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Home, Gas City.

Irene W. Shafer Fenner

Oct. 17, 1911-Feb. 8, 2004

Irene W. Shafer FENNER, 92, 1 EMS B 37 LN 112 S., Warsaw, and formerly of Akron, died at 12:19 p.m. Sunday at her residence.

Born in Kosciusko County to Frank and Emma Secor McCloughan, she married Charles Everett Shafer in Athens, on April 11, 1932. He died Jan. 21, 1983. She married Jack D. Fenner in Silver Lake, on Jan. 4, 1991. He died Aug. 22, 1993. She was a homemaker and a member of Silver Creek Church of God, Silver Lake.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty and husband Edwin Hess, Columbia City; one son, Robert L. Shafer and wife Joyce, Warsaw; one stepdaughter, Jackie and husband Wayne Thomas, South Bend; one stepson, Roger Fenner and wife Toni, Arizona; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Minnie Engle and Elsie Mae Robbins; five brothers, Albert, Maynard, Ben, Alva and John McCloughan; and one great-grandson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Ross O'Dell officiating. Burial will be at Palestine Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice, Fort Wayne. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Mary A. Harvey

Feb. 7, 1917-Feb. 7, 2004

Mary A. HARVEY, 87, 1109 Rochester Blvd., Rochester, passed away at 3:57 p.m. Saturday at Wynnfield Crossing, where she had been a resident since Jan. 27. Her health had been failing for several months.

Born Feb. 7, 1917, in White County, near Monticello, to Albert and Blanche Hilkert Eisert, she attended school at Royal Center and graduated in 1934. On July 6, 1934, in Crown Point, she married W. Clyde Harvey. They moved to a farm in the Talma-Rochester area in the 1940s. He preceded her in death on Nov. 27, 1997.

Mrs. Harvey worked at a factory in Talma, the Bourbon Trailer Factory, the Argos Trailer Factory and Lau Industries, before retiring in 1979. She attended Riverview Community Church and loved bowling with the senior citizens at Quick's Lanes, working in her flower garden, crocheting and being with her family and grandchildren. She was a Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed watching baseball games on television.

Survivors include her two daughters, Ruth Kay and husband Arnold Horn, Rochester, Karen Louise and husband Monty Danielson, Spooner, Wisc.; one son, Gary Clyde Harvey and wife Jackie, Gold Canyon, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Brad Burkett and wife Lynette, Kalamazoo,

Mich., Blake Burkett and wife Kris, Eau Claire, Mich., Kristy Horn and husband Ian Sheeler, Bloomington, Beth Horn and husband Myron D. Cohagan, Rochester, Mary Angela Harvey, Phoenix, Jason Harvey and wife Colleen, Mesa, Ariz.; eight great-grandchildren, Lincoln J. Burkett, Dylan and Conner Burkett, Abby and Evan Cohagan, Justin, Madison and Kaitlyn Harvey; one brother, Bert G. Eisert and wife Lynn, Sparks, Nev.; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Rod Ruberg officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to Riverview Community Church.

Robert Henry Horban

Aug. 24, 1923-Feb. 7, 2004

Robert Henry HORBAN, 80, 1421 Pontiac St., Apt. 6, Rochester, died at 5:30 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester, where he had been a patient for one day. His health had been failing for two years.

Born in Chicago to James and Helen Strzyzewski Horban, he lived in the Rochester area since coming from Chicago in 1954. He lived most of his life in Richland Township of Fulton County before moving to Rochester. On July 23, 1955, he married Catherine Henriott at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester. She survives.

Together they raised a family and farmed at 3719 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, until 1999 when they moved to Rochester. He retired from teaching fourth grade in the Culver Community School system in 1984 with 22 dedicated years of teaching. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester. He was a World War II veteran who served on the Island of Saipan in the Pacific theater during the war. His favorite pastimes were traveling, gardening and sharing family activities.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Laverne Horban, at home; three daughters, Susanna Lozanno, Richmond, Mary Ross and husband Kent, Peru, Angela Miller and husband Russ, Rochester; six sons, John Pratt and wife Nancy, Rochester, Gerald Horban and wife Beth Ann, Elkhart, Blaise Horban and wife Lynne, Chesterton, Andrew Horban and wife Vicki, Rochester, Giles Horban and wife Suzanne, South Bend, Stephen Horban and wife Trish, Rochester; 28 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Andrea Maria Horban on Aug. 23, 1976; three grandchildren; and one brother.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, with Father Joseph Jacob as celebrant. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, and from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home prior to going to the church. A prayer vigil will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Memorials may be made to Catholic Charities in his memory.

Lyman Edward ‘Bud’ Murphy

Aug. 5, 1921-Feb. 7, 2004

Lyman Edward “Bud” MURPHY, 82, Denver, died at 4:05 p.m. Saturday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born Aug. 5, 1921, in Wooleytown to Earl and June Woolpert Murphy, he was raised by his stepmother, Ruth Murphy. He was married to Marcella M. Hartish on Nov. 9, 1947, at Chili Methodist Church by the Rev. Harry Richter. She survives.

He was a member of the Chili United Methodist Church, a retired farmer and a trucker who hauled stone and lime. A lifetime resident of Richland Township in Miami County, he enjoyed having coffee at the Denver Cafe with his family and friends. He loved spending time with his dog, Goldie.

Survivors include his wife; one son, David Edward Murphy, Denver; one daughter, June R. Murphy, Mexico; three grandchildren, Melissa Newman, Fishers, Amy Newman and fiancé Dean Woodhouse, Denver, Stacey Newman and fiancé Ira Wilson, Denver; four great-grandchildren, Jesse Losch, Dakota Woodhouse, Shayna Wilson, Kiele Wilson; one brother, Raymond Murphy and wife Louise, Denver; one sister, Lorraine Moore and husband Jean, Shreveport, La.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother and one sister, Eileen Murphy.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Skinner Worship Chapel, Twelve Mile, with Pastors Tom Robbins and Guy Woodhouse officiating. Burial will be at Chili Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. Indiana 16, Denver, and one hour prior to his service Wednesday at the church.

Donnell F. Ocheskey

Aug. 1, 1942 – Feb. 5, 2004

Donnell F. OCHESKEY, 61, 399 N. 700 East, died at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Roudebush Regional Veterans Administration Medical Center, Indianapolis, where he had been a patient.

Born in Hermann, Mo., to Harold and Erline Baries Ocheskey, he lived in the Fulton County area since 1974 when he came here from Fox Lake, Ill.

He was a heavy equipment operator for McMahon O’Conner Construction Co., formerly of Rochester, and later for E & B Paving, Rochester. He was a Vietnam War U.S. Navy veteran having served aboard the U.S.S. Surfbird and the U.S.S. Apache. He was a member of the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36, Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1343 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 852, all of Rochester. He had been very active in the VFW, where he had served as the Commander of Post No. 1343 since 1978. He was also a member of the Lake Manitou Moose Lodge No. 1107.

Survivors include one daughter, Jenny M. Nelson and husband Todd, Burket; one son, Tim D. Doud and wife Misti, Plymouth; his parents, Harold and Erline Ocheskey, Gerald, Mo.; two brothers, David Ocheskey and wife Mary Jane, New Haven, Mo., and Glen Ocheskey and wife Janet, Hermann, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Rich Barclay.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today or one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Marion National Veterans Administration Cemetery, Marion. The American Legion and VFW posts will conduct military rites. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Austen O. Scott

Aug. 14, 2002-Feb. 6, 2004

Austen O. SCOTT, 18 months old, Logansport, died at 5:35 a.m. Friday at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

He was born Aug. 14, 2002, in Logansport, to Daniel Scott and Samantha Biddle, who survive in Logansport.

He is also survived by maternal grandparents, Steve and Dawn Biddle, Logansport; paternal grandparents, Brian and Kathy DeFord; paternal grandfather, David Scott Sr., Logansport; paternal grandfather, Jerry Collins, Logansport; two great-grandmothers, Jeanne Crawford, Logansport, and Carol Feltis, Rochester; seven aunts, Stefanie Gotshall and husband Todd, Logansport, Shawnda Tharp and husband John, Logansport, Stephanie Strong and husband Adrian, Twelve Mile, Bobbye Hicks and husband Jerri, Nevada, Genie Smith and husband Shannon, Logansport, Kelly Babour and husband Scott, Logansport, and Kim Strong, Logansport; five uncles, Donald Biddle, Logansport, Randy Scott, Logansport, David Scott and wife Annie, Logansport, Ed Feltis and wife Linda, Rochester, Dale Feltis, Logansport; and several cousins and other loved ones. He was preceded in death by his great-grandfather, Donald See; great-grandfather, Donald Feltis; and great-grandmother, Charlene Collins.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with the Rev. Michael Dominick officiating. Friends will be received from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Memorials may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Irene W. Shafer Fenner

Oct. 17, 1911-Feb. 8, 2004

Irene W. Shafer FENNER, 92, 1 EMS B 37 LN 112 S., Warsaw, and formerly of Akron, died at 12:19 p.m. Sunday at her residence.

Born in Kosciusko County to Frank and Emma Secor McCloughan, she married Charles Everett Shafer in Athens, on April 11, 1932. He died Jan. 21, 1983. She married Jack D. Fenner in Silver Lake, on Jan. 4, 1991. He died Aug. 22, 1993. She was a member of Silver Creek Church of God, Silver Lake.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty and husband Edwin Hess, Columbia City; one son, Robert L. Shafer and wife Joyce, Warsaw; one stepdaughter, Jackie and husband Wayne Thomas, South Bend; one stepson, Roger Fenner and wife Toni, Arizona; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Minnie Engle and Elsie Mae Robbins; five brothers, Albert, Maynard, Ben, Alva and John McCloughan; and one great-grandson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Ross O'Dell officiating. Burial will be at Palestine Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice, Fort Wayne. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

June Marie Sherow

June Marie SHEROW, 60, 1519 W. 700 North, Rochester, died at 5:48 p.m. Monday at her home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Mabel L. Umbaugh

Jan. 5, 1915-Feb. 8, 2004

Mabel L. UMBAUGH, 89, 1808 Forest Lane, Crown Point, and formerly of 2319 Westside Drive, Rochester, passed away at 10 p.m. Sunday at her residence following an illness.

Born Jan. 5, 1915, in Fulton County, to Frank and Sophia Tetzlaff Gordon, she was raised in the Rochester area. During her childhood, she attended the former Antioch and Reiter schools near Rochester. She was a 1932 graduate of Rochester High School.

On Aug. 28, 1938, in Peru, she married Edwin T. Umbaugh Jr. He preceded her in death on March 3, 1997. She and her husband resided in South Bend from 1934-1979, when they moved to Florida. They lived there until 1989, when they returned to South Bend. In 1989, she and her husband moved to Rochester, where she resided until recently moving to Crown Point to live with her son, Raymond. She attended the former Antioch United Brethren Church, near Rochester. She was a homemaker and loved gardening, particularly flowers and vegetables that she canned for her family's and friends' enjoyment.

Survivors include one son, Raymond L. Umbaugh, Crown Point; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; one sister, Ida Shafer, and one brother, Lester Gordon, both of Rochester. Several nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one daughter, Barbara Kelley in 1997; one son, Charles Umbaugh in 2002; two sisters, Pauline Cranmer and Josephine Warner; and three brothers, Howard, Arthur and Carl Gordon.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Interment will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, following her services. Family and friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday or one hour prior to her service on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Harbor Light Hospice of Merrillville, Indiana.

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

June M. Sherow

March 5, 1943-Feb. 9, 2004

June M. SHEROW, 60, 1519 W. 700 North, Rochester, passed away at 5:48 p.m. Monday at her residence after a two-year battle with lung cancer.

Born March 5, 1943, in Elkhart, to Ernest L. and Bessie Arvesta Viola (Eggleston) Wilson, she married Albert L. Sherow Sr. in Elkhart on Sept. 12, 1958. He survives.

Mrs. Sherow was employed by Kralis Bros. Foods, Mentone. She enjoyed her cats, going to yard sales and collecting angels.

Survivors include her husband, Albert L. Sherow Sr., Rochester; three sons, Roger L. and wife Edwina M. Sherow, Waterloo, Ala., Albert L. and wife Sabrina J. Sherow Jr., Warsaw, Ricky L. and wife Stacy R. Sherow, Warsaw; one daughter, Judith L. and husband Donald L. Wallace, Rochester; 13 grandchildren, Eric S. Wallace, Angela L. (Wallace) and husband Quincy Cunningham, Donald L. Wallace II, Jesstin K. Wallace, all of Rochester, Roger A. Sherow, Savannah M. Sherow, Tristan L. Sherow, all of Waterloo, Ala., Brent S. Sherow, Ricky L. Sherow, Jordan M. Sherow, Jessica L. Sherow, Cordell W. Sherow, Cortney N. Sherow, all of Warsaw. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Richland Center United Methodist Church with the Revs. Will Lawson and Jill Walley officiating. Burial will be at Richland Center Cemetery. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be made to the June M. Sherow Fund through Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

Max Richard Conliff Jr.

Max Richard CONLIFF Jr., 53, 364 E. Main St., Wabash, died Sunday at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. Survivors include four sons, Shane R. Conliff, Akron, Roger D. Conliff, Wabash, Max Garrett, Andrews, and Shannon Schaffer, Brookhaven, Miss.; and four brothers, Randy Conliff, Wabash, Jimmy Conliff, Akron, Micky Conliff and Dennis Conliff, both of Wabash.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Thursday, February 12, 2004

Marvin R. Hunt

July 29, 1914-Feb. 10, 2004

Marvin R. HUNT, 89, Peru, passed away Tuesday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Born on July 29, 1914, in Denver, to Noble B. and Myrtle Dukes Hunt, he married Helen J. Musselman on March 12, 1935. She preceded him in death on May 10, 1988. He married Pearl M. Dyke Hunt on Nov. 30, 1989. She survives.

He was a member of Mexico Church of the Brethren. A retired farmer and trustee for Union Township, Miami County, for eight years, he spent most of his life in the Macy area.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mary Donna Graham and husband Willard L., Macy; two sons, James L. Hunt, Michigan City, and Paul D. Hunt and wife Dorothy, Macy; two stepsons, Ron Setzer and Phil Dyke, both of Kokomo; four grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Todd Hunt.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Todd Wenger officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Friday, February 13, 2004

R. June Hartman

R. June HARTMAN, 86, Hickory Creek at Rochester and formerly of Akron, died at 12:10 a.m. today at Woodlawn Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Charles C. Wilson

Charles C. WILSON, 83, Converse and formerly of Rochester, passed away early this morning at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thomas L. Felda

Thomas L. FELDA, 60, 5138 W. 725 South, Kewanna, passed away at 7:51 a.m. today in the Woodlawn Hospital emergency room. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Fulton.

Saturday, February 14, 2004

Betty M. Brown

Betty Mae BROWN, 78, 2618 Old U.S. 31 North died at 4:55 p.m. Friday at Health South Rehabilitation Hospital, Kokomo.

Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thomas L. Felda

May 29, 1942 – Feb. 13, 2004

Thomas Lee FELDA, 60, 5138 W. 725 South, Kewanna, passed away at 7:51 a.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital.

Born in Morgantown, West Va., he was the son of Charles and Helen Iser Felda Lutz. On Sept. 19, 1969, he married Shirley A. Sutton in Rochester.

Mr. Felda was employed in the heating and cooling business.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley A. Felda, Kewanna; sons Thomas M. and wife Patty Felda, Lancaster, Ohio, Jim and wife Kari Felda, Grass Creek, Chuck and wife Mandi Felda, Rochester; daughter, Tammy Felda, McArthur, Ohio; stepmother Agnes Milliser, Leiters Ford; sisters Jean and husband Lewis Angle, Lancaster, Ohio, Betts and husband Skip Kilbarger, Sugar Grove, Ohio; brothers Dan and wife Cheryl Felda, Monterey, Lee and wife Lori Maley, Roseburg, Ore.; 15 grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Lutz, in 2003, his father, Charles Felda, in 1957 and stepfather Barney Lutz in 1978.

There will not be a funeral. Arrangements are being made by Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Fulton.

Charles C. Wilson

Feb. 25, 1920 – Feb. 13, 2004

Charles Cecil WILSON, 83, Converse, and a longtime Rochester resident, passed away at 4:15 a.m. Friday at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Born Feb. 25, 1920 in Culver to Delbert and Bessie Guise Wilson, he married Mary Croussore on April 13, 1947, in Rochester. She preceded him in death on Oct. 14, 1965.

Mr. Wilson retired from General Motors, Marion, where he was a tool and die maker. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran who served in the 7th Armored Division in the European Theatre. He was a member of the Amboy American Legion, Rochester Veterans of Foreign Wars and Rochester Moose lodge.

Survivors include his son, Charles D. and wife Rexene Wilson, Hagerstown; daughters Pam Gunn, Converse, Betty and husband Steve Olinger, Indianapolis; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters Opal Nellans and Louise Pessley, Warsaw; and brother Mike and wife Sonja Wilson, LaGrange. He was preceded in death by a son, Roger Wilson, on June 2, 1971, two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester, with Rev. Clifford Gano officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one prior to funeral service. Burial will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

R. June Hartman

June 10, 1917 – Feb. 13, 2004

R. June HARTMAN, 86, a two-year resident of Hickory Creek at Rochester and former Akron resident, died at 12:10 a.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital.

She was born in Warroad, Minn., to Joseph O. and Mabel Iverson Ault. She married C. Keller Hartman on June 27, 1936, in Rochester. He died Sept. 17, 1992.

Mrs. Hartman was a Rochester High School graduate and homemaker. She loved music and poetry and recalled the words of many old songs, which she sang to the residents and staff at Hickory Creek. She had written poetry.

Survivors include one daughter, Christine Burns and husband Dean, Macy; one son, Randall Hartman, Warsaw; four grandchildren, Jeffrey D. Burns and wife Julie, Brian Burns and wife Shelley, all of Macy, Joyce Mosier and husband Gary, Silver Lake, Beth Kraning and husband John, Peru; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Dean Ault and wife Freda, Crawfordsville; and three sisters, Louise Teel and husband Stanley, Rochester; Joanna Reyes and husband Ray, and Rosemary Davidson and husband Paul, all of Leiters Ford. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dale and Joseph F. Ault.

Funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Harzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Athens Cemetery. Visitation is 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Monday, February 16, 2004

Betty M. Brown

Dec. 23, 1925-Feb. 13, 2004

Cleatis G. Brown

Jan. 1, 1917-Feb. 15, 2004

Joint funeral services for Betty M. and Cleatis G. BROWN will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Ben Whitfield officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, where American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Rochester.

Betty M. Brown, 78, of 2618 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, died at 4:55 p.m. Friday at Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Kokomo. Her health had been failing for three months.

Cleatis G. Brown, 87, of 2618 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, died at 3:36 a.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, where he had been a patient since Friday. He had been ill for one year.

They lived in Rochester for the past 54 years, coming here from Gary. They married in Gary on Oct. 23, 1948.

Born in Gary to Michael and Elizabeth Sopko, she was a homemaker and had worked for the former Zimmerman's Bakery, Rochester, where she was affectionately known as "Mom Brown." A member of First Presbyterian Church and Elks Lodge No. 2120, both of Rochester, she was active in the Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary for a number of years.

Born in Bynumville, Mo., to Gerald and Nora Dodge Brown, he worked as night shift supervisor for 43 years at Indiana Metal Products, now Torx. He was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 2120, Torx Retirees and First Presbyterian Church, all of Rochester. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

They are survived by two sons, Garry G. Brown and wife Pamela G., Fond du Lac,

Wisc., and Gregory G. Brown and wife Patricia S., Rochester; grandchildren, Tristan and Miranda Brown, Fond du Lac, Wisc., Gessica E. Brown, Rochester, and Gregory P. Brown, Kokomo; her brother, Michael Sopko and wife Helen, Merrillville; his sister, Nedra Mathews, Costa Mesa, Calif.; two nieces and three nephews.

They were preceded in death by their parents and their infant son, Gerald Grant Brown.

John R. Houser

May 16, 1970-Feb. 14, 2004

John R. HOUSER, 33, of 2759 N. 200 West, Rochester, died at approximately 9 a.m. Saturday at his home, following a short illness.

Born in Rochester to Gary A. and Connie S. Wagoner Houser, he lived in Rochester his entire life. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1989. He farmed and cared for his sheep and goats. He was a salesman and mechanic at Rochester Polaris. This past year, he worked for Hall Excavating and Utilities Corp., Peru. An avid outdoorsman, he loved to snowmobile.

Survivors include his mother, Connie Houser; one brother, Michael A. Houser and wife Stacy; one niece, Courtney Houser; one nephew, Ethan Houser; grandmother, Mary Wagoner Kline, all of Rochester; grandfather, Jacob Houser, North Manchester; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father on Dec. 13, 2002.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Will Lawson officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to his service Wednesday. Memorials may be made to Burton United Methodist Church.

Bryan Howard

Bryan Howard, 68, of 3292 17th Road, Bourbon, died Saturday at his home. Survivors include one daughter, Renda Sue Miller, Jackson, Ky.; one son, Mike Howard, Bourbon; three sisters, Vergie Hollan, Rochester, Odessa Miller, Ocala, Fla., and Bessie Noble, Jackson, Ky.; and two brothers, Donald Howard, Warsaw, and Beech Howard, Atwood. Visitation will be noon-2 p.m. Thursday at Deaton Funeral Home, Bourbon. Graveside service will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

John R. Houser

May 16, 1970-Feb. 14, 2004

John R. HOUSER, 33, of 2759 N. 200 West, Rochester, died at approximately 9 a.m. Saturday at his home, following a short illness.

Born in Rochester to Gary A. and Connie S. Wagoner Houser, he lived in Rochester his entire life. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1989. He farmed and cared for his sheep and goats. He was a salesman and mechanic at Rochester Polaris. This past year, he worked for Hall Excavating and Utilities Corp., Peru. An avid outdoorsman, he loved to snowmobile.

Survivors include his mother, Connie Houser; one brother, Michael A. Houser and wife Stacy; one niece, Courtney Houser; one nephew, Ethan Houser; grandmother, Mary Wagoner Kline, all of Rochester; grandfather, Jacob Houser, North Manchester; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father on Dec. 13, 2002.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Will Lawson officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery,

Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to his service Wednesday. Memorials may be made to Burton United Methodist Church.

Margaret E. Kaley

Nov. 6, 1923-Feb. 15, 2004

Margaret E. KALEY, 80, of Lakewood Drive, South Bend, passed away at 10:20 a.m. Sunday at her home with family gathered by her side.

She was born on Nov. 6, 1923, in Rochester to John R. and Meda F. Bernard Bryant, who preceded her in death. Also deceased are two grandchildren, Allen Peppers and Doyle Peppers Jr., and one great-grandchild. On Sept. 18, 1943, Margaret married Harold L. Kaley, who passed away on Dec. 28, 1957.

Margaret is survived by three daughters, Carolyn Peppers, Marilyn and husband Wendell Griffith and Helen Kaley, all of South Bend; one son, Raymond and wife Mary Kaley, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 10 grandchildren, Mark Peppers, James Peppers, Jeffrey Peppers, Melissa Peppers, Rhonda Sobieralski, Ronald Scanlan, Joseph Scanlan, Andrew Griffith, Kelli Kaley, Ryan Kaley; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and one brother Kenneth and wife Rowena Bryant, Rochester.

She retired from White House Manufacturing where she was a seamstress.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Funeral Home, 824 S. Mayflower Road, South Bend. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Hoover Cemetery, Athens. Memorials may be made to Hospice of St. Joseph County, 111 Sunnybrook Ct., South Bend, IN 46637.

Larry Grossman

Larry GROSSMAN, 53, of 5125 Indiana 10, Tippecanoe, died at 5:59 p.m. Monday at his residence following an illness. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Wednestay, February 18, 2004

Larry A. Grossman

Aug. 1, 1950-Feb. 16, 2004

Mr. Larry A. GROSSMAN, 53, of 5122 Indiana 10, Tippecanoe, died at 5:59 p.m. Monday at his residence. His health was failing this past year.

Born in Rochester, to Leroy and Donna Belle Warren Grossman, he lived in the Tippecanoe area for 25 years since moving from Talma. He was an employee of the former Lob-Dell Corp., Argos, for 19 years and of A.M. General Corp., Mishawaka, for the past two years.

He graduated from Mentone High School in 1968 and attended computer school in Kansas City, Mo. Larry enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and collecting paperweights. His favorite time was the time he spent with Cathie, Doris, Sandy and Jessie. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his companion, Cathie Johns, at home; two daughters, Doris and Sandy Johns, at home; one very special granddaughter, Jessie, at home; his parents, Leroy and Donna Belle Grossman, Rochester; two sisters, Sandra Tucker and husband John, Fort Wayne, and Connie Parish, Brookston; three nieces; four nephews; and eight great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to his service Friday at the funeral home. Argos American Legion Post No. 68 will

conduct military graveside rites. Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Hospital Oncology Center, Plymouth.

Beverly Cecrle

Beverly CECRLE, 78, of 504 W. Eighth St., Rochester, died at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Robert E. Keith

Robert E. KEITH, 73, of 300 E. Fourth St., Rochester, passed away at 3:10 p.m. Tuesday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Cheryl L. Mann

Cheryl L. MANN, 51, of Lucerne, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Survivors include her husband, Donald D. Mann, at home; and two brothers, Richard Wagner and Rick Willard, both of Rochester. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Marocco Funeral Chapel, 119 E. Market St., Logansport. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. today.

Thursday, February 19, 2004

Beverly I. Cecrle

Dec. 8, 1925-Feb. 17, 2004

Beverly I. CECRLE, 78, of 504 W. Eighth St., Rochester, passed away at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born on Dec. 8, 1925, in LaGrange, the daughter of Virgil and Doris Burke Klapp, she married the Rev. Paul Cecrle on June 23, 1950, in South Bend. He survives.

Mrs. Cecrle taught piano and organ lessons for more than 50 years and as a pastor's wife, she was active in the ministry for more than 50 years. She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church Organization, Westside Apostolic Church, Rochester, and Piano Teachers' Guild.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Paul Cecrle, Rochester; two daughters, Beth and husband Larry Nimmo, Denver, Colo., and Debbie and husband John Phillips, Middletown, Ohio; one son, Stephen and wife LaBrillia Cecrle, Shreveport, La.; mother, Doris Klapp, Rochester; two brothers, Richard Klapp, Rochester, and Robert Klapp, Mobile, Ala.; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father; sister, Elinor Klapp; son, Michael Cecrle; daughter, Rebecca Cecrle; and on April 20, 1999, granddaughter Rachel Joy Scott.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Westside Apostolic Church, 510 W. Eighth St., Rochester, with the Revs. Kenneth Mendenhall, Barry King, J.L. Hall, Wayne Chennault, Marilyn Chennault, Don Miller and Michael Rohrer officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the church and one hour prior to her service Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be made in honor of Mrs. Cecrle through Indiana Lawrence Bank, Rochester. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

Robert E. Keith

Feb. 22, 1930-Feb. 17, 2004

Robert E. KEITH, 73, of 300 E. Fourth St., Rochester, passed away at 3:10 p.m. Tuesday at his residence.

Born on Feb. 22, 1930, in Russiaville, to Dovie and Mildred McKee Keith, he married Jean York on July 1, 1951, in Kokomo. She survives.

Mr. Keith was owner/operator of Eagle Van Service, Rochester, and a member of Russiaville United Methodist Church. He served with the U.S. Army in Korea during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Keith, Rochester; two daughters, Teresa McClain, Augusta, Ga., and Paige Gain, Kokomo; and one granddaughter, Heather White, Bunker Hill. He was preceded in death by his parents and three granddaughters, Jennifer Marie McClain on Oct. 19, 1999, and Jamie LeAnn Lamberson and Sandra Lynn Lamberson, both on Feb. 12, 1985.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until his service Saturday at the funeral home.

Lucille F. Slater

Lucille F. SLATER, 82, of 202 W. Dunn St., Fulton, died at 11:35 p.m. Wednesday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton.

Barbara J. Williams

Barbara J. WILLIAMS, 79, of 2572 E. 825 South, Macy, died at 11:05 p.m. Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton.

Friday, February 20, 2004

Barbara J. Williams

May 7, 1924-Feb. 18, 2004

Barbara J. WILLIAMS, 79, of 2572 E. 825 South, Macy, passed away at 11:05 p.m. Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. Born on May 7, 1924, in Clinton County to Thomas and Mabel Oliphant Billiard, she married Claude E. Williams in Logansport on May 25, 1947. He preceded her in death on Aug. 23, 1992.

Mrs. Williams worked at the Fulton County license branch and assisted on the family farm. She graduated from Indiana Business College, Logansport. She was a member of Fulton United Methodist Church, Fulton County Chorus, Fulton County Republican Women's Organization and was a Liberty Township 4-H Club leader.

Survivors include her three daughters, Judith and husband William Lamb, Fort Wayne, Cynthia and husband Mac Davidson, Metea, Joyce and husband Floyd Camic, Mobile, Ala.; one son, Charles E. Williams, Macy; one sister, Jeanette McCloskey, Logansport; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Jean Billiard, Logansport; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one son, Lewis E. Williams on Dec. 6, 1981; one grandson, Aaron C. Davidson in 1976; and one brother, John T. Billiard.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Rev. Dave Sommers officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Lucille F. Slater

March 26, 1921-Feb. 18, 2004

Lucille F. SLATER, 82, of 202 W. Dunn St., Fulton, passed away at 11:35 p.m. Wednesday at her residence.

Born on March 26, 1921, in Pulaski County to James and Millie A. Ziders Cunningham, she married Gale Slater on March 26, 1942, in Fulton. He survives at home.

She is also survived by one daughter, Sharon and husband Don Button, Kewanna; one son, Kenneth and wife Pam Slater, Kewanna; four grandchildren, Gerry Button, Lucerne, Brenda Slater, Fulton, Linda Teel, Macy, Teresa Button, Twelve Mile; and two great-grandchildren, Shyann and Taylor Teel, Macy. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Rev. Bruce Russell officiating. Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to her service Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Saturday, February 20, 2004

Charlotte J. Dial

Charlotte J. DIAL, 74, of Indianapolis, died Tuesday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Survivors included two sons, Barry G. Dial, Bennington, N.H., and Brian K. Dial, Indianapolis; one daughter, Brenda F. HAUSSECKER, Lebanon; and two sisters, Betty COLEMAN, Zapta, Texas, and Mary Lovelace, Russiaville. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Monday, February 22, 2004

Lillie M. Worley

Oct. 20, 1925-Feb. 21, 2004

Lillie M. WORLEY, 78, of 3699 N. 175 East, Lot #64, Warsaw, died at 7:11 p.m. Saturday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Born on Oct. 20, 1925, in Bloomfield, Ill., to Amel and Gracie M. Woods Isom, she married Lloyd Moore in 1943. He died. She married Earnest Cochran in 1944. He died in 1980. She married Edward S. Galbreath in 1953. He died in 1968. She married Comer V. Worley on March 27, 1970. He died Dec. 4, 1983.

She was a homemaker. A Kosciusko County resident since 1989, she attended Warsaw Wesleyan Church, Warsaw.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Cochran, Carmi, Ill., Cecil Cochran, Rochester, and Richard Cochran, San Antonio, Texas; five daughters, Cynthia Scheuer-Jones, Gainesville, Ga., Cheryl James, Leesburg, Fla., Mrs. Paul (Margaret) Schue, Leesburg, Donna Hostetler, Paw Paw, Mich., and Trula Hostetler, Paw Paw, Mich.; 26 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one sister, Amelia Klinedinst, Plymouth; and three brothers, Donald Isom, Klamath Falls, Ore., James Krou and Levi Krou. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one son, two sisters and one brother.

Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Titus Funeral Home, with Pastor Wanda Carter officiating.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society of Kosciusko County, P.O. Box 1386, Warsaw IN 46581-1386.

Anna Marie Davisson Kent

Sept. 3, 1939-Feb. 19, 2004

Anna Marie Davisson KENT, 64, died Thursday following a valiant six-year battle with thymoma cancer.

Born on Sept. 3, 1939, in Peru, she graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1957. She attended Indiana University where she joined the Delta Zeta Sorority and earned a bachelor of arts degree in history and literature and master of arts in library administration. Anna Marie taught in the Indiana public school system for three years after graduation and then joined the faculty of Monmouth College (Ill.) as a librarian, where she served for more than 15 years.

In 1981, Anna Marie married and accompanied her husband while he was employed in Peshawar, Pakistan, Amman, Jordan, and Fayoum, Egypt, from 1982 until the couple settled in Rome, Ga., in 1990. She volunteered at the Police Public School in Peshawar and later in 1983, she was elected to the Vestry of the Guides Chapel, an Anglican Church in Mardan, Pakistan, made famous by the book "The Far Pavilions." Her husband was assigned to work in Jordan in 1985 where she was employed as librarian for the Amman (Jordan) Center for Oriental Research. While they lived in Fayoum, Egypt, in 1988-1990, Anna Marie volunteered at the All Saints Anglican Cathedral Library, Cairo. She conducted guided tours for friends and family who visited Egypt – especially of Cairo and Alexandria.

She settled in Rome, Ga., when her husband was assigned to work there in 1990. Anna Marie was a faithful volunteer to the Rome Floyd County Library Gift Shop for many years and was active in the Rome Symphony Women's Organization. She endorsed the work of the Angel Express and volunteered both time and treasure in support of that worthy organization. She was a frequent lay reader and occasional chalice bearer for St. Peter's Episcopal Church and regularly attended and enjoyed musical and drama activities provided by local colleges and other organizations in Rome. She enjoyed needlepoint and made gifts for friends and family. She was delighted to have completed a needle-pointed kneeler for St. Peter's Episcopal Church in 2002.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Edna, and her brother, John N. Davisson. Survivors include her husband of 22 years, Tom; three stepchildren, Thomas, Teresa and Timothy; five stepgrandchildren, Brandon and Laura Kent, and Logan, Daniel and Andrew Whitlock; her uncle, Verl Sandifur, Bunker Hill, and first cousins, Susan Bender, Indianapolis, and David Davisson, Louisville, Ky. Anna Marie particularly enjoyed watching the stepchildren grow in their careers and the grandchildren mature in years and wisdom.

A private interment service will be Sunday at Memory Garden adjacent to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rome, Ga. It will be followed by a celebration service of evening prayer at 4 p.m. Sunday at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. She personally requested that all her friends and relatives remain and attend the wake in Daniel Hall following the service. There will be music, food and drink for all.

Memorials may be made to Friends of the Library, 205 Riverside Parkway, Rome, GA 30161; Angel Express, 23 Ridgeview Drive, Silver Creek, GA 30173; St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 101 E. Fourth Avenue, Rome, GA 30161; or Floyd Medical Center Chaplainry, P.O. Box 233, Rome, GA 30162. Funeral services are under the direction of Daniel's Funeral Home, 901 E. Second Avenue, P.O. Box 611, Rome, GA 30162.

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Florence Oleta Sullivan

March 19, 1914-Feb. 22, 2004

Florence Oleta SULLIVAN, 89, 2219 Old Dixie Highway, Ormond Beach, Fla., and former Rochester resident, passed away at 5:55 a.m. Sunday at Care 'N Touch Assisted Living Home, Ormond Beach.

Born March 19, 1914, in Rochester to Ezra and Jennie Ford Ducker, she married Daryl W. Sullivan in March of 1956. He preceded her in death in May of 1990. Mrs. Sullivan was a retired teacher and an ordained minister. She was also a mathematician and computer librarian for Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Livermore, Calif.

A member of First United Methodist Church, Ormond Beach, she served as president of the United Methodist Women and as an area chairperson. She was elected Valiant Woman of the Year in 1991 by the Halifax Unit of Church Women United. Mrs. Sullivan was a graduate of the former Indiana Central College, Indianapolis.

Survivors include one brother, Paul Ducker, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be 2-3:30 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Athens, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating.

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

[no obits]

Thursday, February 26, 2004

John Dwald Eber

Feb. 8, 1908-Feb. 25, 2004

Mr. John Dwald EBER, 96, of 838 Sanford Dr., Rochester, died at 9 a.m. Wednesday at his residence. His health had been failing four months.

Born in Liberty Township of Fulton County to Charles A. and Minnie A. Dwald Eber, he lived in Fulton County his entire life. He married Ruth B. Werner on Nov. 1, 1930, in Fulton. She preceded him in death in August of 1974. He later married Bea Anderson on July 5, 1975, in Rochester.

He retired from farming in 1976. He was a member of Faith Outreach Center church, Rochester, and Farm Bureau. His hobby was automobiles.

He is survived by his wife, Bea Eber, at home; two daughters, Sarah and husband Jim Gentry, Logansport, and Loretta Erichsen, Rochester; one stepdaughter, Mary Jane and husband Erle Lockhart, Walton; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one brother, Carl Eber, Sun City, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Philip Thomas Eber on Oct. 15, 1996, and two brothers, Vern and Paul Eber.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Faith Outreach Center, 1125 E. Ninth St., Rochester, with Pastors Dan Mundt and Terry Baldwin officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to service Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Whitten W. Bentley

Whitten W. BENTLEY, 68, 405 N. Franklin St., Mentone, died at 11:05 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Gladys Thomas

Gladys THOMAS, 93, of Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2827 Northgate Blvd., Fort Wayne, and formerly of Rochester, died at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Canterbury. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, February 27, 2004

Whitten W. 'Bud' Bentley

Sept. 7, 1935-Feb. 25, 2004

Mr. Whitten W. "Bud" BENTLEY, 68, 405 N. Franklin St. Mentone, died at 11:05 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born Sept. 7, 1935, in Langley, Ky., to Elzie and Opal Atkins Bentley Sr., he lived in the Rochester community since 1963, coming here from Langley. On Jan. 11, 1958, he married Jessie L. Wright in Bypro, Ky. He was a welder for Sellers Mfg., Wakarusa. He retired in 1984.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie L. Bentley, at home; two daughters, Teresa Newcomer, Akron, Karen Bentley, Claypool; five grandchildren, Erika and husband Tony Smith, Anthony and Brandon Newcomer, and Heather and Tiffany Bentley; one brother, Elzie Bentley Jr. and wife Pearl, Langley, Ky.; and four sisters, Julia and husband Clifford Newsome, Rochester, Lillian Gregory, Paintsville, Ky., Elizabeth and husband Delbert Stephens, Langley, Ky., and Margaret Kirkland, St. Cloud, Fla. Three sisters preceded him in death, two in infancy and Lorraine Bailey on Dec. 28, 2003, in Paintsville, Ky.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Northern Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church, Warsaw, on Indiana 13 near Sidney. Officiant will be Clifford Newsome. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. Friday through the hour of the service Saturday at the church. Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

Saturday, February 28, 2004

Gladys L. Thomas

March 6, 1910-Feb. 25, 2004

Gladys L. THOMAS, 93, 2827 Northgate Blvd, Fort Wayne, and formerly of 170 Larue St., Rochester, died at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for several years.

Born in Rochester to Albert and Roxie Reddinger, she moved to Fort Wayne six years ago. On May 28, 1928, she married Robert Byron Thomas in Rochester. He preceded her in death in April of 1960. She was a homemaker and retired licensed practical nurse.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She loved flowers and was an avid gardener. She was an excellent seamstress and quilter, having made highly valued quilts for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by three daughters, Ruthanne Lantz, Michigan City, Eileen Melton and husband Tom, Doniphan, Mo., Jaunita Tomlinson, Fort Wayne; and one son, Byron Thomas, Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; one

brother, Wayne Reddinger, Rochester; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, five sisters and one brother.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with lay minister Tom Melton officiating. Burial will be at Citizen's Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until her service Monday.

Monday, March 1, 2004

Robert A. Foreman

Robert A. FOREMAN, 73, of 3583 Strawberry Lane, Rochester, died at 5:02 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Foreman, at home; five sons, Michael and Terry Foreman, both of South Bend, David Foreman, LaPorte, Edward Swathwood, Rochester, William Swathwood, South Bend; one sister, Joann McKain, Akron; and one brother William Foreman, South Bend. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Marion Marcella Grable

July 16, 1921-Feb. 27, 2004

Funeral services for Marion Marcella GRABLE, 82, of Twelve Mile, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Teri White officiating. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today and one hour before service Tuesday at the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will be at 7 p.m. today. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Memorials may be made to Twelve Mile United Methodist Church, Twelve Mile.

Marion Marcella Grable died at 10:15 p.m. Friday in the Arbor of Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Born July 16, 1921, in Peru, she was the daughter of George and Mary Stuber Benedict. On April 9, 1941, she married Lloyd L. Grable in Fulton. He preceded her in death on Dec. 3, 1991.

A member of Twelve Mile United Methodist Church, she was employed by Kroger for many years and retired from Skinner's Grocery in Twelve Mile after 35 years.

She was a member of the Twelve Mile Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star Lodge No. 557 since 1969 and was affiliated with the Royal Center Chapter No. 375 since Feb. 14, 2001. She was a past Worthy Matron. She was a member of the Willing Workers Extension Homemakers Club since 1960, where she served as president for 10 years.

She enjoyed her friends and neighbors and spending time with her family, especially her grandkids and great-grandkids. She collected miniature glass shoes and loved to read, hunt mushrooms and fish. She loved the Fourth of July parades in Twelve Mile and had compiled scrapbooks of community news clippings for at least 50 years, creating a great history of the Twelve Mile community.

Survivors include one daughter, Bonita Lee and husband John, Rochester; four sons, Larry Joe and wife Sharon, Vidalia, La., Lloyd Ronald and wife Nancy, Logansport, Richard and wife Ann, Logansport, and Bruce Grable, Twelve Mile; seven granddaughters, Jodie Karr, Lisa Waltz, Cathy Grable, Teresa Gast, Heidi Amato, Hollie Grable and Amanda Lee; five grandsons, Chad Grable, Chuck Grable, Leslie Grable, Marty Lee and Aric Lee; 20 great-grandchildren; one sister, Judith Costello and husband Gene, Kalamazoo, Mich.; one brother, Richard Benedict and wife Delores, Emmett, Idaho; one sister-in-law, Alice Tocco, Walton; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Gloria and Marilyn, and two brothers, George Jr. "Pedro"

and Dean.

Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfuneralhome.com.

Franklin W. Heisler

Dec. 14, 1927-Feb. 28, 2004

Franklin W. HEISLER, 76, of 2483 S. 575 East, Rochester, passed away at 3:15 a.m. Saturday at Hickory Creek of Rochester, after a lengthy illness.

Born Dec. 14, 1927, in Bourbon to G. Wayne and Agnes B. Martin Heisler, he married Jane Groover on Aug. 1, 1954, in Rochester.

Mr. Heisler was a graduate of Purdue University, a registered pharmacist and owner-operator of the former Heisler Pharmacy, Rochester. He had been employed part-time by Webb's Pharmacy, Akron.

He was a 50-year member and past president of the Rochester Kiwanis Club, a former Lt. Governor of Kiwanis International, a member of the Hoosier Valley Railroad Association, North Judson, and Fulton County Conservation Club. He attended Trinity United Methodist Church and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, at home; two daughters, Phyllis Heisler, Petersburg, Va., Barbara and husband Tony Matthews, Oxford, N.C.; and two sons, Glenn and wife Shannon Heisler, Delta Junction, Alaska, and David Heisler and wife Elizabeth Coughlan, Salem, Mass. One daughter, Rosemary Schneck, preceded him in death on Nov. 11, 1997.

Graveside services were at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Zion Cemetery with the Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Visitation was noon-3 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Military graveside rites were conducted by Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorials may be made to Hoosier Valley Railroad Association, P.O. Box 75, North Judson, or the Fulton County Fraternal Order of Police Canine Unit.

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Judes 'Judy' Croussore

Jan. 15, 1928-March 1, 2004

Judes "Judy" CROUSSORE, 76, of 1131 Franklin St., Rochester, died at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Her health had been failing for five years.

Born on Jan. 15, 1928, in Prestonsburg, Ky., to Bert and Audie Howard Damron, she lived in the Rochester area since 1941, coming here from Prestonsburg. On March 18, 1944, she married Stephen Clifford Croussore in Rochester. He preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1974.

She was a retired press operator for General Tire Corp., Wabash. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, Fraternal Order of the Eagles Lodge, Manitou Moose Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, all of Rochester.

Survivors include one daughter, Ruth Ann Markley and husband Richard, Rochester; one son, David Eugene Croussore, Rochester; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; six sisters, Annie Lewis and husband Harold, Perrysburg, Dottie Hudkins and husband John, Warsaw, Lottie Smoker and husband Ed, Rochester, Beatrice Gilliland and husband Dick, Rochester, Ellen Conley and husband Jim, Rochester, Sue Shuey and husband Marty, Rensselaer; one brother, Carl Damron and wife Racheal, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons, James Leroy and Steven Clifford Croussore, and six brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Don Meyer officiating. Burial will be at Citizen's Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to her service Wednesday at the

funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Dora A. Grimes

Dora A. GRIMES, 85, of 19404 38th St., Bristol, Wisc., and formerly of Rochester, died today at home in her sleep. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Gail 'Corky' Parker

Jan. 20, 1931-March 1, 2004

Gail "Corky" PARKER, 73, of Rensselaer, died Monday at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette.

Born on Jan. 20, 1931, in Rensselaer to Gaylord and Gertrude Downs Parker, he was a lifetime resident of Rensselaer. Corky attended Rensselaer Schools and joined the U.S. Marine Corp. on Jan. 16, 1951. A lifetime farmer, he served as the Jordan Township Trustee for 16 years. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 29 and Iroquois Valley Christian Church, Rensselaer. He was an avid fisherman. He married Jean Shumaker on July 26, 1952, in Dayton.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Parker nee Shumaker, Rensselaer; four daughters, Gayla Carroll and husband Ralph, Rensselaer, Cinda Kelley and husband Alan, Monticello, Teresa Miller and husband Rick, Akron, Laurie Smith and husband Harold, Monon; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Iroquois Valley Christian Church with Scott Chastain, minister, officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Rensselaer. The family will receive friends at Jackson Funeral Chapel, Rensselaer, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials may be made to Living Water Christian Church of Haiti.

Cloyd J. Zuck

May 14, 1912-Feb. 29, 2004

Cloyd J. ZUCK, 93, of Rochester and formerly of Kewanna, died at 6 a.m. Sunday at his home.

Born in Kewanna to Jesse A. and Maggie A. Rans Zuck, he graduated from Kewanna High School in 1930. He married Wilma V. Plummer in Grass Lake, Mich. on Aug. 19, 1939. She died on Dec. 14, 1990. He was a retired machine operator at Kewanna Metal Specialties. He was a member of Kewanna Baptist Church.

He is survived by three sons, Thomas Zuck, Swartz Creek, Mich., Jerry Zuck, Lake Village, Eric Zuck, Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters, Mary McMeeken, Belding, Mich., Ann Bauman and husband Fred, Rochester; two sisters, Irene Wynn, Dearborn, Mich., and Lucille Burton, Fulton; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, with Pastor John Cochran officiating. Burial will be at Citizen's IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 a.m. until the service Thursday. Memorials may be made to Kewanna Baptist Church or the donor's choice.

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Ruth Ann Copenhaver

Ruth Ann COPENHAVER, 69, of 900 Provident Court, Warsaw, and formerly of Bourbon, died Tuesday at Mason Health Care Center, Warsaw.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Phillips, Warsaw, and Jill Hawkins, Livingston,

Tenn.; and two sons, Jack Copenhaver, Auburn, Ala., and Randy Copenhaver. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Dora Alma Grimes

Jan. 25, 1919-March 2, 2004

Dora Alma GRIMES, 85, of 19404 38th St., Bristol, Wisc., passed away in her sleep Tuesday at her daughter's home in Bristol. Her health had been failing for five years.

Born in Brook to Howard H. and Edith L. Webb Griggs, she lived in Rochester and Fulton County for 75 years. A 1937 Fulton High School graduate, she married Irvine Grimes, who preceded her in death.

She had been a bookkeeper for various Fulton County auto agencies for many years. She was a member of First Christian Church, Rochester, and attended First Assembly of God, Union Grove, Wisc., while she lived in Bristol.

Survivors include two sons, Roy Fisher and wife Violet, Rochester, and George Hilficker and wife Georgia, Tampa, Fla.; two daughters, Kay Koebecke and husband Larry, Valparaiso, and Laura Jones and husband Doral, Bristol, Wisc.; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one niece, Judy Arnold, Bradenton, Fla. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one sister, Martha Galbreath.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Gary B. Thompson officiating. Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to her service Friday at the funeral home.

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Ralph L. Crockett

Ralph L. CROCKETT, 83, of Kokomo and formerly of Rochester, died Tuesday at his home. His wife, Betty B. Crockett, Kokomo, survives him. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Murray Funeral Home, Galveston. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Jessie M. Tillman

August 1, 1928-March 2, 2004

Jessie M. TILLMAN, 75, of 6162 S. 875 West, Claypool, died at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday at her residence following an extended illness. Jessie had moved to Claypool from Plymouth 42 years ago.

She was born in Plymouth on Aug. 1, 1928, to Jesse and Estella Kyser Markley. She was a 1946 graduate of West High School.

On Dec. 15, 1947, in Nappanee, Jessie and Lloyd E. Tillman were married.

A homemaker, she helped her husband on their farm.

Jessie enjoyed driving the tractor, flower gardening and watching the hummingbirds. She was an avid camper, liked all kinds of games and especially loved being with her family. She attended the Walnut Church of the Brethren.

Jessie is survived by Lloyd, her husband of 56 years, Claypool; four children including two sons, Gary and Linda Tillman, Bremen, and Dale and Deb Tillman, Claypool, and two daughters, Pat and Joe Walters and Becky and Ed Drudge, all of Claypool. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one brother, Russell Markley; and one sister-in-law, Margaret "Peg" Markley, both of Plymouth. Jessie was preceded in death by her parents, one

greatgrandchild, one sister, Laura O'Dell, and one brother, Glenn Markley.

Friends will be welcomed by Jessie's family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. The Rev. Paul McBride will officiate. Interment will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials in Jessie's memory may be made to the American Heart Association. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Esther Lucile Turnipseed

Dec. 25, 1913-March 2, 2004

Esther Lucile TURNIPSEED, 90, of Chili, passed away Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Dec. 25, 1913, at the Guyer Homestead near Denver to Roy and Ida Oppe Guyer. She was a lifetime resident of the Denver area.

She married Russell M. Turnipseed in the home of J.S. Johns in Indianapolis on Nov. 29, 1947. He preceded her in death on July 4, 1990.

Esther graduated from Chili High School in 1933. She studied nursing at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo in the early 1940s. She worked at Mexico Nursing Home. She spent her married life as a homemaker. Her hobbies were gardening, sewing, painting and woodworking.

She was a member of the Boundary Line church of Christ, LaFontaine.

Survivors include nieces and nephews: Lee Guyer, Danville; Wayne Guyer, Wabash; Jay Guyer, Florence, Ky.; Colleen (Guyer) Whittlesey, Denver; Jaun Guyer, Brazil; Dan Guyer, Tampa, Fla.; Dawson Guyer, Brownsburg; Pam (Guyer) Sloderbeck, Noblesville; Patty Guyer, Hanford, Calif.; Peggy (Guyer) Stevens, Westfield; and Mike Guyer, Mark Guyer, Penny Guyer and Morris Guyer, all of Noblesville.

Esther was preceded in death by her brothers, Clyde, Earl and Omer.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. Indiana 16, Denver, with Sam Miller officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfuneralhome.com.

Friday, March 5, 2004

Christopher 'Chris' M. Thomas

July 13, 1960-March 4, 2004

Christopher "Chris" M. THOMAS, 43, Fulton, died at 3:25 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Rochester to Eugene R. and Phyllis D. Frazier Thomas, he graduated from Caston High School in 1978 and Ivy Tech, Kokomo, in 1980. He married Deborah L. Absher at Grass Creek United Methodist Church on Aug. 16, 1980. She survives.

An employee of Heartland Dairy Equipment, Plymouth, he worked in installation and sales of DeLaval Dairy milking machines. A member of Grass Creek United Methodist Church and a lifelong member of the Grass Creek Lions Club, he was a fan of NASCAR, the Indianapolis 500 and college football and basketball.

Survivors include his wife, at home; three sons, Brent Thomas and fiancée Elizabeth, West Lafayette, Ryan Thomas and wife Stephanie, Logansport, and Nathan Thomas, at home; his parents, Grass Creek; three brothers, Curt Thomas and wife Arlene, Crossville, Tenn., Brad Thomas and wife Lisa, Rochester, Bryan Thomas and wife Jill, Rochester; one sister Kim and husband Cova Clemans, Las Vegas, Nev.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Grass Creek United Methodist Church with the Revs. David Sommers and Ron Vittoe officiating. Burial will be at Grass Creek Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family of Christopher M. Thomas requests donations be made to the Indiana University Cancer Center or to the Fulton County Relay for Life. Make gifts to IUCC payable to IUCC gifts/leukemia research and mail to Indiana University Cancer Center, Office of Gift Development, LO 506, P.O. Box 67, Indianapolis, IN 46209-8763. Indicate "In memory of Christopher Thomas" on the check.

Ova M. Word

Oct. 14, 1907-March 3, 2004

Ova M. WORD, 96, Life Care Center, Rochester, and formerly of Wilshire Court Apartments, Frankfort, died at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center. She had lived at Life Care Center since July 17, 2001.

Born in Slick Rock, Ky., to L. C. and Emma Morton Bunch, she married James Bud Word in Glasgow, Ky. He preceded her in death in 1965. Mrs. Word was a homemaker and loved crocheting, gardening, flowers, canning and babysitting.

Survivors include two daughters, Christine Buttrey, Springfield, Tenn., and Margaret E. Jones, Rochester; one brother, Wayne Bunch, Thorntown; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren. Four brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Goodwin Funeral Home, 200 S. Main St., Frankfort, with Frank Williams officiating. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at the Web site, www.goodwinfuneralhome.com.

Saturday, March 6, 2004

[no obits]

Monday, March 8, 2004

Arthur 'Art' Ree Foreman

March 1, 1904-March 6, 2004

Arthur "Art" Ree FOREMAN, 100, of 422 Madison Avenue, Peru, died at 12:50 a.m. Saturday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Born in Portland to Birton and Arminda McKinsey Foreman, he married Charlotte Young. She died in 1980. A member of Oakdale Baptist Church, he retired from the Peru Foundry. He was a member of Peru Maennerchor.

Survivors include one brother, Fred Foreman, Nyona Lake, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Oakdale Baptist Church.

Alfretta J. Hartman

Alfretta J. HARTMAN, 90, Macy, died Sunday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Arrangments are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

George E. Hess

George E. "Ed" HESS, 71, of Columbia City, died Saturday at his home. Survivors include his wife Betty M. Hess, at home; one son, Stephen Hess, Columbia City; and one sister, Dora Mae Quinn, Onward.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Helen L. McGriff

April 25, 1922-March 6, 2004

Helen L. McGRIFF, 81, of 1401 Washington St., Rochester, died at 3 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born in Richland Township to Leo C. and Esther Burkett Mow, she lived her entire life in the Rochester area. On Oct. 30, 1945, she married Roy McGriff. He preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 1993. She graduated from Richland Center High School and attended South Bend Business College. A member of Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, she was employed as secretary for Bendix Corp., South Bend, and as executive secretary for McMahan-O'Conner Construction Co., Rochester, for 45 years. She retired in 1990.

Survivors include her brother, Robert M. Mow, Ft. Myers, Fla.; several nieces and nephews including Phillip Mow, Nashville, Tenn., Sheridan Mow Blakesley, Vista, Calif., Shannon Mow, Summerville, Mass., Sherri Mow, Kirk Mow, Indianapolis, Wayne Mow, Angola; one sister-in-law, Margaret Mow Garner, Oceanside, Calif.; great-nieces and nephews; and great-great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, Edward and William Mow, and one nephew, Denny Mow.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Rick Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to her services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Wanda E. Swick

Feb. 16, 1917-March 5, 2004

Wanda E. SWICK, 87, formerly of the Beaver Dam Lake community near Akron, died at 11:55 p.m. Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Born in Kosciusko County to Orven A. and Nellie Black Heighway, she married L. Jay Swick on Dec. 25, 1937. He died Dec. 3, 2001. She was a schoolteacher at Franklin, Beaver Dam, Silver Lake, Akron and Warsaw schools.

A graduate of Manchester and Grace colleges, she was a member of the Retired Teachers Association. She was also a member of Beaver Dam United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school and served as song leader. For many years she also played the piano and organ.

Survivors include two nieces, Sherry and husband Con Shewman, Akron, and Karen and husband Larry Wilson, Montgomery; two nephews, Ned and wife Linda Heighway, Akron, and Ernest and wife Sally Heighway, Richmond; several other nieces and nephews; and one sister-in-law, Annabelle Anglin, Leesburg. Two sisters, Frances and Edith, and one brother, Robert O. Heighway, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, north of Akron, with the Revs. Rob Seewald and Evelyn Taylor Haney officiating. Burial will be at Nichols Cemetery, north of Akron. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. today at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Memorials may be made to Beaver Dam United Methodist Church or Gideons International.

Lloyd K. Weaver

Dec. 13, 1922-March 7, 2004

Lloyd K. WEAVER, 81, of 802 N. 650 East, Rochester, died at 10:35 a.m. Sunday at his residence after an extended illness.

Born in Marshall County to Alvin and Eva Kauffman Weaver, he married Norma E. Hoover on Oct. 6, 1946, in Argos. She survives.

He was a farmer and member of Gideons International, Mill Creek Missionary Church, Rochester, and Farm Bureau. A 1941 Argos High School graduate, he was a U.S. Army veteran who served in a World War II medical unit. He co-hosted the 1989 Prairie Farmer Farm Progress Show.

Survivors include his wife, Norma E. Weaver, Rochester; four daughters, Diane Weaver-Gady, Rochester, Dana and husband Tom Finlan, Indianapolis,

Darla and husband Randy Shafer, Akron, Danelle and husband Sam King, Indianapolis; five sons, Rick and wife Pat Weaver, Jacksonville, Fla., Ken and wife Sue Weaver, Warsaw, Jim and wife Cindy Weaver, Grabill, Tom and wife Jill Weaver, Rochester, Tim and wife Lana Weaver, Akron; 24 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Anna Kathryn Good, Lancaster, Penn., Ruth and husband Wendell Fore, Green Bay, Wisc., and Edna Smith, Rochester. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Loren and Danny Weaver.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastors Chris Beall, Marvin Engbrecht and Dale Walterhouse officiating. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Gideons International, Mill Creek Missionary Church or Hope Hospice of Fulton County, Rochester.

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Alfretta J. Hartman

Oct. 20, 1913-March 7, 2004

Funeral services for Alfretta J. HARTMAN, 90, Macy, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hartman died at 3:25 a.m. Sunday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born in Churubusco on Oct. 20, 1913, she was the daughter of Chauncey and Alta Smith Bear. On April 24, 1937, she married Onis K. Hartman at Churubusco United Methodist Church. He died Feb. 2, 1998.

She was educated in Churubusco schools and graduated from high school in 1931. In 1935, she received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Manchester College. She did her post-graduate work at Ball State University.

Survivors include two sons, Robert O. Hartman, Oakland, Calif., and Roger L. Hartman and wife Deborah, Ft. Wayne; two grandsons, Nicholas Hartman and wife Elizabeth, Bradenton, Fla., and Anthony Hartman, Ft. Wayne.

She taught for 33 years in public schools in Miami, Whitley, Fulton and Cass counties.

For 28 years, she played piano, organ and directed the choir at the Macy United Methodist Church. For nine years, she directed the choir at Trinity Methodist Church in Rochester. Since 1974, she was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Rochester where she sang with the Grace choir and was the assistant music director.

In 1977, she took over directing the Fulton County Extension Chorus. She was a three-time president of the Macy Mother's Club. She was an active member of the Rochester Federated Women's Club, a lifetime friend of the Rochester Public Library, a member of the Miami County Republican Women and a patron of Miami County's Symphony Unit.

She was a lifetime member of the National Education Association, Indiana State Retired Teachers and belonged to both Miami and Fulton County Retired Teachers associations.

She loved to travel and had been on three continents, Hawaii and visited all but three of the United States states.

Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Memorials may be made to North Miami Elementary Music Department.

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

Everett D. 'Buss' Thompson

Nov. 14, 1908-March 8, 2004

Everett D. "Buss" THOMPSON, 95, Walton, died at 12:35 p.m. Monday at Sycamore Village Healthcare Center, Kokomo.

Born in Rochester to Edward and Heartha Russell Thompson, he married Jessie Mae Bess on May 23, 1933, in Logansport. She preceded him in death on Sept. 19, 1990.

Buss was employed at the Armour Creamery in Rochester. He retired in 1968 from General Telephone Co. in Logansport. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the American Legion Post No. 418, Walton. He was also a member of the Deacon Grange and a 60-year member of the Rochester Masonic Lodge No. 79. Buss worked for many years as a volunteer for the Cass County Mental Health Association. He was a member of Blue Ball Church in Cass County.

Survivors include two nephews, Littlejohn Bess and Dick Reed, both of Austin, Texas; cousins, Helen Notz and family, Rochester, Omer Kindig, Warsaw, Donna Smith, Rochester, Ruth Severns, Alexandria, Don and Helen Berlet, Walton, Jack and Judy Berlet, Walton, Bonnie and Tom Sailors, Walton, Thelma and Joe Storey, Walton, Dick and Beverly Furst, John and Barbara Furst, Ruth and Tom Loveless, Don and Mary Kelly and Pete Furst. He was preceded in death by his brother, Loyd Thompson, and his sister, Marjorie Thompson Bauer.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Terry Rumble of Blue Ball Church officiating. Burial will be with military honors at IOOF Cemetery, Walton. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Orville P. Dawald

Orville P. DAWALD, 86, of 1254 McCarter Hollow Road, Sevierville, Tenn., died Tuesday at Fort Sanders Sevier Medical Center, Sevierville.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty J. Dawald Miller, Sevierville, and one brother, Elmer Dawald, Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Sevierville, Tenn. No visitation or funeral services in Indiana are planned. Arrangements are by Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Herman Sterk

Herman STERK, 71, of 207 West Calhoun St., Claypool, died Tuesday at Bethlehem Woods Nursing Home, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Thursday, March 11, 2004

Chester W. Traver

Chester W. TRAVER, 88, of 1 EMS B 37 LN 111 S., Warsaw, died Wednesday at Mason Health Care Center, Warsaw.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Bondeline Murphy "Traver", one sister, Betty Wood, Warsaw; and one brother, George Traver, LaFontaine.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Cecil Laughman

Cecil LAUGHMAN, 84, of 3037 W. Division Road, Wabash, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash.

Survivors include two sisters, Doris R. Deal, Wabash, and Irene Nichols, Logansport. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. Visitation is one hour prior the service at the funeral home.

Friday, March 12, 2004

Herman Sterk

Jan. 29, 1933-March 9, 2004

Herman STERK, 71, of 207 West Calhoun St., Claypool, died at 9 p.m. Tuesday at Bethlehem Woods Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Born in Cook County, Ill., to Cornelius H. Sterk and Winnie Kelderhouse, he married Eloyis A. Bochmann Feb. 18, 1956 in Rapid City, S.D. She preceded him in death May 7, 2002. Herman was a truck driver, a member of the Moose Lodge in Warsaw and also was a Korean Conflict veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include two daughters, Michele Lindzy, Winona Lake, Sharon and husband Fred Schmitt, Vine Grove, Ky; one son, Michael and wife Marcy Sterk, Warsaw; six sisters, Nancy Sterk, Bernice and husband Paul Brown, Connie and husband Norman Moore, all of Akron, Carrie and husband Cornelius Koster, Margaret and husband Nelson Tromp, all of South Holland, Ill., and Wilma and husband Donald Belsan, Brookfield, Ill; four brothers, Bert and wife Teresa Sterk, Charles and wife Margaret Sterk, all of Akron, Robert and wife Sharon Sterk, Macon, Ga., Lee and wife Leata Sterk, Rochester; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Matthew; one sister, Nellie Moslter; one brother, John Sterk.

Funeral service is at 1 p.m. Sunday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Rev. Stevan Haiflich officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is 3-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Saturday, March 13, 2004

[no obits]

Monday, March 15, 2004

Marilee Coplen

April 13, 1925–March 13, 2004

Marilee COPLEN, 78, of Hickory Creek at Rochester, formerly of 424 Jefferson St., died at 4:10 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Her health had been failing for 1 1/2 years.

Born in Fulton County to Nelson and Gladys Bryant Paulk, she married James L. Coplen on Nov. 24, 1974, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on Sept. 14, 1985.

Marilee retired from nursing and was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles, Lodge No. 852, women's auxiliaries of the LeRoy Shelton American Legion, Post No. 36, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Rochester.

Survivors include one son, Richard Robison and wife Marsha; one grandson, Rex Robison and wife Kris; and two great-granddaughters, Macie Robison and Haley Robison; all of Rochester. Marilee was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brother, Kenneth Paulk.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. 6th St., Rochester, with the Rev. David Dittman officiating. Burial will be at Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday or one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Eagles Auxiliary Scholarship Fund in her memory.

Addie H. Chambers

April 6, 1911–March 13, 2004

Addie H. CHAMBERS, 92, of Wabash, formerly of Logan, Utah, and Kewanna, died Saturday at Wabash County Hospital.

Born in Pulaski County to S.J. Jerome Harris and Cora Myers, she married Claude Chamberlin in 1928 in Valparaiso. He preceded her in death on Jan. 3, 1975. She married Robert E. Chambers on Feb. 14, 1962, in Las Vegas, Nev. He preceded her in death on Oct. 17, 1985.

Addie was a homemaker and member of the Kewanna Church of Christ. She was a Past Matron of the Clara Barton Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, No. 16, Logan, Utah, and of the Harmony Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, No. 44, MacKay, Idaho. She was also a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Joe Nowacki Unit, MacKay, Idaho, and attended Lincolnvill United Methodist Church in Wabash County.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Lou and husband Jim Tribbett, Kewanna, and Shirley Smith, Wabash; one son, Claude "Bud" E. Chamberlin, Jr., and wife Mary Ellen, Ocean Park, Wash.; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, five brothers and five sisters.

The funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Harrison Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, with the Rev. Melissa Rice officiating. Burial will be at Bruce Lake Cemetery, Kewanna. Visitation will be noon Wednesday until the time of the funeral service. An Order of the Eastern Star memorial service will be at 2:40 p.m. Wednesday. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Cheer & Co., Wabash.

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Clifford W. Hess

Clifford W. HESS, 92, formerly of 5702 N. 100 West, Rochester, died at 1:30 a.m. today at Life Care Center, Valparaiso, where he had been a resident for one month. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Seth R. A. Sutton

Dec. 18, 1999 – March 14, 2004

Seth Robert Ashke SUTTON, 4, died Saturday.

Born in Rochester, he lived in Indianapolis with his mother Regina Sutton-Scott and her husband Jamie.

He is also survived by his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Sutton, all of Rochester.

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

[no obits]

Thursday, March 18, 2004

Clifford W. Hess

Aug. 17, 1911 – March 16, 2004

Clifford W. HESS, 92, formerly of 5702 N. 100 West, Rochester, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Valparaiso.

Born in Hamilton, Ohio, to George F. and Grace Anderson Hess, he married Mildred Geraldine Felton on Nov. 27, 1942, in Gary. She preceded him in death.

Clifford was a retired pipe fitter and an employee of The Brewery Ltd., formerly of South Bend, for 40 years. He was a 60-year member of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada. He was a member of First Christian Church, Lake Manitou Moose Lodge No. 1107, and was a 32nd degree Mason with the F&AM Lodge No. 79, all of Rochester. Fishing and swimming were two of his favorite pastimes. He also enjoyed dancing and was a member of the Rochester Heymakers Dance Preservationists and attended a trip to Rochester, England with them.

Survivors include one son, Bruce W. Hess and wife Rosemary, Beavercreek, Ohio; two daughters, Barbara A. Skane and husband James, Windham, N.H., and Dorothy E. Donahue and husband Dennis, Valparaiso; and two grandsons, Christopher M. Hess, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, and Dennis Jacob Donahue, Valparaiso.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and brother George Russell Hess.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. 6th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to service Friday at the funeral home. The F&AM Lodge No. 79 will conduct a memorial service at 6:45 p.m. Friends may call one hour prior to the funeral service. Memorials may be made to Pheasants Forever of Fulton County.

Gerald W. Osborn

Gerald W. OSBORN, 91, of 20934 Indiana 10, Culver, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Lilly I. Tucker

Jan. 18, 1912 – March 17, 2004

Lilly I. TUCKER, 92, Grace Village Retirement Community, Winona Lake, died Wednesday at Grace Village. A graveside memorial service at Mentone Cemetery will be handled by King Memorial Home, Mentone, at a later date. There will be no visitation.

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David L. Gault

Sept. 2, 1941 – March 17, 2004

David L. GAULT, 62, of 221 E. Pleasant St., Etna Green, died at 4:28 p.m. Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an illness.

Born in Logansport to Lloyd and Helen Pownall Gault, he married Jayne Davis on March 3, 1978. She survives.

He was a faithful member of the Etna Green Church of Christ serving as a trustee. He was a member of the Masonic Lodges at Bourbon and Macy serving as secretary and Past Master. He was also a member of the Etna Green Lions Club. He retired from IBM as a repairman in August 2003. He graduated from Grass Creek High School in 1959. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Jayne, and five children, Sally and Scott Kauffman, Bourbon, Dawn and Leonard Gagnon, Silver Lake, Scott Trowbridge, Etna Green, Steve and Lisa Trowbridge, Tippecanoe, and Kent and Missy Gault, Bloomington; along with nine grandchildren; his sister Detta and husband Jim Gass, Markle; and his brother, Don and wife Lois Gault, Flora. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Etna Green Church of Christ with Pastor Steve Hinton officiating. Burial will be at Etna Green Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday at Deaton Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be made to Etna Green Church of Christ.

Gerald W. A. Osborn

July 21, 1912 – March 17, 2004

Gerald W. A. OSBORN, 91, of 20934 Indiana 10, Culver, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Burns, Culver, and Sandra J. Miller, Plymouth; four sons, Edwin P. Osborn, Mishawaka, Larry G. Osborn, Buchanan, Mich., Ronald L. Osborn, New Carlisle, and Steven Osborn, Culver.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation will be at the funeral home noon until time of service Saturday.

Saturday, March 20, 2004

Clifford W. Hess

Aug. 17, 1911 – March 16, 2004

Clifford W. HESS, 92, formerly of 5702 N. 100 West, Rochester, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Valparaiso.

Born in Hamilton, Ohio, to George F. and Grace Anderson Hess, he married Mildred Geraldine Felton on Nov. 27, 1942, in Gary. She preceded him in death.

Clifford was a retired pipe fitter and an employee of The Drewery Limited, formerly of South Bend, for 40 years. He was a 60-year member of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada. He was a member of First Christian Church, Lake Manitou Moose Lodge No. 1107, and was a 32nd degree Mason with the F&AM Lodge No. 79, all of Rochester. Fishing and swimming were two of his favorite pastimes. He also enjoyed dancing and was a member of the Rochester Heymakers Dance Preservationists and attended a trip to Rochester, England with them.

Survivors include one son, Bruce W. Hess and wife Rosemary, Beavercreek, Ohio; two daughters, Barbara A. Skane and husband James, Windham, N.H., and Dorothy E. Donahue and husband Dennis, Valparaiso; and two grandsons, Christopher M. Hess, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, and Dennis Jacob Donahue, Valparaiso.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and brother George Russell Hess.

Funeral service was 11 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. 6th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Burial was at the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation was 5-7 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home. The F&AM Lodge No. 79 conducted a memorial service at 6:45 p.m. Thursday. Memorials may be made to Pheasants Forever of Fulton County.

Sid Shannon Reffett

Dec. 5, 1935 – March 17, 2004

Dr. Sid Shannon REFFETT, 68, passed away Wednesday at his home in San Bernardino, Calif. He was born in Langley, Ky., and moved to Grass Creek where he attended public schools. He earned his bachelor's degree in English at Ball State University, Muncie, and his master's degree and doctorate in English literature at the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Reffett taught English at LaPorte High School in LaPorte from 1957 to 1978. His wife Ida also taught English at LaPorte High School until 1990. His daughter Tamara currently teaches English at LaPorte High School. His son Kevin is an Economics professor at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ.

From 1978 to 1988 Dr. Reffett was the Director of Education at the Westville Correctional Center, Westville. In addition, for many years he taught English in the college program at Purdue University North Central. From 1989 – 1994 he was the Executive Director of the Robert Presley Institute for Corrections Research, an independent California state agency located on the campus of the University of California in Riverside, Calif.

During his years of teaching and working as an educational administrator in the LaPorte area, Dr. Reffett received many honors. He was recognized for his work by the Indiana State Legislature, by the Kettering Foundation in Kettering, Ohio, and by the National School Safety Center in California as a School Administrator of the Year. He received a National Department of Education Fellowship to Purdue University to study the teaching of advanced placement English in the high school.

While working in the LaPorte area, he served on the LaPorte Public Library Board and on

the United Way Campaigns. He sponsored many student and adult trips to the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario. He spoke to many community groups on literary topics. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Holy Rosary Cathedral in San Bernardino, Calif.

Survivors include his wife Ida; son, Kevin Reffett; daughter, Tamara Reffett; sisters, Willa Vanness, Virginia Case, Vada Quackenbush Jeffries, Kelsa Carr, and Lottie Kotterman; and brothers Paul and Henry Reffett. He was preceded in death by his parents, Whitten and Lucinda Reffett; brothers, James, George and Whitten Reffett, Jr.; sisters, Opel Bentley, Inez Ousley, Ressie Godbee and Josie Patton.

A memorial mass was said at Holy Rosary Cathedral, San Bernardino, California, at 9:30 a.m. Friday and a memorial mass will also be said at St. Joseph's Church, LaPorte at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Muscatine, Iowa. The family requests that no flowers be sent but donations in his memory may be made to the Shannon Reffett Scholarship Fund at LaPorte High School or to any charity of the donors choice.

Monday, March 22, 2004

Irene A. Gustafson

Dec. 29, 1927-March 20, 2004

Mrs. Irene A. GUSTAFSON, 76, of 5800 Hennepin Dr., Joliet, Ill., and formerly of Rochester, died at 6:55 p.m. Saturday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Joliet following an illness.

Born in Chicago to Erwin and Mable Webster Whistler, she lived in Rochester for 23 years after moving here from Chicago. On Aug. 21, 1948, she married Walter J. Gustafson in Chicago. He died July 18, 1995. A homemaker, she volunteered at Woodlawn Hospital, Gateway Community Hospital, Clarksville, Tenn., and Life Care Center of Rochester. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and VFW auxiliary, both in Rochester.

Survivors include four daughters, Cheryl and husband Pete Satriano, Frankfort, Ill., Susan and husband Mark Finney, Phoenix, Beverly and husband Thomas Dudash, Joliet, Ill., and June and husband Erik Myers, Clarksville, Tenn.; two sons, Walter and wife Nancy Gustafson Jr., Phoenix, and Herbert and wife Mary Gustafson, Clarksville, Tenn.; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Joannell Witcher, Phoenix; and one brother, Erwin Whistler, San Antonio.

Her funeral service will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Lloyd Howard officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Clarksville, Tenn. hospice.

Bonnie Sue Marshall

Jan. 1, 1942-March 19, 2004

Mrs. Bonnie Sue MARSHALL, 62, of 7346 E. 200 North, Akron, died at 9:22 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Her health had been failing for four years.

Born in Logansport to James C. and Helen A. Blanton Cunningham, she lived in the area for 30 years coming here from Logansport. She had been divorced.

A member of Olive Bethel Church of God, near Akron, she loved to do crafts as her hobby.

Survivors include three daughters, Tamela Warren, Marion, Tonia Marshall, Akron, and Angela Marshall, Talma; three sons, David E. Smith, Logansport, William and wife Wanda

Hawkins, Jackson, Tenn., Pernell and wife Candace Marshall, Warsaw; 11 grandchildren; and one brother, Robert Cunningham, Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents, one granddaughter, Jessica Marshall, one sister, Rebecca Cunningham, and one brother, James Cunningham.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Sid Shannon Reffett

Dec. 5, 1935 -March 17, 2004

A memorial mass for Sid Shannon REFFETT will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Church, LaPorte. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Shannon Reffett Scholarship Fund at LaPorte High School, LaPorte.

Marian Elizabeth La Follette Smith

June 25, 1921–March 18, 2004

Marian Elizabeth La Follette SMITH, 82, Rochester went to join the Lord at 9:12 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born on June 25, 1921, to Clifford Elijah and Goldie Grace-Miller Appel in Crawfordsville, she attended school in Montgomery County. She previously resided in Hubert, N.C., Crawfordsville, Kokomo and Rochester.

Marian had worked at Delco Radio, Kokomo, and various jobs in Crawfordsville. She was a staunch Republican and enjoyed working the polls at election time which she did for numerous years. She enjoyed swimming, dancing and traveling with her children.

She enjoyed life very much and especially adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was especially proud of her daughter, Nancy Carolyn Turner, and her son, Thomas J. La Follette Sr.

Survivors include one brother, Thomas Frank Appel, Crawfordsville; several nieces and nephews in Crawfordsville; one daughter, Nancy Carolyn Bradley and husband Carl, Hubert, N.C.; grandchildren, Javona Rodriquez, Anthony Platt, both of Jacksonville, N.C., Kimberly Rivera, Terrell J. Platt Jr., both of Hubert, N.C.; great-grandchildren, Jeff Sales, Burlington, N.C., Travis Sales, Newport, N.C., Hector Rivera, Hubert, N.C., Anansa Rivera, Rebecca Platt, Toni Lynn Platt, all of Jacksonville, N.C.; great-great-grandchildren, Chloe Sales, Newport, N.C., Jordan Rivera, Nova Rose Rivera, Myckila Rivera, all of Hubert, N.C., and Courtney Sales, Westfield; one son, Thomas J. La Follette Sr. and wife Barbara, Kewanna-Lake Bruce; grandchildren, Karina Diane Bohac and husband Terry, Rochester, Thomas J. La Follette Jr., Wilmington, Del., and Christopher Lee La Follette and wife, Nita, LaPorte; and great-grandchildren, Shelby Diane Bohac, Nicholas Alexander Bohac, both of Rochester, Michelle Pauline La Follette, Michael Morris La Follette, Rebecca Ann La Follette, Elizabeth Claire La Follette, Thomas Robert La Follette, all of LaPorte. She is also survived by numerous friends and staff at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one grandson, and former husbands John Turner and Morris J. La Follette.

Her funeral service will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Ellers Mortuary, 725 S. Main St., Kokomo. Burial will be at Albright Cemetery, Kokomo. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Scott Whitworth Jr.

Scott WHITWORTH Jr., 18, of 6645 West Indiana 14, Silver Lake, died Sunday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Scott A. Whitworth Jr.

Jan. 4, 1986–March 21, 2004

Scott A. WHITWORTH Jr., 18, of 6645 W. Indiana 14, Silver Lake, died Sunday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. His death was the result of a gunshot wound earlier in the day.

Born in Merrillville to Scott A. Sandra E. Whitworth, he was a student at Tippecanoe Valley High School where he played football. He had been in the builders trades class which he loved. He loved all kinds of music. He had played in the Akron Youth League and was employed at McDonald's, North Manchester.

Survivors include one daughter, Taylor Elizabeth Whitworth; his mother, Sandra E. Whitworth; one sister, Cassandra Whitworth; one brother, Jeremy Whitworth, all of Silver Lake; paternal grandparents, Carl Jr. and wife Jean Whitworth, Akron; maternal grandmother, Joyce Richter, formerly of Silver Lake; maternal great-grandmothers, Hilda Luedtke, Crown Point, and Merle Cook, Cape Coral, Fla.; paternal uncle and aunt, Carl III and Lynn Whitworth; one grandfather, George Cook, Asheville, N.C.; several uncles, aunts, and cousins; two stepsisters, Kristina and Jamie; and two stepbrothers, Travis and Dustin. He was preceded in death by his father, Scott A. Whitworth on July 22, 2002; and maternal grandfather, Charles Richter.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Trust Fund for Taylor Elizabeth Whitworth at the funeral home or at Farmers State Bank in Mentone.

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Larry G. Gordon

March 14, 1939–March 22, 2004

Larry G. GORDON, 65, Bradenton, Fla., died Monday. Survivors include his wife, Kristen A. Waddell Gordon; one son Matthew Larry Gordon, Bradenton, Fla.; three daughters, Kim Snyder, Darci Hampton, and Michelle Chamberlin, all of Plymouth; his mother, Ruth Cowen Gordon, Plymouth; and one brother, Walter Lee Gordon, Chesapeake, Va.

His funeral service is 3 p.m. Sunday at Argos United Methodist Church. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Saturday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, and one hour prior to his service Saturday at the church.

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Olen Neace

Olen NEACE, 67, 13784 6A Road, Plymouth, died at 8:29 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Friday, March 26, 2004

Benjamin Gutierrez Arias

Oct. 10, 1954–March 24, 2004

Benjamin Gutierrez ARIAS, 49, of 202 S. Mishawaka Street, Akron, died Wednesday at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa Gutierrez; two daughters, Kathy Sue and Anna Bell Gutierrez; one son, Benjamin Gutierrez Jr.; one brother, Adalberto Gutierrez, all of Akron; and three sisters, Raque Gutierrez de Rios, Anna Rosa Gutierrez and Cristina Isabel Gutierrez de Martinez, all of Tepatitlan DeMoreos, Jalisco, Mexico.

A mass of Christian burial is 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Robert W. Mitchell Jr.

Sept. 8, 1963–March 25, 2004

Robert W. MITCHELL Jr., 40, of 309 E. 14th Street, Rochester, died at 11:15 a.m. Thursday at Life Care Center of Rochester, where he had been a patient.

Born in Blue Island, Ill., to Robert W. and Edith L. Pottharst Mitchell Sr., he married Shelley S. Anderson on June 30, 1994, in Rochester. She survives.

A resident of the Rochester community most of his life, he received his GED from Rochester High School in 1982. He was on the setting crew for Rochester Homes, Rochester. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Manitou Moose Lodge No. 1107 and had been active with the Rochester ABATE.

Survivors include wife, Shelley S. Anderson Mitchell, at home; three daughters, Heather Morris, Rochester, Holly and Haley Mitchell, at home; one granddaughter, McKenzie Williams, Rochester; his mother, Edith Guhlcke, Lubeck, Germany; his father and stepmother, Robert W. Mitchell Sr. and wife Janice, Brownsburg; two sisters, Stephanie Augustin and husband Fred, Winter Park, Fla., Jennifer Sheperd and husband Will, Warsaw; one half-brother, Curtiss Mitchell, Florida; and one niece and one nephew.

A memorial service is 10 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Linda Hewitt officiating. A trust fund is being established at First Federal Savings Bank, Rochester, for his two minor daughters, Holly and Haley.

Olen Neace

Oct. 8, 1939–March 24, 2004

Olen NEACE, 67, of 13784 6A Road, Plymouth, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeanne Randall, Plymouth, and Bernadine Ann Goens, South Bend; three brothers, Carl Neace, Calhoun, Ga., Rev. Charles Neace, North Judson, and Eugene Neace, North Judson; and three sisters, Faye Sullivan, Alabama, Pearl Overbee, Stanton, Ky., and Connie Bombs, Ned, Ky.

His funeral service is at 1 p.m. Saturday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to his service Saturday at the funeral home.

Saturday, March 27, 2004

Jamie Wright

April 27, 1963 – March 25, 2004

Jamie WRIGHT, 40, Farmsville, N.C., formerly of Argos, died Thursday at 5 p.m. in Greenville, N.C. Survivors include his wife, Brenda Wright, Farmsville, N.C.; two sons, Jamie Lynn Wright, Farmsville, N.C., and Jacob Wright, Rochester; his mother, Audrie Wright, Argos; six sisters, Helen Epley, Russellville, Ky., Sandra Shori, Argos, Elizabeth Wright, Plymouth, Wanda Lloyd, Monterey, Rita Pennington, Argos, and Janice Wright, Russellville, Ky.; and four brothers, Harold Wright, Argos, John Wright, Mo., Jack Wright, Monterey, and Joseph Wright, Argos. Memorial services will be Friday at 5 p.m. in the Church of Jesus Christ of Argos with Rev. Lloyd Howard officiating. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home.

Monday, March 29, 2004

Chloris Russell 'C.R.' Barkman

July 11, 1915–March 28, 2004

Chloris Russell "C.R." BARKMAN, 88, Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester, passed away at 1:45 p.m. Sunday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born in Newcastle Township to Mondo and Beulah Russell Barkman, he married Kathern Vanlue on March 5, 1938, in Logansport. She preceded him in death on February 17, 2000.

A lifelong resident of Newcastle Township, Mr. Barkman was owner/operator of the C.R. Barkman Lincoln Mercury Auto and Farm dealership in Rochester, 1947–1975, as well as being a farmer. A member of Bethlehem Baptist Church where he was a deacon and a trustee, he was also the last surviving charter member of the Rochester Rotary Club where he was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member of Farm Bureau Co-op. He served on the Board of Directors for Woodlawn Hospital. He enjoyed farming, family, watching basketball games and wintering in Florida for 22 years.

Survivors include his daughter, Linda K. and husband Kenneth Fuller, Springfield, Ohio; daughter-in-law Stephenia Barkman, Rochester; grandchildren, Kevin Fuller and Ralyn Fuller, both of Springfield, Ohio; Stacy and wife K.C. Barkman, Rochester; Scott and wife Kelly Barkman, Chicago; Stephen and wife Staci Heinzmann, Rochester; Ashley Heinzmann, Rochester; great-granddaughter, Whitley Kane Barkman, Rochester; one sister, Maleta Borden, Rochester; one brother, Robert E. and wife Martha Peterson, Rochester; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, James L. Barkman on July 5, 2003.

His funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Phil Pratt officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Rochester Rotary Nurses Scholarship Fund or to the Jim Barkman Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation.

Robert Lee Green Sr.

Jan. 30, 1928–March 28, 2004

Robert Lee GREEN Sr., 76, Rochester, passed away at 8:15 p.m. Sunday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born Jan. 30, 1928, in Newcastle Township of Fulton County to Rudy and Mabel Spurlock Green of Talma, he was a 1945 graduate of Talma High School, where he played on the

basketball team. On Dec. 23, 1950, at the home of the Rev. Gilbert Maus in Denver, he married Marilyn Van Dyke of Claypool. She survives.

After graduation, Mr. Green worked for Mentone Co-op. For 41 years, he worked at Harry, L.V. and Tad Louderback's car dealership on Main Street before it moved to Indiana 14 and 25. He also worked for General Motors five lines, Buick, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Cadillac and Pontiac. He was shop manager for 10 years and received the General Motors "Only the Best Club" award 10 years. He worked at Robert Wagoner's TV and Radiator Shop. He was greens superintendent of Mill Creek Golf Course. He worked there 15 years.

Mr. Green was associated with the Rochester Little and Senior leagues for more than 20 years. He was manager of the Little League Dodgers for 20 years and of the Senior League Braves. He umpired in both leagues.

Mr. Green was an A.S.A. umpire for girls fast-pitch softball and umpired state tournament games in Kokomo and Plymouth. He also umpired men's slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball. He played softball on a traveling team for Babcock's Locker as well as for Village Market, Kewanna, Kibitzer Tavern, Kewanna, and Farmers & Merchants Bank, Rochester. He played in the first Round Barn softball tournament championship game.

He participated in the golf league at Mill Creek Golf Course and had two holes in one at Rochester and Syracuse golf courses. He enjoyed bowling and was an accomplished do-it-yourselfer who enjoyed fixing electrical, plumbing and masonry work.

He had been a member of Tiosa Brethren Church and was a 50-year member of First Baptist Church, Rochester, where he served as a deacon, usher, Sunday School superintendent for two years and as a member of the Board of Trustees for two years. He enjoyed his visits with church pastor Dr. Mark Spencer.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Green, Rochester; five sons, Robert Lee Green Jr. and wife Pam, Rochester; Ron Dale Green and wife Jackie, Valparaiso, Randy Ray Green and wife Becky, Rochester, Rick Duane Green and wife Susan, Warsaw, Roger Ray Green, Etna Green; one daughter, Renda Lu and husband Ty Bahney, Rochester; one sister, Marietta and husband Paul Scott, Rochester; and 15 grandchildren, Joe Green, Avon, Andy Green, Denver, Colo., Lisa Green, West Lafayette, Aisha Williams, Terre Haute, Emily and Mathew Williams, both of Rochester, Terren Green, Bloomington, Jenny Szymanski, Valparaiso, Eric and Kevin Green, both of Warsaw, Tyrus and Tyra Bahney, both of Rochester, Elizabeth Van Overberghe, South Bend, Kelly Hayden, Rochester, Steven Olczak, Augusta, Ga.; and seven great-grandchildren, Lyric Daye Green, Valparaiso, Aislinn Williams, Terre Haute, Gracie, Hillary and Mallory Van Overberghe, all of South Bend, and Tanner Hayden and Erin Puckett, both of Rochester. He was preceded in death by his brother, Calvin Green.

His funeral service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to his service at the church. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or First Baptist Church.

Don Snipes

April 19, 1929–March 27, 2004

Don SNIPES, 74, of 5831 N. Indiana 25, Rochester, died at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at his residence.

Born in Prestonburg, Ky., to William T. and Cosby Jane Osborn Snipes, he lived in this area most of his life after moving from Kentucky. He married Bonnie J. Emmons on March 20, 1952, in Mentone. She survives.

Don graduated in 1947 from Talma High School. He was a Korean War Army veteran, a former Newcastle 4-H leader, and a member of the Blacktop Cruisers Car Club, Rochester, and the Studebakers Drivers Club, South Bend. From 1974 to 1982, he served on the Tippecanoe Valley School Board. He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Rochester.

Don was owner/operator of Snipes Mobile Feed Service since 1961 and an Angus cattle farmer. Prior to serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, he had worked at Studebaker in South Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie J. Snipes, Rochester; one daughter, Sherri and husband Doug Rutherford, Decatur, Ill.; two sons, Gary and wife Kathy Snipes, Rochester, and Terry and wife Diane Snipes, East Moline, Ill.; seven grandchildren, Christine, Erin, and Dan Snipes, Rochester, Stephanie and Greg Snipes, East Moline, Ill., Josh and Carl Rutherford, Decatur, Ill.; three sisters, Bernice and husband Jim Kline, Sneadsville, Tenn., Catherine and husband John Keele, Las Vegas, Nev.; Joyce and husband Bill Lewis, Rochester; and two brothers, Arnold and wife Laura Snipes, Rochester, and Albert and wife Lois Snipes, Warsaw. He was preceded in death by his stepmother Alma Snipes; one brother, Ivory Snipes, in December 2002; one son and one sister.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with the Rev. Phil Pratt officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery with military rites conducted by the American Legion and VFW posts of Rochester. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church or Kosciusko County Hospice.

Gladys I. Warren

Gladys I. WARREN, 74, formerly of Argos, died Sunday at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at the Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Terry L. Sarver

Nov. 11, 1953–March 29, 2004

Terry L. SARVER, 50, of 315 S. Cherry St., Akron, died at 8:30 a.m. Monday at his residence.

Born in Kokomo to William J. and Marilyn Behny Sarver, he married Cynthia Byers-Smith on Oct. 27, 2001. She survives.

Terry was a 1972 graduate of Haworth High School, Kokomo. He later became a factory worker and also a member of the Akron Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Sarver, Akron; his mother, Marilyn Smith, Akron; one stepson, Russel Smith, Rochester; two sisters, Barbara and husband Jeff Labahn, Kenosha, Wisc., Michelle and husband Randy Hoover, Kokomo; along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father; one stepson, John; and stepfather, Marvin Smith.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Saturday at Akron Church of God with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Visitation is one half hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Akron Church of God.

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Don graduated in 1947 from Talma High School. He was a Korean War Army veteran, a former Newcastle 4-H leader, and a member of the Blacktop Cruisers Car Club, Rochester, and the Studebakers Drivers Club, South Bend. From 1974 to 1982, he served on the Tippecanoe Valley school board. He was a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Rochester.

Don was also owner/operator of Snipes Mobile Feed Service since 1961 and an Angus cattle farmer. Prior to serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, he had worked at Studebaker in South Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie J. Snipes, Rochester; one daughter, Sherri and husband Doug Rutherford, Decatur, Ill.; two sons, Gary and wife Kathy Snipes, Rochester, and Terry and wife Diane Snipes, East Moline, Ill.; seven grandchildren, Christine, Erin, and Dan Snipes, Rochester, Stephanie and Greg Snipes, East Moline, Ill., Josh and Cari Rutherford, Decatur, Ill.; three sisters, Bernice and husband Jim Kline, Sneadsville, Tenn., Catherine and husband John Keele, Las Vegas, Nev.; Joyce and husband Bill Lewis, Rochester; and two brothers, Arnold and wife Laura Snipes, Rochester, and Albert and wife Lois Snipes, Warsaw. He was preceded in death by his stepmother Alma Snipes; one brother, Ivory Snipes, in Dec. 2002; one son and one sister.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with the Rev. Phil Pratt officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery with military rites conducted by the American Legion and VFW posts of Rochester. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church or Kosciusko County Hospice.

Gladys Irene Warren

June 17, 1929–March 28, 2004

Gladys Irene WARREN, 74, formerly of 209 E. North Street, Argos, died Sunday at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

Born to Verne and Flossie Musselman Rush, she spent her entire life in the Argos and Tippecanoe Community. She married Dale Edward Warren on June 25, 1949, in Tippecanoe. He preceded her in death on August 20, 1991.

Gladys was a homemaker and also employed at the former Hart Schaffner & Marx Corp. in Rochester.

Survivors include two daughters, Clara Hollar and husband Carl, Argos, Jeanette Horvath and husband Tim, Plymouth; two sons, Don Warren and wife June, Culver, Raymond "Pee Wee" Warren and Pam Kruder, Plymouth; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one brother, Buel Robinson; and one sister, Hazel Hannaway. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and five siblings.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan Street, Argos, with Pastor Wayne Mikel and Marshall County Hospice chaplain Thomas Padberg officiating. Burial is at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Visitation is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services Wednesday. Memorials may be made to
to Marshall County Hospice.

Donald F. Gilley

Donald F. GILLEY, 79, formerly of Argos, died today at Miller's Merry Manor of Wakarusa. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Wednesday, March 31, 2004

Donald F. Gilley

May 28, 1924–March 30, 2004

Donald F. GILLEY, 79, of 705 S. Summit St., Nappanee, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Gilley, at home; five daughters, Cherie Rogers, Wakarusa, Michelle Lorusso, Nappanee, Dawn Ricciarilla, Jacksonville Beach, Fla., Tam Lincoln, Warsaw, Tava Elder, Toledo, Ill.; three sons, David Gilley, Nappanee, Patrick Gilley, Burket, John Fisher Jr., Windsor, Ill.; and one brother, Leonard Gilley, Plymouth.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Friday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation is from 4–8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home or one hour prior to the service.

Tona Miller

Tona MILLER, 57, Rochester, died Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Tona D. Miller

Sept. 9, 1946–March 30, 2004

Tona D. MILLER, 57, of 711 Monroe St., Rochester, passed away at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital. His death was unexpected.

Born in Rochester to Doc and Louise Haggerty Miller, he spent his entire lifetime in the Rochester community.

Tona was owner and operator of T.D. Miller Sales of Rochester, a member of Moose Lodge No. 1107 and the Eagles Lodge of Rochester. He enjoyed golfing and was a coach in the Rochester Girls Softball League 10 years. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1964 and from Western New Mexico University in 1969.

Survivors include one daughter, Tia Heishman and husband Trevor; two brothers, Robert Miller and wife Karen, and Thomas Miller and wife Peggy, all of Rochester; one granddaughter, Averyonna Heishman; his stepmother Evelyn Miller, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Brady Guy Heishman in 2003.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Saturday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. 6th St., Rochester, with Kelly Dittman officiating. Burial is at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Visitation is 4–8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Rochester Girls Softball League.

Fern Hammond

Fern HAMMOND, 95, of 1511 Ewing Road, Rochester, died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, April 2, 2004

Fern P. Hammond

Oct. 1, 1908-March 31, 2004

Fern P. HAMMOND, 95, of 1511 Ewing Road, Rochester, died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester following a four-month illness.

Born in Fulton County to John and Lilie Alley Braman, she was a lifetime area resident. On July 6, 1925, she married Lloyd M. Hammond in Rochester. He preceded her in death Jan. 10, 1997. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Arlen L. Hammond, Granger; one daughter, Shirley Gates and husband William, Port Charlotte, Fla.; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Marjory Phillips, Rochester; and one brother, Calvin Braman and wife Evelyn, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother and one sister.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Monday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

C. Imogene Pavese

C. Imogene PAVESE, 85, of 528 N. 650 East, Rochester, died at 4 a.m. today at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

James E. Smith

June 20, 1933-April 1, 2004

James E. SMITH, 70, of 19679 Fir Road, Tippecanoe, died at 6:19 a.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Smith, at home; two sons, Jay and Jeff Smith, both of Argos; one sister, Lois Cobb, Fort Myers, Fla.; and one brother, Tom Smith, Warsaw.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Monday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home.

Saturday, April 3, 2004

Imogene 'Jean' Pavese

July 21, 1918-April 2, 2004

Imogene "Jean" PAVESE, 85, of 528 N. 650 E., Rochester, passed away at 4 a.m. Friday at her residence.

Born in Athens to Mark L. and Sadie Shireman Vanlue, she married Bud M. Pavese on March 15, 1953, in Gary. He preceded her in death in February 1989.

Jean was a homemaker and she and her husband established and operated AFco Inc. in Hobart. She was the founder and president of the former Neighbors Club in Hobart, attended Bethlehem Baptist Church, Rochester, and enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include four daughters, Judy Beck, Rochester, Toni and husband Nick Didonna, Hobart, Janet and husband Jerry Magdos, Webster, Texas, and Peggy and husband Jeff Irzyk, Valparaiso; one son, Kenneth and wife Jodie Karn, Sunland, Calif.; one daughter-in-law, Gail Pavese Dayhoff, Hobart; 23 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren. Jean was preceded in death by two sons, Jerry and Max Pavese; one infant daughter, Jodi Lynn Pavese; one sister, Treva Shoemaker; one grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home, 415 S. Anderson St., Elwood, with the Rev. Phillip P. Pratt officiating. Burial is at Elwood City Cemetery. Visitation is from 3-6 p.m. today at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, and from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home, Elwood. Memorials can be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, P.O. Box 621, Rochester.

Monday, April 5, 2004

Rosetta E. Newgent

Nov. 30, 1919-April 3, 2004

Rosetta E. NEWGENT, 84, Kewanna, died at 3:40 p.m. Saturday at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

Born in Kewanna to George Lloyd and Amy Hazel Mollencopf Woolington, she married Manford C. Newgent on Dec. 17, 1939, in Culver. He died May 11, 1959. She retired from Hart Schaffner & Marx in 1988 after 25 years of service. Previously, she was head cook at the Kewanna school for 13 years.

She was a member of Kewanna United Methodist Church and Mothers Club and a past member of the Order of Eastern Star. Her greatest joys were her family, gardening and working in her lawn and flower beds. She graduated from Kewanna High School in 1937.

Survivors include three sons, S. Robert and wife Evelyn Newgent, Fort Wayne, John C. and wife Claire Newgent, Zion, Ill., and Donald Newgent, Kewanna; one daughter, Betty Lou and husband Robert McKinney, Eugene, Ore.; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd Ed and Harold Woolington, and three sisters, Delores LaMunion, Wilma Osborn and Edna Avery.

Graveside service and burial is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna, with the Rev. Janet Luchs officiating. A celebration of life memorial service is 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Kewanna United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to the donor's charity of choice. Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, is handling arrangements.

William Dale Smith

April 11, 1947-March 26, 2004

William Dale SMITH, 56, of 1533 S. 850 West, Kewanna, died at approximately 8 p.m. March 26 at his home.

Born in Rochester to Herbert and Margaret Wilson Smith, he was a lifetime Fulton County resident. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1965. He later attended Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich., and Vincennes University, Vincennes. He married Katrina Hizer. They later divorced. An independent truck driver, he also drove for CFS, Kewanna, for a number of years.

Survivors include one daughter, Dr. Sarah Smith and significant other, Racheal Matthews, Springfield, Mo.; one son, Jason Smith and significant other Jean Belk, Springfield, Mo.; one granddaughter, Makaeda Matthews-Smith, Springfield, Mo.; one grandson, Quentin Smith, Springfield, Mo.; his mother, Margaret Smith, Rochester; two sisters, Jane Shriver and husband Steve R., Rochester, and Elaine Snyder, Fort Wayne; and one brother, Steve Smith and wife Lisa, Newton, Kan. He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Dale, on May 30, 1986, and one brother, Richard Dale, on Feb. 20, 1945.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Rick Taylor officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Visitation is 9 a.m. until the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, April 6, 2004

Esther B. McFarland

June 22, 1907-April 3, 2004

Esther B. McFARLAND, 96, of 730 School St., Culver, passed away at 4:50 p.m. Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Born June 22, 1907, in Fulton County to Harry and Flossie Bick Zartman, Esther married Russell McFarland on May 12, 1924. He passed away on May 23, 1963.

Esther was preceded in death by her daughter, Virginia Wakefield; her sons, Harry and Francis McFarland; her sister; three brothers; and special friend, Adrian Schlabach.

Esther and Russell owned Culver City Ice for 32 years. She was past president of Mothers of World War II in Culver. She moved from Culver to Plymouth in 1965. She returned to Culver in 1999.

Esther is survived by 17 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren, 26 great-great-grandchildren and her brother, Lawrence Zartman, Colfax.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, with the Revs. James Irwin and Ron Lewellen officiating. Burial is at Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery. Visitation is 1-2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

The family requests memorials be given to Marshall County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 895, Plymouth, IN 46563. Friends may sign the guestbook and share memories with the McFarland family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Wednesday, April 7, 2004 to Friady, April 9, 2004

[no obits]

Saturday, April 10, 2004

Ted R. Cox

Ted R. COX, 81, 1504 Cardinal Circle, Rochester, died at 5:57 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Robert Eugene Roe, Sr.

Robert Eugene ROE, Sr., 79, 1237 Rochester Blvd., died at 7:12 p.m. Friday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home or one hour prior to services. Burial will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Cloyce E. Yeater

Sept. 8, 1921-April 9, 2004

Cloyce E. YEATER, 82, of 2530 Brookfield Circle South, Warsaw, died Friday at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Yeater, Warsaw; two sons, Ron Yeater, Warsaw, and Dan Yeater, Byron, Mich.; and one daughter, Janice Ritter, Fenton, Mich.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw.

Visitation is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Monday, April 12, 2004

Kathy S. Bucher

April 26, 1959-April 11, 2004

Kathy S. BUCHER, 44, of 405 N. Johnson St., Akron died at 12:22 a.m. Sunday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Hospitalized for one day, her health had been failing since January.

Born in Knox to Kenneth D. and Anna Belle Clingler Coughenour, she worked at Controls in North Manchester for more than 26 years. A 1977 Tippecanoe Valley High School graduate, she attended Akron Church of God.

Survivors include one son, Shawn M. and wife Jennifer Bucher, Akron; one grandson, Austin Bucher, Akron; her mother, Anna Belle Coughenour, Akron; one brother, Mike and wife Vickie Coughenour, Akron; and three nephews, Jarod, Aaron and Andrew Coughenour, Akron. She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth D. Coughenour.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastors Steve Fleck and Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Ted R. Cox

June 22, 1922-April 9, 2004

Ted R. COX, 81, of 1504 Cardinal Circle, Rochester, and formerly of Akron, died at 5:57 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital emergency room, Rochester.

Born in Tipton County to Albert J. and Minnie Bell Ressler Cox, he graduated from Akron High School. He married Mary Ann Whittenberger on Sept. 21, 1947, in Akron. She survives.

He was an egg processor and wholesaler. Recently, he was a truck driver and delivered for Duane Hackworth & Son Mobil Distributor, Akron. He was a World War II Army veteran who served in the 10th Armored Division.

He attended Akron Church of God. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and American Legion, both in Rochester, and the Saturday Morning Breakfast Club. He enjoyed square dancing, horse shoe pitching and bowling in North Manchester and Rochester leagues.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Cox, Rochester; one daughter, Vicki and husband Robert Rutkowski, San Diego; one son, Ted J. Cox, Rochester; four grandchildren, Shannon and Josh Rutkowski, Ashton and wife Heather Cox and Lesley Cox; two great-grandchildren, Abigail and Catherine; and one sister, Jeanne Jones, Rochester. He was preceded in death by one daughter-in-law, Sheryl Cox, and three sisters, Maxine, Monel and Octava.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Steve Fleck and the Revs. Harold Conrad and Robert George officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, both of Rochester. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Dale A. Craft

Jan. 11, 1952-April 10, 2004

Dale A. CRAFT, 52, of 1735 S. Indiana 19, Akron, died at 2:40 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital emergency room, Rochester. He died unexpectedly of natural causes.

Born in Rochester to Howard Craft Jr. and Marilyn Dillman Craft, he graduated from North Miami High School in 1970. On Sept. 29, 1989, he married JoAnn Brofford in Akron. She survives. He was an auto mechanic and had worked at Pike Lumber Co., Akron. He enjoyed woodworking.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Craft, Akron; his mother, Marilyn Craft, Akron; one daughter, Heather Marie Craft Kidd, Edgewater, Fla.; one son, Dale Alan Craft and friend Deva Burck, Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Dorothy and husband Howard Fouts, Big Sandy, Tenn., and Carolyn and husband John Moon, Peru; one brother, David and wife Sharon Craft, Peru; one stepdaughter, Lori and husband Fernando Paredes, Akron; two stepsons, Todd and wife Michelle Hoffman, Akron, and Corey and wife Michelle Hoffman, Macy; six grandchildren; 12 nieces and nephews; and seven great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Craft Jr.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastors Terry Canfield and Steve Fleck officiating. Burial is at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

David E. Gackenheimer

David E. GACKENHEIMER, 62, of 497 S. Meridian Road, Rochester, died at 3:17 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Mary Margaret Grau

Mary Margaret GRAU, 83, of 1729 Wabash Avenue, Rochester, died at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Barbara Napier

Barbara NAPIER, 72, of 2695 S. 700 East, Knox, died at 10:20 a.m. Sunday at Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Robert E. Roe Sr.

July 26, 1924-April 9, 2004

Robert E. ROE Sr., 79, of 1237 Rochester Blvd., Rochester, died at 7:11 p.m. Friday at Hickory Creek at Rochester, following an illness.

The loved and already missed Robert Eugene Roe Sr., was born July 26, 1924, in Winamac to James Q. and Edna V. Baugh Roe. He moved to Rochester from Star City in 1946. On April 19, 1946, he married Freda Louise White in Fulton. She survives.

He was a baker at Stewart's Bakery before he became the owner/operator of Roe Painting Service and House of Decor 1971-1988. He was a member of First Christian Church, Rochester. A World War II U.S. Army veteran who served in France, he was a member of Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1343 and LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36, both in Rochester. He enjoyed activities with his children and grandchildren, golfing, bowling, shuffleboard, playing cards and walking.

Survivors include his wife, Freda L. Roe, Hickory Creek at Rochester; four children, Robert Eugene Roe Jr. and wife Kathy, Muncie, Joyce Mikesell and husband Denny, Rochester,

Bill Roe, Rochester, and Letty McKee, Rochester; one brother, Jack Roe, Bradenton, Fla.; eight grandchildren, Dawn Beebe and husband Phil, Julie Hostetler and husband Mike, Robert Eugene Roe III and wife Betty, Ryan Roe, Andy Mikesell and wife Cheri, Kelly Brower, Jason McKee and wife Stephanie and Matthew McKee; great-grandchildren, Logan, Natalie, Alexis, Grayson, Brendan, Drew, A.J., Payton, Robert Eugene Roe IV, Keyona, Ethan, Caleb and Cooper; and several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, three sisters, one son-in-law, John Robert McKee, and one granddaughter, Darcy Ann Mikesell.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Woody Slade officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to his service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the John Robert McKee Memorial Scholarship Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Flora Rudaski

Feb. 18, 1921-April 10, 2004

Mrs. Flora RUDASKI, 83, of 320 W. 11th St., Rochester, passed away at 1:18 a.m. Saturday at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

Mrs. Rudaski was born Feb. 18, 1921, in Lincoln, Neb., to Conrad and Catherine Amend. In 1974, she married Richard Rudaski in Chicago. He preceded her in death in 1994. She was a retired factory employee in Chicago.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen and husband Raymond Turner, Rochester, and Joanne and husband Richard Loper, Cromwell; three grandchildren, Mary and husband Joey Bedics, Rochester, William and wife Janet Shafer, Anderson, and Melissa Bailey, Millersburg; and eight great-grandchildren. Two grandsons, two sisters and five brothers preceded her in death.

No services or visitation are planned. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of arrangements.

Charles E. Swick

Feb. 28, 1908-April 10, 2004

Charles E. SWICK, 96, of 202 S. West St., Akron, died at 10:30 p.m. Saturday at the home of his caregiver, Beverly Shriver, in Akron.

Born in Silver Lake to Herman and May R. Windbigler Swick, he married Paulene Kindig on Feb. 27, 1931, in Elkhart. She preceded him in death on Nov. 18, 1994. He was a railway mail clerk for 20 years and an industrial engineer for Sonoco Products Co. for 15 years. He attended Akron Church of God.

Survivors include one daughter, Bonita and husband William Couse, Daytona Beach, Fla.; two sons, Kenneth and wife Jenny Swick, Carlsbad, Calif., and Roger and wife Eunice Swick, LaGrange; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one sister, Ann Douglas, Bradenton, Fla.; and one brother, Willis Swick, North Manchester. He was preceded in death by his wife and one brother, Arthur Swick.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Akron Church of God with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery. Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Memorials may be made to Akron Church of God Building Fund.

Tuesday, April 13, 2004

David E. Gackenhaimer

July 31, 1941–April 11, 2004

David E. GACKENHEIMER, 62, of 497 S. Meridian Road, Rochester, died at 3:17 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Wabash to Paul D. Gackenhaimer and Bonita M. Crow Gackenhaimer, he married Shirley Sweares Hashbarger on May 26, 1979, in Wabash.

David was a past president and 26-year employee of Gackenhaimer Pharmacies Inc., a family-owned business in Wabash, until it closed in 1991. He worked as a pharmacist for Webb's Family Pharmacy in Rochester since 1991. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and attended First Church of God, both of Rochester. He belonged to the Indiana Pharmacy Association and was a charter member of the Wabash Optimist Club. He was a 1959 graduate of Wabash High School and a 1965 graduate of the University of Cincinnati School of Pharmacy. He was a past president of Wabash Chamber of Commerce and Rochester Retail Merchants Association. He went to Nicaragua with Habitat for Humanity. He was a student in a lay pastors program for two years. He moved to Rochester from Wabash in 1991.

Survivors include wife Shirley Gackenhaimer, Rochester; mother Bonita M. Gackenhaimer, Wabash; daughter Teresa and husband Gary Jones, North Manchester; son Jeff and wife Susan Gackenhaimer, Danville; daughter Lisa and husband Kent Miller, Macy; son Mike Hashbarger, Rochester; son Mark and wife Cindy Gackenhaimer, Appleton, Wis.; daughter Michelle and husband Robert Sinclair, Peru; daughter Julie and husband Chris Gackenhaimer Porter, Wabash; daughter Mary Jo Lynn and husband Brian Merrill, Rochester; brother John H. and wife Ana Gackenhaimer, Wabash; 30 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his former wife, Joyce Gackenhaimer, Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Gackenhaimer.

His funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Pastor Dave Dittman officiating. Burial is at Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for David may be signed online at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. Preferred memorials are St. Matthew's United Church of Christ, Wabash, or First Church of God, Rochester.

James Melvin Faris

Oct. 21, 1952–April 9, 2004

James Melvin FARIS, 51, of 407 N. Maple, Akron, died Friday at his residence.

Survivors include one daughter, Jennifer Buchanan, Rock Hill, S.C.; two sons, Jimmy J. Clemons and Jonathon Faris, both at home; his mother, Joyce Holt, Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Paula Wall and Linda O'Dell, both of St. Augustine, Fla.; and two brothers, Billy Faris, St. Augustine, Fla., and Lindsay Faris, Orange Park, Fla.

His funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Faith Outreach Church, Rochester.

Barbara Alene Napier

Dec. 23, 1931–April 11, 2004

Barbara Alene NAPIER, 72, of 2695 S. 700 East, Knox, died Sunday at Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso.

Survivors include one son, Carlo Bob Napier Jr., Alamo, Ga.; two brothers, Wayne Butler, Phoenix, and Robert Butler, Culver. Her funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity EUB Church, Culver. Visitation is one hour prior to her service at the church.

Mary Margaret Grau

Oct. 23, 1920–April 11, 2004

Mary Margaret GRAU, 83, of 1729 Wabash Avenue, Rochester, died at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, where she had been a patient for five days. Her health had been failing for a number of years.

Born in St. Louis to Richard and Eula Georges, she married Phillip S. Grau on Dec. 9, 1942, in St. Louis. He survives. Mary moved to Rochester in 1986 from River Grove, Ill. She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Rochester.

Survivors include husband, Phillip Grau, at home; three sons, Robert G. Grau and wife Linda, Lake Tomahawk, Wis., Donald P. Grau and wife Lauretta, Los Angeles, and David D. Grau and wife Victoria, Chicago; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Lucille Moran.

Her funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday or one hour prior to her service Thursday at the funeral home.

Bernice Stookey

Bernice STOOKEY, 98, Monticello, formerly of Fulton and Kewanna, died at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Twin Lakes Village, Monticello. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton.

Wednesday, April 14, 2004

Bette Myers Kinley

Feb. 14, 1922–April 12, 2004

Bette Ruth Elizabeth KINLEY, 82, Denver, died at 9:16 p.m. Monday at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo.

Born near Denver to Grover and Ruth Fenn See, she married Max Myers in August 1938. In May 1975, she married Dean Utter, who preceded her in death in April 1976. On Jan. 7, 1984, she married Doyle Kinley, who survives.

Bette was a retired secretary at Controls Company of America, North Manchester, where she worked for 25 years. She was a member of Denver Baptist Church, Dukes Hospital Auxiliary and Miami County Historical Society. She attended the Deedsville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Curt Myers and wife Sue, Greenwood, Fred Myers and wife Beverly, Bedford, Penn., and Kenny Myers and wife Ann, Warsaw; one daughter, Sharon Hayden, Corona, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Pamela Brown and husband Ralph, Deedsville; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Louise Murphy and husband Raymond, Denver. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mable Crim and Wilma Donat; two brothers, Gaylord and James See.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. Indiana 16, Denver, with Pastor Brent Myers and Pastor Bill Babb officiating. Visitation is after 3 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to her service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to the Gideons International. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Alene Napier

Dec. 23, 1931–April 11, 2004

Barbara Alene NAPIER, 72, of 2695 S. 700 East, Knox, died at 10:20 a.m. Sunday at Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso, where she had been a patient. Her health had been failing for the past six months.

Born in Culver to Foster and Sylvia Pontius Butler, she married Carlo Bob Napier Sr. on Jan. 9, 1953, in Culver. He preceded her in death in 1992.

Barbara was a supervisor of the dining room at Culver Military Academy for 32 years prior to her retirement. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6919 in Culver.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty J. and husband Donnie L. Ehlinger, Knox; one son, Carlo Bob Napier Jr., Alamo, Ga.; four granddaughters, Nickcole Arthurlhultz, Barbara Lasanowski, Sarah McFarland, Katherine Napier; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Wayne Butler and wife Norma, Phoenix, Ariz., Robert Butler and wife Eileen, Culver; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one sister, Donna Herrell.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Culver, with the Rev. Ron Lewellen officiating. Burial is at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Visitation is one hour prior to services. Memorials may be made to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6919, Culver.

Bernice Stookey

July 19, 1905–April 12, 2004

Bernice STOOKEY, 98, Monticello, formerly of Fulton and Kewanna, passed away at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Twin Lakes Village, Monticello.

Born on July 19, 1905, in Fulton to Fred and Carrie Buehler Thommen, she was a 1923 graduate of Fulton High School. On Aug. 28, 1928, she married Orval Jacob Stookey in Rochester. He preceded her in death on July 13, 1966.

Mrs. Stookey worked at the Fulton Library and was a telephone operator in Fulton. She lived and raised her children in Kewanna and Peru. In 1976, she moved to Valparaiso and in 1999, she moved to Fort Wayne. She moved to Monticello this year. She was a member of Peru Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Survivors include her son, Don E. and wife Marilyn Stookey, Fort Wayne; daughters, Rosemary and husband Bernard Butt, Monticello, Sharon and husband Kenard Taylor, Valparaiso; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Jeannine Stookey, in 1932, one brother, Lucius Thommen, one grandson and one great-grandson.

Her funeral service is at 3 p.m. Friday at Fulton United Methodist Church, Fulton, with the Rev. Mike Forshey officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Fulton United Methodist Church. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Thomas

Patricia THOMAS, 68, of Life Care Center, Rochester, died at 11:55 p.m. Tuesday in the Center. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, April 15, 2004

Joyce Ann Smiley

Nov. 18, 1938–April 14, 2004

Joyce Ann SMILEY, 65, of 748 W. Ninth St., Rochester, passed away at 12:38 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Her health had been failing for the past two years. Born in Rochester to Harold and Laura Sheets Lowe, she married Jack L. Smiley on Sept. 26, 1956, in Rochester. He survives at home.

Joyce was a 1956 graduate of Rochester High School and lived her entire life in the Rochester community. She was a staff accountant for 25 years for Byron Shore. C.P.A. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Rochester, and of the Women of the Moose. She was an avid reader and loved watching birds.

Survivors include husband Jack L. Smiley, at home; and two sons, Marc Smiley and wife Nicole, Rochester, and Jon Smiley and friend Beth Arata, Kewanna.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is 4-7:30 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to her service. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Rochester.

Patricia Thomas

Sept. 5, 1935–April 13, 2004

Patricia THOMAS, 68, Rochester, passed away at 11:55 p.m. Tuesday at the Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born in Athens to Everett Eshelman and Bertha McGee Eshelman Pfledderer, she married Robert L. Thomas Sr. He preceded her in death in 1987.

Mrs. Thomas was a homemaker and had worked at Torin Corp.

Survivors include daughter, Hope Kochenderfer, Tampa, Fla.; son Robert L. Thomas Jr., Rochester; four brothers, John O'Connor, Warsaw, John Sweet, Rochester, Ed Beaird, Kewanna, Jerry and wife Janet Beaird, Rochester; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by daughter, Penny Rigney; one sister; and three brothers.

A graveside service and burial is at 10 a.m. Friday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Athens, with the Rev. Robert George officiating. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Lilly I. Tucker

A graveside service for Lilly I. TUCKER, 92, formerly of Mentone, who died March 17 at Grace Village Retirement Home, Winona Lake, is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Mentone Cemetery with the Rev. Doris Smith officiating. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is in charge of the service.

Friday, April 16, 2004

Dorothy Mae 'Becky' Wyatt

March 16, 1926–April 15, 2004

Dorothy Mae "Becky" WYATT, 78, of 5490 Indiana 25 North, Rochester, passed away at 10:25 a.m. Thursday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, after a four-day illness.

Born in Rochester to Ruben and Mattie Dudgeon Carr, she married D.A. "Al" Wyatt on

August 6, 1947. He survives at home.

Becky spent most of her life in the Rochester community except when she resided in South Bend for two years. She was retired from Torin Corp., now known as Lau Corp., and was a member of the Ladies of the Moose, American Legion Auxiliary, and Eagles Auxiliary. She was a 1944 graduate of Rochester High School and enjoyed shopping with her friends on Thursdays.

Survivors include husband, Al Wyatt, at home; two sons, Gary Wyatt and companion Terri Driscoll and Rick Wyatt and wife Rachel, all of Rochester; three grandsons, Zach, Greg, and Jake Wyatt, all of Rochester; two sisters, Betty Bradley and Harriett Bell, both of Rochester; and one brother, George Carr, Burbank, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Lewis Carr and Jay Carr.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Monday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial is at the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to her service Monday. Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Cancer Society.

Saturday, April 17, 2004

William E. 'Bill' Downey

Jan. 14, 1948-April 15, 2004

William E. "Bill" DOWNEY, 56, of 8590 18th Road, Argos, died at 4:55 p.m. Thursday at his residence. He had been failing in health for three years.

Born Jan. 14, 1948, in LaPorte, to Doyle and Doris Martin Downey, he lived most of his life in the Plymouth and Walkerton communities. He was a 1966 graduate of Plymouth High School. Following high school, he served his country in the U.S. Army as an M.P. in Vietnam. He moved to the Argos area from Plymouth 24 years ago.

On June 20, 1981, at the Sunrise Chapel in Plymouth, he took Audrey Hudson to be his bride. He had been a faithful employee of Deeds Equipment Co., Plymouth, where he worked in sales for 24 years. He was an active member of the Full Gospel Assembly Church of Knox and a member of Marshall County Horseman's Association. He devoted his life to Jesus, family, horses and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey Downey, at home; one daughter, Monica Marie Downey, at home; one son, William Doyle Downey and wife Rebecca, Plymouth; his mother, Doris Downey, Plymouth; two sisters, Linda Allitz, Chelmsford, Mass., and Peggy Metz and husband Jim, Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Tepicon Hall, Tippecanoe River State Park, Winamac, with Pastor Jack Hudgens officiating. His family has requested in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to the Marshall County Cancer Association. The Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, has been entrusted with his arrangements.

Judy A. Smith

July 10, 1938-April 15, 2004

Judy A. SMITH, 65, Holiday Island, Ark., died Thursday in Springdale, Ark.

Born July 10, 1938, to Walter Earl and Dorothea Ilene Grepke Mills in Peru, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Holiday Island Baptist Chapel and volunteered her time for church functions and projects. Judy was an avid bowler and took part in community events.

On June 17, 1975, she was united in marriage with Richard K. Smith. He survives at home. She is also survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Shari and Rick Klingshirm, Etna Green, Beth and Jerry Whettstone, Akron, and Pam and Jeff Prater, Rochester; her son and

daughter-in-law, Marvin and Cheryl Harris, Akron; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Maggie Mills, Holiday Island, Ark., and Steven and Linda Mills, Batesville; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several other relatives; and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Dorothea Mills, and one sister, Shirley Romine.

Her memorial funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. today at Holiday Island Baptist Chapel with the Rev. Vernon Payne officiating. A service will be held in Indiana at a later time. Memorials may be made to Holiday Island Baptist Chapel, 14 Stateline Drive, Holiday Island, Ark. 72631. Arrangements were by Nelson Funeral Services. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.nelsonfuneral.com.

John Robert 'Bob' Tyler

John Robert "Bob" TYLER, 68, 1015 1/2 Second Ave., Montgomery, W. Va., formerly of Rochester, died Wednesday at Montgomery General Hospital, Montgomery. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Monday, April 19, 2004

John Robert 'Bob' Tyler

Sept. 29, 1935–April 14, 2004

John Robert "Bob" TYLER, 68, of 1015 1/2 Second Ave., Montgomery, W. Va., formerly of Rochester, passed away Wednesday at Montgomery General Hospital of a sudden illness.

Born in Shelby to Joshua and Elsie Mary Nelson Tyler, he married Ruth Carol Miller on Dec. 27, 1958. She preceded him in death on Nov. 26, 1984. He then married Kaye Ford-Tyler on Nov. 29, 1987, in Boomer, W. Va. He moved to West Virginia from Rochester 17 years ago.

Mr. Tyler was a maintenance technician at Mt. Olive Correctional Complex, Mt. Olive, W. Va. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1953 and was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Boomer Baptist Church, Boomer, W. Va.

Survivors include wife Kaye Ford-Tyler, at home; two sons, David Tyler and wife Esther, Quincy, Ohio, Peter J. Tyler and wife Peggy, Ft. Wayne; nine grandchildren; one sister, Karen Sullivan and husband Terry, Monticello; two brothers, Kenneth J. Tyler and wife Mary, Kewanna, and Myron "Mick" Tyler and wife Norma, Boone Groove.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Todd Kauffman officiating. Burial is at Leiters Ford Cemetery. American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

[no obits]

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Ralph L. Davis

May 22, 1913–April 20, 2004

Ralph L. DAVIS, 90, of 916 Sunflower Lane, Rochester, formerly of Akron, passed away at 2:07 p.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born in Kosciusko County to Voris and Myrtle Nye Davis, he married Lolabelle "Lolly" Tyre Myers on April 8, 1961, in Lebanon. She survives.

Mr. Davis was a farmer and drove a Standard Oil truck for Walt Harris. He was a World War II veteran, serving with the 101st Airborne Division in Europe, where he won the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

He was a member of Akron United Methodist Church, the Manitou Moose Lodge, Rochester, where he went through the leadership chairs, and the Elks Lodge, Rochester. He served eight years with the first Tippecanoe Valley School Board. He played both piano and organ professionally in local venues in the 1940s and 1950s and continued playing organ at home for many years. He was also involved in pony harness racing.

Survivors include wife Lolly Davis, Rochester; one stepdaughter, Lin Ellis, Lebanon; one niece, Jean Dorsey, Atwood; two nephews, Jay Marsh, Jeremy and wife Erin Marsh; and one brother-in-law, Jim and wife Janet Tyre, Lebanon. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Lester Davis.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Stevan Haiflich officiating. Burial is at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Akron United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Russel Kent Knowles

May 1, 1955–April 19, 2004

Russel Kent KNOWLES, 48, of 6148 North Lane, Rochester, died Monday at St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend.

Survivors include wife Robin Singleton Lynn Knowles, Rochester; one brother, Alden Knowles, Walkerton; and four sisters, Charlotte Addeline Noah, Groverton, Dorma Jane Maassen, Blair, Wis., Norma Louise Herold, Alma, Wis., and Betty Lou McConnell, Lagrange Park, Ill.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Thursday at Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Eilene Jane Cooksey Harshman

Oct. 5, 1923–April 11, 2004

Eilene Jane Cooksey HARSHMAN, 80, Arivaca, Ariz., formerly of Wabash, died Sunday, April 11, at her daughter's home.

Survivors include husband Gerald Harshman, Arivaca, Ariz.; two sons, Bill Cooksey, Warsaw, Roger Cooksey, Wabash; five daughters, Linda Kirkpatrick, Burr Oak, Mich., Cathy Hunter, Wabash, Connie Helland, Elkmound, Wis., Sandy Brewer, Wabash, Jane Bolinger, North Manchester; one sister, Peggy Bever, Lagro.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mathews United Church of Christ, Wabash. Visitation is 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday at the church. McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash, is in charge of arrangements.

Ann Onstott

Ann ONSTOTT, 89, of 400 W. Ninth Street, Rochester, died at 4 a.m. today at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending with Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Ralph L. Davis

May 22, 1913–April 20, 2004

Ralph L. DAVIS, 90, of 916 Sunflower Lane, Rochester, formerly of Akron, passed away at 2:07 p.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born in Kosciusko County to Voris and Myrtle Nye Davis, he married Lolabelle “Lolly” Tyre Myers on April 8, 1961, in Lebanon. She survives.

Mr. Davis was a farmer and drove a Standard Oil truck for Walt Harris. He was a World War II veteran, serving with the 101st Airborne Division in Europe, where he won the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

He was a member of Akron United Methodist Church, the Manitou Moose Lodge, Rochester, where he went through the leadership chairs, and the Elks Lodge, Rochester. He served eight years with the first Tippecanoe Valley School Board. He played both piano and organ professionally in local venues in the 1940s and 1950s and continued playing organ at home for many years. He was also involved in pony harness racing.

Survivors include wife Lolly Davis, Rochester; one stepdaughter, Lin Ellis, Lebanon; one niece, Jean Dorsey, Atwood; two nephews, Jay Marsh, Jeremy and wife Erin Marsh; and one brother-in-law, Jim and wife Janet Tyre, Lebanon. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Lester Davis.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Stevan Haiflich officiating. Burial is at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Akron United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Jane Ann Meredith

Aug. 26, 1948–April 20, 2004

Jane Ann MEREDITH, 55, Mexico, passed away at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday at her residence. Born in Peru, she was the daughter of Leonard E. Townsend and Mildred Vigar Townsend Taff and married Kenneth R. Meredith on Nov. 28, 1969. He survives.

Mrs. Meredith graduated in 1966 from Northfield High School and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, William Taff, both of Monticello; one daughter, Angela Bowman and husband Tony, Wabash; one son, Michael Meredith, Peru; one grandson, Levi Bowman; three brothers, Dan Townsend and wife Sherry, Wabash, Don Townsend and wife Lori, Warsaw, Bob Townsend and wife Janet, Roann; two sisters, Maria Sayger, Rochester, Diana Gentry and husband Kenny, Brownsburg; two stepsisters, Rhonda Gallaher and husband Steve, Royal Center, and Jackie Applegate and husband William, Monticello. She was preceded in death by her father and a stepbrother.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street, Peru. Burial is at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Ann Onstott

Nov. 19, 1914–April 21, 2004

Ann ONSTOTT, 89, of 400 W. Ninth Street, Rochester, passed away at 4 a.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born in Paintsville, Ky., she was the daughter of Mancer and Amanda Sheppard Bradley

and married Harry Lee Onstott on July 19, 1931. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1965.

Mrs. Onstott retired as a nurse's aide from Woodlawn Hospital. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include her children; daughters, Phyllis A. and husband Allan Heminger, Florence L. Scott, both of Rochester; a son, David B. and wife Nikki Onstott, Athens, Ga.; daughters, Phoebe J. Lykowski, South Bend, Amy L. Onstott, Chicago; son, Paul A. and wife Beatrice Onstott, Burkett; daughters, Susan A. Onstott, Helen I. Slisher, both of Rochester, son, James O. and wife Vicki Onstott, Rochester; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary and husband William Schell, Flint, Mich., Numia Pickle, Paintsville, Ky. She was preceded in death by one son, Stephen D. Onstott on Jan. 1, 1996; 10 brothers and sisters.

A private memorial service will take place Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

Edna L. Alexander Sleppy

Nov. 15, 1906–April 21, 2004

Edna L. Alexander SLEPPY, 97, of 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, died Wednesday at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

Her son, Thomas Alexander, Argos, survives.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday at Grossman Funeral Home. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Betty M. Stavedahl

Sept. 1, 1931–April 21, 2004

Betty M. STAVEDAHL, 72, of 516 N. Franklin Street, Mentone, died at 3:32 p.m. Wednesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Fulton County to Cecil and Evelyn Swihart Nicodemus, she married Richard Gene Stavedahl on July 27, 1951, in Argos. He survives at home.

Mrs. Stavedahl, a homemaker, lived in Mentone most of her life.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Joyce and husband Gary Beverly, Claypool, Stacy and husband Robert Andrews, Mentone, Johnna and husband Mark Miller, Akron; and four sons, Rickey and wife Jean Stavedahl, Mentone, Terry and wife Sandra Stavedahl, Nappanee, Charles and wife Deirdre Stavedahl, Warsaw, Roger and wife Amy Stavedahl, Warsaw; her stepmother, Marilyn Nicodemus, Rensselaer; one brother, Clifford and wife Judy Nicodemus, Syracuse; three sisters, Georgia Coplen, Mentone, Shirley and husband Billy Joe Havens, Millersburg, Roberta and husband Jim DeHaan, Rensselaer; 22 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parentes; one daughter, Tammy Wright; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and one brother, Floyd Nicodemus.

Her funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with evangelist Deirdre D. Stavedahl officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Rosella M. House Tabler

May 23, 1930–April 21, 2004

Rosella M. House TABLER, 73, of 1100 Park Road, Rochester, died Wednesday at her son's home in Indianapolis.

Survivors include three sons, David House, Danny House and Douglas House; one daughter, Denise Buck.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday at Feeney-Hornak Mortuary, Indianapolis. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Friday, April 23, 2004

Betty M. Stavedahl

Sept. 1, 1931–April 21, 2004

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Born in Fulton County to Cecil and Evelyn Swihart Nicodemus, she married Richard Gene Stavedahl on July 27, 1951, in Argos. He survives at home.

Mrs. Stavedahl, a homemaker, lived in Mentone most of her life.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Joyce and husband Gary Beverly, Claypool, Stacy and husband Robert Andrews, Mentone, Johnna and husband Mark Kneller, Akron; and four sons, Rickey and wife Jean Stavedahl, Mentone, Terry and wife Sandra Stavedahl, Nappanee, Charles and wife Deirdre Stavedahl, Warsaw, Roger and wife Amy Stavedahl, Warsaw; his stepmother, Marilyn Nicodemus, Rensselaer; one brother, Clifford and wife Judy Nicodemus, Syracuse; three sisters, Georgia Coplen, Mentone, Shirley and husband Billy Joe Havens, Millersburg, Roberta and husband Jim DeHaan, Rensselaer; 22 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Tammy Wright; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and one brother, Floyd Nicodemus.

Her funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with evangelist Deirdre D. Stavedahl officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Saturday, April 24, 2004

Charlie Jayne

July 22, 1922 – April 22, 2004

Charlie JAYNE, 81, 305 E. Main Street, Silver Lake, died at 4:22 p.m. Thursday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Born to Willie Jayne and Ollie (Stapleton) in Paintsville, Ky., he married Josephine Richardson on Dec. 14, 1947. She survives.

He operated Jayne's Small Engine Repair, Silver Lake, with his sons for 36 years. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, camping and canoeing. In 1985, he retired from Warsaw Plating after 33 years of service. He loved his children and enjoyed being a grandfather. He was a veteran of the Army and a member of the Fishtrap Baptist Church, Paintsville, Ky.

Surviving are his wife; four sons, Charles Jayne, Bladenboro, N.C., David Jayne and wife Rennee, Silver Lake, Paul Jayne and wife Dawn, Silver Lake, and Steve Jayne and wife Teresa, Daleville, Ala.; six daughters, Charlotte Sue Jayne-Spangle and husband Lester, Silver Lake, Pat Irelan, Linda Kling and husband Fred, Betty Smith and husband Wendell, Jo Leffel and husband

Scott, all of North Manchester, and Laurie Mumford and husband Skip, Winona Lake; two sisters, Marie Brown and husband Dick, Beaver, Ohio, and Ruby Howard Gibson, Prestonsburg, Ky.; 25 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding in death were his parents and one brother.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel with Rev. Robert Miller and Rev. Elaine Miller officiating. Friends may call from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Carl A. 'Bus' Miller

Carl A. "Bus" MILLER, 87, Perrysburg, died Friday at his home. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Monday, April 26, 2004

Carl Addison 'Bus' Miller

Dec. 23, 1916–April 23, 2004

Carl Addison "Bus" MILLER, 87, Perrysburg, passed away at 8 a.m. Friday at his residence.

Born in Perrysburg, he was the son of Roscoe and Lucinda Lockwood Miller. He married Jeanette Lavon Miller, of Wabash, on Dec. 20, 1941. They recently celebrated their 62nd anniversary.

Mr. Miller lived his entire life in Perrysburg. His father started Miller's Sawmill in 1927, where Carl worked from age 16 until the business closed in 2002. Always interested in woodworking, he became interested in scroll saw work when he was past age 80 and he would spend hour upon hour in his woodshop at the scroll saw.

He was a lifetime member of the Literary Aid Society. Until his health started to fail, he enjoyed playing bingo, fishing, and walking in the woods. He especially enjoyed the friends he would meet at the bingo games.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette; a son, Jimmy A. Miller, Peru; two daughters, Susan Bolin, Logansport, and Linda L. Browning and husband Steve, Peru; a brother, Glen Miller, Peru; seven grandchildren, Mark Miller, Logansport, Kenneth Miller, Peru; Eric Arnold, Logansport; Steve Arnold, Logansport; Trisha Robbins and husband Tom, Peru; Jamie Ross and husband Fred, Peru; Jan Browning, Peru; five great-grandchildren, Jessica Short-Miller, Wyatt Miller, Aaron Arnold, Matthew Arnold, and Matthew J. Ross; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Galen and Cloyd "Mode" Miller.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Tuesday at Skinner Worship Chapel, near Twelve Mile, with Rev. Tom Robbins and Rev. Bob Cosby officiating. Burial is in the Perrysburg Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfuneralhome.com.

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

Kathleen Kae Benedicto

Kathleen Kae BENEDICTO, Duncanville, Texas, formerly of Rochester and Kewanna, died April 11, 2004, in Dallas.

Survivors include her husband, Luis Benedicto, Duncanville, Texas; three daughters, Gina McCurdy, Flower Mound, Texas, Mary Benedicto, Duncanville, Texas, and Susan Olson,

McKinney, Texas.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. April 20 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Dallas, Texas.

Judy A. Smith

A memorial service for Judy A. SMITH, who died April 15, in Springdale, Ark., is 11 a.m. Saturday at Olive Branch Church of God, Roann.

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

[no obits]

Thursday, April 29, 2004

Virginia C. McCarty

Virginia C. McCARTY, 84, of 7598 W. Swick Road, Beaver Dam Lake, Claypool, died at 10:35 p.m. Wednesday at Koscuisko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Friday, April 30, 2004

Virginia C. McCarty

Nov. 2, 1919–April 28, 2004

Virginia C. McCARTY, 84, of 425 Chinworth Court, Chapman House, Warsaw, formerly of Beaver Dam Lake and Grant County, passed away Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, after a short illness.

Born in Bath County, Ky., she was the daughter of Roe and Lillie Norris McCarty and married Garnett "Mac" McCarty on July 23, 1937, in Owingsville, Ky. He preceded her in death on March 4, 2000.

Mrs. McCarty was a homemaker and worked at RCA in Marion for 33 years. She was a member of Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, Akron. She was an antique dealer and very much enjoyed antiques.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia K. Stambaugh, Van Buren; three sons, Robert and wife Roslyn, Claypool (Beaver Dam Lake), Roy C. and wife Carol McCarty, Marion; Frank and wife Carolyn, LaPorte; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister and one brother.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. Sunday at Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, north of Akron, with the Rev. Rob Seewald officiating. Burial is at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is 2-6 p.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester Street, Akron. Memorials may be made to the chair fund at Beaver Dam United Methodist Church.

Richard K. Gast

Jan. 26, 1921–April 25, 2004

Richard K. GAST, 83, Maryville, Tenn., formerly of Akron, died Sunday at the Shannondale Health Care Center, Knoxville, Tenn.

Survivors include wife Judy; one daughter, Peggy Mills, Lima, Ohio; two sons, Rich Gast, West Lafayette, and Bill Gast, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; one brother, Kent Gast, Cincinnati,

Ohio; one sister, Karen Gast, Bloomington.

A private family service was held Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Saturday, May 1, 2004

Katherine Overmyer

Katherine OVERMYER, 89, of Hickory Creek, Rochester, and formerly of 1588 E. Lucas St., passed away at 6:15 p.m. April 20. Arrangements are pending at Foster and Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Monday, May 3, 2004

Walter O. 'Budd' Gates

Sept. 13, 1923–May 1, 2004

Walter O. "Budd" GATES, 80, of Hickory Creek at Rochester Nursing Home, formerly of 871 Cherry Tree Lane, Rochester, passed away at 11:35 p.m. Saturday at his residence. His health had been failing since February.

Born in Howard County to Walter O. and Gladys Durr Gates, he had lived in the Rochester area for the past 30 years after coming from Kokomo. He attended Howard Township School, Kokomo. On Feb. 4, 1955, he married Agnes Wynona Sweany in Kokomo. She preceded him in death on April 4, 1986, after 31 years of marriage.

Mr. Gates worked at Continental Steel Corp., Kokomo, for over 32 years, retiring in 1972. He was a greeter at the Rochester Wal-Mart before retiring in November 2003.

He was a World War II veteran, U.S. Army veteran of the India-Burma campaign in the Asiatic/Pacific Theater from 1940-1945. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his service in that campaign. He was a very accomplished fisherman and had received many fishing awards and trophies. He won the Sports Afield State Fishing Award in 1968 and 1969 for rock bass, Tippecanoe River; Field & Stream Fishing Contest in 1967 for small-mouth bass and in 1975 for large-mouth bass; and Continental Steel Fishing Contest in 1963 and 1965-1968 for small-mouth bass, 1965, 1966, and 1969 for crappie, and 1968 for bluegill; and he caught a 7 lbs. 1 oz. large-mouth bass in Lake Manitou in 1975.

Survivors include two daughters, Cheryl L. Garner and husband John, Rochester, Carol A. Gaskill and husband Marty, Kokomo; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Martha Etta Wise, Kokomo. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and one brother, Kenneth Gates, in infancy.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth Street, Rochester, with the Rev. David Dittman officiating. Burial is at Leiters Ford Cemetery with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars conducting military graveside rites. Visitation is one hour prior to his service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Edgar Allan Poe Napier

Jan. 3, 1932–April 30, 2004

Edgar Allan Poe NAPIER, 72, of 9986 16th Road, Argos, died at 10:23 p.m. Friday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Keokee, Va., to Milton and Beatrice Stewart Napier, he married Donna Butler in January 1953. She preceded him in death in June 1991. He then married Maxine Scott. She survives. He later married Jean Henson. She preceded him in death in October 2000.

Mr. Napier answered the call to his country in 1953, serving in the U.S. Army until 1955. He retired from the Culver Military Academies as a press operator in the Uniform Dept. He was a Baptist by faith and was a Culver area resident for most of his life.

Edgar is survived by his loving daughters: Penny and husband Gerald Harrellson, Dorchester, Wis., Vivian Beran and fiance Ron Tanner, Plymouth, Terry and husband David Koontz, Rochester, Lynn Klemetson, Abbotsford, Wis., and Shari and husband Shawn Bellinger, North Manchester; three brothers, J.C. Napier, Indiana, Rex Berl Napier, West Virginia, and Bill Napier, Detroit, Mich.; five sisters, Janet Kelly, Indiana, Sharon Napier, Virginia, Jean Collins, Indiana, Ann Bush, Kentucky, and Joan Bush, Virginia; 19 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, George, Carlo Bob, Merl and Evan Napier; sister, Luville Napier; and grandsons, Michael W. Calhoun and Tad Klemetson.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with the Rev. Rick Taylor officiating. Burial is at Culver Masonic Cemetery with the Veterans of Foreign Wars conducting military graveside rites. Visitation is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Katherine Overmyer

Katherine OVERMYER, 89, formerly of 1588 E. Lucas St., died Friday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Her brother, Raymond Riley, Kokomo, survives.

A graveside service is 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Visitation is one hour prior to her service at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Charlene Zimmerman

Charlene ZIMMERMAN, 66, Athens, died at 5:11 p.m. Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mary Anne Van Dien

Mary Anne VAN DIEN, 87, El Paso, Texas, formerly of Rochester, died Thursday at her home. There are no survivors.

Charlene Zimmerman

April 7, 1938–May 2, 2004

Charlene ZIMMERMAN, 66, Athens, passed away at 5:11 p.m. Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Logansport to John Leslie and Estella L. Bixler Ward, she was a retired bookkeeper who worked at various companies. She owned a H&R Block agency in Chesterton and worked in the hotel/motel industry.

She was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her son, Pete and wife Tanya Zimmerman; grandchildren, Blair and wife Sara Zimmerman, Betsy Zimmerman, David Montine, all of Logansport, Corinna Montine, Camden, Melissa and husband Marc Galimore, Camden; eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her funeral service is 6 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home with the Rev. Jan Hobbs officiating. Burial is at a later date at the Miami Baptist Cemetery, Adamsboro. Friends may call from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Charlene Zimmerman Memorial Fund.

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Katherine Overmyer

Nov. 13, 1914–April 30, 2004

Katherine OVERMYER, 89, of Hickory Creek of Rochester, formerly of 1588 E. Lucas St., passed away at 6:15 p.m. Friday at her residence.

Born near Athens to Ellis and Jennie Heeter Riley, she married Robert C. Overmyer on Oct. 19, 1941, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Jan. 9, 1992.

Mrs. Overmyer, a homemaker, was associated with her late husband in the operation of the former Overmyer Produce business at 114 E. Fifth St. for many years. She retired in 1980. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Rochester.

Survivors include her brother, Raymond Riley and wife Jenny, Kokomo; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; two sisters, Nina Spurlock and Helen Bright; and three brothers, Calvin, Monroe and Theodore "Ted" Riley.

A graveside service was held Tuesday at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery with Pastor Aaron Gross officiating. Memorials may be made to the Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Jeremy Richardson

May 23, 1977–May 3, 2004

Jeremy RICHARDSON, 26, of 2015 Wolf's Point, formerly of Knox, passed away Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Muncie to Larry Richardson and Patty Bartush, he married Kristy Dust on July 11, 2003, in Knox. She survives.

Mr. Richardson was a paramedic for the Emergency Medical Service at Woodlawn Hospital.

Survivors include wife, Kristy Richardson; two stepsons, Stephen Ford and Cortland Minix; two stepdaughters, Jessica Howard and Tiffany Binion, all of Rochester; father, Larry Richardson and wife Kim, Rolling Prairie; mother, Patty Bartush and husband Dr. Joseph, Knox; brother, Kevin Richardson, Knox; sister, Melissa Mitchell, Lake Zurich, Ill.; three stepsisters, Kassandra Rickert, Dayton, Ohio, Amanda Stiffler and Samantha Baughman, both of Hudson Lake; and grandfather, Billy Richardson, Rolling Prairie.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Thursday at Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, 108 S. Main Street, Knox, with the Rev. James Pradke officiating. Burial is in Highland Cemetery, North Judson. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Mr.

Richardson's stepchildren in care of their mother.

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Phyllis G. Powell

Phyllis G. POWELL, 79, Fishers, formerly of Valparaiso and Rochester, died Wednesday. Arrangements are pending at Bartholomew Funeral Home, Valparaiso.

Friday, May 7, 2004

Orvan S. Floor Jr.

March 6, 1932–May 5, 2004

Orvan S. FLOOR Jr., 72, of Elwood Avenue, South Bend, formerly of Akron, died Wednesday at Hospice House, South Bend.

Survivors include wife Virginia Floor; one son, Jerome Floor, South Bend; four sisters, Phyllis Munson, Warsaw, Norma Barr, Ohio, Cleo Hall and Martha Howard, South Bend; and one brother, James Floor, South Bend.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday at Kaniewski Funeral Home, South Bend. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Saturday, May 8, 2004

Phyllis G. Powell

May 11, 1924–May 5, 2004

Phyllis G. POWELL, 79, Fishers, died Wednesday while traveling in Oklahoma City.

Born May 11, 1924, in Valparaiso to George M. and Lura H. Taylor Green, Phyllis retired from Torin Manufacturing, Rochester, where she was a purchasing agent. She was a past member of Business & Professional Women and a member of the Fulton County Historical Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include her sons, William A. Cordell, Fishers, Leslie G. Cordell, Anderson, and Jonathon L. Powell, Kokomo; two stepsons, Richard Powell, Kewanna, and Ronald Powell; two grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Pierson, Tucson, Ariz., and Wilma Luther, Valparaiso; and one brother, George Ross Green, Valparaiso. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Powell; her parents; two sisters, Gracia Goetz and Sue Jankowski; and one brother, Leslie M. Green.

Her funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday at Bartholomew Funeral Home, 102 Monroe St., Valparaiso, with the Rev. Dean Christianson officiating. Burial will be at Luther Cemetery in Washington Township. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Bartholomew Funeral Home. The funeral home may be contacted at 219-462-4102. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

Monday, May 10, 2004

Dorothy Mae Boggs

Nov. 2, 1909–May 7, 2004

Dorothy Mae BOGGS, 94, of 2814 S. Indiana 25, Warsaw, passed away at 8:40 p.m. Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Born in Miami County to Walter W. and Alice Kile Butt, she married H. Earl Boggs on Aug. 23, 1928, in Miami County. He passed away April 13, 1978.

Mrs. Boggs was a homemaker and attended Palestine Church, Palestine. She enjoyed flowers and going to the senior citizens group.

Survivors include one son, Larry G. and wife Betty Boggs, Warsaw; one daughter in-law, Mary Boggs, Mentone; one sister in-law, Margaret Butt, Warsaw; four grandchildren, Kathy Bowser, Marion Boggs, JoEllen Jackson and Jeff Boggs; 10 great-grandchildren, Jarrod and Justin Bowser, Katie and Kellie Boggs, Kristi, Holli and Nicholas Jackson, Jordan, Hannah and Shelby Boggs; and two great-great-grandchildren, Simon and Taylor Bowser. She was preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth and Marion Boggs; three sisters and three brothers.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial is at Palestine Cemetery, Palestine. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Gene Fisher

Feb. 29, 1928–May 7, 2004

Gene FISHER, 76, of 6884 N. 150 W., Rochester, passed away from a sudden illness at 10:58 p.m. Friday at the Woodlawn Hospital emergency room.

Born in Rochester to Russell M. and Ada "Chloe" Lowman Fisher, he married Helen Friesen on June 3, 1972, in Goshen. She survives.

Mr. Fisher lived his entire life in the Rochester community and was a graduate of Richland Center High School and Manchester College, North Manchester, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in education. He later attended Ball State University, Muncie, and earned his Master's degree in education. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean War as a medic. He taught school at the former Talma School in Fulton County and later at Culver Community Schools.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Fisher, at home; mother, Chloe Fisher, Rochester, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father on Sept. 26, 1991.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Will Lawson officiating. Burial is at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery, northwest of Rochester in Richland Township. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today or one hour prior to his service Tuesday at the funeral home. The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct military graveside rites.

Lora P. Kern

Feb. 19, 1933–May 7, 2004

Mrs. Lora P. KERN, 71, of 1230 Jefferson St., Rochester, passed away of a short illness at 2 p.m. Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was a patient for 10 days.

Born in Bates County, Mo., to Elmer and Rosetta Fennwald Sutton, she married Melvin Jacob Kern on Oct. 21, 1950, in Rochester. He survives, at home.

Mrs. Kern spent most of her life here after coming from Missouri. She retired from Torin Corp. in 1995 and worked at Lau Corp. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, Rochester, and enjoyed shopping and dining out with family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin J. Kern, at home; one daughter, Sharon Steinberger, Logansport; three sons, Melvin E. Kern, Fulton, Michael Kern, Decatur, Ill., Mark and wife Lynne Kern, Virginia Beach, Va.; seven grandchildren, Sarah and Jessica Steinberger, Melody Franklin, Megan Kern, Jacob Kern, Ethan Kern and Sophie Kern; one great-grandson, C.J. Franklin; two brothers, Murrell and wife Rosie Sutton, Virgil and wife Erma Sutton, all of Rochester. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Eugene Sutton; and four sisters,

Naomi Van Meter, Effie Epperson, Mabel Neider and Ruby Thompson.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Wednesday at First Assembly of God Church, 1944 Sweetgum Road, Rochester, with the Rev. Robert George officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, and at the church one hour prior to her service Wednesday. Memorials may be made to the First Assembly of God Church.

Jo Ann Layne

Feb. 13, 1949–May 1, 2004

Jo Ann LAYNE, 55, of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of Rochester, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2004, in Munfordville, Ky., when her car went into a lake during a blinding rainstorm. Also drowning was her friend James Thompson of Mammoth Cave, Ky. Officials said no one could tell the road from the lake until it was too late.

Born in Weeksbury, Ky., to Fred and Ida Marsillett Layne, her family moved to Rochester in 1961. She was a 1967 Rochester High School graduate and joined the U.S. Army that same year. She married Dane Janeksela and was later divorced.

She lived in Rochester, Minnesota and Tennessee. She worked for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., since 1981 and was active in the Women's Veterans Network.

Survivors include her son, Shane Janeksela, Tennessee; mother, Ida Layne and sister, Mary Young, both of Rochester; nephews, Adam Howard, Rochester, Mark and Jenni Layne, Lafayette, Mike Layne and friend Amanda, North Manchester, Fred and Carrie Layne, Wabash; and many beloved relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Fred Layne; and brothers, Freddie and Ray Layne.

Her funeral service was in Nashville, Tenn., and burial was at Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on May 5.

Jane Louise Pusey

March 25, 1928–May 8, 2004

Jane Louise PUSEY, 76, of Macy (Nyona Lake), passed away at 7:20 a.m. Saturday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Born in Carroll County, she was the daughter of the late Daniel Floyd Seward and the late Lottie Quinn. She married Lloyd W. Pusey on Oct. 13, 1946, in Wheeling. He survives.

Jane was a 1946 graduate of Carrollton High School where she was salutatorian of her senior class. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Fidelity Chapter No. 58 where she served as worthy matron in 1976. She was an accomplished seamstress and made several gowns for Eastern Star members. She enjoyed crafts. Jane loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd W. Pusey; two sons, Daniel I. Pusey and wife Donna, Mark A. Pusey and wife Sheila, all of West Lafayette; two daughters, Joyce A. Jones and husband Fred, Rochester, Janice L. Wolford and husband George, Logansport; two sisters, Margaret Childers, Delphi, Lottie Ridenour, Flora; one brother, William Seward, Flora; and 10 grandchildren, Travis Jones, Andrea Jones, Dena Pusey, Anna Pusey, Kara Pusey, Brent Wolford, Sarah Dallas, Cory Wolford, Wesley Pusey and Noah Pusey; five great-grandchildren, Christian Jones, Emme Jones, Theron Dallas, Brennen Wolford and the fifth great-grandchild due soon. She was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Troutman, and one grandson, Bill Pusey.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Fisher Funeral Chapel with Pastor George Hapner and Pastor Mike Forshey officiating. Burial is at Beech Grove Cemetery, Sharon.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel. Order of the Eastern Star will conduct a service at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials may be made to the Indiana Ronald McDonald House, 435 Limestone St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-2819 for the support and use of the Bill Pusey room.

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Retha V. Craig

Mrs. Retha V. CRAIG, 79, of 2139 Boulevard St., Rochester, died Monday at the residence of her daughter, Judith Craig, Carmel. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Oliver B. 'Ollie' Powell

Feb. 20, 1939–May 10, 2004

Oliver B. "Ollie" POWELL, 65, Denver, passed away at 3:33 a.m. Monday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Born in Fulton County to Boyd Bowen and Ruth Naomi Dehaven Powell, he married Patricia I. Ogle on Sept. 4, 1965, in Mexico. She survives.

Mr. Powell was a retired truck driver. He was also a licensed funeral director. He graduated from Florida Mortuary College in 1959 and maintained his life license. He was a member of the Logansport Shrine Club.

Other survivors include two daughters, Ruth Marie Thorpe, Peru, and Shelley Kay Manley, Denver; two sons, Russell Boyd Powell and Scott Allen Powell, both of Denver; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; one sister, Bev Ross, Kansas City, Mo.; and five brothers, Larry Powell, Florida, Bob Powell and Denny Powell, both of Fort Wayne, Roland Powell and Mark Powell, both of Akron.

His graveside service is 11 a.m. Friday at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with the Rev. Don Ritchey officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfuneralhome.com.

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Retha Vivian Craig

March 13, 1925–May 10, 2004

Retha Vivian CRAIG, 79, of 2139 Boulevard Street, Rochester, a longtime Indianapolis resident, passed away at 1:15 p.m. Monday at her daughter's residence in Carmel.

Born in Indianapolis to Russell and Vivian Cory Jordan, she married Wilbur V. Craig on April 7, 1946, in Indianapolis. He survives.

Mrs. Craig was a homemaker. She belonged to the Rochester Elks Lodge and enjoyed gardening and fishing.

Surviving with her husband, of Rochester, are two daughters, Judith A. Craig and Karen S. Craig, both of Carmel. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Russ, Robert, and Ralph Jordan; and one sister, Becky Thornburg.

A private graveside service and burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Harold Howard

Harold HOWARD, 59, of 5942 W. 250 North, Rochester, (near Leiters Ford) died at 12:15 a.m. today at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Robert C. Wagoner

Robert C. WAGONER, 51, Evans City, Pa., a former Rochester resident, passed away at 3:45 a.m. today at his brother Tim Wagoner's residence, Rochester, after a four-year illness. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursay, May 13, 2004

Dallas Frederick Hildebrand

Aug. 11, 1925–May 7, 2004

Dallas Frederick HILDEBRAND, 78, of Labelle, Fla., and Rochester, passed away at 7:10 a.m. Friday in Labelle, Fla. He was ill for seven years.

Born in Hastings, Minn., to Tony and Agnes Dieball Hildebrand, he married Audrey Perdue on June 20, 1948. She preceded him in death on Feb. 9, 1976. He then married Judie Dawson on May 7, 1977. She survives.

Mr. Hildebrand lived most of his life in the Rochester area after coming here from Logansport. He retired after 30 years with Bendix Corp., South Bend. He then assisted his daughter at local fairs and festivals with Red Barn Elephant Ears. He was an Army Air Force World War II veteran, serving in Guam as a radar operator.

He loved old airplanes and enjoyed fishing, bowling and golf. He treasured a picture of himself with Duke Ellington as he loved big band music and dancing. He was also known to play the drums.

Mr. Hildebrand was a lifetime member of the Rochester Elks and Moose Lodge of Lake Manitou. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion of Labelle, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Judie Hildebrand, at home; six children, Janet Cox and husband Mic, Rochester, Joyce Ginther and husband Jerry, Akron, Jay Hildebrand and wife Sandy, Kalamazoo, Mich., Paul Dawson and wife Lori, Mishawaka, Tim Dawson and wife Julie, Elkhart, Vickie Newlin and husband Jeff, South Bend; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Delores Purdue, Logansport, and Marge Waldon, Ohio; two brothers, Donny McCoy, Ohio, and Herbert "Sonny" Hildebrand, Logansport. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, five sisters and brothers, nine half sisters and brothers, and one stepbrother.

His funeral service is 3 p.m. Sunday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Dan Mundt officiating. Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Fulton County Hope Hospice or Alzheimer's Association.

Harold Howard

Feb. 19, 1945–May 12, 2004

Harold HOWARD, 59, of 5942 W. 250 N., Rochester (near Leiters Ford), passed away at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester. His health was failing for the past three years.

Born in Rochester to Warnie and Irene Adams Howard, he married Alice Mae Steidel on

December 22, 1988, in Rochester. She preceded him in death on July 13, 2003.

Mr. Howard lived most of his life in the Rochester area. He was a 1963 graduate of Rochester High School. He was employed of the Manchester Foundry, North Manchester, until he retired in 1999. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Leroy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36, Rochester.

Survivors, all of Rochester, include one daughter, Heavenly Shaffer and husband Michael; two sons, Harold "Chip" Howard II and Chris Howard and wife Anita; one stepdaughter, Carla R. Lester; three grandchildren; one stepgranddaughter; mother, Irene Howard; one sister, Ruby Marie Howard; one brother, Clayton Howard. Two nephews and several cousins also survive. In addition to his wife, he was preceded by his father, who died on Oct. 18, 2003.

A private service will be held on a later date with Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, in charge of arrangements.

Virgil J. Spindler

March 23, 1922–May 8, 2004

Virgil J. SPINDLER, 82, of 2000 Westgate, Plymouth, died Saturday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include his wife, Clarice Eshelman Spindler, Plymouth; four daughters, Sheila Rinkenberg and Melinda Kletka, both of Plymouth, Nancy Huffman, Rochester, and Doreen Spindler, Indianapolis; and one son, Tom Spindler, Plymouth.

His funeral service was Tuesday at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Robert C. Wagoner

Oct. 1, 1952–May 12, 2004

Robert C. WAGONER, 51, Evans City, Pa., formerly of Rochester, passed away at 3:45 a.m. Wednesday at his brother's residence, Rochester.

Born in South Bend to Robert J. and Ethel Ruth "Pat" Wagoner, he was a 1970 graduate of Rochester High School and attended Indiana University.

Mr. Wagoner was owner/operator of Precision Surgical Instrument Corp., Evans City, Pa., and Unique Auto Sales in Niles, Mich. He served with the National Guard during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his son, Chad Allen Wagoner, Evans City, Pa.; one stepdaughter, Kellie Stotsky, Uniontown, Pa.; sisters, Melanie and husband Ron Ziesemer, Rochester, Nancy and husband Jeff Myers, Fishers; brother, Tim and wife Janet Wagoner,

Rochester; step grandchildren, Allison Alley and Ethan Alley; two aunts; two uncles; eight nieces and nephews; and two grandnephews. He was preceded in death by his mother on July 15, 1995, and his father on Dec. 30, 1999, and one stepdaughter, Ashlie Nicole Alley.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Teal Yonce officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery with military grave side services conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War Posts.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice.

Friday, May 14, 2004

Dallas Frederick Hildebrand

Aug. 11, 1925–May 7, 2004

Dallas Frederick HILDEBRAND, 78, of Labelle, Fla., and Rochester, passed away at 7:10 a.m. Friday in Labelle, Fla. He was ill for seven years.

Born in Hastings, Minn., to Tony and Agnes Dieball Hildebrand, he married Audrey Perdue on June 20, 1948. She preceded him in death on Feb. 9, 1976. He then married Judie Dawson on May 7, 1977. She survives.

Mr. Hildebrand lived most of his life in the Rochester area after coming here from Logansport. He retired after 30 years with Bendix Corp., South Bend. He then assisted his daughter at local fairs and festivals with Red Barn Elephant Ears. He was an Army Air Force World War II veteran, serving in Guam as a radar operator.

He loved old airplanes and enjoyed fishing, bowling and golf. He treasured a picture of himself with Duke Ellington as he loved big band music and dancing. He was also known to play the drums.

Mr. Hildebrand was a lifetime member of the Rochester Elks and Moose Lodge of Lake Manitou. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion of Labelle, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Judie Hildebrand, at home; six children, Janet Cox and husband Mic, Rochester, Joyce Ginther and husband Jerry, Akron, Jay Hildebrand and wife Sandy, Kalamazoo, Mich., Paul Dawson and wife Lori, Mishawaka, Tim Dawson and wife Julie, Elkhart, Vickie Newlin and husband Jeff, South Bend; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Delores Purdue, Logansport, and Marge Waldon, Ohio; two brothers, Donny McCoy, Ohio, and Herbert "Sonny" Hildebrand, Logansport. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, five sisters and brothers, nine half sisters and brothers, and one stepbrother.

His memorial service is 3 p.m. May 23 at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Dan Mundt officiating. Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Fulton County Hope Hospice or Alzheimer's Association.

Saturday, May 15, 2004

Susie Arnett Stephens

March 6, 1913 – May 14, 2004

Susie Arnett STEPHENS, 91, of 1215 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, died at 2:10 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital where she had been a patient since Wednesday.

Born in Salyersville, Ky., to Bernie B. and Parrot Summy Craft, she lived in the Rochester area for the past 51 years after coming here from Salyersville. She married Chester Arnett in Sept. 1932. He preceded her in death. She then married Willard Stephens in March 1975.

He also preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and a former seamstress for the Hart Schaffner & Marx Corp., formerly of Rochester, where she had been a dedicated employee for 26 years. She was a member of the United Baptist Church of Knox. Her life was dedicated to her loving family, who will always remember her as a very caring and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a loyal friend. She will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Survivors include four daughters, Dorothy Bryant, Helen Horn and husband Bob, Gloria Calhoun and husband Larry, and Barb Swank and husband Jim, all of Rochester; four sons, Hoy

Arnett and wife Sheila, Warsaw, Don Arnett and wife Pat, Portageville, Mo., Ronnie Arnett and wife Janelle, Clarion, Pa., Wayne Arnett and wife Luann, Plymouth; one daughter-in-law, Carol Arnett, Argos; three foster children, 26 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren along with several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands, one son, Thomas Arnett on Aug. 29, 1970; one son-in-law, Virgil Bryant on Oct. 13, 2003; and three sisters, Cora Craft, Dora Howard and Mary Arnett.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services in the funeral home. Burial is at the Athens Cemetery.

Monday, May 17, 2004

Susie Arnett Stephens

March 6, 1913 – May 14, 2004

Susie Arnett STEPHENS, 91, of 1215 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, died at 2:10 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital where she had been a patient since Wednesday.

Born in Salyersville, Ky., to Bernie B. and Parrot Summy Craft, she lived in the Rochester area for the past 51 years after coming here from Salyersville. She married Chester Arnett in Sept. 1932. He preceded her in death. She then married Willard Stephens in March 1975. He also preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and a former seamstress for the Hart Schaffner & Marx Corp., formerly of Rochester, where she had been a dedicated employee for 26 years. She was a member of the United Baptist Church of Knox. Her life was dedicated to her loving family, who will always remember her as a very caring and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a loyal friend. She will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Survivors include four daughters, Dorothy Bryant, Helen Horn and husband Bob, Gloria Calhoun and husband Larry, and Barb Swank and husband Jim, all of Rochester; four sons, Hoy Arnett and wife Sheila, Warsaw, Don Arnett and wife Pat, Portageville, Mo., Ronnie Arnett and wife Janelle, Clarion, Pa., Wayne Arnett and wife Luann, Plymouth; one daughter-in-law, Carol Arnett, Argos; three foster children, 26 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren along with several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands, one son, Thomas Arnett on Aug. 29, 1970; one son-in-law, Virgil Bryant on Oct. 13, 2003; and three sisters, Cora Craft, Dora Howard and Mary Arnett.

Services were 11 a.m. today at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services in the funeral home. Burial was at the Athens Cemetery.

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Dockie Gibson

May 13, 1929–May 16, 2004

Dockie GIBSON, 75, of 432 Washington Ave., Peru, passed away at 3:55 p.m. Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Paintsville, Ky., to Willis and Ellie Ward Gibson, he married Josephine M. Gibson on March 23, 1952. She preceded him in death on May 13, 2000.

Mr. Gibson worked at the Peru Foundry and served in World War II.

Survivors include four sons, Dockie Ray Gibson and wife Pat, Bunker Hill, Robert Gibson and wife Sherri, Willowspring, Mo., Carl Gibson and wife Joyce, Wabash, Charles Gibson, Peru; five daughters, Judy Gault and husband Bill, Wabash, Gail Gibson, Lou Cravens, Wabash, Connie Keckler and husband Mark, Akron, Kathy Hampton and husband Bill, Akron; one brother, Starlin Gibson, Peru; two sisters, Grace Hamlet and Mae McIntosh, both of Peru; 44 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents, wife, and two daughters, Virgina Taylor and Betty Altard.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Burial is at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Freida L. Hammel

Dec. 11, 1919–May 15, 2004

Freida L. HAMMEL, 84, of 948 Gragg Street, Huntington, who was born in Rochester, died Saturday at the Community Hospital, Anderson.

Survivors include four sons, Randal Lee Hammel, Alexandria, Kendal Reed Hammel, Columbus, Duane Ray Hammel, McCordsville, and Royce Dee Hammel, Anderson; two daughters, Karen Louise Hammel Sloan, Muncie, and Jolene Kay Hammel Miles, Carey, N.C.; one brother, Wilbert Reed, Anderson, and one sister, Caroline Riggle, Huntington.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Thursday at East State Street Church of God, Huntington. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Bailey-Love Mortuary and one hour prior to her service Thursday at the church.

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

[no obits]

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Anna M. Uhrich

Aug. 10, 1917–May 18, 2004

Anna M. UHRICH, 86, of 5195 W. Indiana 114, Kewanna, passed away at 4:26 p.m. Tuesday at Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

Born in Fort Washington, Pa., to William and Christine Detwiler Moore, she married Leonard Uhrich on Oct. 28, 1939, in Hatfield, Pa. He survives.

Mrs. Uhrich was a homemaker and a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard Uhrich, Kewanna; one daughter, Lois Butler and husband John, Grand Rapids, Mich.; three sons, Robert Uhrich and wife Judy, Kewanna, Larry Uhrich and wife Priscilla, North Tewksbury, Mass., Richard Uhrich and wife Nancy, Jackson, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, Doug Uhrich, Kimberly Illsey, Laurie Uhrich, Tim Uhrich, Tammy Colvin, Jonni Uhrich, Kristen Butler, Greg Kral, Cheryl Kovacich, Julie Hubbard, Sarah Uhrich and Christopher Uhrich; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday at Hillcrest Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Berlin officiating. Burial is at Metea Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at Gundrum Funeral Home, 1603 East Broadway, Logansport, and for one hour before services at the church Friday. Memorials may be made to Faith Promise Mission Work of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Friday, May 21, 2004

Audrey J. Coldren

Nov. 12, 1923–May 20, 2004

Audrey J. COLDREN, 80, North Manchester, died at 6:45 a.m. Thursday at Cambridge House Nursing Center, Warsaw.

Survivors include six children, Judy Bone, North Manchester, Dan Coldren, Claypool, Kevin Coldren, Wabash, Karen Murphy, North Manchester, Margaret “Peg” McGuire, Kokomo, Mary Jo Steininger, Akron.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley. Visitation is 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Dallas Frederick Hildebrand

Aug. 11, 1925–May 7, 2004

A memorial service for Dallas Frederick HILDEBRAND, 78, of Rochester and Labelle, Fla., is at 3 p.m. Sunday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Judie Hildebrand, at home; six children, Janet Cox, Rochester, Joyce Ginther, Akron, Jay Hildebrand, Kalamazoo, Mich., Paul Dawson, Mishawaka, Tim Dawson, Elkhart, Vickie Newlin, South Bend; two sisters, Delores Purdue, Logansport, and Marge Waldon, Ohio; two brothers, Donny McCoy, Ohio, and Herbert “Sonny” Hildebrand, Logansport.

Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Saturday, May 22, 2004

Calvin Braman

Calvin BRAMAN, 79, 2863 E. 300 South, died at 4:25 p.m. Friday at Life Care Center, where he was a patient. Funeral arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home.

Monday, May 24, 2004

Calvin Lee Braman

Nov. 8, 1924–May 21, 2004

Calvin Lee BRAMAN, 79, of 2863 E. 300 S., Rochester, remembered fondly as “Cal,” passed away at 4:25 p.m., Friday at Life Care Center of Rochester. He had been a patient for a short period of time.

Born and raised west of Rochester at “The Home Place” to John and Lily Alley Braman, he married Evelyn Van Duyne on November 23, 1946, in Rochester. Cal lived his entire life in Fulton County.

Early in their marriage, he and Evelyn lived near the twin bridges west of Rochester, 400 West and 100 North, where he milked cows for Russell Wilson and farmed with his father. Later, he moved to the Woodrow community, south of Rochester, and drove a school bus for Rochester Township for nine years and also farmed.

Having grown up in a politically active family and serving as a Republican precinct committeeman, Cal was elected to serve as the Fulton County Treasurer in 1956. In 1964, he was hired by the Indiana State Board of Tax Commissioners. While serving there, he was a dedicated employee serving as a field auditor and later supervisor, until he retired in 1994.

As he drove the tractor through the fields, Cal enjoyed humming and singing the same songs he

called many years before for the Rural Youth square dancers. Many area adults will remember in their youth the ice cream socials on the Fulton County Courthouse square, hayrides and bonfires while he served as a 4-H adult leader of the Woodrow Sodbusters for 54 years.

Fair week was always a special time for Cal. After his children completed their 4-H tenures, he began to watch his grandchildren in the arena and on stage. You may recall bingo echoing in the quonset at the Fulton County Fair, sponsored by the county fair board, when Cal served as a member.

Not only is Cal known for his 4-H leadership career, but also for many other community and civic projects with which he assisted. As the coordinator of volunteers, the Christmas Basket Project of the United Ministries of Fulton County gave him much enjoyment with the fellowship of his co-workers and the joy and appreciation of the basket recipients.

His faith was exhibited time and again while serving the First Presbyterian Church in Rochester as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, elder and church treasurer for more than 30 years, along with the Geneva Center committee of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley.

Cal was delighted during the evening of February 6, 2002, as he humbly accepted the 2002 Community Service Award from the Rochester and Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce. His gentle, yet effective leadership style was pointed out when he was recognized at the Indiana State Fair as the longest continuing active adult 4-H leader in Indiana, one of his numerous recognitions.

He was active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Rochester Lions Club, Nyona Lake-South Mud Lakes Booster Association, Fulton County Farm Bureau and the Republican Party. Yet he always had time for camping with his family and euchre parties with family and friends. Cal's greatest pride was the love of his family.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; three sons, William and wife Georgina, Combined Locks, Wis., Phillip and wife Monica, New Castle, Ky., and John, Fishers; three daughters, Judy Taylor and husband Russell, Plymouth, Patricia Rathbun and husband Cam, Akron, and Sherri Adamson and husband Teri, Rochester; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his sister, Marjorie Phillips, Rochester; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Bernice "Bing" Kolarich and Fern Hammond; and a brother, Emerson "Bud" Braman.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, with Pastor Ben Whitfield officiating. He will be laid to rest next to his father in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, following the services. Family and friends may call at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth Street, Rochester, from 4-8 p.m. today or one hour prior to his service Tuesday at the church. The F. & A.M. Lodge No. 79 will conduct a memorial service in the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. today. In lieu of flowers, his family has requested that memorials be made to either the 4-H Council or the First Presbyterian Church.

McAzone Franklin

Sept. 20, 1934–May 14, 2004

McAzone FRANKLIN, 69, of 1842 W. 375 N., Rochester, died Friday, May 14, at home. Her daughter, Ava Laracuente, Puerto Rico, survives.

There was no funeral service or visitation. Elkhart Cremation Services was in charge of the arrangements.

Tuesday, May 25, 2004

Mettupalayam Rajendran, M.D.

January 25, 1944-May 2, 2004

Dr. Mettupalayam M. RAJENDRAN, son of Mahelaswaran and Saraswathi Gounder, was born in Erode, India, on Jan. 25, 1944.

He received his medical degree from Madras Medical College. In 1973, he completed a residency in Radiology at Sinai Hospital in Detroit, Mich. From 1991 to 2004, he was the head of the radiology department at Woodlawn Hospital. He was dedicated to his patients and provided care with the latest technology. He was well respected by his colleagues and friends.

Unfortunately, he suffered a heart attack in 2002 and underwent by-pass surgery. On May 2, 2004, sadly Dr. Rajendran passed away at Kovai Medical Center while visiting family in India. His wish was to be cremated there. After a traditional Hindu ceremony was performed, his ashes were mingled in a river at his place of birth.

He enjoyed gardening and cooking. He had a favorite pet, a dog named Lexus, who sadly died eight days after.

Dr. Rajendran is survived by his mother, Saraswathi Gounder, India; his wife, Viji Rajendran, Rochester; son, Ravi Rajendran, Indianapolis; daughter, Malathy Kannan O.D., son-in-law, Rajesh Kannan M.D. and grandson, Rogan Kannan, all of New Jersey.

Rose E. Gibson

Feb. 14, 1926-May 24, 2004

Rose E. GIBSON, 78, of 2208 Wolf's Point Drive, Rochester, died at 4:53 p.m. Monday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, where she had been a patient since Friday. Her health had been failing for the past year.

Born on Feb. 14, 1926, in Kalamazoo, Mich., she was raised by her father, Charles Scott. Her mother died shortly after Rose was born. She moved to Rochester from Miami County in 1975.

On April 23, 1944, she married Carl E. Gibson in Bunker Hill. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Carl E. Gibson, at home; one daughter, Janice Horn and husband Mickey, Macy; one son, Robert Gibson and wife Lori, Rochester; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one twin sister, Louella Gottschalk, Greencastle; and one sister, Helen Minniear and husband Robert, Lafayette. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and one brother.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Don Meyer officiating. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery. Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, May 26, 2004

Mary Ellen 'Marty' Bailey

March 24, 1948-May 24, 2004

Mary Ellen "Marty" BAILEY, 56, of 208 N. Tucker St., Mentone, died unexpectedly at 3:45 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Milford, Mich., she lived in Mentone about 30 years. A 1966 Goshen High School graduate, she worked in international sales at Camcar Textron, Rochester.

Survivors include one daughter, Karen Olsen, Pearland, Texas; one son, Kevin Olsen,

Parkersburg, W.Va.; three grandchildren; one sister, Diane Lechel, Goshen; two brothers, Maurice Charles and wife Lura Sue Lechel, Wilmington, N.C., and William J. and wife Carol Lechel, Saginaw, Mich.; two stepbrothers, Tom Farmiloe, Mishawaka, and Bob and wife Marilyn Farmiloe, Goshen; and two stepsisters, Betty and husband Jim England, Tennessee, and Marge and husband Walt Boyd, Troy, Mich. She was preceded in death by her parents, Delbert and Dorothy Dowty Lechel; two grandchildren; and onestepbrother, Dick Farmiloe.

Her funeral is at 11 a.m. Friday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen. Carolyn Streby, director of women's ministry at Living Faith Fellowship, Elkhart, is the officiant. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home.

Thursday, May 27, 2004

Josephine Krom

Nov. 13, 1917–May 26, 2004

Josephine KROM, 86, of 1490 N. 525 East, Rochester, passed away at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday at her home.

Born in Grass Creek to Kenneth and Rhea Fultz Thompson, she married George W. Krom Jr. on June 16, 1940, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on May 19, 1994.

Mrs. Krom was a farmer and a homemaker. She was an active member of the Rochester First Baptist Church, serving as a deaconess and a member of the Fellowship Guild. She was also a member of the Pleasant Valley Home Ec. Club and the McKinley Club. A 1935 graduate of Rochester High School, she was very devoted to her church, farm and family.

Survivors include two daughters, Kaleen S. Krom, Rochester, Barbara Jo Bryant, London, Ohio; one son, George W. Krom III and wife Nancy, Rochester; four grandchildren, Kristie and husband John Kretzmeier, Fowler, Kimberly Jo and husband Bill Wojcik, Thorntown, G. Wayne and wife Johnie Krom, New Ross, Ivy and husband Brett Lyvers, Salem; five great-grandchildren, Kenzie, Clay and Carson Kretzmeier, Chandler and Aaron Wojcik; and one sister-in-law, Helen Thompson, Rochester. She was preceded in death by one son, James Robert Krom in 1943, and one brother, Gene Thompson in 1995.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, Rochester, with Dr. Mark Spencer officiating, assisted by the Rev. Junior Bose. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church or Hope Hospice.

Friday, May 28, 2004

Olin Gail Castleman

Dec. 20, 1944–May 27, 2004

Olin Gail CASTLEMAN, 59, South Bend, formerly of Rochester, died Thursday at St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend. Born in Lakeland, Fla., to Olin Oran and Myrtle A. Castleman, he married Julie Rider. She survives.

He is also survived by one daughter, Tamara Castleman and husband John Bodin, Indianapolis; two stepdaughters, Melinda Eitler and husband Michael, Granger, and Angela Rider, South Bend; one sister, Elizabeth Pattee and husband Richard, South Bend; four grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

His memorial service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at Northside Assembly of God Church, 17106 Cleveland Road, South Bend. Visitation is 1-2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Jeffery A. Stahl

Jeffery A. STAHL, 36, of 1300 W. Olson Road, Rochester, died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Saturday, May 29, 2004

Jeffery A. Stahl

Nov. 11, 1967 – May 27, 2004

Jeffery A. STAHL, 36, of 1300 West Olson Rd., died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital. He had been in failing health for the past two years.

Born to Charles and Gladys Mills Stahl, he resided in the Rochester area for the past seven years coming here from Plymouth. On Nov. 11, 1989, he married Dana L. Arbuckle. She survives.

He was a former employee of Robertsons Transformer, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife and one daughter, Paige Stahl, at home; his mother, Gladys Arbuckle and husband Larry, Sr., Rochester; two sisters, Tammy Clapper and husband Ronald and Debra Stahl, both of Rochester; five step-sisters, Tina Arbuckle, Kankakee, Ill., Anna Thompson and husband Mark, Rochester, Charlotte Hanselmen, Plymouth, Pamela Goble and husband Dean, Hamlet, and Lori Hill and husband John, Odessa, Texas; four step-brothers, Larry Arbuckle, Rochester, Mike Arbuckle and wife Tess, Kokomo, Jerry Arbuckle, Lafayette, and Terry Arbuckle, Rochester; and one step-grandfather, Kenneth Iliff, Argos.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Grossman Funeral Home, 208 North Michigan Street, Argos, with Pastor Todd Kauffman officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service on Tuesday. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Richard Eugene ‘Dick’ Cattin

May 17, 1930–May 30, 2004

Richard Eugene “Dick” CATTIN, 74, Macy, died at 8:43 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Erie Township, Miami County, to Floyd Alton and Edith Elizabeth Repp Cattin, he married Ethel Lee Thomas, Peru, on Dec. 30, 1967. She survives.

Mr. Cattin was very active in the Macy community, serving on the town board as president for several years. While he was on the town board, he worked hard to raise funds to build the Macy Park. He served five years as the town marshal and he served as an EMT before retiring from the Macy-Allen Township Volunteer Fire Department, where he had volunteered for many years. He was a member of the Peru Moose Lodge, the Elks, the American Legion and VFW, and the Eagles. He was a member of the National Guard, serving the United States for 12 years.

A 1948 graduate of Chili High School, he was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, camping, hunting, farming and gardening. He played the accordion and he especially enjoyed polka music. He enjoyed doing carpentry work and spending time with his family. He was previously employed by the Rich Valley Elevator, Burns Construction and Schneider Transport in Green Bay, Wis.

Survivors include his wife; seven sons, Dennis Cattin and wife Bev, Macy, Lloyd Lambert and wife Joan, Perrysburg, Allen Lambert, Macy, Lenny Lambert and wife Amy, Macy,

Glen Cattin and wife Karen, Winamac, John Cattin and wife Vanessa, Peru, Larry Cattin and wife Tina, Perrysburg; four daughters, Edith Browning, Macy, Susan Shambarger and husband Dave, Macy, Pam Harper and fiance Dave Penicaro, Winamac, Debbie Yerk, Indianapolis; one sister, Sondra Houlihan and husband Joe, Peru; 24 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Connie and Cindy Cattin and a son, Michael Lambert.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. Indiana 16, Denver, with the Rev. Steve Bate and Skip Shambarger officiating. Burial is at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Macy Park Fund. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfuneralhome.com.

Gerald E. Hisey

May 20, 1915–May 29, 2004

Gerald E. HISEY, 89, 81 Commerce St., Macy, passed away at 10:15 p.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester, where he had resided since Nov. 20, 2003. His health was failing for the past two years.

Born in Marshall County to Wilfred and Sadie Young Hisey, he married Eva Marie Murphy on Dec. 4, 1937, in Kokomo. She preceded him in death on Aug. 12, 2001.

Mr. Hisey lived most of his life in the Macy and Fulton County area. He was a farmer and a mechanic working for the General Tire Corp., Wabash. He established Logansport General Tire Div. with two other managers, retiring in 1946. He also retired from Sealed Power Corp., Rochester, in 1970. He and his wife managed a fishing and camp site at Dogwood Lake, near Washington, for 20 years. He was a member of Lincoln Masonic Lodge No. 523, Order of the Eastern Star No. 124 and the fire department, all of Macy.

Survivors include two sons, Charles and wife Charlene Hisey, Jerry and wife Donna Hisey, all of Macy; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Lowell and wife Shirley Hisey, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his great-grandson Raymond Smith, along with one sister, Chloie Hisey, and four brothers, one in infancy, Dale, Keith and Doyle.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth Street, Rochester, with the Rev. Steve Fleck officiating. Burial is at Five Corners Cemetery, near Macy. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to his service Wednesday. Memorials may be made to the Christian Church of Macy or the Macy Fire Department.

Orville Zentz

Orville ZENTZ, 91, Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth, formerly of Argos, died at 9:20 p.m. Monday. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Donald Joe Bucher

Sept. 14, 1947–June 1, 2004

Donald Joe BUCHER, 56, Denver, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday at his residence. Born in Peru to Donald and Anita Darby Bucher, he married Brenda Smith on Feb. 14, 1997. She survives.

Mr. Bucher was a dispatcher for Burns Trucking and a member of Macy Christian

Church. He served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors with his wife are his father, Donald Bucher; mother, Anita Bucher, both of Peru; four daughters, Angela Hays and husband Joseph, Lafayette, Allison Roop and husband Adam, Peru, Abra Bucher, Nappanee, and Cassandra Suter, Rochester; one son, Stephen Suter, Kokomo; one brother, Fred Bucher and wife Nadine, Peru; and 10 grandchildren, Trenton Hershey, Owen Roop, Garrett Roop, Keely Hays, Holly Brown, Rees Newcomer, Clifford Lane, Kerstynn Lane, Kimberly Lane and Cole Lane.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with the Rev. Steve Bate officiating. Burial is at Rankin Cemetery in Miami County. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Freda Louise White Roe

Nov. 27, 1926–June 2, 2004

Freda Louise White ROE, 77, formerly of 1237 Rochester Blvd., passed away at 8:25 a.m. today at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

The loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Freda Louise White Roe was born in South Bend to Howard and Gertrude Alice Zartman White. She married Robert E. Roe Sr. on April 19, 1946, in Fulton. He preceded her in death on April 9, 2004.

Mrs. Roe lived in the Rochester area since 1945 when she came here from the Fulton and Macy areas. She was a former employee of the Kroger grocery store and she and her late husband had co-owned and operated the House of DeCor from 1971-1988. She was a member of First Christian Church, Rochester, and enjoyed activities with her children and grandchildren. One of her greatest joys was walking on the beach searching for shells.

Survivors include her children, Robert Eugene Roe Jr. and wife Kathy, Muncie, Joyce Mikesell and husband Denny, Rochester, Bill Roe, Rochester, and Letty McKee, Rochester; four sisters, Phylis and husband Kenneth Gerhring, Peru, Lulabell Koenig, Kokomo, Anna Jane and husband Darrell Glasson, Selma, Maridean and husband James Barnett, Fort Wayne; one brother, Virgil White and wife Margaret, Macy; eight grandchildren, Dawn Beebe and husband Phil, Julie Hostetler and husband Mike, Robert Eugene Roe III and wife Betty, Ryan Roe, Andy Mikesell and wife Cheri, Kelly Brower, Jason McKee and wife Stephanie, and Matthew McKee; 13 great grandchildren, Logan, Natalie, Alexis, Grayson, Brendan, Drew, A.J., Payton, Robert Eugene Roe IV, Keyona, Ethan, Caleb, and Cooper. Several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one brother.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Woody Slade officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday or one hour prior to her service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the John Robert McKee Scholarship Fund in her memory.

Orville Verdean Zentz

Oct. 27, 1913–May 31, 2004

Orville Verdean ZENTZ, 90, Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth, formerly of 408 N. First Street, Argos, died Monday at his residence.

Survivors include one son, Roger M. Zentz, one grandson, Roger M. Zentz II, and one brother, Arthur Zentz, all of Plymouth.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Thursday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation is noon until his service Thursday.

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Sally Anne Overmyer Bolt

April 11, 1968–May 29, 2004

Sally Anne Overmyer BOLT, 36, died Saturday at her Culver residence.

Survivors include her parents, Lance Overmyer and Mary Lynn Stoffel; one brother, Lance Overmyer; and two sisters, Shelli Arriaga and Amy Overmyer.

A memorial mass will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, Culver, followed by a gathering of family and friends in the church basement.

Willis M. Swick

Willis M. SWICK, 88, of the Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, formerly of Akron, died at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday at the retirement home. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

David D. Thorrington

June 15, 1946–June 2, 2004

David D. THORRINGTON, 57, of 2199 E. 700 S., Macy, passed away at 12:52 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital.

Mr. Thorrington was born in Fulton County to Emmett and Forrest Mae Roberts Thorrington.

Survivors include two sisters, Mary Ann and husband Eugene Beck, Rochester, and Thelma Joyce Clemans, Twelve Mile. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother,

James Thorrington.

James THORRINGTON: There will be no funeral. Visitation is 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Chester Ziemek

Aug. 11, 1924–June 1, 2004

Chester ZIEMEK, 79, of 11142 E. Indiana 14, Akron, formerly of Littleton., Colo., passed away at 4:26 p.m. Tuesday at V.A. Northern Indiana Health Care System, Fort Wayne.

Born in Chicago to Walter and J. Szymouski Ziemek, he married Patsy Houston on May 18, 1951, in Colorado Springs, Colo. She passed away in July 1994.

Mr. Ziemek was a salesman for Western Belting for over 25 years. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and the Elks. He was also a member of the Moose, Eagles and the American Legion. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include one son, Rodney and wife Dawn Ziemek, Akron; two daughters, Ann Pannunzio, Fleming, Colo., Debbie Shanton, Littleton, Colo.; six grandchildren, Carissa and Nicole Ziemek, Akron, Chris Pannunzio III, Casper, Wyo., Heather, Amy and Anthony Shanton, Littleton, Colo.; one great-grandson, Chris Pannunzio IV; and one brother, Zig and wife Trudy Ziemek, Lyndon Station, Wis. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Julius and Eddie; and two grandchildren, Jakob and Nicholas Ziemek.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at Chapel Hill Cemetery, Littleton, Colo. Burial is at Chapel Hill Cemetery, Littleton, Colo. Visitation is 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Friday, June 4, 2004

Willis M. Swick

June 13, 1915–June 2, 2004

Willis M. SWICK, 88, Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, and formerly of Akron, passed away at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday at the retirement community.

Born in Kosciusko County to Herman and Mary Windbigler Swick, he married Mary R. Morris on Jan. 23, 1936, at Beaver Dam Lake, Claypool. She preceded him in death on May 2, 1997.

He was a truck driver and former foreman at Orange Grove, La Belle, Fla.

Survivors include one daughter, Suzanne and husband Walter Hempenius, Cary, Ill.; two sons, Paul and wife Katherine Swick, Zanesville, Roy Lee "Skip" Swick, Athens; nine grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and one sister, Ann Douglas, Bradenton, Fla. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur Swick and Charles Swick.

A memorial service is at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial is at Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake. No visitation is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to Peabody Retirement Home, North Manchester.

Saturday, June 5, 2004

Robert D. Merley

Robert D. MERLEY, 83, of 218 W. Chestnut, New Carlisle, formerly of Akron, passed away at 8:25 a.m. Thursday. Arrangements are pending.

Monday, June 7, 2004

Mable Florence Baber

April 13, 1908–June 5, 2004

Mable Florence BABER, 96, of Denver, passed away at 6 p.m. Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

Born in Akron, she was the daughter of Odie M. and Nona Van Lue Keesey. On June 25, 1925, she married Calvin Earl Baber in St. Joseph, Mich. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Baber was a homemaker and a member of the Denver Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include five children, William Baber and special friend Alice, Pine City, Minn., Richard Baber and wife Drenda, Macy, Kenneth Baber and wife Marjorie, Warsaw, Eldonna Blacketor and husband Don, Fort Wayne, and Nancy Sarver and husband Jerry, Denver; 16 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren; five sisters, Ruby Cumberland, Rochester, Kathryn Barker, Logansport, Patricia Stansbury, Danville, Ill., Sue Smith, Rochester, and Janet White, Rochester. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Fred, Bob and Ray Keesey; and three sisters, Doris Ellis, Helen Putterbaugh and Evelyn Miller.

Her funeral service is 1 p.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home with the Rev. Steve Bate and the Rev. Lawrence See officiating. Burial is at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of her service Wednesday. Memorials may be made to

Denver Baptist Church Building Fund.

John J. Callahan

July 28, 1932–June 6, 2004

John J. CALLAHAN, 71, of 1134 N. 475 E., Winamac, passed away at 2:45 a.m. Sunday at his residence.

Born in Wabash to John J. Callahan Sr. and Ruth Anderson Callahan, he married Dorothy M. Weisenburger on June 25, 1955 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Winamac. She survives.

Mr. Callahan was a farmer and was employed at GenCorp, Logansport. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Winamac, and had served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict in 1953-54 with the 709th Military Police Battalion, Frankfurt, Germany. He loved farming and took great pride in the farm he purchased in 1961. He loved gardening and tending his flowers. He was an avid reader and enjoyed watching old westerns and the Chicago Cubs (just wait 'til next year!).

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy M. Callahan, Winamac; two daughters, Debra and husband Dennis Johnston, Portage, and Heather Callahan, Winamac; two sons, Timothy and wife Laura Callahan, Patrick Callahan, all of Winamac; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Johnston, Portage, Erin Johnston, Indianapolis, Ryan Johnston, Portage, Jamie Callahan, Nicole Johnston, Lexi Callahan and Tyler Callahan, all of Winamac; one brother, Charles and wife Bonita Callahan, North Manchester; three sisters, Mary Montel, North Manchester, Berdene and husband Maurice Azbell, Rochester, and Frances Callahan, Winamac. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Angela Johnston; one sister, Catherine Callahan; and three brothers, Donald, Harvey and Russell Callahan.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Winamac, with the Rev. Tim McFarland officiating. Burial is Wednesday at St. Peter's Cemetery, Winamac. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Tuesday and after 8 a.m. Wednesday at Frain Mortuary, 305 E. Main St., Winamac. The Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Memorials may be made to Pulaski Memorial Home Health Care or American Cancer Society. American Legion Post No. 71 and VFW Post No. 1728 will conduct military graveside services.

Dakota Grace Randall

May 24, 1992–June 4, 2004

Dakota Grace RANDALL, 12, of 13784 6A Road, Plymouth, passed away at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include her mother, Jeanne Randall, Plymouth; father, Rodney Randall, Osceola; and one sister, Savannah, at home.

Her funeral service is 1 p.m. Wednesday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday or noon until the hour of her service Wednesday.

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Robert D. Merley

July 13, 1920–June 3, 2004

Robert D. MERLEY, 83, New Carlisle, died at 8:42 a.m. Thursday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Survivors include three daughters, Connie Dominiack, South Bend, Bonnie Carter, New Carlisle, and Debra Merley, Mishawaka; one son, Robert L. Merley, LaPorte; and one sister, Patricia Keim, Peoria, Ill.

His funeral service was Monday at the New Carlisle Fire Station.

Wednesday, June 9, 2004

Tad H. Louderback

June 10, 1929-June 8, 2004

Tad H. LOUDERBACK, 74, of 2712 Country Club Drive South, Rochester, died at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born on June 10, 1929, in Rochester, to L.V.R. and Amelia Josephine Carlton Louderback, he was a 1947 graduate of Rochester High School. He graduated from Purdue University in 1952. On Oct. 21, 1961, he married Lana Cox in Peru.

Mr. Louderback was a U.S. Army veteran. He worked for McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis after college. He returned to Rochester to purchase the Chevrolet auto dealership from his uncle, Harry Louderback. He then bought the Buick auto dealership from his father and eventually, he bought the Oldsmobile, Cadillac and Pontiac dealerships from Lynn Kimmel. He later moved the dealerships to East Ninth Street and Indiana 25, now Shepherd's Automotive.

Mr. Louderback was a member of Rochester Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge and Grace United Methodist Church. He enjoyed his family, friends, sailing, Lake Manitou and his computer. He had his pilot's license and enjoyed flying.

Survivors include his wife, Lana Louderback, Rochester; daughters, Karen Louderback and husband Joe Shaulis, Marietta, Ga., Laura and husband Todd Dorsey, Portland, Ore.; grandchildren, Jacob Shaulis, Marietta, Ga., Jordan Shaulis, Jessica Shaulis, both of Victoria, Texas, Aiden Dorsey, Audrey Jane Dorsey, both of Portland, Ore.; sister, Linda Damas, Rochester; nieces, Dru and husband Douglas Johnson, Rochester, Ty Rice, Peru; and nephew, Seth and wife Cherie Damas, Kokomo. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Amy Jane Louderback, on April 10, 1993; an infant son; and his parents.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Friday at Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, with the Rev. Rick Taylor officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service Friday at the church. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church or the donor's favorite charity.

Thursday, June 10, 2004

Eldon D. Senff

Eldon D. SENFF, 71, of 3730 S. 950 West, Mentone, died on March 13, in Brownsville, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, June, and children.

A graveside memorial service is at 2 p.m. Friday at the Mentone Cemetery. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is in charge of arrangements.

Friday, June 11, 2004

[No obits]

Saturday, June 12, 2004

Richard A. Eads

Richard A. EADS, 52, of 3023 NW Lakeshore Dr., Macy, died at 7:57 p.m. Friday in the

Woodlawn Hospital emergency room. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

James R. Vires

May 17, 1936-June 10, 2004

James R. VIRES, 68, of 10013 16th Road, Argos, died Thursday at his home. Survivors include former wives, Kathyln Doody, Sue Whitaker and Martha Ritter; one daughter, Angela Fields, Rochester; three sons, Terry Vires, Florida, James Vires Jr., Indianapolis, Michael Vires, Rochester; four sisters, Betty Houin, Argos, Rhoda Hensley, Argos, Deloris Doody, Culver, Annetta Ritter, Rochester; and six brothers, Ewen Vires, Argos, Haroldean Vires, Granger, Pierce Vires Jr., Argos, Charles Vires, Argos, Bernard Vires, Bloomington, Larry Vires, Argos.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Monday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Friends may call from 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home.

Monday, June 14, 2004

Jerry Ann Dunbar

March 11, 1929-June 13, 2004

Jerry Ann DUNBAR, 75, Greenwood, died Sunday at Regency Place, Greenwood. Survivors include her husband, Frank H. Dunbar, Greenwood; one son, Daniel A. Dunbar, Wanatah; and one daughter, Pamela L. Radicella, Detroit.

A memorial service is 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

Richard A. Eads

Sept. 10, 1951-June 11, 2004

Richard A. EADS, 52, of 3023 Northwest Lakeshore Drive, Macy (Nyona Lake), passed away at 7:57 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital following a sudden illness.

Born in Rochester to William D. and Ruth L. Newton Eads, he married Patricia J. Frettinger on December 8, 1973, at Whippoorwill Community Church, northwest of Rochester. Mr. Eads was a lifetime resident of the Fulton County area and was a self-employed electrician. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia J. Eads, at home; two sisters, Barbara Bryant, Rochester, Jane Ann French and husband Don, Rockville; one brother, William Eads and wife Dortha, Rochester; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his mother on May 1, 1993; his father on January 31, 2004; and a nephew, Tommy Dunlap, in 1960.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Tuesday at Liberty Baptist Church, 2089 Liberty Road, Rochester, with Pastor Todd Kauffman officiating. Burial is at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery, northwest of Rochester. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at Foster & Good Funeral Home or one hour prior to his service at the church Tuesday. Memorials may be made to the Liberty Baptist Church.

Charles 'Richard' York

Jan. 30, 1928-June 13, 2004

Charles "Richard" YORK, 76, of 1838 S. Strawtown Pike, Peru, passed away at 2:40 p.m. Sunday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Born in Miami County to Paul and Mary Cunningham York, he married Donna Henry in

1948. She survives.

Mr. York lived all his life in Miami County and was a 1946 graduate of Peru High School. He was a former member of Denver Baptist Church and a current member of the Peru Grace Brethren Church. He was a general contractor, retiring in 1994.

Surviving with his wife include four sons, Charles R. York and wife Karen, Denver, Richard "Rick" H. York and wife Linda, Denver, Michael A. York and wife Tammy, Placerville, Calif., and Patrick K. York and wife Cindy, Rochester; and one daughter, Deborah Kay Murphy and husband Bruce, Denver; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson.

His funeral is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Peru Grace Brethren Church with pastors Jerry Kelley and Mark Spencer officiating. Burial is at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street, Peru.

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Evelyn Ann Flynn

Evelyn Ann FLYNN, 73, of 2955 Main St., Macy, died at 11:30 p.m. Monday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Jack Miller

Jack MILLER, 75, of 604 E. Water St., Akron, died at 6 a.m. today at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Rex Rhodes

Sept. 5, 1921-June 7, 2004

Rex RHODES, Albuquerque, N.M., died June 7 at Santa Fe Veterans' Hospital.

He was married to Joan Kindig Rhodes, who is deceased. Rex and Joan were the parents of two daughters, Debbie Rhodes Hellbach and husband Carl, Canyon, Texas, and Dana Rhodes Williams and husband Mike, Las Vegas, Nev., who survive. He was married and is survived by his present wife, Evelyn "Ann" Rhodes, together with her children, Jody and Don Vandock, Don and Janie States, and Jim and Barbara States, and their children and grandchildren.

He is also survived by one sister, Claudia Sriver, Akron, and one brother, Robert Rhodes, Rochester. Rex was preceded in death by his parents, W. "Court" Rhodes and Emma Hoppes Rhodes, Athens. He was the brother of Norman, Athens; Clyde, Grand Rapids, Minn.; Cecil, Athens; Dick, Akron; Don, Gas City; and Ross Rhodes, Phoenix, Ariz., all of whom are deceased. Rex Rhodes was a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army during the invasion of Normandy and was the recipient of the Purple Heart.

Rex Rhodes was a lifetime member of the International Lions Club and past president of the Four Hills Lions Club.

Cremation has taken place and the interment was at Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Memorial services were Sunday.

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Evelyn Ann Flynn

May 20, 1931–June 14, 2004

Evelyn Ann FLYNN, 73, of 2955 Main Street, Macy (Nyona Lake), passed away at 11:30 p.m. Monday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born in Fulton County, she was the daughter of William A. and Nettie L. Rinearson Hardacre. She married John R. Flynn in May of 1949. He preceded her in death in 1983.

Mrs. Flynn worked at Chamberlain's in Akron for over 19 years.

Survivors include her sisters, Joyce and husband Richard Denton, Huntington, Imogene Shedlock, Friends-wood, Texas; two brothers, Edward Hardacre, Huntington, and William Hardacre, Marion; nieces and nephews, David and wife Debbie Hardacre, Macy, Vickie and husband Carl Burman, Macy, Susan Wert, Mentone, Robert and wife Janice McClain, Argos, Virginia Sivits, Logansport, and Juanita and husband Ned Rentschler, Fulton. She was preceded in death by three sons, Steven, Bruce and Mark Flynn; two brothers, Lamoine and Wayne Hardacre; and one sister, Josephine McClain.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson St., Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial is at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from noon to the time of her service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Roy B. Leap

Roy B. LEAP, 89, of 1606 Sunset Dr., Rochester, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Jack D. Miller

Feb. 23, 1929–June 15, 2004

Jack D. MILLER, 75, of 604 E. Water St., Akron, passed away at 6 a.m. Tuesday at his residence. His health had been failing for several years.

Born in Warsaw to Joseph A. and Edna Joy Martin Miller, he married Sharon Bowen on July 21, 1962. She survives.

Mr. Miller was a 1947 graduate of Tippecanoe High School and retired from Sonoco Products Co., Akron, after 21 years of service. He attended the Akron United Methodist Church and was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean War. He was a driver for the Akron EMS for nine years. He spent four years on the town council. An avid model railroad buff, he enjoyed showing his train layout to third graders every year.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Miller, Akron; his mother, Edna Joy Miller, Winona Lake; two daughters, LuAnn Greene, North Manchester, Deb and husband Jim Glaze, Pierceton; five grandchildren, Stacy Stafford, Katie Rhodes, Jaclyn Glaze, James Glaze II and Jason D.R. Stafford; and one great-grandson, Bryce Rhodes. Preceding in death along with his father is one brother, James D. Miller, Feb. 21, 2000.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Robert Jarboe officiating. Burial is at Athens Cemetery. Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Thursday. Memorials may be made to Akron United Methodist Church or the Henry Township Fire Department

George Nick 'Greek' Prathaftakis

George Nick "Greek" PRATHAFTAKIS, 73, Rochester, passed away at 3:25 p.m. Tuesday at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Roland Neff Haimbaugh

June 16, 1904–June 16, 2004

Roland Neff HAIMBAUGH, 100, Indianapolis, died Wednesday at Hoosier Village Health Care Center, Zionsville.

Born in Rochester to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Haimbaugh, he was the brother of two sisters and two brothers. He married Catherine Mae Ridgley in 1929 and they lived most of their lives in Munster. She preceded him in death on Jan. 8, 1999.

Mr. Haimbaugh was a graduate of Indiana University with a degree in Chemistry. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

While in Munster, he worked at Sinclair refinery in their research department. He received two U.S. patents. He was always active in his community. He held perfect attendance in the Lion's Club and became a lifetime member. He was also active in his church and was one of the six charter members of the Munster Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include two sons, John W. and Roland Jr.; three grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and all his sisters and brothers.

A private service is being held without any visitation at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center, Zionsville.

Memorials may be made to Boone Co. Foundation, 60 E. Cedar St., Zionsville, IN 46077.

Roy Bernard Leap

May 22, 1915–June 15, 2004

Roy Bernard LEAP, 89, of 1606 Sunset Dr., Rochester, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Cicero to James Albert and Gertrude Foland Leap, he married Alberta McAvoy on June 14, 1941, in Westfield. They celebrated their 63-year anniversary on Monday. He resided in the Rochester community since 1958, coming here from Plainfield.

Mr. Leap was a heavy equipment mechanic for the former McMahon-O'Conner Construction Co., Rochester. He retired in 1978. He was a member of the Operating Engineers Union Local No. 103, Indianapolis, and No. 150, South Bend. He was a Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and stationed in the Phillipines, where he earned two Bronze Stars.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta L. Leap, at home; one daughter, Vicki Price and husband James Richard, Greenfield; one grandson, Bryan R. Price, Indianapolis; and one brother, Harold A. Leap and wife Elsie, Cicero. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Glenn G. Leap.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., with Pastor Buck Padilla officiating. Burial is at Cicero Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today or one hour prior to his service on Friday at the funeral home.

George Nick ‘Greek’ Prathaftakis

Dec. 3, 1930–June 15, 2004

George Nick “Greek” PRATHAFTAKIS, 73, of 203 Northgate Circle, Rochester, passed away at 3:25 p.m. Tuesday at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in South Bend to Anthony and Maria Costadoudakis Prathaftakis, he was a first family generation Greek born in the U.S. He married Barbara Campbell in July of 1956 in South Bend. He then married Eugenia Johnston Mattix on Dec. 1, 1980. She preceded him in death on Jan. 27, 1988.

Mr. Prathaftakis was a U.S. Army veteran having served in the occupation of Germany after World War II. He worked as a chef, bartender, and a magician. He worked as a chef and bartender at the Eagles Lodge, Elks Lodge, and Moose Lodge, all of Rochester, and at the Wabash Country Club, Wabash. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Moose Lodge. He was an avid card player.

Survivors include his daughters, Mary Catherine “Cathy” and husband John Ulrich, Republic, Mich., Tina and husband Donald Turnipseed, Ridgeland, S.C.; three sons, Michael Prathaftakis, Ridgeland, S.C., Phillip Prathaftakis, Rochester, John and wife Jan Prathaftakis, Dyer; four brothers, Tony and wife Joanna Prathaftakis, South Bend, Gus and wife Carol Prathaftakis, Osceola, Alex and wife Betty Prathaftakis, South Bend, Emmanuel Prathaftakis, Xania, Crete, Greece; two sisters, Helen and husband John Sarris, Milpitas, Calif., and Kathy King, San Bruno, Calif.; companion, Etta Kerns, Rochester; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Gloria Prathaftakis, on Aug. 11, 1992.

A memorial service is 7 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial is at Jordan Cemetery, Marshall County. Friends may call from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friday, June 18, 2004

Karen Sue Emmons

Karen Sue EMMONS, 56, of 4053 W. 700 North, Rochester, died at 12:39 a.m. today at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, June 19, 2004

Morris Glenn Beatty

Jan. 25, 1924–June 17, 2004

Morris Glenn BEATTY, of 508 W. Center St., Warsaw, and formerly of Akron, died Thursday at Mason Health Care Center, Warsaw.

Survivors include two brothers, Loren Beatty, Rochester, and Bobby Beatty, Watseka, Ill.; and one sister, Phyllis Powell, Williamsport.

His funeral service is at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Monday.

Morgan Alan Cummins

Morgan Alan CUMMINS, of 7482 N. 775 East, Rochester, was stillborn on Thursday at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include his parents John R. Cummins and wife Catheryn, Rochester; one sister,

Samantha Cummins, at home; and one brother, Joseph Cummins, at home.

Private graveside services will be Monday at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, is in charge of arrangements.

Karen Sue Emmons

Nov. 26, 1947-June 18, 2004

Karen Sue EMMONS, 56, of 4053 W. 700 North, Rochester, died at 12:39 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, where she had been a patient. Her health had been failing for the past year.

Born in Rochester to Klea and June Meinke Strong, she lived in the Rochester area most of her life. She was a graduate of Richland Center School in the last graduating class before consolidation with Rochester Community Schools in 1965.

On June 30, 1973, she married Bruce A. Emmons in Culver. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Culver Bible Church, Culver, and was active with the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, North Judson.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce A. Emmons, at home; one brother, Dennis Strong, Tempe, Ariz.; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Neal Emmons, at age 6.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Dan Huhn officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is 9 a.m. Monday until the service. Memorials may be made in her memory to the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, North Judson. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Monday, June 21, 2004

Wesley Dyer

Wesley DYER, 87, Hickory Creek at Rochester, and formerly of 1418 E. Olson Road, Rochester, died at 12:23 a.m. today at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

M. Vance Fenimore

Dec. 13, 1917-May 18, 2004

Merrill Vance FENIMORE, 86, formerly of Akron, died on May 18 in Leesburg, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn I. Fenimore; daughter, Susan, Orlando, Fla.; son, David, Hamilton, Ohio; and one sister, Donna Beavers, Flat Rock, N.C.

His memorial service was on May 21 in Leesburg, Fla.

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Damaris Theresa Cunningham

March 6, 1943-June 16, 2004

Damaris Theresa CUNNINGHAM, 61, died at 4:40 p.m. Wednesday at her home, 2915 Wedgewood Drive, Columbus.

She was a homemaker and educator in the Bartholomew County school system for more than 20 years. She graduated from Colorado State University in 1965. She earned a degree in English with high distinction.

A private family memorial service was held at her bedside. There will be no public

funeral or calling. Cremation is planned.

Born in Gary on March 6, 1943, Mrs. Cunningham was the daughter of Joseph and Damaris Snell Carbone. She married Larry L. Cunningham on July 27, 1968, in Gary. The son of Loren and Guyla Cunningham, Kewanna, he is the director of the Jennings County Public Library, North Vernon.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, Tasha Hall, Mars, Penn., Shala Cunningham, Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Adrian Cunningham, Columbus; and grandsons, Nate, Nick and Sam Hall, Mars, Penn. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Joseph Carbone Jr.

Memorial gifts may be made to a local hospice group or the local library.

Wesley Francis Dyer

Dec. 21, 1916–June 21, 2004

Wesley Francis DYER, 87, 1418 East Olson Road, Rochester, passed away at 12:23 a.m. Monday at Hickory Creek at Rochester Nursing Home after a 20-year illness.

Born in Muskegon Heights, Mich., he was the son of Francis Wesley and Marjorie Wallace Dyer. He married Marian M. Doten, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Doten, on Sept. 8, 1946, at the Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. The Rev. Alvin Doten and the Rev. Don Doten performed the wedding ceremony.

Mr. Dyer lived in the Rochester community for the past 55 years, coming here from Muskegon. He was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club in Michigan and the local Rochester Lions Club. He graduated from Muskegon Heights High School and later attended Purdue University, West Lafayette, and Tri-State College, Angola, where he earned a degree in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering in 1939. During his school days, he was very athletic, playing basketball and tennis on both the high school and collegiate levels.

Following his collegiate graduation, he was employed by Sealed Power Corp., central offices in Muskegon, and later promoted to the new Rochester Plant where he had served as the Plant Engineer. After retiring from Sealed Power, he owned and operated Dyer Electrical Service, Rochester, and later he had served as an electrical inspector for Rochester Homes.

He enjoyed his family, fishing, woodworking, candle making and the construction of specific pieces of furniture. A display case for the Fulton County Library is one of his well-known projects. He also loved camping, outdoor life and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Marian Dyer, 625 Oak Hill Avenue, Apt. 5, Plymouth; three daughters, Mary Hubbell, Muskegon, Mich., Denise Nigh and husband Brett, Noblesville, Darleen Baker and husband Chris, Rochester; seven grandchildren, Nathan and Andrea Baker; Morgan and Courtney Nigh; Stevie, Keith and Greg Hubbell. Also surviving are a nephew, Dick Dyer; a sister-in-law, Beatrice Dyer; and a brother-in-law, C.V. Horne. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, a brother and a grandson.

A private family service is Wednesday with Pastor Lawrence See officiating. Interment is at the Rochester Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Hickory Creek at Rochester Landscaping Fund, c/o Hickory Creek at Rochester Nursing Home, 340 E. 18th Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling his arrangements.

Robert Charles ‘Bob’ Horn

May 25, 1940–June 21, 2004

Robert Charles “Bob” HORN, 64, of 630 W. Eighth St., Rochester, passed away at 10:50 a.m. Monday at Hickory Creek at Rochester Nursing Home.

Born near Talma to Charles and Velma Smith Horn, he married Helen F. Arnett on July 1, 1960, in Rochester. She survives.

Mr. Horn was a lifetime resident of the Fulton County area. He was a Talma High School graduate in the Class of 1958 and later attended engineering schools in Detroit and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was employed by the Chrysler Corp. and the Daimler Chrysler Corp., Kokomo. He was a troubleshooting engineer and had worked at all three of the Kokomo area plants.

His love for automobiles carried over from his work life to his personal time. He was an avid drag racing fan and attended races from California to Canada and to Florida, including places in between, with his family. He was the owner, chief mechanic and designer for the Robert’s Automotive Racing Team, Rochester. He started out in C-Gas racing and continued on into AA Funny Car racing. He was a member of the N.H.R.A., I.H.R.A., and the United Auto Workers Union No. 1162, Kokomo. He enjoyed woodworking and had built the family residence where he lived. As a tool designer, he had designed many of his own tools used in woodworking and racing and had designed several tools for Daimler Chrysler. As a connoisseur of fast cars, he had a special passion for red Corvettes.

Survivors include his wife, Helen F. Horn, at home; one daughter, Christal Greives, Rochester; one son, Robert Lynn Horn and wife Kim, Coral Springs, Fla.; three grandchildren, Cassie Greives, Andrew Greives, both of Rochester, and Tyler Horn, Coral Springs, Fla.; his mother, Velma Gardner and husband Harold, Argos; four sisters, Jeanette Claminson, New York, Doris Newcomer and husband Bob, Rochester, Annabelle Marshall, Mentone, Donna Jean Arven and husband Dick, Florida; and several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his father in October of 1955, and a brother, Dale Horn in March of 1955.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Thursday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Ed Clark officiating. Interment will be at Athens Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday or one hour prior to his service Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to either the American Cancer Society or Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Marjorie E. Miller

Marjorie E. MILLER, 84, Friends Fellowship Community, Richmond, formerly of Macy and Denver, died at 9:04 p.m. Monday at Friends Fellowship Community, Richmond. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Marjorie E. Miller

Aug. 13, 1919–June 21, 2004

Marjorie E. MILLER, 84, formerly of Denver and Macy, passed away at 9:04 p.m. Monday at Friends Fellowship Community, Richmond.

Born in Miami County to Benjamin F. and Emma Ward Smith, she married Wayne W. Miller on Feb. 27, 1938, in Miami County. He preceded her in death on Aug. 29, 1989.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a teacher at North Miami Community Schools for 15 years. After educating her children, she attended Indiana University Kokomo and received a B.A.

degree. She received her Master's degree from Indiana University with a special education endorsement. She helped start the hot lunch program at Gilead School and was treasurer for 15 years of the P.T.A. She was a member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Macy, where she taught the adult married Sunday School class for many years. She was also a member of the Farm Bureau of Miami County where she was a district officer, the Perry Township Improvement Home Economics Club, a 50-year member of the Macy/Gilead Order of the Eastern Stars, and also the Miami County and Indiana retired teacher's associations.

Survivors include three daughters, Frances and husband Jay Campbell, Indianapolis, Marilyn and husband Harold Bradburn, Winchester, and Cheryl and husband Ellis Rudy, Richmond; one son, Carl and wife Mary Lou Miller, Thorntown; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Harold and wife Louise Smith, Winona Lake. She was preceded in death by one son, Harold Hal Miller in December of 1992; and two brothers, Benjamin and Wayne Smith.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Macy, with the Rev. Wayne Balmer officiating. Burial is at Gilead Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Macy, or the North Miami Schools Library.

Sharon S. Knauff

Jan. 20, 1944-June 22, 2004

Sharon S. KNAUFF, 60, of 196 Main St., Rochester, died at 1:14 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since Sunday following a sudden illness. Her health had been failing for two months.

Born on Jan. 20, 1944, in Rochester to Ralph Curtis Sr. and Edna Mae Paxton Curtis, she was a lifetime resident of this community. On Nov. 2, 1963, she married Bill Knauff in Rochester. He survives. She was a homemaker and member of Perrysburg Baptist Church, Perrysburg.

Survivors include her husband, at home; one daughter, Cassandra Miller and husband Matthew, Rochester; one grandson, Caleb Miller, Rochester; two granddaughters, Mackenzie and Makayla Miller, Rochester; her mother, Edna M. Curtis, Rochester; two brothers, Ralph Curtis Jr. and wife Peggy, Rochester, and Robert Curtis and wife Becky, Rochester; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph on July 17, 1990; one brother, James, in childhood; and two granddaughters, Madison Marie Knauff on Aug. 18, 1998, and Corinna Miller on May 21, 2003.

Her funeral service is at 11 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., with the Rev. Gene Personett officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to her service Friday at the funeral home.

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Barbara Ann Buchert

Aug. 3, 1931-June 1, 2004

Barbara Ann BUCHERT, 72, passed away June 1 at Hennis Care Centre, Bolivar, Ohio. She was born in Oconomowoc, Wis., on Aug. 3, 1931, to the late Leo and Vera Lehman Kelly. She was a resident of Rochester from 1968-1972.

Two sisters preceded Barbara in death. She is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Jolynn and Dan Cowley, Canton, Ohio, and Jana Barnhart, LaGrange; two sons and one

daughter-in-law, Richard and Michelle Buchert, Plymouth, and Robert Buchert, Cambridge, Ohio; one brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Karen Kelly, Weston, Wis.; and eight grandchildren.

Burial was at Highland Memorial Park near Sebring, Ohio, on June 7. Memorial contributions may be made to the Special Olympics.

Olive Julian

Olive JULIAN, former Rochester resident, died May 30 at Northridge, Calif. She was 101 years of age. Mrs. Julian was the widow of Raymond Julian, superintendent of Rochester schools who left here to join the faculty of the University of California at Northridge.

Among her survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Fonda Morris, of Northridge, also formerly of Rochester. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, Calif.

Wendell Norris

Wendell NORRIS, 89, Sebring, Fla., passed away Sunday at Royal Care, Avon Park, Fla.

Born in Rochester to Victor Leo and Minnie Alice Bowen Norris, he graduated from Richland Center in Fulton County in 1933. He married Helen L. Parker in Bourbon on April 19, 1941.

Mr. Norris was a farmer until 1970. He moved to Sebring, Fla., in 1977. He was a former member of Argos First Baptist Church and Hillcrest Baptist Church, Rochester. He was a member and deacon of Maranatha Baptist Church, Sebring, Fla., and a former member of Gideons International.

Survivors include six sons, Edward, Ocean Park, Wash., David, Orlando, Fla., Maynard, Jackson, Mich., Stephen, Carmel, Byron, Peru, and Daniel, Philadelphia; one brother, Manford, Wanatah; one sister, Betty Miller, Leesburg, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. today at Maranatha Baptist Church, Sebring, Fla. Burial is at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Avon Park, Fla. Morris Funeral Chapel, Sebring, Fla., is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to Gideons International.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Saturday at McDonald Funeral Home, Eddingfield Chapel, Wabash. Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Daryl Wayne Shidler

April 6, 1972-June 23, 2004

Daryl Wayne SHIDLER, 32, Wabash, died Wednesday at Wabash County Hospital.

Survivors, all of Wabash, include two sons, Donavan and Wayne Shidler; two daughters, Madelyn D. and Myka Shidler; three brothers, Kirk, Greg, and Troy Shidler; and one sister, Kimberly Shidler.

Frances E. Werner

Sept. 27, 1919-June 23, 2004

Frances E. WERNER, 84, formerly of 73 N. 100 West, Rochester, died at 7:56 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born on Sept. 27, 1919, in Winamac to Charlie and Bertha Shidaker Bitterling, she lived her entire life in the Fulton and Pulaski County areas. On May 21, 1938, she married Roger Wilson Werner in Winamac. He preceded her in death on Sept. 17, 1970. She was an office manager for the former Werner's Welding Shop, Rochester, for several years.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Lee and husband Jerry, Rochester; two

grandsons, Nik Lee and wife Laura, Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Arik Lee and wife Deb, Rochester; three great-grandchildren, Madeleine Lee, Nathaniel Lee, both of Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Tanner Lee, Rochester; and nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Ronnie Dean Werner on March 26, 1983; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Annabelle Sparks and Norma Evans; and two brothers, Harold and Kenny Bitterling.

Her funeral is 2 p.m. Sunday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Rick Taylor officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is 2-6 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to her service Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or Fulton County Alzheimer's Association.

Friday, June 25, 2004

[no obits]

Saturday, June 26, 2004

Loren L. Tridle

April 4, 1914-June 24, 2004

Loren L. TRIDLE, 90, of 402 W. Monroe St., Mentone, died at 9:25 a.m. Thursday at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Born in Kosciusko County to Glen Tridle and Mattie Pfeleiderer, he lived in the Mentone area for 58 years coming from Sidney. He married Mary Kathryn Ayers on Nov. 24, 1938 in North Manchester. She passed away August 25, 2001.

A 1932 graduate of Sidney High School, he played basketball and was responsible for giving Sidney the name Wildcats. He also had perfect attendance. He had owned and operated Mentone Stockyards for more than 60 years where he was a livestock buyer.

He was the former president of the Mentone Town Board, past Parade Marshall of the Mentone Egg Festival, and a member of the Mentone Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic Lodge of Mentone, the Scottish Rite of Ft. Wayne, Mizpah Shrine of Warsaw, the NRA and Eel River Bretheran Church. He attended the Mentone United Methodist Church and was active in the Kosciusko County Fair Association.

Survivors include two daughters, Lorna Klein and Kathi Kinney, both of Mentone; one son, Eddy Tridle and wife Beth, Indianapolis; three granddaughters, Ruth Klein-Banghart, Rebecca Kinney-Spitler and Megihann Kinney; and one nephew, Roger Montel and wife Linda, Mentone. He was preceded in death by his wife, brother, Earl Tridle, and one grandson, Christopher Loren Klein, on Oct. 10, 1995.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with Rev. Doris Smith and Rev. Will Lawson officiating. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. A Masonic Lodge service will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be at Eel River Ulrey Cemetery, Silver Lake. Memorials may be made to Bell-Memorial Library or the Shriner's Hospital.

Richard "Bo" Wayne Brown Jr.

Feb. 28, 1963-June 16, 2004

Richard "Bo" Wayne BROWN Jr., 41, Arlington, Texas, and formerly of Rochester, passed away on June 16 at an Arlington hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Kimberly Brown, Arlington, Texas; daughter, Morgan Brown, Arlington, Texas; father, Cecil Collins, Orlando, Fla.; and sister, Mary Collins, Orlando, Fla. A memorial service will be held in Rochester at a later date.

Carolyn J. Bauman-Wayne

Dec. 15, 1948-June 22, 2004

Carolyn J. Bauman-WAYNE, 55, Summerfield, Ill., died Tuesday at her residence. Survivors include her husband, Clyde Wayne, Summerfield, Ill.; mother, Norma Burns, Akron; sons, Wendell Newcomb, San Jose, Calif., and Greg Newcomb, Summerfield, Ill.; daughter, Traci Parker, Summerfield, Ill.; brother, Randy Burns, Akron; and sisters, Janet Black, Akron, and Marcia Mikels, Etna Green.

Her funeral service was 10 a.m. Friday at Moss Funeral Home, Trenton, Ill.

Monday, June 28, 2004

Jeffrey Wayne Clevenger

Aug. 23, 1962-June 25, 2004

Jeffrey Wayne CLEVINGER, 41, Colony, Mo., formerly of Rochester, passed away Friday in Colony, Mo.

Jeffrey was born on Aug. 23, 1962, in Rochester to James Leon and Katrina Freels Clevenger.

He received his education in Rochester schools and the Professional Driving Institute in South Bend. He was a self-employed truck driver. He loved animals, race cars and NASCAR racing. He enjoyed older people and during his time in Indiana he took care of the elderly in his home. He resided in the Colony area since 1998 and was a member of Colony Baptist Church.

Survivors include his companion, Brenda Drexler, Colony, Mo.; his parents, James and Katrina Clevenger, Rochester; one brother, James and wife Kristine Clevenger, Rochester; one sister, Jane Clevenger, Rochester; three nephews, David and Nick Clevenger, and Landrey Baldwin; two nieces, Laci Baldwin and Laura Clevenger; along with several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Walter and Frances Freels, and Lloyd and Neva Clevenger; and one cousin, William Graham.

A graveside service was Sunday at the Colony Cemetery with the Rev. Steve Jarvis officiating. Local arrangements were handled by the Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Kevin J. Heuer

Kevin J. HEUER, 42, of 338 W. Church St., Argos, passed away at 10 a.m. Sunday at Maple Road, South of Indiana 10 at the intersection with the CSX railroad tracks. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Mildred I. Turk

Mildred I. TURK, 96, of 846 S. Indiana 19, Akron, formerly of Clarion, Iowa, passed away at 4 p.m. Saturday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester. A memorial service will be held at a later date with Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, handling her arrangements.

Tuesday, June 29, 2004

Freeman L. Gruenewald

Freeman L. GRUENEWALD, 85, formerly of Mentone, died at 11:20 p.m. Monday at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Kevin J. Heuer

Feb. 6, 1962-June 27, 2004

Kevin J. HEUER, 42, of 338 W. Church St., Argos, died at 10 a.m. Sunday at Maple Road, south of Indiana 10 at the intersection with the railroad tracks.

He is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Janice Heuer, at home; and two sisters, Kathy Heuer, South Bend, and Kim O'Dell, Argos.

His funeral is 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church, Culver. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Bruce B. Mills

May 26, 1944-June 27, 2004

Bruce B. MILLS, 60, Carmel, a loving husband and father, passed away Sunday.

Born on May 26, 1944, in Indianapolis, to Richard H. and Mary K. Sullivan Mills, he was a 1966 graduate of Ball State University. Bruce was a member of Meridian Street United Methodist Church and Lambda Chi Alpha.

He loved hunting, fishing and boating on Lake Manitou. He spent most of his career in the telephone communications field.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Sandra A. Price Mills; one daughter, Heather R. Mills; one son, Matthew C. Mills, Durango, Colo.; one brother, Richard A. and wife Susan Mills; several nieces and nephews; and many longtime friends, including a dear friend, Roy Cooper.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center, 325 E. Carmel Drive, Carmel. Friends may visit the family from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials may be made to the Julian Center. www.flannerbuchanan.com.

Wednesday, June 30, 2004

Freeman L. Gruenewald

Nov. 12, 1918-June 28, 2004

Freeman L. GRUENEWALD, 85, Ligonier, died Monday at Avalon Village Health Care, Ligonier.

Survivors include three sons, Dennis Gruenewald, Woodbury, Minn., Lowell Gruenewald, Claypool, and Warren Gruenewald, Winona Lake; two brothers, Dwight Gruenewald, Flora, Ill., and Sterling Gruenewald, Edmonds, Wash.

His funeral service is 9:30 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Russell Wayne Haag

Russell Wayne HAAG, 69, of 701 E. 10th St., Rochester, passed away at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday at St. Frances Hospital, Beech Grove. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Arlene R. Musselman

Dec. 26, 1914–June 29, 2004

Arlene R. MUSSELMAN, 89, of 3518 S. Shelby St., Indianapolis, formerly of Twelve Mile, died Tuesday at Bethany Village Nursing Home, Indianapolis.

One son, Stanley A. Musselman, Greenwood, survives.

A graveside service is 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Mud Creek Chapel Cemetery near Speck's Corner, Nyona Lake. Visitation is noon-2 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton.

Thursday, July 1, 2004

Christopher M. Appleton

July 2, 1991–June 28, 2004

Christopher M. APPLETON, 12, of 3172 W. 900 North, Macy, passed away at 12:53 p.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Health Care System, Pensacola, Fla.

Born in Peru to David and Elizabeth Hagenbush Appleton, who survive at home, he had just completed sixth-grade at North Miami Elementary School. He was a member of the Olive Branch Church of God. He enjoyed showing ducks at the Miami County 4-H Fair and playing in the North Miami youth baseball league. He was the recipient of the J.R. Piotter award.

Surviving with his parents are his brother, Brandon Appleton, who attends Tri-State University, Angola; grandparents, Don and Jackie Hagenbush, and Pat and Jack McPherson, all of Peru; aunts and uncles, Judy Appleton, Peru, Mike and Paula Appleton, Urbana, and Chris and Deb Hagenbush, Tokyo; and several loving cousins and dear friends.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Monday at Olive Branch Church of God, 4581 E. 1200 North, with Pastor Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial is at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Riley Children's Hospital and/or Olive Branch Church of God. Funeral arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Ruth E. Blue

April 6, 1907–June 30, 2004

Ruth E. BLUE, 97, formerly of the Peru and Rochester areas, passed away at 7:55 a.m. Wednesday at Peabody Retirement Community Home, North Manchester.

Born in Peru to Charles and Estella Nelson Bowman, she married Robert W. Blue on Feb. 15, 1927. He preceded her in death on July 6, 1962.

Mrs. Blue was a retired seamstress at Hart Schaffner & Marx and was a member of the Moose Auxiliary and the Eagles Auxiliary, all of Rochester.

Survivors include one son, Robert L. Blue and wife, Marge, 2134 Wolf's Point Drive, Rochester; two grandchildren, Linda Jo Davenport, Rochester, and Gregory Alan Blue and wife Teresa, Phillips, Wisc.; and five great-grandchildren, Joseph, Jessie, Jodie, Kelly and Katie. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial is at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Peabody Retirement Community Home, Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice, and/or favorite charity.

Russell Wayne Haag

May 4, 1935–June 29, 2004

Russell Wayne HAAG, 69, of 701 E. 10th St., Rochester, passed away at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday at St. Frances Hospital, Beech Grove, where he had been a patient. His health was failing for the past two years.

Born in North Liberty to Elmer R. and Lucille Lathrop Haag, he married Joan Alspach Keele on June 15, 2001, in Argos. She survives.

Mr. Haag had lived in the Rochester community since 2001. He moved from Argos where he had lived since 1996. Earlier, he resided in Wisconsin, Chicago and Texas.

He was a 1954 graduate of Tyner High School and attended Moody Bible Institute. While in Wisconsin, he was involved in maple syrup production. In Texas, he was an engineer in the farm implement industry. Locally, he was a locksmith and a former employee of Ball-Band Corp., Mishawaka.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran who served in England and France during the reconstruction following World War II. He attended Argos Bible Church, Argos.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Haag, at home; one stepdaughter, Melody Gentry and husband Mark, Rochester; one stepson, Charles Clawson and wife Deidra, North Manchester; one stepgranddaughter, Tiffany Gentry, Rochester; three sisters, Waneta Coughenour, Argos, Leona Boswell, Tyner, Maxine Angel, Elkhart; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Virginia Rensberger and Louella Preston; and one brother, Frank Haag.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday at Argos Bible Church with the Rev. Mark Fishburn officiating. Burial is at Athens Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, or one hour prior to his service Friday at the church. The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Memorials may be made to Argos Bible Church or Marshall County Cancer Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Lewis W. Hoover

July 10, 1917–June 30, 2004

Lewis W. HOOVER, 86, of 9826 N. York St., Rensselaer, passed away of a sudden illness at 9:49 a.m. Wednesday at Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer.

Born in Chalmers to Mark Elmer and Cleo Stella Mellender Hoover, he married Doris Brown Hoover on Nov. 24, 1942, in Crown Point. She survives.

Mr. Hoover was a lifetime resident of White County and worked at Alcoa, Lafayette, for 35 years before retiring. He was a member of Monon United Methodist Church and Alcoa's 25 year club, retiree's club, and recycling team. He was a 1935 graduate of Monon High School.

Surviving with his wife are one daughter, Carol and husband John Walker, Rochester; one son, Carl Hoover and wife Betty, Indianapolis; and four sisters, Laura Hoover, Hazel Hoover, Ida Bulington, all of Monon, and Millie and husband Bill Bunton, Michigan City; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one infant daughter and one brother.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Kellogg Funeral Home, Monon, with Pastor Mathew Pickut officiating. Burial is at Osborne Cemetery, Rensselaer. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Monon United Methodist Church.

Joseph O. James

Sept. 30, 1929–July 1, 2004

Joseph O. JAMES, 74, of 530 Fulton Avenue, Rochester, passed away of a short illness at 4:30 a.m. today at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Born in Marion to Henry Ward and Helen P. Henning James, he married Doris Jane Cochran on May 21, 1955, in Rochester. She preceded him in death on Oct. 1, 1990.

Mr. James lived most of his life in the Rochester community. He came here from Grass Creek. He worked for more than 50 years for Conrail in Chicago and mainly in Knox. He retired on July 4, 1983. A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he was discharged in 1953. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 36 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Rochester, and enjoyed gardening as a hobby.

Survivors include two daughters, Janet and husband Loren Shambarger, Macy, and Ms. Linda Ann James, Rochester; two grandsons, Michael Shambarger, Macy, and Ryan Shambarger, Fort Wayne; four sisters, Deloris Sollars, Monticello, Martha Steele, Monon, Lula and husband Aron Ousley Kewanna, and Mildred and husband Marion Miller, Argos; and one brother, Jim James and wife Shirley, Kewanna. He was preceded in death by one sister, Margie; and three brothers, Jack, Larry and Bob.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Saturday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Steve Fleck officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday or one hour prior to his service Saturday at the funeral home. The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will perform military graveside rites.

Michael David Martin Sr.

Sept. 14, 1943-June 22, 2004

Michael David MARTIN Sr., 60, Monee, Ill., passed away June 22 at his home from congestive heart failure.

He is the beloved husband of Edwina Gudas, whom he married on Sept. 16, 1967, at St. Peters Catholic Church, Winamac. He is the loving father of Antoinette Josephina "Tina" and son-in-law, Kenneth Zuchel, Glendale Heights, Ill.; Michael Jr. and daughter-in-law, Christine, St. Joseph, Mich.; Bette Lynette and son-in-law, Lee Edgar, Wheaton, Ill.; and Eric Winfield and friend, Iwona Zeilinski, Oswego, Ill. He was a devoted grandfather to Brianna Thomas, Austin Edgar, Kristin and Ryan Martin, and Robbie Winters.

Born Sept. 14, 1943, he is the son of the late Betty Fern, nee Lewis, and Lionel Martin. He is the son-in-law of the late Joseph and Antonia Gudas, Kewanna.

Known as "Mike" and "Marty," he was a veteran U.S. Marine who served during the Vietnam War from Camp Pendleton, San Diego, Calif. Trained to work on helicopters, he was also the bugler who awakened his buddies for duty.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman until he became disabled and could no longer participate. He liked watching sports on television and cheering on his favorite teams.

He loved traveling for his employer, ATF Davidson International, in the capacity of consultant and advisor. He helped foreign countries set up manufacturing plants for printing presses. He traveled extensively to China, Israel and Kuwait. He was a very outgoing person and loved communicating with whoever he had contact.

He is also survived by his loving sister, Yvonne Horton; loving brother, Robert Martin; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws in Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.

Visitation was 3-9 p.m. Monday at Gerharz Funeral Home, Lemont, Ill. Mass was 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. He was transported to Mt. Vernon Memorial Gardens for interment in the veteran's valor section in the shadow of the Veterans Memorial. There was a

luncheon for his family and friends at noon Tuesday at Ripples Restaurant, Darien, Ill. Condolences and sympathy cards may be sent to his wife, Edwina Martin, 7245 Dralle Road, Monee, Ill. 60449.

Friday, July 2, 2004

Lyn Ann Holloway

Jan. 4, 1955-July 1, 2004

Lyn Ann HOLLOWAY, 49, of 1419 Ewing Road, Rochester, died at 12:16 p.m. Thursday at her residence following a lengthy illness.

Born on Jan. 4, 1955, to Donald and Maxine Dunlap Metheny in Knox, she lived in the Rochester area for 30 years. She moved here from California where she lived for seven years. On Nov. 20, 1971, she married Rob L. Holloway Jr. in Rochester.

She was a former 15-year employee of Hart Schaffner & Marx Corp., Rochester. She was assistant manager of Desert Center R.V. Park in California for seven years. She attended Rochester Community High School with the class of 1974.

A member of First Church of God, Rochester, she was a very talented artist, known by family and friends for her beautiful crocheting and decoupage. She loved wildlife and was on a first-name basis with several local geese who she not only fed, but named, near her Lake Manitou home. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends to whom she gave so much love.

Survivors include her husband, Rob L. "Opie" Holloway, at home; one daughter, Chrystal Lyn Raderstorf, Rochester; one son, Robert Lee Holloway III and wife Jana, Houston, Texas; one granddaughter, Tori Lyn Raderstorf, Rochester; her parents, Donald and Maxine Metheny, Rochester; two sisters, Robin Woodruff and husband Bill, St. Charles, Ky., and Debbie Powell and husband Rolland, Akron; one brother, Terry Metheny and wife Heather, Plymouth; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St, Rochester, with the Rev. David Dittman officiating. Burial will be at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to her service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice or American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Saturday, July 3, 2004

[no obits]

Monday, July 5, 2004

[no paper - holiday]

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Meredith 'Tim' D. Gohn

July 28, 1927-July 4, 2004

Meredith "Tim" D. GOHN, 76, Strawberry Hill Road, South Bend, died at 5:37 p.m. Sunday after a courageous battle with cancer in the Health Care Center of St. Paul's Retirement Community, South Bend.

Born on July 28, 1927, in Rochester to Raymond and Jeanette Noftsger Gohn, he was

preceded in death by his parents and brother, Robert L. Gohn Sr.

On April 10, 1954, in Rochester, he married Sally Riemersma. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Sally; by his daughter and son-in-law, Debra and David Nicholson, Granger; by three grandchildren; and by two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Jean Wallace, Longview, Wash., and Rosemary DeWitt, Lebanon; and one sister-in-law, Carolyn Gohn, Rochester.

A Rochester High School graduate, Mr. Gohn graduated from North Manchester College in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in business. He was an avid sports fan of NASCAR, the IRL, his beloved Cubs and Notre Dame football.

He retired from the Bendix Corp. in 1991. He was a member of the American Legion, Rochester. He was particularly proud to have served his country during World War II in the Navy. He was honorably discharged in 1947.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Evangelical Free Church, 61770 Miami Road, South Bend, IN 46614, with the Rev. Craig Clapper officiating. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, where military rites will be performed by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan St., South Bend, and one hour prior to the funeral service Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 535 W. Edison, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Max A. Grube

July 3, 1925-July 5, 2004

Max A. GRUBE, 79, of 1223 Main St., Rochester, died at 10:33 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital shortly after suffering a sudden illness at his home.

Born on July 3, 1925, in Fulton County near Kewanna to Jennings B. and Bertha F. Little Grube, he lived most of his life in the Fulton County area. On July 3, 1948, he married Stella Mae Patton in Marion. She survives.

On May 1, 1986, he retired from the Bendix Corp. Aircraft Division, South Bend, after 34 years of service. He was a U.S. Marine who served in the Pacific Theater at Pearl Harbor during World War II. He was a member of the Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Manitou Moose Lodge No. 1107, both in Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Stella Mae Grube, at home; three sons, Morgan B. Grube and friend Betty Prawdzik, Peru, Wayne Grube and wife Diann, Rochester, and Mark Grube and wife Diana, Fulton; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Etcheson and husband Carl, Fort Myers, Fla., and Betty Dunlap and husband Kenny, Fort Myers, Fla.; four brothers, Paul Grube and wife Pat, Kewanna; Eldon Grube and wife Linda, Kokomo, Carl Grube and wife Pearl, Kewanna, and Allen Grube and wife Sue, Rochester; one sister-in-law, Louise Grube, Rochester; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Monty; a granddaughter, Michelle; and two brothers, Walter and Rex.

His funeral is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. David Dittman officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, where American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to his service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Bradie Manns

July 19, 1925-July 4, 2004

Bradie MANNS, 78, of 808 E. Main St., Akron, died at 10:55 a.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek, Rochester.

Born July 19, 1925, in Carey, Ohio, to Mitchell and Gracie Barnett Manns, he lived in the Akron area most of his life. On Feb. 14, 1946, he married Oma Hackworth in Prestonburg, Ky. She survives.

He was a maintenance man at Honeywell Inc., Wabash. A member of the Gospel Hill Pentecostal Church, Silver Lake, he was a talented musician who played the banjo and guitar. He loved to tinker with small engines in his spare time and was an avid CBer.

Survivors include his wife, Oma Manns, Akron; two daughters, Delores Dague and husband Joe, Kewanna, and Diann Grube and husband Wayne, Rochester; two sons, Dewayne Manns and wife Carolyn, Yantis, Texas, and Dewight Manns and wife Carolyn, Akron; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Oscar Manns, Akron, and Carmel Manns and wife Opal, Akron; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, one nephew and one sister-in-law.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Rev. Frank Whitaker officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Fulton County Transpo.

Adolph Junior Nordman

Nov. 11, 1928-July 3, 2004

Adolph Junior NORDMAN, 75, of 10375 S. Edgewater Drive, Silver Lake, died at 5:30 a.m. Saturday at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester. Born on Nov. 11, 1928, in Wabash County to Adolf Johnson Nordman and Iva Inez Bolinger Nordman, he married Ruth E. Saylor on Sept. 17, 1950, in Roann. A 1946 graduate of Gilead High School, he worked for 39 years as a supervisor of the foundry pattern shop at Ford Meter Box, Wabash. He retired on Jan. 4, 1994. He also worked for Hawley Manufacturing, Wabash, and farmed.

He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wabash, where he held many offices. He participated in the planning and construction of both the 1970 remodeling of the old church and the 1999 construction of the new church. He held offices in and was a member of the Wabash Lions Club and was past president of the American Foundry Association, Fort Wayne. He was an avid reader, loved to fish, hunt and square dance, and collected miniature John Deere tractors and John Deere books. He also helped with the Christmas decorations at the courthouse. He lived in Wabash for 45 years at 583 Manchester Avenue.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth E. Nordman, Silver Lake; two daughters, Patricia R. (Joseph) Hidy, Wabash; Joan M. (Lloyd) Lambert, Macy; son, Duane (Jo) Nordman, Wabash; three granddaughters, Katena L. (Brian) Vice, Fulton; Amy S. (Don) Marlow, Kewanna, and Mary E. Fording, Logansport; three grandsons, Joseph G. Hidy, Braden Nordman, Joshua Nordman, all of Wabash; five brothers, Truman (Doris) Nordman, Akron; Wayne (Earleen) Nordman, Roann, Frank (Barbara) Nordman, Wabash, Paul (Virginia) Nordman, Lebanon, Johnson (Carol) Nordman, Cassville; brother-in-law, Robert (Marie) Saylor, Denver; nephew, Bobby Saylor, Columbia, S.C.; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lois Deeter; her husband, Robert; and his sister, Novella Nordman.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wabash. Burial will be at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. today at Grandstaff-Hentgen Manchester Avenue Chapel, Wabash. The memorial guestbook for Adolph may be signed at grandstaff-hentgen.com. Memorials may be made to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Memorial Fund.

Thomas ‘Tom,’ ‘Zim’ Joseph Zimmerman

Thomas “Tom,” “Zim” Joseph ZIMMERMAN, 39, Blanchester, Ohio, and formerly of Rochester, died Friday.

He was the beloved husband of Trina Jo (nee Bobb) Zimmerman; loving father of Garrett (13), Sydney (10) and Keegan (4) Zimmerman; dear brother of Pam Trapp, Jeff Zimmerman, James and Tina McBride, Betsy Coulter, Robin Miller and Wendy Kramer; dear son-in-law of Randall and Loretta Bobb; devoted brother-in-law of Doug Bobb; cherished son of the late James and Jean (nee Nelson) McBride. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

In 1987, Tom graduated from Ball State University where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Tom and Trina married on June 17, 1989. A joint business owner of KMA & Associates, he was a member of CrossPointe Community Church and past president of the Mason-Deerfield Township Rotary Club. Tom was an avid golfer.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at CrossPointe Community Church, 10208 Cozaddale-Murdoch Road, Hamilton Township, Loveland, Ohio. Interment will be at Rose Hill Cemetery, Deerfield Township, Mason, Ohio. Friends will be received from 4-9 p.m. today at Tufts Schildmeyer Family Funeral Home, 129 N. Riverside Drive, Loveland, Ohio. The family requests memorials be made to the Tom Zimmerman’s Children’s Educational Fund, c/o any Fifth Third Bank. www.tuftsschildmeyer.com.

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Lana J. Cobb

Jan. 12, 1942–July 2, 2004

Lana J. COBB, 62, of 141 Deerfield Drive, Pittsburgh, died Friday at the Overlook House Health Care, Cleveland.

Survivors include her husband, James T. Cobb, Pittsburgh; two sons, Christopher Cobb, Raleigh, N.C., and Kendall Cobb, Lombard, Ill.; and one brother, Brad and wife Virginia Lane, Norwalk, Calif.

A family service is 2 p.m. today at King Memorial Home, Mentone. No visitation is planned.

Velma Leona Cordes

July 10, 1919–July 6, 2004

Velma Leona CORDES, 84, formerly of 411 W. South St., Argos, passed away at 2:10 p.m. Tuesday at the Hickory Creek at Rochester nursing home where she was a resident. Her health had been failing for the past three years.

She was born in Marshall County near Argos as the daughter of Peter and Nellie Large Abair. She lived her entire life in the Argos community until moving to Rochester in 2001. She married Arthur Cordes on Jan. 8, 1955, in Richland Center near Rochester. He preceded her in death June 12, 1991.

Mrs. Cordes was a homemaker and had been employed as a nurse’s aide for 15 years in nursing homes in the Argos and Plymouth communities. She was a former member of the Gilead Church, Argos. In her younger years, she enjoyed embroidery for which she was well known by family and friends. Other enjoyed pastimes included: attending local Marshall County auctions, touring the Indiana countryside with her late husband and the lost art of just visiting with friends and neighbors. In her later years, she was fond of working crossword puzzle books; however, she valued time with her grandchildren and family most of all.

She is survived by two daughters, Cherikee Miller and husband Larry, Warsaw, and Brenda McKee and husband Ron, Rochester; three grandchildren, Tracey Rickman and husband George, Warsaw, Ryan Miller, Warsaw, and Jeremy McKee, Rochester; five great-grandchildren, Georgie Rickman, Alex Rickman, Katlyn Miller, Maverick Miller and Arianna McKee. Her parents, husband, and a brother, Harold Abair, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service is 1 p.m. Friday at Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, with Pastor Richard Dean officiating. Interment is at the Rochester Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. Thursday or one hour prior to her service Friday. Her family has requested any memorials be made to either the John McKee Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Hickory Creek at Rochester Landscaping Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Nettie M. Sander

July 30, 1911–July 6, 2004

Nettie M. SANDER, 92, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., formerly of the Macy area, died at 9:20 a.m. Tuesday at Westside Regional Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Born in Monticello to Joseph and Elizabeth Carry Wyson, she married James Ellis Wilson and later Fred Sander. Both preceded her in death.

Mrs. Sander was a homemaker and a long-time member of Macy Christian Church. Survivors include her son, James Ellis Wilson Jr. and wife Barbara, Loogootee; her daughter, Kathern Brown, Warren; and two grandchildren, Erick and Sylvia. She was preceded in death by her husbands, parents, and 10 brothers and sisters.

Her funeral service is 1 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Burial is at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Bobby L. Stout

July 20, 1932–July 6, 2004

Bobby L. STOUT, 71, of 422 E. Walnut St., Akron, passed away at 3:35 p.m. Tuesday at his residence.

Born in Akron to Adam and Lavon Speicher Stout, he married Carolyn Jean Kanouse on May 24, 1959, in Akron. She survives.

Mr. Stout was a carpet salesman and sold vehicles at Gagnon Chevrolet. He was also a truck driver, a member of the Akron United Methodist Church and a former member of the Moose Lodge. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and graduated from Akron High School in 1950.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Jean Stout, Akron; his mother, Lavon Stout, Akron; two daughters, Patricia Shambarger, Noblesville, and Jane and husband Victor Krider, Silver Lake; two grandchildren, Cade and Sidney Krider; and one sister, Geraldine and husband Fred Lantz, Elkhart. He was preceded in death by one brother, Boyd Stout.

A graveside service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Akron Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Jarboe and the Rev. Steve Fleck officiating. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the American Legion and the VFW of Warsaw. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Memorials may be made to Akron United Methodist Church or Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Kenneth Tyler

Kenneth TYLER, 1690 S. 600 West, Kewanna, passed away at 8 a.m. today at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Donald A. Burton

Donald A. BURTON, 19825 N. 94th Lane, Peoria, Ariz., formerly of Rochester, passed away at 2 a.m. today. Arrangements are pending.

Kenneth J. Tyler

Oct. 9, 1925–July 7, 2004

Kenneth J. TYLER, 78, of 1690 S. 600 West, Kewanna, passed away at 8 a.m. Wednesday at his residence. His health was failing for a number of years.

Born in Shelby to Joshua and Elsie Mary Nelson Tyler, he married Mary Ann Collins on April 28, 1961, in Lowell. She survives, at home.

Mr. Tyler was a resident of the community since 1968 when he moved from Lowell. He was a retired farmer and collected Oliver toy tractors.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Tyler, at home; two daughters, Alice and husband Ron Opple, Rochester, and Audrey and husband Greg Smith, Anderson; one son, Richard Tyler, at home; five grandchildren, Janelle and Tyler Opple, Rochester, and Andy, Tony and Angela Smith, Anderson; and one sister, Karen and husband Terry Sullivan, Monticello. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Harvey, Myron and Bob Tyler.

A graveside service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rochester IOOF cemetery, 620 W. Third St., with Dr. Mark Spencer officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Monday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, 420 Main St., Rochester.

Friday, July 9, 2004

Jerome G. 'Jerry' Kralis

Dec. 6, 1927–July 7, 2004

Jerome G. "Jerry" KRALIS, 76, of 255 Gilliam Drive, Warsaw, passed away at 11:55 a.m. Wednesday while surrounded by his loving family at his residence.

Mr. Kralis was born in Gary to Joseph and Irene Manoski Kralis. In 1946, he graduated from St. Edward's Military Academy in Austin, Texas. He graduated from Purdue University in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics where he was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

On June 16, 1951, he married the love of his life for 53 years, Savina Iussig, who survives. In 1951, Mr. Kralis and his wife moved to Kosciusko County where he owned and operated Kralis Brothers Poultry Co. in Mentone. He was hardworking and dedicated to his family business before retiring in 1983. In 1997, he began Kralis Enterprises Inc., which will continue under the direction of his wife and children.

Surviving with his wife are 12 children, Suzanne Light and husband Steven, Warsaw, Cynthia Kralis Georgas and husband Nick, Dallas, Mark J. Kralis and wife Anna, Warsaw, Gregory J. Kralis, Warsaw, Therese Kralis-Koch and husband W. Allen, South Bend, Hilary Kralis Bradford and husband Stephen, Dove Canyon, Calif., Christopher J. Kralis, Tampa, Fla.,

Diane Kralis Perr and husband J. Victor, Vancouver, British Columbia, Mary Kralis Hoppe and husband Ted, Boston, Joseph Kralis and wife Kelly, Jacksonville, Fla., Leslie Kralis LaBarge and husband Stephen, Indianapolis, and Andrea Kralis Toscano and husband Fabrice, Columbus, Ohio. Also surviving are 26 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, M. Mitchell Kralis; one sister, Christine Kralis Dziubla; brother-in-law, Ricardo Iussig; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Kralis was an active member and leader in the Warsaw community. He served on the boards of directors of United Way, Combined Community Services, Riverwood Ranch for Boys, Heartline, Kosciusko Literary Services and Catholic Charities. He also served on the Advisory Council of Our Father's House and the Warsaw Redevelopment Commission. He had 18 years of perfect attendance in the service organization, Warsaw Breakfast Optimist Club.

He was a proud supporter of Purdue University, where he was a member of The President's Council and the John Purdue Club. He especially enjoyed being a Purdue parent for more than 25 years.

Mr. Kralis was a long-time faithful member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where he actively served as a member of the Finance Committee and the Knights of Columbus. He was named Man of the Year in 1990 for his devoted service to his church. He loved his faith and his family unconditionally.

To celebrate his life, visitation is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, with a rosary at 8 p.m. A funeral mass is 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 135 N. Harrison St., Warsaw. Interment is at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville. Memorials may be made to Our Father's House, 401 Argonne Road, Warsaw; Kosciusko County Community Foundation's Sacred Heart Elementary School Tuition Endowment, 102 E. Market St., Warsaw; and Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, 902 Provident Drive, Warsaw.

Saturday, July 10, 2004 to Monday, July 12, 2004

[no obits]

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Donald A. Burton

June 27, 1920-July 8, 2004

Donald A. BURTON, 84, Peoria, Ariz., passed away Thursday.

The son of Fred and Lelia Burton, he was born June 27, 1920, in Fulton County. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy; two sons, Joe, Vienna, Va., and Bill, Boston, Mass.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. One son, Donald R., preceded him in death. Also surviving are two sisters, Lois Van Meter, Jackson, Mich., and Alberta Barker, East Berlin, Penn. Over the years, Don has served on various church boards and was a charter member of Bethany Bible Church and a member of Grace Bible Church. He was a veteran of World War II and was a 30-year employee of Allied Signal Co.

Visitation was 10-11 a.m. today and his service was at 11 a.m. today at Sunland Mortuary, 15826 Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, AZ. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given in his honor to Hospice of Arizona, 2222 W. Northern Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85021.

Tayvin Tilton

Tayvin TILTON, 21 months, of 1108 Park Road, Rochester, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Mary L. Westerhouse

Mary L. WESTERHOUSE, 91, Windsor Estates Health Care, Kokomo, and formerly of Beaver Dam Lake, died at 5:40 p.m. Monday at Windsor Estates Health Care.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Wednesday, July 14, 2004

Albert O. Flagg

Albert O. FLAGG, 80, of 201 Broadway St., Argos, died at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Dolly Ruth Spangler

Dolly Ruth SPANGLER, 57, of 6697 S. Indiana 25, died today at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton.

Alice E. 'Bettie' Sutton

Alice E. "Bettie" SUTTON, 78, Deedsville, died at 1:29 a.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Tayvin M. Tilton

Nov. 15, 2002-July 12, 2004

Tayvin M. TILTON, 20 months, of 1108 Park Road, Rochester, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

He was born on Nov. 15, 2002, in Rochester to Dan M. Harder and Crystal Tilton.

Surviving is his mother, Crystal Tilton, Rochester; his father, Dan M. Harder, Killeen, Texas; two sisters, Alexis Russell and Mallory Harder; maternal grandparents, Timothy and Tammi Tilton, Leesburg; maternal grandfather, Rick Johnson, Rochester; paternal grandparents, Rick and Colleen King, Grass Creek; maternal great-grandparents, Robert and Linda Tilton, Goodland, James and Sharon Miller, Rochester, Fritz and Patricia Risner, Winamac, Virginia Risner, Rochester; paternal great-grandmother, Charlotte McGovern, Cloquet, Minn.; and maternal great-great-grandmother, Mary Tilton, Kentland.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson St., Rochester, with Leroy Royer officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday. Interment will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to Riley Hospital for Children through the funeral home.

Mary L. Westerhouse

July 18, 1912-July 12, 2004

Mary L. WESTERHOUSE, 91, formerly of Beaver Dam Lake, died Monday at Windsor Estates Health Care, Kokomo.

Survivors include two sons, Wayne Westerhouse, Fort Myers, Paul E. Westerhouse, Bonita Springs, Fla.; and one sister, Martha Greensburg, Wolcott.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Thursday.

Thursday, July 15, 2004

Albert O. Flagg

Sept. 24, 1923–July 13, 2004

Albert O. FLAGG, 80, of 201 Broadway Street, Argos, passed away at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth, where he was a patient.

Born in Argos to Omer and Cordia Jeffries Flagg, he married Burl I. Sarber on Jan. 16, 1948, in Plymouth. She survives at home.

Mr. Flagg was an Argos community resident for his entire life. He was born at the same house he resided in at the time of his passing. He graduated from Argos High School in 1942 and worked for 31 years at Oliver-White Farm Corp. in South Bend as a second shift general supervisor until retiring on April 1, 1977. He was a school crossing guard for the Argos Community Schools for 29 years and attended the Plymouth Wesleyan Church. He was a member of the Plymouth-Kilwinning F. & A.M. Lodge No. 149, St. Joseph Valley Scottish Rite, Maxinkuckee IOOF Lodge No. 373, American Legion Post No. 68, and the U.S. Management Club at the Oliver-White Farm Corp. He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Force veteran of the South Pacific Theater.

Survivors include his wife, Burl I. Flagg, at home; one daughter, Cindy I. Flagg, one son, Gary A. Flagg and wife Margaret, one grandson, Quentin J. Flagg, all of Argos; one sister, Bertha Wilhelm; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Reba Dunlap.

A graveside service is 10 a.m. Friday at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos, with the Rev. Mark Fishburn officiating. The Plymouth-Kilwinning F. & A.M. Lodge No. 149 will conduct a memorial service at his graveside. The Argos American Legion Post No. 68 will conduct military graveside rites following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either the Marshall County Diabetes Association or the Miller's Merry Manor Skilled Care Unit, Plymouth. Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is in charge of his service.

Dolly Ruth Spangler

Oct. 4, 1946–July 14, 2004

Dolly Ruth SPANGLER, 57, of 6697 S. Indiana 25, Rochester (Fulton community), passed away at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday at her home.

She was born in Bunker Hill to Darrald and Roberta Holcomb Steffey. On Feb. 12, 1966, at Nead, she married William Eddy "Bill" Spangler I, who survives.

Mrs. Spangler was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband include one daughter, Rose Marie "Rosie" and husband Jack Townsend, Kewanna; one son, William Eddy "Billy" Spangler II and wife Sandi of Tampa, Fla.; three grandchildren, Mitchell Lee Townsend, Kaleb Ryan Townsend, and William Eddy "Wes" Spangler III; four sisters, Relna and husband Ed Kayser, Peru, Rosie and husband Dennis Schofield, Peru, Rita and husband Chuck Tanner, Wichita Falls, Texas, Delia and husband Leonard Kraus, Ingalls; and one brother, Darrald and wife Reggie Steffey, Bunker Hill. Also surviving are her mother-in-law,

Elsie Spangler, Fulton; two sisters-in-law, Linda Wade, Fulton, Sonja and husband Dean Folger, Logansport; two step-sisters and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Dorothy Green.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to her service Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will follow in the Fulton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Liberty Township First Responders.

Friday, July 16, 2004

Alice Alber

Aug. 8, 1928-July 7, 2004

Alice Nolene ALBER, 75, Morris, Okla., died July 7 in Okmulgee, Okla.

She was born Aug. 8, 1928, to Howard and Opal Isley Zimmer in Warsaw. On Oct. 27, 1951, she married Manford Alber in Rochester. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Todd Alber.

Survivors include her husband, Manford Alber, at home; three sons, Larry Alber and wife Linda, Kalamzoo, Mich., Jerry Alber and wife Brenda, Howe, and Terry Alber and wife Norma, Bristol; two daughters, Sherry Borst, Three Rivers, Mich., and Connie Hart and husband Jim, Okmulgee, Okla.; one brother, Harold Zimmer and wife Joy, Los Banos, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were at 2 p.m. July 9 at Kelley Chapel, Okmulgee, Okla., with the Rev. L.O. McNab officiating. Burial was Monday at Fort Gibson National Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shurden-Kelley Funeral Home, Okmulgee, Okla.

Russell H. Eber

Feb. 25, 1910-July 16, 2004

Russell H. EBER, 94, of 311 N. Broadway, Mentone, died at 3:30 a.m. today at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born on Feb. 25, 1910, in Akron to John and Cora Utter Eber, he lived in the Mentone area for many years. He moved there from Akron. On March 15, 1931, he married Leona M. White in Mentone. She died June 17, 2003. He and his wife owned and operated Eber's Whatnot and Novelties Shop, Mentone. They started it in 1936. The couple spent 26 winters in Florida.

An active resident of the Mentone community, he and his wife attended Mentone High School basketball games at home and away. In 1970, Russell was given the Sportsmanship Award by the Chamber of Commerce for his dedication to the game. He also sponsored his neighbor, Steve Lewis, in the Soap Box Derby from 1958-1962.

Many years ago, he helped start the Little League and coached teams. He has supported the Youth League through the years. The ballfield was named "Mentone Youth League Home of Russell Eber Fields." He was also an avid fisherman.

In June, 1999, he was parade marshal of the Mentone Egg Festival and was inducted into the Mentone Egg Festival Hall of Fame. He also supported and was proud of the Mentone Fire Department and was made an honorary member. A World War II army veteran, he earned a Purple Heart.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews including Mary Lou Staton, Akron, and Philip Eber, Ossian. He was preceded in death by his wife; twin brother and sister, Ruthford and Ruth; and one brother Ernest Eber on May 30, 1983.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Sunday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with Pastor Jerry Pitman officiating. Burial is at Mentone Cemetery. Graveside military rites will be conducted by

Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Saturday. Memorials may be made to Mentone Fire Department or Mentone Youth League.

Michael R. ‘Toad’ Herrell Sr.

April 10, 1949-July 15, 2004

Michael R. “Toad” HERRELL Sr., 55, of 4039 W. Olson Road, Rochester, passed away at 4:47 p.m. Thursday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton wing of St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Born April 10, 1949, in Rochester to Raymond and Nina Ysberg Herrell, he married Roxie Shambarger on Jan. 3, 1975, in Rochester. He was an employee of Wilson’s Fertilizer and Grain, Lucas Street facility. He was a member of the Rochester Eagles Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Tracy and husband Fritz Risner, Rhonda and husband Stacey Kochenderfer, and Heather and husband Robert Styles Jr., all of Rochester; one son, Michael Herrell Jr. and wife Kim, Peru; and 14 grandchildren, Cruiz, Jeffery and Shelby Risner, Brittany, Aaron and Mikey Herrell, Courtney Porterfield, Stacey Jr., Jordan, Dale and Haley Kochenderfer, Michelle, Tabitha and Samantha Styles; and his stepfather, Rudy Wier, Lincoln City, Ore. Also surviving are two sisters, Carol Soles, Carrier, Miss., and Christine Soles, Lincoln City, Ore. He was preceded in death by his parents.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to his service Monday. Interment will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to Samaritan House, Kokomo.

Tommy D. Lewis

Tommy D. LEWIS, 50, of 109 Jefferson St., Rochester, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Thursday in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Clarence A. ‘Lip’ Liptrap

Nov. 21, 1930-July 14, 2004

Clarence A. “Lip” LIPTRAP, 73, of 515 Harrison Ave., Peru, died at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Kokomo.

Born on Nov. 21, 1930, in Mt. Vernon, Ill., to George B. and Edna Kingston Liptrap, he married Ann C. Pemberton on July 2, 1949. She survives. He retired after working at the Peru Foundry for 31 years.

He is also survived by his daughter, Sharon Lee Liptrap, Evansville; and one niece Kay Severs and husband Richard, Bradenton, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Roy Liptrap.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Cannus Sparks officiating. Burial will be at Bethel Memorial Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, Ill. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. There will be visitation from 9-11 a.m. Monday at Hughey Funeral Home, Mt. Vernon, Ill., prior to the graveside service at the cemetery.

Alice Elizabeth 'Bettie' Sutton

June 22, 1926-July 13, 2004

Alice Elizabeth "Bettie" SUTTON, 78, Deedsville, passed away at 1:29 a.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born on June 22, 1926, in Noble Township of Cass County, she was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Miller Overmeyer. She married Robert L. Sutton in Peru. He survives.

A graduate of Twelve Mile High School, she was a member of Deedsville United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She also attended Grass Creek United Methodist Church, Grass Creek.

Other survivors include her five children, Dennis Sutton, Peru, Robert Sutton Jr., North Manchester, Linda Marlow, New Castle, Jody See, DeLong, and Kathy Enyeart, Deedsville; two sisters, Myrtle McKeever, Flora, and Norma Jean Mitchum, Winter Park, Fla.; and two brothers, John Overmeyer, Logansport, and Benjamin Overmeyer, Texas. She is also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and five siblings.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday at Deedsville United Methodist Church, with Pastors Ron Vittoe and Bill Babb officiating. Burial will follow at Deedsville IOOF Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfuneralhome.com.

Saturday, July 17, 2004

Tommy D. Lewis

July 12, 1954-July 15, 2004

Tommy D. LEWIS, 50, of 109 Jefferson St., Rochester, passed away Thursday in Fort Wayne.

Born on July 12, 1954, in Rochester to Bobby Joe Lewis and Charlene Nuell Vaughn, Mr. Lewis was a stay-home dad and had been a computer engineer. He was an U.S. Air Force veteran, a member of the Moose Lodge, and an avid gardener.

Survivors include his companion and rock, Gus Tate, Rochester; one son, Justin Tate, Rochester; daughters, Tiffannie Lewis, Vancouver, Wash., Krystal Pegler, Vancouver, Wash.; his mother, Charlene and husband O.G. Vaughn, Rochester; his grandmother, Eleanor Castleman, Rochester; sisters, Jacqueline Lewis, Kim and husband William Rogers, Mara and husband Craig Holloway, all of Rochester; brothers, Todd Vaughn, Goshen, Trent Vaughn and companion Missy Reed, Rochester; several nieces and nephews; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father in 1959, his maternal grandparents and paternal grandfather.

His funeral service is 4 p.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. Monday. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the Tommy D. Lewis Memorial Fund through the funeral home.

John William Hampshire

John William HAMPSHIRE, 50, died Thursday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Born in Ithaca, N.Y., he was a machine operator for Guardian Industries for 14 years.

Survivors include his parents, Patricia Emmons, Rochester, and John W. Hampshire, Columbia City; his children, Carrie Hampshire, Fort Wayne, Erin (Tony) Mast, Baltimore, Md., and Ellen (Brandon) Tieman, Fort Wayne, Chad William, Indiana, and Johnny Rose, Chicago, Ill.; fiancée, Lisa Manns, Rochester; brother, Russell (Lana) Morrison, Rochester; sisters, Debra

(Gary) Clevenger, Rochester, and Laurie Morrison, Lakeland, Fla.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Jason, in 2000.

His funeral service is noon Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is one hour prior to the service Tuesday and 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Nickols Cemetery, Akron. Memorials may be made to Nightengale House.

Monday, July 19, 2004

Robert ‘Bob’ Evan Kern

April 19, 1919-July 17, 2004

Robert “Bob” Evan KERN, 85, of P.O. Box No. 126, Rochester, died at 6:25 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester, where he was being treated for heart failure following a brief illness.

Born April 19, 1919, in Athens, near Rochester, to Jacob W. and Catherine A. Crockett Kern, he was a lifetime resident of the Fulton County area. He married Ruth E. Beaudoin in 1939. Following their marriage, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Upon his return from service, he and Ruth raised corn and hogs on the family farm.

In 1946, they started the Kern Christmas Tree Farms. Over the years he developed this business into a nationally-known Christmas tree farming operation.

He and his second wife, Laura Hathaway, were married in 1975. They later divorced.

Bob loved to travel. In the early 1950s, he and Ruth began camping trips with their three children to the western national parks. Later, Bob’s travels expanded to reach all continents of the world. He never lost his love for travel, which included a trip to the southern states only four months before his death.

Early on, Bob developed a love of natural history and a deep appreciation of the land. His stewardship of the land brought him many honors. Among them are conservation awards from: Daughters of the American Revolution Conservation Medal (1994), Charles Deam Forestry Stewardship by the Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owners Association (1992), C. S. Osborn Award in Wildlife Conservation (1981), The Nature Conservancy Life Membership (2004).

He was a life member of the Fulton County Historical Society and a charter member of the Wildlife Society. Other conservancy memberships include: National Wildlife Federation, National Audubon Society, American Forestry Association, Society of American Foresters and Indiana Society of American Foresters. His career was highlighted by the dedication of the Bob Kern Nature Preserve, 162 acres on the east shore of Lake Manitou, on May 6, 2004.

He was a member of the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36 and the Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1343, both of Rochester.

He is survived by his beloved companion, Gail Urbin, Fulton; three children: Patricia Holmgren and husband Noel, White Plains, N.Y., Shirley Needham, Rochester, and William Kern and his companion Jan Archull, Camp Verde, Ariz.; one grandson, Joel Bevins, and two great-grandchildren, Seattle, Wash.; and two cousins, Fred and Jack Kern and their families. He was preceded in death by two sisters, May Kern and Ruth Robertson; one brother, Frank; and one son-in-law, James W. Needham.

His graveside service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at Athens Cemetery, near Rochester. The Rev. Junior Bose will officiate his services. Family and friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. sixth Street, Rochester. His family requests memorials be made to Habitat for Humanity; The Nature Conservancy or American Heart Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Mary Frances Taylor

Feb. 16, 1911-July 18, 2004

Mary Frances TAYLOR, 93, of 401 N. Virgil St., Akron, died Sunday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Survivors include three daughters, Sondra and husband Robert Cumberland, Akron, Rebecca and husband Joe Randall, Fort Wayne, and Judy K. Myers, Angola.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation is one hour prior to the service.

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Helen C. Deckard

Nov. 17, 1910-July 18, 2004

Helen C. DECKARD, 93, formerly of 535 W. Clinton St., Logansport, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

Survivors include one son, Richard Deckard, Dayton, Ohio, and one sister, Catherine Paulus, Glendale, Ariz.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. today at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Chapel, Logansport. Visitation is one hour prior to her service at the chapel. Arrangements are by Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport.

Wednesday, July 21, 2004

Ronald Dale Kennedy

Nov. 4, 1926-July 20, 2004

Ronald Dale KENNEDY, 77, of 1223 Lakeshore Drive, Rochester, passed away at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Hanna, he was the son of Dale E. and Sada G. Watson Kennedy. On Aug. 7, 1952, he married Jean Becker in San Pierre. She survives.

Mr. Kennedy was an operating engineer who worked for McMahon Construction and retired from Local 150. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Kennedy, Rochester; two brothers, Dean and wife Phyllis Kennedy, La Crosse, Lynn and wife Bernie Kennedy, Wanatah; several nieces and nephews including nephew, Bill and wife Janet Kennedy, Winamac, and niece, Kelli and husband Kenneth Mockler, Wanatah. He was preceded in death by his parents and infant sister, Enid Joy Kennedy.

Funeral mass is 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, where a prayer service will take place at 8 p.m. A graveside service is 1:30 p.m. at All Saints Cemetery, San Pierre. Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Virginia E. Stinson

March 29, 1923-July 19, 2004

Virginia E. STINSON, 81, Mulberry, passed away at 4:20 p.m. Monday at Lafayette Home Hospital where she was a patient for the past week. She was ill for the past five years.

Born in Clinton County near Jefferson to Marvin and Ida Clouser Good, she married James F. Stinson on Jan. 1, 1943, in El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. Stinson, formerly of Frankfort, was a Mulberry resident since 1961. She graduated

from Little Jeff High School in 1941. She was a housewife and a homemaker and was employed many years at the Farmers Bank in Frankfort and Mulberry until she retired in 1990. She was a member of Mulberry United Methodist Church; the U.M.W. where she served as treasurer many years; the Mulberry Community Club; and the Mulberry Mothers Club.

Survivors include her husband, James F. Stinson, at home; one son, John Stinson and wife Carolyn, Lafayette; four daughters, Suzie Kelsey and husband David, Mulberry, Cathy Harden and husband John, Mulberry, Beth Copley and husband Dan, Rochester, Sarah Wilson and husband Glenn, Mulberry; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lena Irick, Springfield, Ohio, and Miriam Snyder and husband Don, Frankfort. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert, Sam and John Good; and two sisters, Martha Good and Sally Andrew.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Mulberry United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tom Horner officiating. Burial is at Fair Haven Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Bodine Funeral Home, 204 N. Glick, Mulberry. Memorials may be made to Mulberry United Methodist Church.

Mildred I. Turk

March 19, 1908–June 26, 2004

Mildred I. TURK, 96, of 846 S. Indiana 19, Akron, formerly of Clarion, Iowa, passed away at 4 p.m. on June 26 at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Born in Mason City, Iowa, to John M. and Delilah Potter Hall, she married Harold H. Turk on Jan. 29, 1929, in Mason City, Iowa. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1999.

Mrs. Turk was a homemaker and a member of the United Church of Christ Congregational, Clarion, Iowa. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting and was an avid fisherwoman.

Survivors include one daughter, Suzanne and husband Dean Baker, Akron; one son, Richard Turk and friend Beverly Fueling, Boone, N.C.; three grandchildren, Christopher Baker and wife Darlene, Rochester, Sarah Solano and husband Richard, Akron, Marne and husband Scott Esselman, Boston; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Trudy Shasky, Phoenix. She was preceded in death by three sisters, her parents and her husband.

A memorial service is 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Akron United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Jarboe officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials may be made to Akron United Methodist Church Youth.

Thursday, July 22, 2004 to Wednesday, July 28, 2004

[no obits]

Thursday, July 29, 2004

Charles Bingle

Charles BINGLE, 81, of 1629 Jefferson St., Rochester, died at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, where he had been a patient. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Kendra Vance Randolph

Kendra Vance RANDOLPH, 40, of 608 S. Agee St., Monterey, Tenn., and former Rochester resident, passed away at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Clara Margaret Clemans Hand

Feb. 22, 1918–July 27, 2004

Clara HAND, 86, of Overland Park, Kan., passed away Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Manor, Merriam, Kan.

Her funeral service is 12:30 p.m. Monday at McGilley Midtown Chapel, 20 W. Linwood, Kansas City, Mo., followed by a 2:30 p.m. burial at Leavenworth National Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the chapel. Contributions are suggested to Crossroads Hospice or any hospice of the donor's choice.

Clara was born on Feb. 22, 1918, in Fulton County. She moved to the Kansas City area 43 years ago and had lived there since. Clara was a member of the Overland Park Presbyterian Church; assisted with Meals on Wheels for 21 years and the Discovery Shop with the American Cancer Society for 15 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Clemans and Hazel Murphy Clemans Zimmerman, as well as her husband Charles Hand. Clara is survived by her daughter, Susan L. Hand and her domestic partner Danielle LaFleur Brooks, Kansas City, Mo.; her brother, H. Dwight Clemans, West Palm Beach, Fla.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Arrangements are by McGilley Midtown Chapel, 816-753-6200.

Leo R. Houin

June 9, 1924–July 28, 2004

Leo R. HOUIN, 80, Plymouth, passed away at 7:03 a.m. Wednesday following several years of a courageous battle against cancer. Leo died at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. He lived at 11386 Sunnyslane Drive since 1991 in the Forest Hills subdivision that he developed.

Born on his family's Plymouth homestead on June 9, 1924, Leo was the son of Francis A. and Frances R. Smith Houin. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1943.

He married the former Mary Jane Johnson, who passed away in 1980. He then wed Marjorie Michel Houin, who died in 1982. On Aug. 18, 1984, Leo married Marilyn E. Sellers-Bules. They were set to celebrate their 20th anniversary in three weeks.

Leo was a successful lifetime farmer and land developer. He served on the 4-H Fair Board, Plymouth School Board, and was the Center Township Assessor and a director of the American Milk Producers Inc.

Family life was very important to him, especially his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved to travel, camp and golf. He enjoyed Plymouth High School basketball, attending Purdue bowl games and was a former member of the John Purdue Club. He was also a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge No. 741 and the 1975 Knights of Columbus Council.

Leo is survived by his spouse, Marilyn; one daughter, Louise A. and Gary Webster, Noblesville; seven sons, Allen L. Houin, Kenneth R. and Jan Houin, Mark A. and Rene Houin, Kevin L. and Tammy Houin, all of Plymouth, Marvin L. and Diane Houin, Bremen, Dr. Herman P. and Connie Houin, Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich., and Dr. Raymond E. and Eileen Houin, LaPorte; 41 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bernard L. and Betty Houin, Argos, and Lawrence E. and Frances Houin, Plymouth; three sisters, Irene Wenzel, Mishawaka, Catherine A. Haeck, and Teresa R. and Lloyd Anderson, Plymouth; one daughter-in-law, Susan K. Houin, Plymouth; three stepdaughters, Elaine R. and John Ferguson, Argos, Deb Cortner, McCordsville, and Kathy Hammonds, Tippecanoe; and two stepsons, Robert H. and Sharon Bules, Bremen, and Greg Michel, Plymouth. He was preceded in death by two spouses; a son, Earl Lee Houin; an infant child; one sister, Sr. Mary Francis Houin, P.H.J.C.; two brothers, Elmer V. and

Carl Houin; one stepson, Ron Michel; and one stepgrandson, Todd.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate Leo's life from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A rosary will be prayed at 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, where Leo was a member. The Rev. Father William Kummer will officiate. Interment is at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given in Leo's memory to the Marshall County 4-H Program, St. Michael's school and church, the Marshall County Hospice, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Friday, July 30, 2004

Charles Bingle

Aug. 8, 1922-July 28, 2004

Charles BINGLE, 81, of 1629 Jefferson St., Rochester, died at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, where he was a patient.

Born Aug. 8, 1922, in Cleves, Ohio, to Orville and Zettie Peak Bingle, he lived in the Rochester area since 1960. He moved here from Miami County. On May 1, 1971, he married Marjorie A. Butler in Rochester. She survives. He retired from Torx Camcar Corp., Rochester, in 1988 after 17 years of service.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Argos, and was active with the Fulton County Retired Senior Volunteer Program. He was a World War II U.S. Army Veteran of the Pacific Theater. He was stationed in the Philippines.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie A. Bingle, at home; three daughters, Susie Amelio and husband Frank, Poplar Bluff, Mo., Penny Olds and husband Jessie, Winamac, and Dawn Hartog, Argos; five sons, Mike Bingle and wife Patty, Nyona Lake, Steve Bingle and wife Kim, Cincinnati, Ohio, Rick Bingle and wife Chris, Radcliff, Ky., Randy Bingle and wife Donna, Elizabethtown, Ky., Jerry Bingle and wife Delilah, Plymouth; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one sister, Gertrude Pace, Rochester; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Dorothy.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Monday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Robert Mace officiating. Burial will be at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery, northwest of Rochester. American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Visitation is 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to his service Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Kendra K. Vance Randolph

Jan. 10, 1964-July 28, 2004

Kendra K. Vance RANDOLPH, 40, of 608 S. Agee St., Monterey, Tenn., and former Rochester resident, passed away at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Born Jan. 10, 1964, in Rochester, to Earl and Nancy Brouyette Vance, she married Gary Randolph on Aug. 11, 2001, in Monterey, Tenn. She was a member of Verble Baptist Church, Monterey, Tenn.

Surviving are her husband; parents, Earl and Nancy Vance, Rochester; two daughters, Lindsey, Akron, and Lacy, Monticello; two stepdaughters, Brenda and husband Jason Phillips, Monterey, Tenn., and Rebekah Randolph, Monterey, Tenn.; one grandson, Logan Phillips, Monterey, Tenn.; one sister, Cathy Denton, Rochester; two brothers, John Beery, Rochester, and

Jim Beery and wife Carla, Akron; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jay Lee Vance, on Nov. 19, 1981, and her paternal and maternal grandparents.

Her funeral service is 1 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Benton Flatt officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Saturday, July 31, 2004 to Monday, August 2, 2004

[no obits]

Tuesday, August 3, 2004

Rosamond Tyler

Rosamond TYLER, 75, of 314 Fulton Avenue, Rochester, died at 4:50 p.m. Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, August 4, 2004

Joy Lynn Bowyer

Joy Lynn BOWYER, 55, Peru, died Tuesday at Manorcare Health Services, Kokomo. Her funeral is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Rosamond Tyler

Oct. 1, 1928–Aug. 2, 2004

Rosamond TYLER, 75, of 314 Fulton Avenue, Rochester, passed away at 4:50 p.m. Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for eight days following a sudden illness. Born in Indianapolis to Frank and Georgia D. Richardson, she was raised by Earl and Georgia Case. She married Melvin DeVerl "Bud" Tyler on Sept. 20, 1946, in Indianapolis. He preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 2000.

Mrs. Tyler resided in Rochester since 1979 when she and her husband moved from McAlester, Okla.

She was a homemaker and member of First Church of God, Rochester. She enjoyed crocheting, collecting Cobalt Glassware, and she was particularly fond of her pet parakeets. Paramount in her life were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include one daughter, Pamela K. Cook and husband Billy D., Rochester; two sons, Gary D. Tyler and Barry P. Tyler, both of Rochester; six grandchildren, Carey, Christopher, DeAnn, Jason, Troy and Cory; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Bruce Richardson, Denver, Colo.; one adopted brother, William "Bill" Case, New York; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor David Dittman officiating. Burial is at Bruce Lake Cemetery, near Kewanna. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday or one hour prior to her service Friday at the funeral home.

Thursday, August 5, 2004

[no obits]

Friday, August 6, 2004

Mary Ann Burr

Nov. 5, 1920-July 29, 2004

Mary Ann BURR, 83, of 33393 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake, Ohio, and formerly of Rochester, passed away July 29 at Avon Oaks Nursing Home, Avon, Ohio.

Mrs. Burr was born Nov. 5, 1920, in Rochester to Floyd "Pete" and Elizabeth "Bess" (Bowers) Van Trump. On May 16, 1942, she married William Burr in LaPorte. He survives. Her father was a printer, co-publisher and co-owner of The Rochester Daily News and later The Rochester News-Sentinel until his death in 1956.

During and after World War II, she was a U.S. government payroll supervisor at Kingsbury Ordnance Plant, LaPorte. She was a former member of Rochester Tri Kappa sorority, a member of Bay Presbyterian Church, Bay Village, Ohio, and a graduate of Indiana Business College, Indianapolis.

Surviving with her husband is one son, Pieter V.T. and wife Donna Burr, Virginia Beach, Va., and one nephew, Mark Kochenderfer, Mesa, Ariz. Preceding her in death were two sisters, Elizabeth Lichtenwalter and Martha Kochenderfer.

Graveside memorial services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Rochester.

Howard C. McKee

Howard C. McKEE, 76, of 627 Creston Point Circle, Indianapolis, and formerly of Anderson and Beaver Dam Lake, passed away Thursday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Frances Helen Mills

Frances Helen MILLS, 92, of 2924 Country Club Drive South, Rochester, passed away at 7:35 a.m. today at Life Care Center, Rochester, where she had lived since March. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, August 7, 2004

Howard C. McKee

April 24, 1928 – Aug. 5, 2004

Howard C. McKEE, 76, of 627 Creston Point Circle, Indianapolis, formerly of Anderson, died Thursday at 2:04 p.m. at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Mary A. McKee, Zionsville Meadows Health Care; and four daughters, Amy J. Fisher, Indianapolis, Sarah Clevenger, Roanoke, Ann Haycraft, Peori, Arizona, and Margaret Smith, Indianapolis.

A private family memorial service will be held with no visitation.

Frances Helen Mills

Jan. 30, 1912 – Aug. 6, 2004

Frances Helen MILLS, 92, 2924 Country Club Drive South, Rochester, died at 7:35 a.m. Friday at Life Care Center of Rochester where she had been a patient since March.

Born in Rochester to Kent and Carrie Babcock Sibert, she married Joseph Hebert Mills on Jan. 17, 1947. He preceded her in death in 1979. She was a lifetime resident of Fulton County and a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, J. Kent Mills and wife Carolyn, Rochester; one granddaughter, Karen Arthur, Salem, Ore.; three grandsons, Dan Mills and wife Teresa, Salem, Ore., Jay Mills and wife Janie, Salem, Ore., and Brady Mills and wife Kara, Rockport, Texas; six great-grandchildren, John, Nathan, Kari, Matthew and Randall Mills and Sarah Arthur; two nieces, Barbara Smiley, Rochester, and Sarah Purkey and husband Ronald, Rochester; one nephew, Alfred "Toad" Sibert, Rochester; and one sister-in-law, Margaret Sibert, Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a sister and two brothers.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery with Rev. Ron Purkey officiating. Foster & Good Funeral Home is in charge of her arrangements.

Monday, August 9, 2004

Richard Eldon Leedy

May 1, 1936-Aug. 7, 2004

Richard Eldon LEEDY, 68, Deedsville, died at 5 a.m. Saturday at his home.

Born in Union Township of Miami County on May 1, 1936, he was the son of Keith H. and Alta Norman Leedy. He married Betty Jo Hauser on Aug. 12, 1967, at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. She died in March 1996.

Survivors include four children, Mark E. Leedy, Daryle K. Leedy, both of Deedsville, Amy Jo Tinney and husband James, Peru, and Jamie Jo Carter and husband Brian, Deedsville; two grandchildren, Thayne Elijah Tinney and Taylor Madison Tinney; and one brother, Doral K. Leedy, North Manchester. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jo, and one sister, Lois A. Hinkle.

He was a member of Deedsville United Methodist Church. He was a bus driver for North Miami Community Schools for 46 years. He was the elementary school custodian; he was a school custodian for 16 years.

He loved spending time with his grandchildren and mowing his yard. He was a Korean War veteran.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Jeffery Tinney officiating. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial with military graveside rites will be at Akron Cemetery.

Tuesday, August 10, 2004

Eldon Paul Davis

Jan. 15, 1923-Aug. 8, 2004

Eldon Paul DAVIS, 81, of 7984 N. 700 West, Culver, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

He was born on Jan. 15, 1923, in Culver, the son of Guy and Fredona (Rinehart) Davis. On June 30, 1945, he married Elisabeth Zechiel, who survives. He is also survived by a son, Paul (Cathy) Davis, Culver; a daughter, Eldonna (Michael) Risner, Knox; grandchildren, Justin Davis,

Culver, Brandon (Jamie) Davis, Muncie, Clint, Brent, Keith, and Kurt Risner, Knox; and one great-grandchild, Matthew Davis, Muncie.

He spent his entire life working on the family farm as a dairyman and raising hogs. Even though he had a busy work life, he found time to be involved in community activities, with his family being most important. He enjoyed watching and attending all the activities of his children and grandchildren, and always looked forward to family get-togethers.

His favorite hobby was collecting antique tractors, with his favorite being a Titan like the one his father owned. He liked to show them by participating in various parades. He graduated from Culver High School in 1941, and he attended agricultural short courses at Purdue University in 1942 and 1943. While attending Purdue, he sang in the Glee Club with Al Stewart, who was the first full-time director there. He played the trombone in the school band.

He was Aubbeenaubbee Township Trustee from 1962-1970; a member of the Aubbeenaubbee Township Improvement Corporation; member of the Marshall County Dairy Association, Marshall County Humane Society, Fulton County Historical Society and 55-year member of the Culver Lions Club. He was serving his 23rd consecutive year on the Culver Community School Board and he was a member of the Aubbeenaubbee High School construction holding corporation.

He was a member of the Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, where he served as Sunday school superintendent for 18 years, a class teacher, a trustee and janitor. Being gifted with a good voice, he also sang at many church services, weddings and a few funerals. He also led the singing of the many singspirations held at local churches, and played the violin in the church orchestra. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Barbara; and brothers, Donald Davis, Culver, and Harold Davis, Columbus, Ohio.

Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. The Culver Lions Club will hold memorial services at 8 p.m. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, Culver. Burial will follow in the Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Marshall County, Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, or to the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent through the Web site www.bonine-odom.com. Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Paul F. Steele

May 11, 1915-Aug. 9, 2004

Paul F. STEELE, 89, of 807 E. Main St., Akron, died at 11:45 p.m. Monday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Born on May 11, 1915, in Marion, to Allen and Elthlyn Carpenter Steele, he married Phyllis V. Summers Huffman on Jan. 29, 1972, in Chesterton. She survives. He was an automobile mechanic and had a tire shop, Steele's Wheelies, in Chesterton. He was also the first janitor at Tippecanoe Valley High School.

He was a World War II and Korean War veteran. He received two Purple Hearts. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts of Chesterton. He attended Akron Church of God.

He was a woodworking craftsman. He and his wife owned P and P Woodcraft, where he made clocks. He was known by many as the "Clock Man."

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Steele, Akron; one daughter, Ardala and husband Bo Bieker, Valparaiso; one stepdaughter, Bonnie and husband George Fields, Akron; three stepsons, Tom and wife Nancy Huffman, Max Huffman Jr. and wife Lori, all of Rochester, and Ron and wife Doris Huffman, Macy; 20 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one stepson, Don Huffman, and one sister, JoAnn Ehlers.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts of Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Akron Church of God.

Marilyn M. Sittig Zartman

July 2, 1933-Aug. 6, 2004

Marilyn M. ZARTMAN, 71, passed away at her home in Redington Shores, Fla., on Friday.

Born in Three Oaks, Mich., on July 2, 1933, she was the daughter of Paul and Frances (Stuppi) Sittig Sr. She was a graduate of Three Oaks High School in 1951 and obtained an associate's degree from Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1953. On July 3, 1954, in Three Oaks, Mich., she married William G. "Buss" Zartman Jr., who survives.

Mrs. Zartman was a homemaker and worked for Dr. Knight D.D.S., Three Oaks, Mich.; Bell Telephone Co., Coldwater, Mich.; National Standard, Niles, Mich.; Bryant & Bryant Accounting, Angola; St. John's Catholic Church, Employees Own Federal Credit Union and Kellermeyer Inc., all of Defiance, Ohio; Bill Wood Realty, Largo, Fla.; and CAN-AM Realty, Belleair Bluffs, Fla. She enjoyed living along the Gulf of Mexico and spending time with family and friends.

Also surviving are two sons, William "Buss" Zartman III and wife Kim, Macy, and Paul R. Zartman and wife Kimberly, Redington Shores, Fla.; one daughter, Brenda A. Cameron, Defiance, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, William IV, Brett, Erika, Chase, Trey and Jennifer Zartman, Joshua, Keith, Rex Jr. and Kyle Cameron, and Megan Leighton; two great-grandchildren, Skylee Patterson and Bryson Stevens; three brothers, Raymond Sittig, Tallahassee, Fla., Robert Sittig, Lincoln, Neb., and John Sittig, Jacksonville, Fla.; three sisters, Loretta Covert, Jacksonville, Fla., Theresa Buckingham, Battle Creek, Mich., and Florence Nazarian, Sevierville, Tenn.; one brother-in-law, Robert Zartman, Macy; 36 nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her in-laws, Gordon and Anna Zartman; one brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Pat Sittig; one brother-in-law, Francis Buckingham; and one brother and sister in infancy.

A memorial mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Jerome Catholic Church, Largo, Fla. A funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Aug. 28 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, with Father Joseph Jacob officiating. Interment will be Aug. 28 at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Memorials to the American Cancer Society and flowers for the services may be arranged through Moss-Feaster Funeral Home, 13401 Indiana Rocks Road, Largo, FL 33774, by phone, 727-446-2375, or Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, IN 46975, by phone, 223-2101.

Wednesday, August 11, 2004

Albert Walsh

Albert WALSH, 81, Kewanna, died at 2:29 a.m. today at his home. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna.

Thursday, August 12, 2004

Bonnie Bahney

Bonne BAHNEY, 72, of 15682 N. Indiana 19, Macy, died Wednesday afternoon at St. Joseph Regional Hospital, Plymouth.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Anthony Bryan Campbell

Sept. 1, 1963-Aug. 10, 2004

Anthony Bryan CAMPBELL, 40, of 145 S. Michigan St., Argos, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannie Campbell, Krypton, Ky.; three sons, Anthony Bryan "A.J." Campbell Jr., Hazard, Ky., Bruce and Coby Campbell, Krypton, Ky.; his mother, Shirley Vires, Argos; two sisters, Tammy Sneed, Bremen, and Jennifer Vires, Argos; and four brothers, Robert Campbell, Argos, Mike Campbell, Argos, Joe Vires, Argos, Stephen Vires, Argos.

His funeral service will be 2 p.m. Monday at Ten Mile Pentecostal Church, Ten Mile, Ky. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, and 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Ten Mile Pentecostal Church.

George H. Crissinger

May 21, 1917-Aug. 11, 2004

George H. CRISSINGER, 87, of 343 Ohio St., Rochester, passed away at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Born on May 21, 1917, in White County, he was the son of Edward and Cora Hall Crissinger. On Dec. 24, 1943, he married Dorothy Perdue in Rochester. She survives.

Mr. Crissinger was an auto parts salesman for Gilliland Auto Parts and Machine. He was also a delivery person for Webb's Family Pharmacy. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Moose Lodge, American Legion, Elks Lodge and Odd Fellows Lodge, all of Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Crissinger, Rochester; daughter, Linda K. McGlothlin, Rochester; grandchildren, Candy Lynn and husband Todd Zartman, Talma, Wendy Lea and husband Jerry Miller, South Bend; great-grandchildren, Paul Dennis Zartman, Talma, Brinna Mishay Miller, South Bend; sisters, Mary Sell, Lafayette, Minona and husband Joe Fox, Star City, and Ethel Stanley, Winamac; brother, LeRoy Crissinger, Winamac; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers, Ralph Crissinger in 1998, William Crissinger in 1983, and infant sister, Lea Fern Crissinger in 1913.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Rochester, with the Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. There will be an Odd Fellows service at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to any hospice organization.

Ellen Wanetta Kimes

April 25, 1923-Aug. 11, 2004

Ellen Wanetta KIMES, 81, of 3748 Northeast 8th Place, Ocala, Fla., died Wednesday at the Hospice of Marion County, Ocala, Fla.

Survivors include two daughters, Marinelle Waldron, Ocala, Fla., and Tona Nelson, Bonita Springs, Fla.; and two adopted daughters, LeeAnn Arnold, Ashville, N.C., and Vanessa Kimes, Jacksonville, Fla.

Her graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mentone Cemetery. There will be no visitation. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is in charge of arrangements.

Albert 'Al' Walsh

March 10, 1923-Aug. 11, 2004

Albert "Al" WALSH, 81, of Kewanna, died at 2:29 a.m. Wednesday at his home.

Born on March 10, 1923, in Kewanna, he was the son of Kerry and Margaret Larkin Walsh. On June 25, 1949, he married Ellen Wagoner Dawald at St. Ann Catholic Church. She survives. He was a retired full-time farmer and did custom harvesting.

He was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church, Kewanna, where he was a member of the Church Council, a lector, eucharistic minister and greeter. He was a former sexton of St. Ann Catholic Cemetery and a cemetery board member. He served two terms on the Caston School Board from 1970-1978. He was a former member of the Fulton Rural Youth, played softball with the Rural Youth, and coached the Rural Youth girls softball team. He enjoyed sports and playing cards.

He graduated from Grass Creek High School in 1941 and served with the Merchant Marines from 1945-1946.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen, at home; four sons, Dan Walsh and wife Paula, Kewanna, Jim Walsh and wife Deb, Rochester, Mike Walsh, Highland, and Kerry Walsh and wife MaryBeth, Clinton; one daughter, Cathy and husband Ken Ritz, Munster; four sisters, Mary Kempner, South Bend, Frances and husband Charles Hands, Odenton, Md., Joan Reedy, Lewiston, N.Y., and Nellie and husband John Shanley, South Bend; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Ann Catholic Church, Kewanna, with Father Joseph Jacob officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Catholic Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Friday and 8-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna. There will be a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Fulton County Area Five Council on Aging, Southern Care Hospice of South Bend or St. Ann Catholic Church.

Arlene J. Wilder-Omans

Sept. 17, 1928-Aug. 9, 2004

Arlene J. WILDER (NIX)-OMANS, 75, of 1681 Lolich Street, St. Helen, Mich., formerly of Culver, went home to the Lord at 2:35 p.m. on Monday.

Arlene was born on Sept. 17, 1928, in Pontiac, Mich., to Andrew J. Wilder and Gladys (Skinner) Lane. She was first married on March 15, 1955, in Lakeland, Fla., to Charles J. Nix for 23 years. She later married Russell J. Omans on Aug. 9, 1991. He survives.

Arlene is also survived by her loving daughters, Deborah (Bill) Pea, Eden Prairie, Minn., Deanna (Jim) Allyn, Argos, and Donna (Eddie) Oquendo, Westfield; sons, Daniel Nix, Birmingham, Ala., and David (Glenda) Nix, Clanton, Ala.; stepsons: Andrew (Cynthia) Omans, Waterford, Mich., Bradley Omans, San Diego, Calif., Jeffrey Omans, Waterford, Mich., and Mark Omans, Anaheim,

Calif.; brother, Robert (Johanna) Wilder, Conyers, Ga.; five grandchildren, Daniel and Jonathan Nix, Timothy Allyn, Cara and Elise Oquendo; 11 stepgrandchildren; and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Geraldine (her infant twin) and Iola Gnad; brothers, Jim and Edward Wilder; infant daughter, Diana Nix; one stepson; and one stepgreat-grandson.

She was a former resident of the Culver area, former journalist at The Rochester Sentinel and former editor of the Culver Citizen. She was also a journalist in Apple Valley, Calif., and for the Kirtland Community College in Roscommon, Mich. She was a member of Grace United Church of Christ when she lived in Culver, and more currently, a member of St. Helen Community Baptist Church.

She was a life-member of Finney-Shilling Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6919 Ladies Auxiliary. She was a member of Plymouth Eastern Star Chapter 26; St. Helen American Legion Auxiliary 416; Society of Professional Journalists; Phi Theta Kappa Chapter of Kirtland College, Roscommon, Mich.; International Honor Society; Tolfree Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, West Branch, Mich.; Kirtland Alumni Club, Ms. Club, and Mikenauk Chorale, all in Roscommon, Mich. She also served on the Kirtland College Board of Trustees in Roscommon, Mich., for six years.

She was a great lover of animals, music, her family and the Lord. She never met a stranger, having made friends with people all over the country, including many famous people. She was an avid reader and journalist and was active in her church and many organizations. Her family and friends will miss her smiling face, optimistic outlook, zest for life and sense of humor. Visitation with the family will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. The Rev. Ken Peterson and the Rev. Paul Nye will officiate funeral services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grace United Church of Christ, Culver. Interment will follow at Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery, Culver, with a VFW Ladies Auxiliary service at the graveside. Memorials may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences to the family may be sent through the Web site, bonine-odom.com. Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Friday, August 13, 2004

Bonnie J. Bahney

April 12, 1932-Aug. 11, 2004

Bonnie J. BAHNEY, 72, of 15682 N. Indiana 19, Macy, died at 2:49 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born April 12, 1932, in Gilead, to Ernest H. Miller and Pauline M. Marburger, she married Bobbie L. Bahney on July 29, 1948, in Denver. He died Nov. 8, 1997. She was a homemaker and a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was a member of the New Life Praise & Worship Center, Peru.

Survivors include four daughters, Diana Akemon and companion Mike, Macy, Kathy and husband Emery Gahl, North Manchester, Cindy and husband Joe Tinney, Peru, Trina and husband Jim Ousley, Pierceton; two sons, Gary Bahney and companion Pam, Macy, and Den Bahney and wife Sandi, Sharpsville; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one sister, Carol Ann Powell, Fort Myers, Fla.; and one brother, Jack B. Miller, Utahville, S.C. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two daughters, Diane and Judy, and one son, Roy.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastors Larry and Carol Zumwalt officiating. Burial will be at Gilead Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to New Life Praise & Worship Center, Peru.

Saturday, August 14, 2004 to Monday, August 16, 2004

None.

Tuesday, August 17, 2004

Helen R. Vernon

Sept. 2, 1943-Aug. 16, 2004

Helen R. VERNON, 60, of 8707 N. 325 East, Lucerne, passed away Monday at her son's residence in Walton.

Survivors include her son, Michael F. Vernon, Walton; one brother, Harold Sutton, Kewanee; three sisters, Mary Shideler, Logansport, Norma Robbins, Logansport, and Wilma Altman, Peoria, Ariz.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service.

Wednesday, August 18, 2004

Dewey O. McVicker

Aug. 22, 1927-Aug. 16, 2004

Dewey O. McVICKER, 76, of 438 Cool Evening Road, Cloverdale, and formerly of Culver, died Monday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Lula P. Shaw-McVicker, Cloverdale; three sons, Clifford McVicker, Culver, Russell McVicker, Indianapolis, and Richard McVicker, Chicago; two daughters, Elaine McVicker, Watervliet, Mich., and Cynthia Noah, Culver; two sisters, Eva Jackson, Tennessee, and Mary Patrevito, Swingsboro, Ga.

His funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Visitation will be 2-9 p.m. Thursday.

Thursday, August 19, 2004

Frances Helen Mills

Jan. 30, 1912-Aug. 6, 2004

Frances Helen MILLS, 92, of 2924 Country Club Drive South, Rochester, passed away at 7:35 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Life Care Center of Rochester. She was a patient there since March.

Born in Rochester to Kent B. and Carrie L. Babcock Sibert, she married Joseph Herbert Mills on Jan. 17, 1947. He preceded her in death in 1979.

Mrs. Mills was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Fulton County.

Survivors include one son, J. Kent Mills and wife Carolyn, Rochester; one granddaughter, Karen Arthur, Salem, Ore.; three grandsons, Dan Mills and wife Teresa, Jay Mills and wife Janie, all of Salem, Ore., Brady Mills and wife Kara, Rockport, Texas; six great-grandchildren, John, Nathan, Kari, Matthew and Randall Mills, and Sarah Arthur; three nieces, Barbara Smiley, Rochester, Sarah Purkey and husband Rev. Ronald, Rochester, Susan Taylor, Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.; four nephews, Gary Sibert and wife Debbie, Rochester, Alan Sibert and wife Linda, Monroe, Ga., Tomm Sibert and wife Jennifer, Woodbridge, Va., Alfred "Toad" Sibert, Rochester; and one

sister-in-law, Margaret Sibert, Largo, Fla. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; an infant sister, Marjorie; and two brothers, Alfred and Porter Sibert.

A graveside service is 11 a.m. Saturday at the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, with the Rev. Ronald Purkey officiating. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice. Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of arrangements.

Frederick E. Rakestraw

Frederick E. RAKESTRAW, 80, of 916 Sunflower Lane, Rochester, passed away at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church, Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Darlene Sue Gaines Studebaker

May 7, 1950–Aug. 18, 2004

Darlene Sue Gaines STUDEBAKER, 54, Peru, formerly of Fulton, died Wednesday at the Dukes Memorial Hospital emergency room, Peru.

Survivors include her husband, Junior Studebaker, at home; her mother, Mary Gaines, Lebanon; two sons, David Musselman, Rochester, and Mark Alan Musselman, Logansport; one sister, Donna Smith, Frankfort.

Her funeral service is 2:30 p.m. Friday at Davis Cemetery, Burnettsville. Visitation is noon–2 p.m. Friday at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport.

Friday, August 20, 2004

Gladys Lane

Gladys LANE, 74, of 328 W. Center St., Burket, died at 2:15 p.m. Thursday at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Frederick E. Rakestraw

Aug. 29, 1923–Aug. 18, 2004

Frederick E. RAKESTRAW, 80, of 916 Sunflower Lane, Rochester, passed away at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Born in Lima, Ohio, he was the son of John Franklin and Hettie Driver Rakestraw. On Dec. 25, 1943, he married Wilodean Weimer in Wabash County. She survives.

Mr. Rakestraw served with the U.S. Army in the Signal Corps in the European Theatre during World War II. He graduated from the Indiana University School of Law in 1949 and spent 53 years in the legal profession. In 1954, he was elected Fulton County Circuit Court Judge, becoming the first Democrat elected in the county for 18 years. He served in that position for 11 years and in January 1966, he was appointed by Gov. Roger Branigan to fill a vacancy on the Indiana Supreme Court. From 1967 until his retirement in 2002, he practiced law, first in Plymouth and then in Rochester. He was a member of the American Bar Association, Indiana Bar Association and the Fulton County Bar Association. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Rochester, where he served as an elder, Sunday School teacher for over 45 years, and as board chairman several times. He was a 45-year member and past governor of the Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include his wife, Wilodean Rake-straw, Rochester; two daughters, Carol and husband Randy Wolfe, Owensboro, Ky., and Lynne and husband Michael Kidder, Frederick, Md.;

three sons, Paul and wife Regina Rakestraw, South Bend, Mark and wife Lynn Rakestraw, Rochester, N.Y., and John and wife Marsha Rakestraw, Portland, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Jeanne Faoro, Pacific Palisades, Calif., and Betty Woods, LaPorte. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Helen Mitchell, Indianapolis.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church, Rochester, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the building fund at First Christian Church.

Saturday, August 21, 2004

Pauline L. Horoho

July 23, 1916 – Aug. 20, 2004

Pauline L. HOROHO, 88, North Manchester, died Friday at 2:40 a.m. at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester. Born in Parke County to Frank Tucker and Dolly (Youngblood), she was raised in Mecca and graduated from Mecca High School in 1934. She formerly worked at the Rockville Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Rockville. From 1943 to 1967, she lived in Anderson and moved to North Manchester in 1967 and was employed with Heckman Bindery, North Manchester, for seven years.

She was also a member and former Commander Navy Mothers Club, Anderson. She managed the Anderson Kroger Store from 1944 to 1946 while her husband was in the service. Along with her husband, Jack, she sold crafts at the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival for 13 years.

Survivors include her husband, Jack E. Horoho; four sons, Dennis Horoho, Rochester, William Horoho, Roanoke, Robert Horoho, Kokomo, and Robert Randolph, Carmel; one daughter, Candace Bertram, Rogers, Minn.; 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.

Services are Monday at 11 a.m. at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel with Dr. Logan Sparling officiating. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the place of funeral. Burial will be at Laketon Cemetery, Laketon. Memorial contributions are donor's choice.

Edward D. Shewman

Sept. 22, 1913–Aug. 20, 2004

Edward D. SHEWMAN, 90, of 814 East Walnut Street, Akron, died at 11:50 a.m. Friday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester. He was born Sept. 22, 1913 to Worthy Shewman and Elva Jontz in Akron. On April 13, 1935 he married Dora E. Rowe. She died Nov. 3, 2003.

Mr. Shewman was an outside salesman for Trick Supplies, North Manchester from 1952 to 1978. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was a member of the Akron United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Fred and wife Helen, Cascade, Mont., Andy and wife Nancy, North Manchester; six grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron with the Rev. Robert Jarboe officiating. Burial will be in the Akron Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are open and may be made at the funeral home.

Monday, August 23, 2004

Gladys M. Layne

Oct. 31, 1929–Aug. 19, 2004

Gladys M. LAYNE, 74, of 328 W. Center St., Burket, died Thursday at her residence. Survivors include her husband, Frank J. Layne, Burket; two daughters, Edna Presley, Mentone, and Lechia Manns, Claypool; one son, Freelin Layne, Claypool; two sisters, Orpha Ogle, Phelps, Ky., and Katherine Remfrey, Leesburg; and four brothers, Emzy Blankenship, Freeburn, Ky., Virgil Blankenship, Phelps, Ky., Harold Blankenship, Etna Green, and Garney Blankenship, North Webster.

Her funeral service was 1 p.m. today at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation was 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to her service today at the funeral home.

Ruth Crissinger

March 1, 1910-Aug. 21, 2004

Ruth CRISSINGER, 94, of 1211 Rochester Blvd., Rochester, passed away at 2:25 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born on March 1, 1910, in Pulaski County to Rude and Laura Davis Raderstorf, she married Ralph W. Crissinger on Aug. 13, 1932, in White County. He preceded her in death on July 14, 1998.

Mrs. Crissinger was a homemaker. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she played the organ for many years and was a member of Morning Glory Circle. She enjoyed playing the organ and piano; crocheting; cooking, especially making pies; and spending time with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her sons, Edwin and wife Shirley Crissinger, Centerville, Va., and Lavon and wife Betty Crissinger, Rochester; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church.

H. Irene Mahoney

The life of H. Irene MAHONEY will be celebrated with a memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Miss Mahoney grew up and was educated in St. Louis, Mo., where she graduated from Washington University with A.B. and M.A. degrees in English. After teaching six years in Mississippi, she and her parents moved to Marshall County to join her brother, Waite Mahoney, and sister, Ilah Reed. There she taught English, speech, and Spanish in the Argos Community School Corporation from 1942-1969. She completed her teaching career at North Miami High School; she retired in 1973.

During her career, she directed plays and was a class and extracurricular organization sponsor. In 1952, she helped organize the Deane E. Walker Future Teachers of America chapter. Irene also took additional studies at Washington University, Indiana University, Purdue University, NDEA Institutes, the University of Madrid, Middlebury College, and Ancilla College.

Active in the Argos community, Irene also served the Argos United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. In 1990, she moved to Iberia, Mo., to be near her sister, Mrs. Mary

Jane Benage. Irene was a talented artist who created oil paintings, enamelings, textile weavings and needlework. Many of her works are based upon her love of nature, music and travel. Memorial contributions may be made to Argos United Methodist Church and National Public Radio (NPR).

Her nephews and nieces invite all to join them in celebrating Irene's life.

Tuesday, August 24, 2004

Bernard C. Cabiness

July 22, 1921–Aug. 20, 2004

Bernard C. CABINESS, 83, Rochester and Pompano Beach, Fla., formerly of Logansport, passed away Friday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Born in Cass County, he was the son of George and Ruth Conrad Cabiness. He married Mary Jane Burk on May 21, 1939, in Young America. She survives.

Mr. Cabiness was a member of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3790, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Tipton Masonic Lodge in Logansport, Elks Lodge No. 66, and the Fort Wayne Valley of Scottish Rite. He loved fishing at his home on the lake and deep sea fishing. Most of all, he loved to spend time with his family.

He graduated from Young America High School in 1939 and the Joseph Bulova Watchmaking School in 1946. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He suffered a spinal injury on Feb. 6, 1945, in Rhineland, Germany, which left him paralyzed for nearly 60 years. He earned a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars.

He was a watchmaker, repairing watches and making custom jewelry for Cabiness Jewelry. He was the recipient of the Meritus Service Award, presented by the Indiana Watchmakers Association.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Sue Casalini and husband Joe, Logansport, and Jean Ann Carr, Philadelphia; one sister, Virginia Moore, Logansport; four grandchildren, Curt Carr, Indianapolis, Catherine Curtis, Fontana, Calif.; Elizabeth Loposser, Logansport, Michael Casalini, Pittsburgh; and eight great-grandchildren.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Thursday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, 1801 Chase Road, Logansport, with the Rev. Doug Mankell officiating. Burial with full military rites will follow in the Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends will be received from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Fisher Funeral Chapel where Masonic services will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Dianne Kay Herlovich

Dec. 26, 1951–Aug. 22, 2004

Dianne Kay HERLOVICH, 52, went to be with the Lord Sunday. She passed away at her home in Lehigh Acres, Fla.

Born in South Bend, she was the daughter of Doris and Robert Bradway. They survive.

She is survived by one son, Logan M. Herlovich; a grandson, Ethan Tremont, Fort Myers, Fla.; friend and caregiver, Jim Wiesner; mother, Doris Hoover, Fort Myers, Fla.; father, Robert Bradway and wife Carol, Rochester; four sisters, Barbara Rensberger and husband Carl, Rochester, Catherine Barbee and husband Tom, Raleigh, N.C., Janice Tomlinson and husband Austin, and Maryann Johnson, both of Fort Myers, Fla.; one brother, Mikel Bradway, Seattle; and several nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Justin.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to Hope Hospice, Fort Myers, Fla.

Carl W. Koons

Carl W. KOONS, 96, of 1505 Sunset Drive, Rochester, passed away at 8:30 p.m. Monday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, August 25, 2004

Millie Josephine Blackwell

Millie Josephine BLACKWELL, 82, of Grace Village Retirement Community, Winona Lake, and formerly of Palestine, died at 12:45 a.m. today at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Doris Bungard

July 3, 1940-Aug. 22, 2004

Doris BUNGARD, 64, Columbus Grove, Ohio, and formerly of the Rochester area, died at 8:45 a.m. Sunday at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio.

Born on July 3, 1940, in Harrison City, Penn., she was the daughter of Charles and Alberta Lauffer Cramer. She worked for Consolidated Biscuit, McComb, Ohio. She was a very generous and giving mother and grandmother. Her family came first.

She is survived by her daughter, Mylinda and husband Philip Hesseling, Lima, Ohio; three sisters; three brothers; and three grandchildren, Anthony M. Hesseling, Kayelyn E. Hesseling, and Mathew P. Hesseling. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Her funeral service was at 1 p.m. today at Chamberlain-Huckriede Funeral Home, Lima, Ohio, with Pastor Gary Hohman officiating. Visitation was noon-1 p.m. today at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family via the Web site, www.chamberlainhuckriede.com. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 616 S. Collett, Lima, OH 45805.

Carl W. Koons

March 23, 1908-Aug. 23, 2004

Carl W. KOONS, 96, of 1505 Sunset Drive, Rochester, died at 8:30 p.m. Monday at his residence, where he lived with his daughter, Marilyn.

Born March 23, 1908, in Logansport to Arthur J. and Iva I. Moler Koons, he married Leona Bunnell on Jan. 2, 1930, in South Bend. They moved to Rochester from Hobart in 1974. She preceded him in death on June 7, 1990.

He was a former employee of the Gary Screw & Bolt Corp., Gary, where he worked for more than 32 years. Locally, he worked at Riddle Elementary School, Rochester, for 10 years. He had also been employed by Pinkerton Security Systems where he worked as a guard at Sealed Power Corp. and Dean Foods, both of Rochester; Moriarty Lumber Co., Plymouth; Walker Muffler Corp. and the Culver Foundry, both of Culver. He was a member of First Christian Church, Rochester. He was a charter member of the Rochester Optimist Club.

He is survived by three daughters, Marilyn J. Garvison, Rochester, Maxine M. Badger, Hobart, and Mary L. Olinger Barnett, Rochester; one son, Donald D. Koons and wife Marsha, Rochester; 19 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two sisters, Florence M. Winters and Lydia Howard; and two brothers, Howard S. and Leonard L. Koons.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be noon-2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Judith Ann Roberts

Sept. 26, 1947-Aug. 23, 2004

Judith Ann ROBERTS, 56, of Old Waynesburg Road, Eubank, Ky., died Monday at her residence.

Survivors include her father, John Mullins, Etna Green; husband, Artie D. Roberts, Eubank, Ky.; one son, Travis D. Roberts, Eubank, Ky.; two daughters, Dawn Marie Cothran, Germany, and Bobbi Jo Golden, Etna Green; three brothers, Jerry Mullins, Menominee, Mich., Steve Hall, Etna Green, and Terry Hall, Warsaw; three sisters, Joyce Wright, Argos, Cindy Brown, Bourbon, and Debbie Flenary, Warsaw.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Morris & Hislope Funeral Home, Science Hill, Ky. Visitation begins at 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Thursday, August 26, 2004

Millie Josephine Blackwell

Oct. 20, 1921-Aug. 25, 2004

Millie Josephine BLACKWELL, 82, of 337 Grace Village Dr., Winona Lake, died Wednesday at Grace Village Retirement Community, Winona Lake.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Douglas R. Boer

Aug. 19, 1926-Aug. 23, 2004

Douglas R. BOER, 78, of 1117 Franklin St., Rochester, died at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Boer, Rochester; three sons, Douglas C. Boer, Heyward, Wis., Daniel B. Boer, Spirit Lake, Idaho, Dennis W. Boer, Harvard, Ill.; one brother, William Boer, Newport Richey, Fla.; and two sisters, Myra Buroff, Marietta, Ga., Mary Ellen Winsett, Scottsburg.

There is no funeral service or visitation.

Robert D. Kent

May 8, 1926-Aug. 25, 2004

Robert D. KENT, 78, Noblesville, formerly of Rochester, died Wednesday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife Jean, at home; three sons, Doug Kent, Arcadia, Gary Kent, Noblesville, and Steve Kent, Jacksonville, Fla.; and one brother, Bill Kent, Ocala, Fla.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church, Noblesville. Visitation is from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville.

Londa Lucille Murphy Kuhn

Feb. 25, 1923-Aug. 25, 2004

Londa Lucille Murphy KUHN, 81, Denver, died at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Peru.

Born in Miami County, she was the daughter of Clinton T. and Jettie A. Harper Murphy. She married Virgil DeVirle Kuhn on Dec. 24, 1941. The Rev. Ray Kuhn performed the ceremony at her parents' home. Her husband preceded her in death on July 27, 1995.

Mrs. Kuhn was a lifetime member of the Denver Baptist Church and the Missionary Society. She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star Macy Chapter No. 124, and a cook at North Miami High School for 18 years.

Survivors include one son, Larry E. and wife Lana K. Kuhn, Denver; three grandsons, Michael Kuhn and wife Carmen, Peru, Mike Kuhn and wife Lavonna, West Lafayette, Mason Kuhn, Denver; five great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Alex, Olivia, Benjamin, and Bryce; two sisters, Rosemary Hardt and husband Chuck, Logansport, and Vernice Burke, Saratoga, Wyo.; and one brother, Nordan Murphy and wife Donna, New Jersey. She was preceded in death by her husband and one brother, Elvin Murphy.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. Mark Spencer officiating. Burial is at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Denver Baptist Church building fund.

Grace L. Mills

Feb. 12, 1934–Aug. 25, 2004

Grace L. MILLS, 70, of 462 W. 200 North, Rochester, passed away at 1:50 p.m. Wednesday at her residence. Her health was failing for the past four months.

Born in Macy to Lester and Chloe Walker Floyd, she married Spencer E. Mills on Sept. 17, 1953, in Macy. He survives at home.

Mrs. Mills was a homemaker and lived her entire life in the Fulton County area.

Surviving with her husband are one daughter, Diana Payne and husband Gene, Peru; four sons, Timothy Mills and wife Debra, Ashland, Ohio, Robert Mills, Claypool, Spencer Joe Mills and wife Christy, Estill Fork, Ala., Thomas Mills and wife Deborah, Rochester; seven grandsons, two granddaughters, and two great-granddaughters; her mother, Chloe Floyd, Rochester; four sisters, Adella Wilson, South Bend, Betty Harper and husband Arthur, Rochester, Ruth Carrothers and husband Brice, Peru, Aretha Mills, Rochester; two brothers, Dale Floyd and wife Phyllis, Rochester, David Floyd and wife Kathy, Bloomfield; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father and a granddaughter.

Her graveside service is 10 a.m. Saturday at Akron Cemetery, with the Rev. Stan Owen officiating. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

William F. Parman

William F. PARMAN, 74, Rochester Place Apartments, No. 401, formerly of 524 Fulton Ave., Rochester, passed away at 12:50 a.m. today at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, where he was a patient. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

William L. Sanders Sr.

Jan. 21, 1930–Aug. 25, 2004

William L. SANDERS Sr., 74, of 842 Cherry Tree Lane, Rochester, formerly of 1930 Royal Center Pike, Logansport, passed away at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Born in Logansport to Charles and Mabel Grisez Sanders, he married Patsy Lou Farr on Oct. 23, 1954, in Logansport. She preceded him in death on Nov. 9, 2000.

Mr. Sanders retired from Rockwell International after 47 years of service. He helped make springs for the NASCAR circuit. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, a NASCAR fan, Chicago Cubs fan, and he liked to work in his garden.

Survivors include one daughter, Tamara Jo Conrad and companion David Nitzschke, Logansport; one son, William Sanders Jr. and wife Vonnie, Rochester; one sister, Carolyn Sunday and husband David, Logansport; three granddaughters, Rebecca Bricker, Logansport, Stephanie Ellen Sanders and fiancée Tony Hayden, Logansport, and Mary Margaret Marie Murphy, Rochester; three grandsons, Michael Muir, Tennessee, Steven Carr Sanders, Logansport, Patrick Michael Murphy, Rochester; and three great-grandchildren, Natasha Ann Sanders, Rochester, Taylor Hayden, Logansport, and Jarrett Hayden, Logansport.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Bruce Vernon officiating. Burial is with full military graveside rites at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Cass County Cancer Society.

Marilyn M. Sittig Zartman

A funeral mass for Marilyn M. Sittig ZARTMAN, 71, Redington Shores, Fla., is at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester.

Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of arrangements.

Friday, August 27, 2004

[None published.]

Saturday, August 28, 2004

Edward J. Fansler

Edward J. FANSLER, 63, of 1233 Lakeshore Drive, Rochester, died at 9:45 p.m. Thursday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Eugene E. Montgomery

Aug. 5, 1922-Aug. 26, 2004

Eugene E. MONTGOMERY, 82, of Branch Water Way, Mishawaka, died Thursday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Vera E. Montgomery, at home; five sons, Michael Montgomery, Hamden, Conn., Steve Montgomery, Waipahu, Hawaii, Bruce Montgomery, White City, Ore., Gary Montgomery, Roswell, Ga., and Kenny Montgomery, Mishawaka; three daughters, Kay Montgomery, Green Cove, Fla., Karen Klymman, Reno, Nev., and Rebecca Britton, Indianapolis; one brother, Carl Montgomery, South Bend; and one sister, Phyllis King, Mishawaka.

Visitation will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola. His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Monday, August 30, 2004

Edward J. Fansler

March 14, 1941-Aug. 26, 2004

Edward J. FANSLER, 63, of 1233 Lakeshore Drive, Rochester, died at 9:45 p.m. Thursday at his residence following a sudden illness.

Born on March 14, 1941, in Kewanna, to Earl and Mary Edington Fansler, he lived his entire life in the Fulton County area. On Feb. 20, 1960, he married Beverly A. Keyser in Rochester.

He was a graduate of Rochester High School in the class of 1959. During high school, he was very active in sports and was a member of the Zebra basketball, baseball and track teams. His love of sports carried over into his life after high school. He was a football official for the Indiana High School Athletic Association for more than 20 years. An avid golfer, he organized and played in many local and area golf tournaments. He organized the Slow-Pitch Softball League for the Rochester Round Barn Tournament for many years.

He was very active in his community. For his dedication and his diligent work to better his community and the State of Indiana, Governor Frank O'Bannon made him a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2003.

Locally, he served as chairman of the Fulton County Democratic Party for eight years. He served on the Rochester City Council, where he was president from 1988-1991; Rochester Park and Recreation Board; and Rochester Board of Works.

In 1992, he was elected Mayor of the City of Rochester. He served through 1995. During his tenure as mayor, he accomplished many projects including the Rochester Pathway and the annual Mayor's Ball, which he hosted to benefit local charities. He was also instrumental in the completion of the sledding hill near Rochester High School and the Fulton County Community Resource Center. He created the Rochester Summer Park Program for children.

He was a regional manager for the Indiana Department of Commerce's Community Development Division. He and his wife owned and operated the Dugout, Rochester, for five years and Eddie's Pizza for four years. Prior to this, he worked for Chamberlin Products Corp., Akron, for 13 years.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Elks Lodge 2120 and Fraternal Order of Eagles 852, all of Rochester.

He was a dedicated family man. He loved his family dearly and his favorite times were the times he spent with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly A. Fansler, at home; one daughter, Tami White and husband Ron, Safety Harbor, Fla.; two sons, Todd Fansler and wife Lynne, Hamilton, Ohio, and Troy Fansler, Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Amanda and Jake White, Safety Harbor, Fla., Jessica, Nicole and Grant Fansler, Hamilton, Ohio; his mother, Mary Fansler, Rochester; one sister, Patsy Sullivan and husband Marion, Rochester; one brother, Bruce Fansler, Rochester; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father in 1964.

A private funeral service was at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Michael McFarland officiating. Burial will take place at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. His family requests memorials be made in his memory to Rochester Pathways.

Bonnie D. Washburn

July 26, 1934-Aug. 28, 2004

Bonnie D. WASHBURN, 70, of 1552 S. 1325 East, Akron, died at 4:29 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born on July 26, 1934, in Wabash County, she was the daughter of Victor and Wanda Cook Dickerhoff. She married James C. Sopher. He preceded her in death. She later married James Washburn. He also preceded her in death. A homemaker, she was also the owner and operator of Akron Flea Market. She loved playing bingo with her friends and loved her flea market.

Survivors include one daughter, Sandy and husband Steven Ault, Akron; five sons, Jim Sopher, Akron, Steve and wife Stephanie Sopher, Denver, Michael and wife Dianna Sopher,

Roann, Frank Sopher, Akron, and Jeff and wife Beth Sopher, Akron; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Sue and husband Fred Ammerman, Denver; and one brother, Wayne and wife Mary Dee Dickerhoff, Bremen. She was preceded in death by two children, one grandchild and one brother, Ted Dickerhoff.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, August 31, 2004

[No obits]

Wednesday, September 1, 2004

Harold L. Smith

Harold L. SMITH, 80, Grace Village, Winona Lake, and formerly of Akron, died at 8:46 p.m. Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Thursday, September 2, 2004

Edna Mae Curtis

March 6, 1917-Sept. 1, 2004

Edna Mae CURTIS, 87, Wynnfield Crossing, 1729 Wabash Avenue, Rochester, passed away at 10:03 p.m. Wednesday, at Hickory Creek of Rochester nursing home where she was a patient.

Born near Akron to Russell and Jesse Landis Paxton, she married Ralph Curtis on Sept. 5, 1936, in Akron. He preceded her in death on July 17, 1990.

Mrs. Curtis was a homemaker and resided in Fulton County for most of her life except when she lived in Indianapolis for two years. She attended First Church of God, Rochester.

Survivors include two sons, Ralph Curtis Jr. and wife Peggy, and Robert Curtis and wife Becky, all of Rochester; one son-in-law, Bill Knauff, Rochester; six grandchildren, Vicki Harrold and husband Richard, Akron, Marsha Arntt, Rochester, Steve Curtis and wife Johanna, Rochester, Ryan Curtis and wife Cindy, Syracuse, Lori Filatyev and husband Sergei, West Lafayette, and Cassie Miller and husband Matt, Rochester; 10 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren; four brothers, Jim Paxton and wife Kay, Silver Lake, Ed Paxton and wife Ruth, Rochester, Earl "Bud" Paxton and wife Phyllis, Rochester, and Larry Paxton and wife Pat, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, five-year-old James; one daughter, Sharon Knauff, on June 22, 2004; two great-granddaughters, Madison and Corrine Knauff; and four sisters, Bonnie Garber, Charlotte Keesey, Neva Stackhouse, and Freda Geiger.

A graveside service is 10 a.m. Friday at the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. The family asks that memorials be made to the Heart Fund. Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of her arrangements.

Harold L. Smith

March 29, 1924–Aug. 31, 2004

Harold L. SMITH, 80, of 252 Grace Village Drive, Winona Lake, formerly of rural Akron, passed away at 8:46 p.m. Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was admitted earlier in the day.

Born in Miami County to Benjamin and Francis Emma Ward Smith, he married Mary Louise Cover on Feb. 1, 1944, in Macy. She survives.

Mr. Smith was a dairy farmer and served on the boards of the Pure Milk Association (PMA) and A.M.P.I. dairy organization. A Republican, he served for a combined 28 years in the Miami County government as an auditor, commissioner and treasurer. He was a lifetime member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. He was a World War II Army veteran, who served in the 69th Division. He was also a member of the Peru American Legion; Lincoln Masonic Lodge, Macy; Order of the Eastern Star, Macy; Scottish Rite, South Bend; and Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne. He was a Chicago Cubs fan.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Louise Smith, Winona Lake; one son, Randy and wife Jeri Smith, Akron; three grandchildren, Betsy and husband Barry Hiffner, Peru, Casey Smith, Gas City, Sally and husband Josh Nixon, Lafayette. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Marjorie Miller; and two brothers, Ben and R. Wayne Smith.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Lawrence See officiating. Burial is at Gilead Cemetery. Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

Kenneth O. Zartman

Kenneth O. ZARTMAN, 82, of 1411 Washington St., Rochester, passed away at 4:55 a.m. today at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, September 3, 2004

Kenneth O. Zartman

Aug. 27, 1922-Sept. 2, 2004

Kenneth O. ZARTMAN, 82, of 1411 Washington St., Rochester, passed away at 4:55 a.m. Thursday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born on Aug. 27, 1922, in Culver, he was the son of Ernest and Gertrude Tucker Zartman. On June 28, 1974, he married Ruth Allen Mills in Michigantown. She survives.

Mr. Zartman retired from Public Service Indiana after 40 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served before and during World War II. He is believed to be the last Fulton County survivor of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. He served in the Pacific theater including service at Pearl Harbor, Makin Island and Saipan. He was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association and the Rochester Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Zartman, Rochester; son, Cole and wife Mary Jo Zartman, Noblesville; daughter, Tina and husband Max York, Edinburg, Texas; stepdaughters, Ann and husband Bruce Beehler, Kewanna, Jan and husband David Dittman, Rochester; nine grandchildren, Shannon Breazeale, Cory Zartman, Michael York, Todd and wife Paula Beehler, Troy and wife Shoda Beehler, Traci and husband Tom Coursey, Megan and husband Brandon Hempel, Kelly Dittman, Erin and husband Kevin Clemons; 11 great-grandchildren; and one

brother, Paul Zartman, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Wayne and Dean Zartman; sisters, Mary Van Curen and Alice Maxwell; and one granddaughter, Valerie Zuniga.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Don Meyer officiating. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial is at Mt. Zion Cemetery, southeast of Rochester. Military graveside services will be conducted by Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorials may be made to Rochester Church of the Nazarene.

Saturday, September 4, 2004

[no obits]

Monday, September 6, 2004

[no paper - holiday]

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Larry W. Fisher

Sept. 20, 1938–Sept. 3, 2004

Larry W. FISHER, 65, of 6586 N. Indiana 25, Rochester, passed away at 11:35 p.m. Friday at 5366 N. Indiana 25, Rochester.

Born in Elkhart County, he was the son of Everett and Dorothy Adams Fisher. He married Nettie Rose Wagoner on Sept. 20, 1957 in Nappanee. She preceded him in death on Jan. 21, 1991.

Mr. Fisher was a retired Fisher's Refrigeration repairman. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, National Rifle Association and Amateur Radio Club. He attended Riverview Community Church and had been a member of the Talma Lions Club. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include children, Rose Ann and husband Tracy Shull, Rochester, Larry O. Fisher, Red Rock, Texas, Joyce and husband Terry Sheperd, Warsaw, Robert D. and wife Debbie Fisher, Rochester, Mark A. and wife Denise Fisher, Rochester; 17 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Virgil and wife Judy Fisher, Nappanee, John and wife Kay Fisher, Nappanee, Randy and wife Sharon Fisher, Nappanee, Reggie and wife Denise Fisher, Bristol, Denny and wife Cindy Fisher, Nappanee; sisters, Jackie Zinkiw, Nappanee, Bev and husband Fred Johnson, Nappanee, Salle Black, Nappanee; mother-in-law, Mrs. Martha Wagoner, Rochester; and several nieces, nephews, great nephews, great nieces, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Rod Ruberg officiating. Burial is at Mount Zion Cemetery, southeast of Rochester. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Frances Faye Melton

Oct. 19, 1926–Sept. 5, 2004

Frances Faye MELTON, 77, of 6180 Indiana 14 East, Athens, passed away at 10:14 p.m. Sunday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born on Oct. 19, 1926, to Don and Beulah Fauver Melton in Gary, she lived in the

Fulton County area for 47 years after she moved here from Gary in 1957. She retired from Chamberlin Products, Akron, and Federal Mogul, Leipers Ford. She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary of Post 6919, Culver, and the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Women's Auxiliary of Post 36, Rochester. She was very active in the Fulton County Democratic Women's Organization. She was a teamster with Teamsters Union Local 414.

She is survived by her beloved girls, Diana Shoemaker and husband Jerry, Akron, and Sheryl Woods, Rochester; one sister, Fern Doneff and husband James, Chesterton; two nieces, Shirley Washburn and husband Dwight, Oak Park, Ill., and Carol Schmidt, Indianapolis; two nephews, Terry Doneff and wife Kay, Indianapolis, Donnie Doneff and wife Gail, Crown Point; and her special companions, Susie, her dog, and Zack, her cat. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Barb Schwier and Jean Miller; and one brother.

A celebration of her life will be at 11 a.m. Sept. 18 at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, near the Fulton-Miami county line, southwest of Akron. Pastor Steve Fleck will officiate. Interment will be at Athens Cemetery. Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements. Memorials may be given to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or the Fulton County Animal Shelter.

George J. Miller

Feb. 25, 1915-Sept. 7, 2004

George J. MILLER, 89, of 510 E. Walnut St., Akron, died at 4:55 a.m. today at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born on Feb. 25, 1915, in Wabash County to Benjamin and Rose King Miller, he married Geneva Ramsey on April 25, 1936, in Chili. She survives.

He was a farmer and carpenter. He had been a janitor at the Burket School. He was a member of Silver Creek Church of God, Silver Lake.

Survivors include his wife Geneva Miller, Akron; two daughters, Janice and husband Bill Yeager, Akron, and Carolyn and husband Terry Shumaker, Indianapolis; one son, Richard Miller, Mentone; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Margaret Young, Peru, and Sarah Garreston, Warren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Leslie Miller; one sister, Betty Gilbert; and one great-grandchild.

His funeral is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Silver Creek Church of God, Silver Lake, with Pastor Thomas Craig officiating. Burial will be at Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Golda E. Smith

Feb. 17, 1913-Sept. 3, 2004

Golda E. SMITH, 91, of 7424 S. 450 West, Kewanna, passed away at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Born in Fulton County to Leonard and Emma Warfield Kirk, she married John Henry Smith on April 1, 1935, in Fulton. He preceded her in death on Sept. 30, 1982.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a member of Fletchers Lake United Methodist Church and the Ladies Aide. She was a pianist for the Olive Branch and Fletcher's Lake United Methodist churches. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Mrs. Smith lived the simple life but was a very giving person who touched many lives. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Survivors include one son, Howard Smith and wife Darlene, Kewanna; one daughter, Jean Ann Davis and husband Gene, Kewanna; one sister, Blanche Parkins, Logansport; four grandsons, Chris Smith and wife Tonya, Logansport, John Smith and wife Lisa, Logansport, William Smith,

Kewanna, and Darrell Moss and wife Regina, South Bend; two granddaughters, Tonya Cates and husband Alan, Logansport, and Carla Sewell and husband Steve, Francesville; great-grandchildren, Kyle, Kevin, Abbie, Morgan, Kody, Angel, Brayle and Kia Smith, Jeremy and Jennifer Cates, and Steven Sewell; one great-great-grandson Christian Cates; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband and one brother, Sam Kirk.

Her funeral service was 10 a.m. today at Fletchers Lake United Methodist Church with Pastor Dave Sommers officiating. Burial is at Fulton Cemetery. Visitation was from 3-8 p.m. Monday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, and one hour prior to her service today at the church. Memorials may be made to Fletchers Lake United Methodist Church.

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Harriet J. Hart

Harriet J. HART, 90, of 7520 S. U.S. 421, San Pierre, died at 5:20 a.m. today at Our Lady of Holy Cross, San Pierre.

Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Esther M. Thrush

Esther M. THRUSH, 96, Rochester, passed away at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Donald J. Denger

March 29, 1949-Sept. 2, 2004

Donald J. Denger, 55, Carmel, passed away Thursday.

Survivors include his wife, Margot E. Polley Denger, whom he married on Oct. 23, 1993; two children, GERALYN, 8, and John Robert, 7; his parents, Gene and Betty Heinbaugh Denger; brother, Randy Denger; sisters, Donna Denger and Brenda Denger; and mother-in-law, Donna Polley Rhodes and her husband Bob Rhodes, Rochester.

Born in Lebanon on March 29, 1949, his passion was golf and he was an outstanding golfer all his life. He attended Purdue University and was on the golf team from 1967-1971, where he was All Big-Ten in 1971. He won the Ulen Club Championship in Lebanon in 1966, 1967 and 1968. He was an assistant pro at Crooked Stick Golf Course and he played for two years on the mini-tours in Florida. In August 2004, as an amateur with his partner, he finished third in the Indiana State PGA Senior Pro-Am at the Country Club of Indianapolis. He was a member of Wolf Run Golf Club.

He started and owned D.J. Denger Co. Inc., a grading company, for 11 years after working for his father for 15 years in the same business.

His funeral service was at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center, Carmel.

Visitation was 3-7 p.m. Monday. A private burial will be held at a later date at Zionsville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Golf

Foundation, P.O. Box 516, Franklin, IN 46131.

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Joseph M. Dierdorf Jr.

Feb. 7, 1948-Sept. 1, 2004

Joseph M. DIERDORF Jr., 56, Terre Haute, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, in his residence.

He was a Terre Haute Police Department patrolman for 30 years. He was born Feb. 7, 1948, in Terre Haute to Joseph M. Dierdorf Sr. and Ethel L. Judd Dierdorf.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Ogle, whom he married Feb. 14, 1993, in Rochester; two sons, John Dierdorf, Clermont, and Michael Dierdorf, Terre Haute; two sisters, Merleen Baumgardner, Montezuma, and Georgia Henderson, California; and one brother, David Dierdorf, Terre Haute. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Sandra Purdy.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the International Union of Police Association. He loved the ocean and the beaches of Florida. He will be remembered by his district's elementary students and senior citizens as "Officer Joe."

Services were Saturday, Sept. 4, at Mattox Wood Funeral Home in Terre Haute, with the Rev. Dan Walls officiating. Presentation of the flag was conducted by the Terre Haute Police Honor Guard. Cremation is scheduled. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

Nicholas Alan Walters

Nicholas Alan WALTERS was stillborn at 7:35 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He is survived by his parents, Richard and Kimberly Walters, Akron, and his brother, Jordan.

Friday, September 10, 2004

Harriet J. Hart

July 9, 1912-Sept. 8, 2004

Harriet J. HART, 92, San Pierre, and formerly of South Bend and Argos, died Wednesday at Our Lady of Holy Cross, San Pierre.

There is no public visitation. A private family funeral service will be held. Arrangements are being handled by Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

William F. Parman

Jan. 11, 1930-Aug. 26, 2004

William F. PARMAN, 74, Rochester Place Apartments, Apt. 401, and formerly of 524 Fulton Ave., Rochester, died at 12:50 a.m. Aug. 26 at Woodlawn Hospital, where he was a patient following a lengthy illness.

Born Jan. 11, 1930, in Tippecanoe, he was the son of Samuel B. and Eunice M. Parman Smith. He lived in the Rochester area for 37 years after he moved here from Cedar Lake.

He retired from Cargill Feed, Mentone, where he was a truck driver for several years. He later worked as a night watchman for Rochester Metal Products Co., Rochester. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served during the occupation of Japan following World War II. He later served as a U.S. Marine during the Korean War. He was a member of LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post 36, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1343, Fraternal Order of Eagles 852 and F & AM Lodge 79, all of Rochester.

He is survived by two daughters, Blanche M. Curtis, Whiting, and Penny Jacobs,

Brooklyn, Mich.; one son, William Parman, Cedar Lake; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; four sisters, Judy Spencer, Logansport, Shirley Lucas, Lucerne, Velma Harlan, Converse, and Frieda Hamblen, Marion; three brothers, Everett Smith, Dean Smith, both of Logansport, and Jerry Smith, Lucerne; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Patrick Parman, on Nov. 24, 1994; and two brothers.

His graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bethel Cemetery, Logansport, with Pastor Buddy Holder officiating. LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post 36 and VFW Post 1343 will perform military graveside services. Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

Julie A. Avery Glasson Sheetz

July 1, 1964-Sept. 8, 2004

Julie A. Avery Glasson SHEETZ, 40, of 9461 W. Sycamore Drive, Delong, died at 4:02 p.m. Wednesday at her residence.

Julie was born to Clyde Avery and Betty P. Hill on July 1, 1964, in Plymouth. She was formerly married to James M. Glasson, who is the father of her two daughters. She then married Marshall R. Sheetz on Nov. 7, 1997, at Plymouth. Both men survive.

She was a resident of the Delong area for six years after she moved there from Plymouth. She was a member of Delong Gospel Lighthouse Church, liked to fish, collected M & M memorabilia, loved taking care of and playing with her shih tzu, and above all else, loved spending time with her granddaughter.

Julie is survived by her husband, Marshall R. Sheetz, Delong; daughters, Jessica M. Glasson and fiancé Aaron Gilley, Culver, and Janda M. Glasson, Delong; stepdaughter, Jennifer Sheetz, Bourbon; stepsons, Adam Sheetz, Bull Head City, Ariz., and Eric Sheetz, Springfield, Ill.; granddaughter, Olivia A. Gilley; brothers, Clyde "Chip" (Melody) Avery Jr., Plymouth, Richard Avery, Plymouth, and John Avery, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be noon-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Saturday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Rev. Floyd G. Allen will officiate the service at 6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Private interment will follow at a later time. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society. Letters of condolence may be sent via www.bonine-odom.com. Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is handling arrangements.

Doin M. Smoker

Doin M. SMOKER, 91, Celina, Ohio, and formerly of Akron, died at 3:05 a.m. today at The Gardens of Celina Nursing Home, Celina, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Esther M. Thrush

Dec. 19, 1907-Sept. 7, 2004

Esther M. THRUSH, 96, Rochester, passed away at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Born in LaPorte, she was the daughter of Oren and Meta Louise Hess Thrush.

Miss Thrush attended Indiana State Teacher's College, Terre Haute, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Mansfield State College. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and had been a member of the Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include two nephews, Richard and wife Carol Thrush, Beverly Hills, Fla.; Tom and wife Carol Thrush, Las Vegas, Nev.; several great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by brothers Richard, Ralph and Maurice Thrush.

Her funeral service is at 2 p.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Tim McFarland and John Thomas officiating. Burial is at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Saturday, September 11, 2004

Doin M. Smoker

Sept. 23, 1912-Sept. 10, 2004

Doin M. SMOKER, 91, 1119 Sunset Dr., Celina, Ohio and formerly of Akron died Friday, Sept. 10 at 3:05 a.m. at The Gardens of Celina Nursing Home, Celina, Ohio.

Born Sept. 23, 1912 in Fulton County, he was the son of Charles and Tressie Miller Smoker. On Feb. 1, 1934 at Warsaw he married Violet I. Smith. She survives.

He was a farmer who very much enjoyed his occupation. He served on the Farm Bureau Board which he was a member of for several years. He also served several years on the Fulton County Co-op Board. He was a charter member of the Fulton County Historical Society.

He lived in the Akron area all his life with the exception of the past two years which he and his wife moved to Celina to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law.

Surviving with his wife are one daughter, Merlee and husband Fred Heckathorn, Celina, Ohio; one daughter-in-law, Carolyn Smoker, Akron; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Charles Smoker on Dec. 5, 2001; one grandson, Brent; five sisters, Goldie Ferree, Mildred Clark Beck, Blanche Swick, Thelma Sausaman and Margret Slaybaugh.

Graveside services for Doin M. Smoker are Sunday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. at Akron Cemetery, Akron. There will be no visitation. Arrangements are being handled by Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Fulton County Historical Society, 37 East, 375 North, Rochester.

Monday, September 13, 2004

Gary G. Rae

Gary G. RAE, 66, died at 4:45 a.m. today at his residence, 305 E. Apple St., Argos. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Gary G. Rae

Dec. 28, 1937-Sept. 13, 2004

Gary G. RAE, 66, 305 E. Apple St., Argos, died Monday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Rae, at home; and two daughters, Malinda Rae and Julie Rae, both of Argos. His funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday at Argos Maple Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Donald Umbaugh

Donald UMBAUGH, 79, of 11065 Regency Court, Plymouth, died at 7:38 a.m. today at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Wednesday, September 15, 2004

William Martin

William MARTIN, 59, of 218 E. 13th St., Rochester, died at 8:54 a.m. Tuesday at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, where he was a patient.

Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Donald D. Umbaugh

Feb. 15, 1925-Sept. 14, 2004

Donald D. UMBAUGH, 79, of 11065 Regency Court, Plymouth, who formerly lived southeast of Argos on the family farm, died at 7:38 a.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. He had been in failing health.

Born on Feb. 15, 1925, in Green Township near Argos, he was the son of Harold and Vivian Lewis Umbaugh. He graduated from Richland Center High School in Fulton County in 1943. On June 8, 1946, he married Marjorie A. Scott near Tiosa.

He retired from farming. He was a former director of the Marshall County REMC and a member of Jordan Baptist Church, Argos. While residing in Plymouth for the past 10 years, he attended Plymouth Wesleyan Church. He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corp. veteran. His favorite pastimes were fishing and billiards with his friends and family.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie A. Umbaugh, at home; one daughter, Nancy Collier and husband Bruce, Elkhart; two sons, Terry Umbaugh and wife Sara, Bisalia, Calif., and Randy Umbaugh and wife Kim, Winona Lake; seven grandchildren, Alicia and Adam LaMunion, Jill Sloffer, Tessa and Jay Umbaugh, and Hillary and Emily Umbaugh; two stepgrandchildren, Aaron and Crystal Collier; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Hailec Lawler and Preston Sloffer; one brother, Hugh Umbaugh and wife Julia, Argos. He was preceded in death by his parents.

His funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday at Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, with Pastor Robert Rice officiating. Burial will be at Reichter Cemetery, seven miles northeast of Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to his service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Research Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Thursday, September 16, 2004

William Lee 'Bill' Martin

April 28, 1945-Sept. 14, 2004

William Lee "Bill" MARTIN, 59, of 218 E. 13th St., Rochester, died at 8:54 a.m. Tuesday at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. He had been in failing health since February.

Born on April 28, 1945, in Rensselaer, to Kenneth and Ruth Booker Martin, he lived here for 10 years after moving from Logansport. On Feb. 3, 1963, he married Sally A. Geisler in Logansport.

He was a former employee of Rose Dale Motel, which he managed for several years. He

and his wife owned and operated Pizza King, Rochester. While in Logansport, he was a supervisor for Logansport Distributing Inc. and Monon Trailer Co., Monon.

He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church, Rochester. His grandchildren were the love of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Sally A. Martin, at home; three daughters, Beth Martin, Rochester, Jennie Mullet and husband Ryan, South Bend, Missy Stevens and husband T.J., Rochester; one son, Kevin Martin, at home; one son-in-law, Don Stair, Rochester; six grandchildren, Ryne, Kayla, D.J., Will, Eli and Lori; two brothers, Larry Martin and wife Shirley, and John Martin and wife Prudence, all of Logansport; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and two brothers.

His funeral is at 2 p.m. Friday at Liberty Baptist Church, Rochester, with Pastor Todd Kauffman officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, and one hour prior to his service Friday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Liberty Baptist Church Building Fund.

June E. Sparks

Dec. 22, 1914-Sept. 9, 2004

June E. SPARKS, 89, died at 9 p.m. Sept. 9 at her Monticello residence.

Born Dec. 22, 1914, in Logansport to William and Florence Cooper Luplow, she married Gordon Sparks on Jan. 6, 1935. He died Dec. 5, 1986. She graduated from Logansport High School in 1933. She worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 20 years.

She was a member of Monticello Christian Church, where she was very active, and of the White County Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary. She enjoyed quilting and spending time with friends and family.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara (John) Howkinson, Rochester; one sister, Tootsie (Bud) Braugh, Logansport; one granddaughter, Mary Beth (Jimmy) Fox, Knoxville, Tenn.; one grandson, Mark (Penny) Howkinson, Fairbanks, Ind.; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; brother, Billy Luplow; and her parents.

Her funeral service was at 10 a.m. Monday at Fisher-Voorhis-Draper Chapel, Monticello, with the Rev. Chris Dodson officiating. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial was at Riverview IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Monticello Christian Church or the White County Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

Friday, September 17, 2004

Frances Faye Melton

Oct. 19, 1926-Sept. 5, 2004

Frances Faye MELTON, 77, of 6180 Indiana 14 East, Athens, died Sept. 5 at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include her daughters, Diana Shoemaker, Akron, and Sheryl Woods, Rochester; and one sister, Fern Doneff, Chesterton.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Akron.

Saturday, September 18, 2004

Nadine Sriver

Nadine SRIVER, 93, Northport, Fla., former longtime Talma resident, passed away at 4:20 p.m. at Quality Health Care center, Northport, Fla. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Monday, September 20, 2004

Willis L. Bowen

July 24, 1904–Sept. 19, 2004

Willis L. BOWEN, 100, Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, formerly of Akron, passed away at 2:10 a.m. Sunday at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Born in Miami County to Joseph and Grace Alspaugh Bowen, he married Mary B. Dickey on Dec. 23, 1929, in Goshen. She passed away on March 4, 1990.

Mr. Bowen was a longtime educator and administrator in Fulton, Miami and Howard county schools. He was also a farmer. He graduated in 1922 from Akron High School and in 1926 from DePauw University. He received his master's degree in 1941 from Ball State University. He was a member of the Akron United Methodist Church and was a 32nd degree Mason at the former Akron Lodge and the Rochester Lodge No. 79 for more than 50 years where he had been very active. He served as Akron Town Clerk in earlier years and enjoyed caning and other activities.

Survivors include two daughters, Jane Ford, Fort Wayne, and Sharon Miller, Akron; six grandchildren, Marcia Carnes, Carol Bryan, Jeffrey Clark, Duane Ford, LuAnn Greene, and Debra Glaze; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife and two sisters, Pauline Bennett and Bernice Bowen.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Robert Jarboe officiating. Burial is at Athens Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. A Masonic Lodge service is 6 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials may be made to Akron United Methodist Church and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Howard E. Mitchell

Dec. 11, 1923–Sept. 17, 2004

Howard E. MITCHELL, 80, of 433 E. 18th St., Rochester, died following an illness at 11:50 p.m. Friday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born in Mishawaka, he was the son of William H. and Eva A. Stroup Mitchell. He attended Plymouth's Washington Elementary School and moved to the Rochester area in 1968. Howard married Dorothy M. Ullery on Sept. 20, 1942, in Hammond. She passed away on Feb. 5, 2003.

Howard was a driver for various trucking firms for more than 30 years until he retired in 1986. He derived great satisfaction from his work and enjoyed spectator sports of all kinds. Howard enjoyed playing the bass guitar, playing with his grandchildren, and he especially looked forward to family cookouts with apple pie, a favorite. He had been a member of the Blissville Church of the Brethren and then later the Akron Church of the Brethren.

Howard is survived by two daughters, a son, and their families.

They include Connie Lou Mitchell, Rochester, and son Blake Mitchell; Sharon K. and Ed Willyerd, Lakeland, Fla., and children, Rhonda Carberg, Robyn and Gary Armstrong, Raquel and Dave Wyatt, and Nathan Willyerd; Monte D. Mitchell, Rochester, and children, Marlo and

Rodney Hudson, Shayn Mitchell, Shanon and Tim Corn, and Trey Mitchell; 14 great-grandchildren; a future great-great-granddaughter; four brothers, Charles W. Mitchell, Ventura, Calif., Stanley and wife Pat Mitchell, South Bend, Robert E. Mitchell, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Glen A. and wife Sue Mitchell, Plymouth; a half-brother, Marvin Mitchell, living in Chicago; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a brother, Clarence H. Mitchell, a sister, Mae June Sullivan, Plymouth, a half-brother, George M. Hammel, and a half-sister, Pearl Dole.

Visitation with the family is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Howard's funeral service is 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with his brother, the Rev. Glen Mitchell, a retired Assembly of God pastor, and the Rev. Erin Hurias, pastor of the Akron Church of the Brethren, officiating. Interment will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association. Letters of condolences may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Nadine Sriver

April 29, 1911–Sept. 17, 2004

Nadine SRIVER, 93, North Port, Fla., longtime Talma resident, passed away at 4:20 p.m. Friday at the Quality Health Care Center, North Port, Fla.

Born in Hepburn, Ohio, she was the daughter of Fred and Bertha Schmidt Roe. She married Harry Sriver on June 24, 1934, in Akron. He preceded her in death on Aug. 26, 1997.

Mrs. Sriver had been a school teacher for many years having taught at the former Talma schools, Lincoln and Riddle Schools in the Rochester Community School system. She was a member of the Talma United Methodist Church, Delta Kappa Sorority, and the Fulton County Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include her daughter, Janalene J. Hopping and husband Loren, North Port, Fla.; one son, Monte R. and wife Thelma Sriver, Goodyear, Ariz.; grandchildren, David Hopping, Commerce Township, Mich., Mark Hopping, Pendleton, Todd and wife Stephanie Sriver, Bristow, Va., Scott and wife Tracy Sriver, Lockport, Ill., Ryan and wife Andrea Sriver, West Lafayette; seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Graydon Roe.

Burial and a private graveside service is at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, or to the Hospice of Southwest Florida, 220 Wexford Boulevard, Venice, FL 34293. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Gerald 'Jerry' Wilson

Gerald "Jerry" WILSON, 82, Peru, died at 2:15 a.m. Saturday at Dukes Hospital, Peru. His funeral service is 2 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Visitation is from noon until the time of his service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

[no obits]

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

George R. Brown

Jan. 1, 1921-Sept. 20, 2004

George R. BROWN, 83, died of natural causes Monday at Ironwood Health & Rehabilitation Center, South Bend.

He was born in Kokomo to Robert Avert and Grace Garner Brown on Jan. 1, 1921. He lived most of his life in Fulton and St. Joseph counties.

He is survived by a daughter, Joan Huber and husband John, Rochester; a son, Ronald and wife Jean, Anchorage, Alaska; two sisters, Dorothy Bixler and husband George, Athens, and Grace Miller and husband Allen, Rochester; four brothers, Joseph Brown and wife Bonnie, Kokomo, Kenneth Brown, Rochester, John Brown and wife Neva, Ashland, Ky., and Max Brown and wife Delores, Claypool; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a companion, Mary Moore, South Bend. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Thomas and Ira Brown; and one daughter, Roberta.

There will be no visitation or public funeral service. Palmer Funeral Home, South Bend, is in charge of arrangements.

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Norene Billisitz

Aug. 2, 1921-Sept. 15, 2004

Norene BILLISITZ, 83, formerly of Fulton County, died Sept. 15 at Elderberry Care Center, Marshall, N.C.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Klinger, Salt Lake City, Utah; two sisters, Esther Walsh, Rochester, and Lois Burns, Granite Shoals, Texas; two brothers, Floyd Palmer, Argos, and Norman Palmer, Sparks, Nev. Her graveside service is 10 a.m. Oct. 19 at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Parkway Cemetery, Mishawaka.

Frona B. Pierce

Dec. 11, 1921-Sept. 22, 2004

Frona B. PIERCE, 82, formerly of Peru, died at 6:43 a.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester, after an extended illness.

Born in Poplar Bluff, Mo., to Milton and Nora Frances Hatton Spradling, she married Cleo B. Pierce in June 1937. He died in August 1977. A homemaker and member of First Church of Christ, Peru, she had an upholstery business and was a nanny and volunteer nursing assistant.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald Pierce, Gatewood, Mo., and Bob Pierce and wife Cheryl, Bonneau, S.C.; two daughters, Judy Wilson and husband Nick, Rochester, and Joy Renfrow and husband Gerald, Peru; three sisters, Blanche Perfetto, St. Louis, Mary Clemons, Chesterton, and Marian Cuellar and husband Louis, Valparaiso; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two brothers, three sisters, three great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

Her funeral is 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor George Faull officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery in Cass County.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Fulton County Hospice.

Friday, September 24, 2004

James Dale Nixon

Jan. 31, 1947-Sept. 23, 2004

James Dale NIXON, 57, of 1606 Tippecanoe Drive, Warsaw, and formerly of Rochester, died Thursday at his daughter's residence in Warsaw.

Survivors include three daughters, Tracey R. Bos, Alma, Mich., Jessica R. Schultz, Warsaw, and Katharine M. Nixon, Mentone; one son, Jason D. Nixon, Louisville, Ky.; one brother, Michael J. Nixon, South Whitley; one sister, Marianne R. Nixon, Rochester; and his mother, Marjorie R. Nixon, Rochester.

His memorial service is at 10 a.m. Monday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Saturday, September 25, 2004

Zelma 'Red' Kelly Seay

July 7, 1963-Sept. 19, 2004

Zelma "Red" Kelly SEAY, 41, formerly of Rochester, died Sunday at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, Miss.

Survivors include her husband, Albert Seay, Tupelo, Miss.; six children, Crystal Evans, Nettleton, Miss., Patricia Seay, Tupelo, Miss., Alicia Robertson, Arley, Ala., and Sarah Seay, Albert Warren Seay Jr. and Jessica Seay, all at home; her father, Charles Kelly, Tupelo, Miss.; sisters, Tina Sheffield, Mooreville, Miss., Martha Kochenderfer, Rochester, Eva Pickett, Kokomo; brothers, Tony Kelly, Tupelo, Miss., and Charles Kelly, LaPorte.

Services were Wednesday at Jefferson Street Chapel of W.E. Pegues, Tupelo, Miss.

Henrietta May Ferguson

Henrietta May FERGUSON, 97, Parsons House, 14325 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha, Neb., died at 5:05 p.m. Thursday at Methodist Hospital, Omaha, Neb.

Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Monday, September 27, 2004

Carol Jane Apple

July 19, 1930-Sept. 25, 2004

Carol Jane APPLE, 74, Palestine, Ill., died at 3:30 a.m. Saturday at Cotillion Ridge Nursing Center, Robinson, Ill.

She was born July 19, 1930, in Indianapolis, the daughter of Basil Gaumer and Dorothy Bryant Gaumer. She was a homemaker and member of Palestine First Christian Church.

Carol married Kenneth Apple on March 19, 1948. He preceded her in death on March 17, 1993. She was also preceded by her son, Steve Apple, and two sisters, Patty Wire and Betty Reedy.

She is survived by her two daughters and a son-in-law, Pam and Ed Rich, rural Palestine, Ill., and Debbie Fuller, Palestine, Ill.; two stepdaughters, Phyllis Ware and her husband Bill, Kilmichael, Miss., and Paula Shaulis, Phoenix; four grandchildren, Corey Douglas, Craig Tracy, Kyle Fuller and Ashley Fuller, all of Palestine, Ill.; five stepgrandchildren, Karen Shivel, Rhonda Guttusso, Keith Ware, Cindi Samples and Cathy Jarrett; 10 stepgreat-grandchildren; one

stepgreatgreat-granddaughter; her sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Stan Musgrave, Rochester; two sisters-in-law, Dorcus Schutte and her husband Walt, and Bernice Weir, all of Phoenix; and several nieces and nephews.

Her graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Oak Grove Cemetery, rural Palestine, Ill. The Rev. James Delaney III is in charge of services. Memorials may be made to the Oak Grove Cemetery Association. Goodwine Funeral Home, Palestine, Ill., is handling arrangements.

Olin James Corbitt

July 14, 1932-Sept. 24, 2004

Olin James CORBITT, 72, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday after a long illness.

Olin was born in Nocatee, Fla., on July 14, 1932, to Dallas and Lilly Corbitt. He graduated from Sarasota High School, Sarasota, Fla., and Tennessee Temple University, Chattanooga, Tenn. He married Leta Kemerer, of Hicksville, Ohio, on Aug. 9, 1952, in San Diego.

He was a Korean War veteran who served his country in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a meat cutter in grocery stores in Florida, Indiana and Ohio. He worked for Dinner Bell Meats, Defiance, Ohio, for many years. Later in life, the Rev. Corbitt pastored Hillcrest Baptist Church, Rochester, and Evangel Baptist Church, Silva, Mo.

He leaves behind his wife, Leta, Warsaw; two sons, Stephen (Judy) Corbitt, Defiance, Ohio, and Donnal (Becky) Corbitt, Fort Wayne; two daughters, Carolyn (Steve) McMillan, Rhome, Texas, and Bonnie (Paul) Blair, Warsaw; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Sam (Sue) Corbitt, Orange City, Fla.; and one sister, Garnett (John) Falcs, Fort Ogden, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Hoyt, Dozier and Wilbur; and one sister, Violet.

His funeral service is at 1 p.m. (Ohio time) Tuesday at First Church of Christ, Hicksville, Ohio, with calling one hour prior to the service. Visitation will also be 3-9 p.m. (Ohio time) today at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio. Burial will be at Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, Winamac, for the Ukraine Mission. Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

Henrietta May Brubaker Ferguson

Sept. 2, 1907-Sept. 23, 2004

Henrietta May Brubaker FERGUSON, 97, Parsons House, 14325 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha, Neb., died at 5:05 p.m. Thursday at Methodist Hospital, Omaha, Neb. She had been in failing health since Sept. 18.

Born on Sept. 2, 1907, in Rochester, she was the daughter of Claude and Vada Mae Zink Brubaker. She lived most of her life in the Rochester area. In 1992, she moved to Omaha, Neb., where she lived with her daughter and son-in-law until her death.

She graduated from Rochester High School in the Class of 1925. She was a member of the Zebra women's basketball and tennis teams. In 1928, she graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago. On Aug. 31, 1935, she married Fred Grant Ferguson in Chicago. He preceded her in death in January 1991.

A nurse, she worked as a private duty nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, from 1929-1930 and 1935-1937. From 1930-1935, she served as a member of the Chicago Visiting Nurses Association on the south side. She worked for the Chicago Health Department from 1937-1942. She worked for the Fulton County Health Department from 1951-1972. She was the county health

nurse and was instrumental in forming the school nurse program for all Fulton County schools. She started the screening of students for hearing and sight disabilities.

She was a member of Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church, now Trinity United Methodist Church, Rochester. She was a life member of the Alumni Association of Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago; the Crippled Children's Society, later the Fulton County Crippled Children's and Adults' Society, where she served on the board, as camp chairman and on the service committee; and the Easter Seals Society, where she served on the rehabilitation and service committee.

A member of the Indiana State Nurses Association, she served as a delegate to the convention and received a Citation for Public Health Work. From 1954-1987, she was a member of the Tri-County Nurses Association, which later became District 15 of the ISNA. She was a charter board member and served as a board member, officer and on the Intergroup Relations Institute.

She was a charter board member of the Fulton Co. Council for Handicapped Children. She assisted with Red Cross Home Nursing classes. A member of the Fulton Co. Historical Society and the Fulton Co. Genealogy Society, she received a certificate of appreciation from the historical society.

Survivors include one daughter, Karen Wilson and husband David, Omaha, Neb.; two grandsons, Scott Ferguson Wilson, Omaha, Neb., and Daren Cole Wilson and wife Margi, Leawood, Kan.; three great-grandchildren, Ellie, Cole and Mary Grace Wilson, Leawood, Kan.; one sister-in-law, Catherine Brubaker, Rochester; and one cousin, Ada Chloe Fisher, Richland Township, near Rochester. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Arthur and Claude Brubaker Jr.; and one sister, Evelyn Pyle.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Buck Padilla officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to her service on Tuesday.

Ethel A. Stuber

May 22, 1910-Sept. 25, 2004

Ethel A. STUBER, 94, passed away at 8:12 a.m. Saturday at Hickory Creek, Rochester. Born on May 22, 1910, in Erie, she was the daughter of Ervin and Edith Zook Hileman. On Nov. 14, 1930, she married James A. Easterday in Wabash. He preceded her in death on March 1, 1959. On July 2, 1960, she married Paul R. Stuber in Laketon. He preceded her in death in 1976.

Mrs. Stuber retired from Singer Control Corp., North Manchester. She was a member of New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico, and United Methodist Women. She enjoyed quilting, gardening, sewing, making crafts and traveling.

Survivors include her daughter, Norma and husband Norman Collins, Rochester; sons, James and wife Nila Easterday, Rochester, Homer Easterday, North Manchester, and Mike and wife Bonnie Easterday, Lafayette; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and sisters, Mary Schlemmer, Wabash, and Rhea Kirby, Wabash. She was preceded in death by three sisters, four brothers, one stepdaughter and one stepson-in-law.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Lawrence See officiating. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Enterprise Cemetery, Roann.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the donor's favorite charity.

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Abigail Mowery

Amanda Mowery

Infant twins Abigail and Amanda MOWERY, 2214 E. Broadway, Logansport, died Sunday at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include their parents, Jamie Mowery and April Bradley, Logansport, and two brothers, Brandon Kinser Jr. and Austin Mowery. Their funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ever-Rest Cemetery Chapel, Logansport. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the chapel. Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, is handling arrangements.

Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Clyde S. Lyle

July 21, 1907-Sept. 28, 2004

Clyde S. LYLE, 97, formerly of 2741 N. Salisbury, West Lafayette, died at 6:55 a.m. Tuesday at West Minster Village, Terre Haute.

Born on July 21, 1907, in Lawrence, he lived in Rossville for three years, Rochester for 17 years and Hammond for 19 years. A Lawrence High School graduate, he graduated from Purdue University in 1929. He participated in basketball and baseball while there. He received his master's degree from Purdue at a later time.

On June 11, 1932, he married Esther Sheffler in Rossville. She died on Oct. 5, 1999. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II from Aug. 1943 through Dec. 1945. Mr. Lyle held teaching and coaching assignments at Rossville High School for three years and at Rochester High School for 17 years. He was director of physical education and athletics at Hammond City School Corp. for 19 years.

He was awarded the Purdue Medal of Honor in 1929, was a lifetime member of the John Purdue Coaches Club and a Fellow in the Presidents Council. He was a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, Hammond High School Hall of Fame and Rochester High School Hall of Fame.

Survivors include one son, Jack and wife Linda Lyle, Terre Haute; one stepgrandson, Eric Garrard; two nieces, Dawn and Wendel Hauck, Columbus, and Shirley and Harold Robinson, Inverness, Fla.; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Soller-Baker West Chapel, 1184 Sagamore Parkway West, West Lafayette. Burial will be at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens Mausoleum, West Lafayette. Visitation will be one hour prior to his service. Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Thursday, September 30, 2004

[no obits]

Friday, October 1, 2004

Sharon A. Dobrowolski

March 13, 1952-Sept. 29, 2004

Sharon A. DOBROWOLSKI, 52, of 7701 S. Indiana 35, Lot 34, LaPorte, died Wednesday at LaPorte Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Robert J. Dobrowolski, two sons, Donald R. Hughes Jr. and Christopher L. Hughes; one sister, Leona Uryga, Michigan City; and one brother, James Konieczny, Las Vegas.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Essling Funeral Home, LaPorte. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Sunday and 9-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Verna M. Reed Hale

March 22, 1904-Sept. 28, 2004

Verna M. Reed HALE, 100, Venice, Fla., died Tuesday.

Survivors include her sister, Marjorie L. Reed Hyer, Venice, Fla.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Charlotte Mary Shira Wichers

Jan. 16, 1915-Sept. 27, 2004

Memorial services for Charlotte Mary Shira WICHERS, 89, will be at 3 p.m. today at Bustard's Funeral Home, Casper, Wyo., conducted by Kirk Pearson. Cremation has taken place.

She died Monday at Poplar Living Center, Casper, Wyo.

She was born Jan. 16, 1915, in Homer, Minn., to Austin Flint and Pearl Charlotte Kitzman Shira. She was raised and attended school in Winona, Minn. Furthering her education, she received a B.A. degree from Winona State Teachers' College and an M.A. from Ball State University.

On May 19, 1951, she married Frank F. Wichers in Winona, Minn.

A longtime elementary school teacher, she taught in several towns in Wisconsin and Minnesota. She lived in Rochester from 1951-1965 where she taught school. She taught from 1965-1977 in Spearfish, S.D. In 1977, she retired to Winona, Minn., where she volunteered as a teacher's aide.

Her husband died in 1984 and she moved to Casper, Wyo., in 1993, where she volunteered for several years at Crest Hill Elementary School as a teacher's aide in the reading program.

Her hobbies included reading, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, quilting, baking and gardening. She knitted caps for newborns, which were donated to Wyoming Medical Center, and caps and scarves, which were donated to the Merchant Marines.

Survivors include two sons, Bill, Casper, Wyo., and Bob, Durant, Okla.; two grandsons; and two brothers, Austin Shira Jr., Rimrock, Ariz., and Dick Shira, Winona, Minn. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and Lewis Shira, and her parents.

Memorials may be sent to the reading program at Crest Hill Elementary School, 4445 South Poplar, Casper, WY 82601.

Saturday, October 2, 2004

[no obits]

Monday, October 4, 2004

Rebecca S. Gudeman

Jan. 25, 1955–Oct. 2, 2004

Rebecca S. GUDEMAN, 49, Kewanna, died at 3:46 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Lafayette, she was the daughter of William R. Gudeman and Elizabeth A. Emerich. She was a student at Ancilla College through a retraining program. A member of St. Ann Catholic Church, Kewanna, she was an avid gardener and enjoyed her cats and shopping with her sister. She graduated from Kewanna High School in 1973.

She is survived by two brothers, Craig Gudeman and wife Beth, Plymouth, and David Gudeman, Rochester; one sister, Angela and husband Roger Ridenour, Plymouth; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Dennis, and her parents. Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Ann Catholic Church, Kewanna, with Father Joseph Jacob officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Catholic Cemetery, Kewanna. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna. The Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to Kewanna Clinic.

Kenneth K. Hood

April 18, 1925–Oct. 2, 2004

Kenneth K. HOOD, 79, of 708 Sweetgum Road, Rochester, died at 1:31 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Born in Pulaski County to Carl and Sarah Hahn Hood, he lived in Rochester since 1954 when he moved from Kewanna. He graduated from Star City High School in 1944. On Aug. 7, 1949, he married Doris M. Barker in Wayne Township at the home of the bride's parents.

He owned and operated the Marathon Oil Bulk Plant in Rochester for a number of years until he retired in 1994. He was a member of First Church of God, Rochester, and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. An avid bowler, he bowled in leagues at Quick's Lanes, Rochester, where he rolled a perfect game during league play.

Survivors include his wife, Doris M. Hood, at home; one daughter, Ronda Rae Brugh and husband Jim, Rochester; three sons, Layne E. Hood and wife Gretchen, Bend, Ore., Dan E. Hood and wife Pamela, Valparaiso, and Lyle D. Hood and wife LeAnna, Bradenton, Fla.; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Jean Spore and Ruth Dupoy and husband George, all of Culver; one brother, Cecil Hood, Kewanna; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Benjamin Hood, in 1989; and one brother, Jay, in 2004.

His funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. David Dittman officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to his service Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First Church of God, Rochester. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Samuel ‘Sam’ L. Nelson

March 7, 1928–Sept. 30, 2004

Samuel “Sam” L. NELSON, 76, Logansport, died Thursday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Born March 7, 1928, in Shipshewana, he was the son of the late Perry Nelson and Lucy Mishler Nelson. On Aug. 28, 1949, he married Barbara Townsend at the bride’s home in Cutler.

He served in the U.S. Army, spending one year in Japan. He graduated from Shipshewana High School in 1946 and from Manchester College in 1952 with a bachelor’s degree. He received his master’s degree from Purdue University in 1962. He taught science at Logansport Community Schools for 32 years before retiring. He taught five years at Pierceton School.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Nelson, Logansport; his son, Jim Nelson, Nashville; two daughters, Jane Nelson and Julie Swisher, both of Logansport; one sister, Faye Oesch, Estero, Fla.; four grandchildren, Kendra Nelson, Edinburg, Cody Nelson, Nashville, Wendy Hall and Danielle Ingle, both of Logansport; and one great-granddaughter, Halle Rennewanz, Logansport. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Stanley Nelson and Dr. John Nelson.

Friends were received from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport. His funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. today at Fisher Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Greg Ratliff officiating. Private burial followed at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the Semi-Independent Living Program in care of Woodlawn Center, Logansport.

Jeanna Lynn Rhodes

Feb. 18, 1987–Oct. 1, 2004

Jeanna Lynn RHODES, 17, Osawatomie, Kan., formerly of 958 S. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, passed away Friday in an auto accident east of Osawatomie, Kan.

Born on Feb. 18, 1987, in Rochester, she was the daughter of Chris Eugene and Diana Lynn Turnipseed Rhodes.

She attended Caston High School and moved to Osawatomie in June 2004. She was making her home in Osawatomie with her sister, Jessica, and worked at McDonald’s in Paola, Kan.

Survivors include her father and stepmother, Chris and Joy Rhodes, Osawatomie, Kan.; mother and stepfather, Diana and Jim Rector, Rochester; sister, Jessica Ann Rhodes, Osawatomie, Kan.; brothers, Joshua Rhodes, Hardeeville, S.C., Jeremia Rhodes, Rochester; maternal grandmother and stepgrandfather, Donna and John Grim, Rochester; paternal grandfather, Larry Don Rhodes, Parker, Kan.; paternal grandmother and stepgrandfather, Shirley and John Clark, Blackhawk, S.D.; stepgrandparents, Yvonne and J.R. Martz, Leesburg; stepbrothers, Thomas Hedges and Michael Attebery, Osawatomie, Kan.; five nieces and nephews; aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson St., Rochester, with the Rev. Terry Baldwin officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to her service at the funeral home. Cremation will follow the service. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Jean C. Tombaugh

Oct. 31, 1915–Oct. 2, 2004

Jean C. TOMBAUGH, 88, of 700 Pontiac St., Rochester, passed away at 10:50 a.m. Saturday at her residence.

Born in Chicago on Oct. 31, 1915, she was the daughter of John Beach and Iva Mayfield Cragun. She graduated from John Fiske Elementary School in 1930 and Hyde Park High School in 1934, both in Chicago. She attended the Chicago Art Institute for a three-year course specializing in fashion illustration.

On Sept. 29, 1940, she married Wendell C. Tombaugh in the Thorndyke Hilton Chapel at the University of Chicago campus.

She was always interested in her family and was very proud of becoming a member of the Manitou Chapter of the D.A.R. and serving as its treasurer. Jean saw the need early for local genealogical reference books and with her husband donated computer files of their many books to the Fulton County Public Library. By putting them on their Web site, the library has made the books available everywhere. For a few years, she and her husband operated a gift shop at 616 Main St., Rochester, later moving their business to Manitou Heights. After they closed their business in 1963, she was a secretary in her husband's law office until he closed the office when he was elected Circuit Court judge in 1966.

Survivors include her husband, Wendell C. Tombaugh, Rochester; son, John B. Tombaugh, Rochester; and two nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Virginia Rosalind Ehrman.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson St., Rochester. A private burial will take place at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. There is no funeral service. The family requests no flowers or memorial contributions be sent.

Dale R. Yocum

May 31, 1944–Oct. 2, 2004

Dale R. YOCUM, 60, of 4227 S. 700 West, Mentone, died Saturday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Yocum, Mentone; two sons, Robert Yocum, Silver Lake, and Joseph Yocum, Mentone; one sister, Patricia Kennedy, Tennessee; and one brother, Donald Yocum, Roann.

His graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Palestine Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

[no obits]

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Parentha Johnson

Parentha JOHNSON, 93, formerly of Mentone, died at 3:15 a.m. today at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Peggy J. Burns

July 7, 1925–Oct. 5, 2004

Peggy J. BURNS, 79, Denver, passed away at 12:53 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Peru to Charles R. Hand Sr. and Alma Joy Sawyer Hand, she married Ed Burns on Jan. 1, 1944. He survives.

Mrs. Burns was a homemaker and a member of the Church of the Brethren, Mexico, and the Jefferson Town & Country Home Ec Club.

Survivors include two sons, Terry Burns and wife Shari, Denver, Mike Burns and wife Bonnie, Twelve Mile; one daughter, Linda Davidson, Fort Wayne; two brothers, Herbert Hand and wife Diana, and William Hand and wife Phyllis, all of Peru; three sisters, Eileen Boettjer, Mae Belle Venice, and Marjorie Coppernoll, all of Peru; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Ray Hand Jr.; and two sisters, Bernice Finicle and Jeanine Sharp.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Church of the Brethren, Mexico, with Pastor Todd Wenger officiating. Burial is at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Memorials may be made to the Denver Volunteer Fire Dept.

Parentha V. Johnson

Dec. 25, 1910–Oct. 6, 2004

Parentha V. JOHNSON, 93, formerly of Mentone, died at 3:15 a.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born in Fulton County to Estel O. Kindig and Bessie Clemans, she was a lifetime resident of this area. On Feb. 5, 1931, she married J. Clyde Johnson in Rochester. He died Aug. 11, 1993. A homemaker, she enjoyed painting beautiful oil paintings and she raised beautiful flowers. She was a nurse's aide at Murphy's Medical Center, Warsaw.

Survivors include one son, Gael C. Johnson and companion Bonnie Cleveland, Mentone; eight grandchildren, Steve, Mike and Donald K. Bennett, Mary Hinderleighter, Shasta Corcoran, Dan Johnson, Jay Johnson and Shana Hanks; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Enyart; two sisters, Fay and Bernice; and three brothers, Lawrence, Leon and Lester Kindig.

Her funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Doris Smith officiating. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery.

Debra June Wolfe

Oct. 8, 1956–Oct. 6, 2004

Debra June WOLFE, 47, of 213 E. Walnut, Akron, passed away at 12:22 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend.

Born in Warsaw to Jerry Lee and Bonnie June Grubbs Pletcher, she resided in the Akron area for the past nine years, having come from Apache Junction, Ariz. On Aug. 27, 1976, she married James S. Wolfe in Nappanee.

Mrs. Wolfe was a respiratory therapist for Cardinal Center, Warsaw. She was a 1975 graduate of Northwood High School, Nappanee. She later graduated with honors from Apollo

College where she was the valedictorian of her class and also a member of the student body council.

Survivors include her husband, James S. Wolfe, at home; one daughter, Charlee June Bilotti and husband Benjamin, Apache Junction, Ariz.; three sons, Jerry Leo Pletcher, Fort Wayne, Michael Wolfe and wife Sarah, Akron, Joshua Jennings and wife Heather, Peru; two grandsons, Jacob Pletcher and Camdyn Lee Jennings; her mother, Bonnie Pletcher, Akron; two sisters, Pennie Ward and husband Kenrey, and Cindy Bucher and husband Jerry, all of Akron; one brother, William Pletcher, Mesa, Ariz.; five nieces, two nephews; and her maternal grandmother, Anna Belle June Barnhart, New Haven. She was preceded in death by her father.

Her funeral service is 6 p.m. Saturday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Akron, with the Rev. J.P. Freeman officiating. Entombment is at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 p.m. Saturday through the hour of her service Saturday.

Friday, October 8, 2004

Keith N. Hoffman

Aug. 20, 1927-Oct. 7, 2004

Keith N. HOFFMAN, 77, of 2004 E. 900 South, Rochester, passed away at 9:20 a.m. Thursday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Born Aug. 20, 1927, in Lakeside, he was the son of Charlie and Zuma (Cotner) Hoffman. On Jan. 27, 1952, he married Betty M. Jenkins in Winamac. She preceded him in death on Oct. 28, 2001.

Mr. Hoffman was a farmer. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and enjoyed golf, bowling and fishing with his wife, Betty.

Survivors include his son, Ronald and wife Linda Hoffman, Logansport; daughters, Sandra and husband Richard Sadler, Lake Placid, Fla., and Karyn Harmon, Rochester; grandchildren, Jacob Hoffman, Logansport, Hillary and husband Aaren Nicoll, Logansport, Ashlie Sadler, Lake Placid, Fla., and McKenna Harmon, Rochester; great-grandson, Isaac Nicoll, Logansport; six stepgrandchildren, 13 stepgreat-grandchildren; one stepgreat-great-grandson; brothers, Bob and wife Marcella Hoffman, San Pierre, Jim and wife Patty Hoffman, Winamac, and Harold and wife Klovetta Hoffman, Fowler; and sisters, Donna St. Clair, Winamac, and Alice Thurston, Fowler. He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother, Nellie (St. Clair) Hoffman.

His funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Revs. George Hapner and Dave Marty officiating. Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery, where military graveside services will be conducted by Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorials may be made to the Fulton-Liberty Township Fire Dept. First Responders.

Saturday, October 9, 2004

Hugh D. Wilson

Aug. 4, 1921-Oct. 8, 2004

Hugh Devon WILSON, 83, of Life Care Center, Rochester and formerly of Kewanna, died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8 at Life Care Center. He was born Aug. 4, 1921 in Kewanna to George and Wildia Personett Wilson. On Feb. 21, 1943 he married Wileta Guise in Rochester. She survives.

He was a retired rural letter carrier at Kewanna post office on Rural Route #2 for 31 years. He was also a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Rochester. He received several awards for safe driving while with the post office, and he enjoyed woodworking, working on bicycles and golfing. He was also a member of Retired Senior Volunteer Persons (RSVP). He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Company D of 338th Engineers and served in North Africa and Italy. He was a graduate of the class of 1939 of Grass Creek High School.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Ann M. Michael, Avon; one son, Thomas M., Granger, three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Don and George Wilson and two sisters, Sally Crippen and Laura Holloway.

Funeral services will be Monday, Oct. 11 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Rochester with military burial at Bruce Lake Cemetery, Bruce Lake. Pastor Jim Wasmuth will officiate.

Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna and one hour before services at the church.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Alzheimers Association and/or St. John Lutheran Church.

Monday, October 11, 2004

Charlotte L. Hartzler

Dec. 17, 1913-Oct. 10, 2004

Charlotte L. HARTZLER, 90, formerly of Gilead and Akron, passed away at 5:50 a.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Born in Miami County to Clarence and Lucy Birke Bowman, she married Russell "Bob" Hartzler on Oct. 1, 1938, in Rochester. He passed away on Sept. 27, 1990.

Mrs. Hartzler was a homemaker and enjoyed her flowers while living on the farm and in town.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda and husband Garrell Jones, Akron, Connie Fooshee, Peru; one son, Kenny and wife Claudia Sue Hartzler, Akron; four grandchildren, Staci, Shawntia, Robert and Devin; four stepgrandchildren, Debbie, Gary, Sandy and David; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Richardson, Peru. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and one brother, Birk Bowman.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial is at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Cecil Kirk

Nov. 16, 1914–Oct. 9, 2004

Cecil KIRK, 89, of 1027 E. Ninth St., Rochester, passed away at 2:50 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born in Harrison Township, Cass County, to Charles A. and Anna Shaw Kirk, he married Edna Bonnie Mathews on Jan. 2, 1937, in Kewanna. She survives. Mr. Kirk was a farmer. He owned and operated the Rochester Dairy Queen for seven years. He retired from Torx after working there 13 years. He was a member of the Akron Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Bonnie Kirk, Rochester; one son, Bobbie G. Kirk, Oakland, Ky.; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Cecil Leroy Kirk, in 1987, along with five brothers.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial is at Palestine Cemetery, Palestine. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Helen Showley

Aug. 13, 1910–Sept. 5, 2004

Helen Ruth YSBERG was born in rural Fulton County.

After graduating from Rochester High School in 1928, she went to business college in South Bend. In 1930, she returned to marry her love for a lifetime, Raymond Showley, also of rural Fulton County. Their only son, Devon, was born in 1932, and their only daughter, Judy, was born in 1941.

In the early 1950s, Helen worked at the Fulton County Courthouse. For 25 years, Raymond owned and operated the Standard station at the Indiana 25-U.S. 31 junction. During World War II, Raymond served on the USS Shaw in the South Pacific, 1943-45. The family home was at 1325 S. Madison St.

In 1954, they moved to Phoenix. Devon graduated from Arizona State and started his teaching career in Scottsdale. In 1975, Helen retired after a 20-year career as supervisor in the back-tax office of Maricopa County. Raymond owned and operated a Chevron station in Phoenix. He became an avid golfer. In 1973, Raymond, 64, died of a sudden heart attack, after playing the game he loved.

Helen attended her 50th RHS reunion in 1978. She remained an independent spirit, driving, and in incredibly good health into her 92nd year. She then suffered a series of falls and relocated to southern California for her final year. Helen was 94.

Helen, a devoted mother and grandmother, is survived by her son, Devon, and her daughter Judy Symcox, both of California. She is also survived by her two grandsons and eight great-grandchildren: Devon's only son Eric, and his children Dan, Ricky, Gustav and Raymond; Judy's only son, Alan Symcox, and his Nicole, Daniel and twins, Timothy and Tyler. Devon and Judy will place their beloved mother to rest with their father at Greenwood Memorial, Phoenix.

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

Helen M. Martin

Helen M. MARTIN, 98, Elkhart, and formerly of Rochester, died at 10:47 p.m. Monday at Elkhart General Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

Janey Lucille Barnett

Janey Lucille BARNETT, 81, of 6674 N. 1000 West, Culver, passed away Tuesday at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, Robert L. Barnett, at home; three daughters, Mary Davenport, Watertown, Tenn., Diane Barnett, Watertown, Tenn., and Laura Hall, Culver; and three sons, Gary Barnett, Viasalia, Calif., James Barnett, Granger, and Weldon Barnett, Bristol.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday.

Thursday, October 14, 2004

Lethia A. Disney

Lethia A. DISNEY, 78, of 4280 N. 350 West, Rochester, died at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Mary Mae Henderson

Feb. 7, 1924–Oct. 13, 2004

Mary Mae HENDERSON, 80, formerly of Akron, passed away at 7:40 a.m. Wednesday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester,.

Born in Disko to Harry L. and Lillian Sherman Flohr, she married Jesse L. Henderson on June 12, 1943, at Hatboro, Pa. He passed away on May 30, 1988.

Mrs. Henderson was a homemaker along with being an avid gardener and seamstress. She attended the Akron Church of God and was a 1942 graduate of Akron High School.

Survivors include two sons, Dan and wife Audrey Henderson, and Tom Henderson, all of North Manchester; three grandchildren, Kurt and wife Rhonda Henderson, Kevin and wife Anita Henderson, and JoEtta and husband Keith Herrmann; four stepgrandchildren, six great-grandchildren, 12 stepgreat-grandchildren, two stepgreat-great-grandchildren; one sister, Betty and husband Chelsea Border, Richmond; and two brothers, Charles and wife Betty Jean Flohr, Columbus, and Bruce and wife Margaret Flohr, Vero Beach, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and one brother, Richard Flohr.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial is at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-7 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to her service Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society American Heart Association, or the Wabash-Miami Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 548, Wabash, IN 46992.

Helen M. Martin

Aug. 9, 1906–Oct. 11, 2004

Helen M. MARTIN 98, of 58765 Vista Boulevard Apt. D, Elkhart, formerly of 300 E. Fourth St. Apt. D, Rochester, passed away at 10:47 p.m. Monday at Elkhart General Hospital, where she was a patient since Saturday. Her health was failing for the past six months.

Born in Upland to Hiram and Dora Shatto, she lived in the Rochester area most of her life.

She was a homemaker. She owned and operated the Flagpole Drive-in, Rochester, for 12

years.

Survivors include two daughters, Louise Grimm, Marion, and Norma Ferraraccio, Elkhart; one son, Charles "Ed" Norton and wife Phyllis, Marion; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was one of a family of nine children and was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson and eight siblings.

Her graveside service is 1 p.m. Saturday at LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery, LaFontaine. There is no visitation. Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of her arrangements.

Friday, October 15, 2004

Lethia A. Disney

Dec. 28, 1925-Oct. 13, 2004

Lethia A. DISNEY, 78, of 4280 N. 350 West, Rochester, died at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. She had been in failing health for the past 10 years.

Born in Bristol, Va., to Joseph Seaphus Lytton and Mary Magdeline "Mollie" Harrison Austin, she lived in Rochester for the past 20 years. She moved here from Lake Station.

On July 8, 1973, she married Lyle E. Disney in Lake Station. He survives, at home. She worked most of her life at the Anderson Co., Valparaiso. Locally, she was an employee of the Switches Corp., formerly of Leiters Ford. She was a homemaker and member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles 852, Rochester.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Linda Rambo, Rochester, and Christine Kopecky and husband Stephen, Spaceville, N.C.; one stepson, Gary L. Disney, Speedway; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother, Bill Austin and wife Nanny, Big Stone Gap, Va.; and one nephew, George Austin and wife Melody, Westville.

No funeral services or visitation are planned. Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling her arrangements.

Milo Dean 'Mike' Tullis

April 21, 1919-Oct. 13, 2004

Milo Dean "Mike" TULLIS, 85, of 358 Elm St., Wabash, died at 1:37 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Indiana 16 and Wabash County Road 200 West in Urbana.

He was born on April 21, 1919, in Akron to Glenn and Mabel (Regenos) Tullis. He married Ruth Smiley in Covington, Ky., on April 5, 1941. He retired from General Tire, Wabash, after 37 years, and owned and operated Tullis Electric, Wabash. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, where he served on several committees. He was a member of the Wabash American Legion and a World War II Army veteran who served in field artillery.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Tullis, Wabash; daughter, Jackie Ann (Larry) Hubbard, Brownsburg; four granddaughters, Jessica Tullis, Fort Wayne, Rachael Tullis, Waycross, Ga., Abigail Tullis, New Paris, and Kim Hubbard, Mooresville; two grandsons, Ben Tullis, Lafayette, and Scott (Kristy) Hubbard, Valparaiso; three great-grandsons, Logan Hubbard, Luke Hubbard, both of Valparaiso, and Thomas Milo Tullis, Lafayette; sister, Betty Daulton, Rochester. He was preceded in death by two sons, Michael Dean Tullis, who died in 1951, and Thomas E. Tullis, who died in 1992, and one brother, Bruce Tullis.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church, 173 Hale Drive, Wabash, with the Rev. Manfred Fremder officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Grandstaff-Hentgen Manchester Ave. Chapel, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. The memorial

guest book for Milo may be signed at the Web site, www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church.

Saturday, October 16, 2004

Howard Raymond Eisenman

Howard Raymond EISENMAN, 66, 1009 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, died on Friday at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Monday, October 18, 2004

Shearl 'Bruce' Crimmins

Shearl "Bruce" CRIMMINS, 85, Lucerne, passed away at 8:55 a.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport.

Howard Raymond Eisenman

Oct. 8, 1938–Oct. 15, 2004

Howard Raymond EISENMAN, 66, of 1009 Jackson Boulevard, passed away at 8:41 a.m. EST Friday at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland. He died unexpectedly following surgery.

Born in Rochester to Howard and Mary Cumberland Eisenman, he lived in the Rochester community his entire life. On Sept. 1, 1963, he married Sue Ann Barkman in Rochester. She survives.

Mr. Eisenman was a pipe-fitter for Daimler-Chrysler Corp., Kokomo, until he retired in 2000 after 30 years of service. After retiring, he worked for the Manitou Liquors as a cashier/clerk and at Dulin's Car Wash, both of Rochester. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Leroy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36, Manitou Moose Lodge No. 1107, Benevolent Order of Protective Elks No. 2120, Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 47, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 852, all of Rochester. His favorite pastimes were river boat gambling, fishing, and eating at the Texas Road House Restaurants. He was an avid fan of the Rochester High School Lady Zebras basketball team and the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish women's team.

Survivors include his wife Sue Ann Eisenman, at home; two daughters, Judy Terry and husband Roger, Rochester, Jennifer Eisenman, Kokomo; three granddaughters, Stacy Eisenman, Sasha Terry, and Courtney Damron; two sisters, Betty Vance and husband William, and Carolyn Deeds and husband Earl "Tink," all of Rochester; one brother, Jack Eisenman and wife Sandy, The Woodlands, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one daughter, Jill S. Damron on Aug. 7, 1997.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Rick Taylor officiating. Burial is at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, or one hour prior to his service Wednesday at the funeral home. The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct military graveside rites. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Ronald Howton

Ronald HOWTON, 62, of 6768 Talma Road, Rochester, passed away at 7:09 a.m. Sunday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

James Hurd Jr.

James HURD Jr., 38, of 5715 W. Quail Road, Mentone, passed away at 1:17 p.m. Sunday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

Shearl Bruce Crimmins

April 8, 1919-Oct. 17, 2004

Shearl Bruce CRIMMINS, 85, Lucerne, died at 8:55 a.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester.

Born in Marstown, she was the daughter of David Earl and Gertrude Hicks Marsh. On Sept. 29, 1938, she married Carl B. Bruce in Lucerne. He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1988. On Oct. 5, 1988, she married Leo J. Crimmins in Metea. He preceded her in death on May 9, 2003.

A homemaker, she was a member of Metea Baptist Church. Shearl was a loving mother and grandmother. She loved flower gardening, knitting and crocheting. She was a 1937 graduate of Metea High School.

Survivors include two daughters, Alice Estes and husband Bill, Logansport, and Jean E. Cloud, Rochester; one stepdaughter, Lois Paschen and husband Bob, Twelve Mile; one stepson, Richard Crimmins and wife Sarah Jane, Lucerne; one granddaughter, Diane Hastings, Lafayette; one brother-in-law, John Heminger, Merrillville; several stepgrandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Margaret Avenal Heminger and Rosalie Andrews, and one son-in-law, Bud Cloud.

Her funeral service is at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Brother Michael Cantrell and Dr. Bryan Clemens officiating. Burial will be at Indian Creek Cemetery, Lucerne. Visitation is 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Metea Baptist Church or the donor's favorite charity.

Ronald C. Howton

May 23, 1942-Oct. 17, 2004

Ronald C. HOWTON, 62, of 6768 Talma Road, Rochester, died at 7:09 a.m. Sunday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, where he was a patient since Friday.

Born in Chicago to Colman M. and S. Lois Burton Howton, he lived in Marshall and Fulton counties most of his life. He moved here from Chicago in 1946. On May 24, 1997, he married Eileen Parko in Argos.

He served as president of Talma Fastener Corp., Talma, after his father's retirement in 1990. He was a member of Argos United Methodist Church, Argos. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963-1966 when he was stationed in Germany.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen Howton, Rochester; one daughter, Dina L. Griffin and husband Patrick J., Jamestown, Colo.; two stepdaughters, Sharyn L. O'Bryan and husband Phillip B., Boise, Idaho, and Laurie L. Parko, Austin, Texas; his mother, Lois Howton, Rochester; one sister, Judy King and husband Robert, Bourbon; two brothers, Mike Howton and wife Beverly, Rochester, and Richard Howton and wife Vivian, Elkhart; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded

in death by his father, on Nov. 26, 2000, and one brother, Dan Howton, in 1980.

His funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday at Argos United Methodist Church, Argos, with the Rev. Robert J. Vale officiating. Argos American Legion will conduct military honors at the church following his service. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, and one hour prior to his service Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to Argos United Methodist Church or University of Arkansas Medical School Cancer Research Center. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

James ‘Jamie’ H. Hurd Jr.

March 24, 1966-Oct. 17, 2004

James “Jamie” H. HURD Jr., 38, of 5715 W. Quail Road, Mentone, died Sunday at Palestine Lake.

Survivors include his parents, James Hurd Sr. and Loretta Hurd, Mentone; one daughter, Alisha Hurd, Warsaw; one son, James H. Hurd III, Warsaw; one sister, Lori Owens, Silver Lake; and one brother, Jason H. Hurd, Mentone.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, Silver Lake. Visitation is at the church from 3 p.m. Wednesday until the service Thursday. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is handling arrangements.

Donald R. Spore

Oct. 16, 1934-Oct. 15, 2004

Donald R. SPORE, 69, 102 Miller Drive, Lot 19, Mentone, died Friday at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy M. Spore; his daughter, Diane M. Romine, Mentone; his son, Daniel L. Spore, Athens; and his sister, Linda Leake, Warsaw.

His service will be 2-5 p.m. Saturday at his home.

D. A. ‘Al’ Wyatt

D. A. “Al” WYATT, 5490 N. Indiana 25, Rochester, died at about 11 p.m. Monday at his residence following a lengthy illness.

Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

Esther Marie Wolfe

Aug. 15, 1907-Oct. 18, 2004

Esther Marie WOLFE, 97, Roann, quietly took the hand of the Lord as he called her home at 8:45 p.m. Monday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Louella and Vonell Krom, in Roann.

She was born on Aug. 15, 1907, in Collamer, to Samuel Calvin and Clara Edith (Pfleiderer) Simmons. She married Otto E. Wolfe on Dec. 14, 1929; he died March 13, 1975. She graduated from Sidney High School and International Business College, Fort Wayne. Along with her husband, she owned and operated Wolfe Standard Station in Roann many years. She was a member of Roann First Brethren Church. An avid reader, she served on the Roann Paw-Paw Township Library Board 16 years.

She was a loving mother to her two sons, Otto G. (Iva June) Wolfe, Laketon, and Lowell O. (Norma) Wolfe, Denver, and her daughter, Louella J. (Vonell) Krom, Roann. Also surviving are her brother, Warren W. (Mary) Simmons, Fulton, six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren,

eight great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and faithful friend, Jean Reiken of Ijamsville. She was preceded in death by her sister, Alice, and her brother, Russell.

Her graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at South Whitley Cemetery with Pastor George Hapner officiating. The memorial guest book for Esther may be signed online at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Roann Paw-Paw Township Public Library.

Al Wyatt

March 17, 1922-Oct. 18, 2004

Al WYATT, 82, of 5490 N. Indiana 25, Rochester, died at 11:32 p.m. Monday at his residence following a short illness. His health was failing for 2 1/2 months.

Born in Des Arc, Ark., to Noah and Geneva King Wyatt, he lived in the Rochester area since 1962 when he moved here from South Bend. On Aug. 6, 1947, in Rochester, he married Dorothy Mae "Becky" Carr, who preceded him in death on April 15, 2004. He owned and operated Custom Body Shop, Rochester, from 1962 to 2003. A member of Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 852, Rochester, he loved fishing and gardening.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Wyatt and wife Terri, and Rick Wyatt and wife Rachel, all of Rochester; three grandsons, Zach, Greg and Jake Wyatt, all of Rochester; three stepgrandchildren, Madalene Pauley, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Michael and Doni Pauley, both of Columbus, Ohio; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Cory and Dylan Pauley, Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Huston Wyatt and wife Jean, Osceola; two half sisters, Thelma Shuler and husband John, Columbus, Ohio, and Billie Wyatt and companion Joe Michalski, Hamilton Square, N.J.; and four half brothers, Vernon Wyatt and wife Jo Ann, Ohatchee, Ala., Jim Wyatt, North Little Rock, Ark., Tommy Wyatt and wife Linda, Edgewater, Fla., and Herman Wyatt and wife Ruth, Vilonia, Ark. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; one sister, Alma Allen; two brothers, Howard and Benson Wyatt; and one half sister-in-law, Dorothy Wyatt.

His funeral service is at 11 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to his service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Marshall County Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Thursday, October 21, 2004

Harold 'Sneezy' Snyder

Harold "Sneezy" SNYDER, 79, of 2419 W. Old 30, Warsaw, passed away at 1:20 a.m. today at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw. Funeral arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Friday, October 22, 2004

Patrick M. Doody

Patrick M. DOODY, 63, of 17345 14th Road, Plymouth, died at 1:28 p.m. Thursday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Nola J. Douglass

June 4, 1907-Oct. 21, 2004

Nola J. DOUGLASS, 97, formerly of Rochester, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

Survivors include one daughter, Dorothy Richter, Rochester; and two sons, Dale Douglass, Delphi, and Don Douglass, Kewanna.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

D. Maxine Gibson

June 2, 1929-Oct. 22, 2004

D. Maxine GIBSON, 75, Rochester, and formerly of Macy, passed away at 1:30 a.m. today at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born on June 2, 1929, in Peru, she was the daughter of Kenneth and Vivian Shafer Turnipseed. On Dec. 4, 1946, in Rochester, she married Francis "Frank" O. Gibson. He preceded her in death on Dec. 17, 1988.

Mrs. Gibson was a lifelong Macy resident. She moved to Rochester in 1991. She retired from Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Rochester, and was a member of First Christian Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Sharon and husband Rod Border, Rochester; son, David and wife Trudie Gibson, Terre Haute; sisters, Ardith Books, Norfolk, Neb., Dorothy and husband Richard Stahl, Macy, Lee Stahl, Macy, Alice Graff, Wabash, Susie and husband Harold Wagoner, Macy, and Barbara Turnipseed, Logansport; grandchildren, Kelli and husband Matt Hatfield, Rochester, Hilary and husband Ben Blank, Missouri, Heather and husband Brian Thomas, Terre Haute, Hali and husband Josh Cartee, Richmond, Heidi Gibson, Terre Haute; five great-grandchildren, Levi, Michael, Alyssa, Raven, Grace and one on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Lori Border, on Nov. 4, 2000; and brothers, Gene and Dean Turnipseed.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Visitation will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Kylee Sue Kesler

May 23, 1995-Oct. 18, 2004

Kylee Sue KESLER, 9, of 406 Hanna St., Greencastle, and formerly of Rochester, died Monday at Putnam County Hospital, Greencastle.

Survivors include her mother, Tiffany S. Kesler, Greencastle; her father, Kevin S. Kesler, Rochester; and one brother, Kendrick Seth Kesler, Rochester.

Her graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Harold E. 'Sneezy' Snyder

Nov. 4, 1925-Oct. 21, 2004

Harold E. "Sneezy" SNYDER, 78, of 2419 W. Old 30, Warsaw, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Survivors include one son, Ken Snyder, Warsaw; and two sisters, Ruth Julian and Ruby

Rapp, both of Warsaw.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Saturday, October 23, 2004

Margaret F. Bowen

Aug. 4, 1916-Oct. 22, 2004

Margaret F. BOWEN, 88, of Grand Street, Lakeville, died at 9:45 a.m. Friday at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Survivors include three daughters, Sandy Conley, Lapaz, Jane (Glen) Jackson, Bourbon, and Linda Dickson, Bremen; six sons, Jim Bowen, Bremen, Larry Bowen, Rick Bowen, Dennis Bowen, Gary Bowen, and Mike Bowen, all of Lakeville; one sister, Alice Thorpe, South Bend; and one brother, Kenneth Roush, Fla.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Friends may visit with the family from 4-8 p.m. Monday.

Patrick M. Doody

Aug. 15, 1941-Oct. 21, 2004

Patrick M. DOODY, 63, of 17345 14th Road, Plymouth, died Thursday at his residence.

Survivors include seven sisters, Irene Lisak, Naperville, Ill., Patricia Kolar, Argos, Beatrice Beran, California, Jean Henny, Culver, Kathleen Vires, Plymouth, Georgia Ford, Victorville, Ga., Martha Risaro, Chicago; and three brothers, Arthur Doody, Woodridge, Ill., Terrence Doody and James Doody, both of Plymouth.

There will be no funeral service. Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is handling arrangements.

Monday, October 25, 2004

Nola J. Douglass

June 4, 1907 – Oct. 21, 2004

Nola J. DOUGLASS, 97, formerly of 202 Fulton Ave., Rochester, died at 2:10 p.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport, following a four-year-long illness.

Born in Cass County, near Lucerne, to Ora and Minnie Reed Burton, she married Elmer F. Douglass on Dec. 31, 1927 in Lucerne. He preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 1987.

She moved from Grass Creek to Rochester in 1964. She worked in food service at Grass Creek School and retired from Rochester Community Schools, where she worked for a number of years and was in charge of the school lunch program.

She was a member of Lucerne Christian Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Dorothy Richter and husband Harry, Rochester; two sons, Dale and wife Thelma, Delphi, and Don and wife Nancy, Kewanna; nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Her parents, husband and three sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral service was 2 p.m. Sunday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, with Rev. Dirk Raderstorf. Burial was in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Lucerne Christian Church.

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

Judy Sutherland Hodges

Mrs. Judy Sutherland HODGES, 84, died September 1 while a patient at a hospice in Buffalo, N. Y., near her longtime home at Tonawanda.

A native of this city, she graduated from Rochester High School in 1938. Her grandfather, William Brinkman, for many years operated a Main Street shoe store that later became Hubert's Shoes. She was employed at both stores.

Funeral services and burial were at Tonawanda.

George Robert Spotts

Nov. 22, 1922-Oct. 21, 2004

George Robert SPOTTS, 81, of 501 Carriage Lane, Saginaw, Texas, and formerly of Kewanna, died Thursday at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Ruth Ruffner, at home; two daughters, Lynda Reisinger, Oak Park, Ill., and Cyndi Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas; one son, Steve Spotts, Hillsboro, Ore.; and one sister, Betty Huffman, Delphi.

His funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church, Goshen. Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen.

Wednesday, October 27, 2004

Dale Rhodes

May 27, 1923-Oct. 26, 2004

Dale RHODES, 81, of 315 Fulton Avenue, Rochester, passed away at 3:23 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Cancer Center, Plymouth. He had been in failing health for the past year.

Born near Athens to Porter and Luvilla Ballenger Rhodes, he was a lifetime resident of this area. He attended Akron High School during his youth. On March 8, 1946, in Rochester, he married Vernice N. Craig.

He was a foreman in the composing room at The South Bend Tribune for 30 years and worked at The Rochester Sentinel for eight years. He was a member of Riverview Community Church, northeast of Rochester, near Talma.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he served in the South Pacific Theater. He was a member of LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post 36, Rochester, Am-Vets and Disabled American Veterans Association.

He was a member of the Typographical Union and a member of its 25-year club at The South Bend Tribune. He was an avid gourmet cook and loved cooking dishes for family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Vernice N. Rhodes, at home; three daughters, Sandra Rogers, Rochester, Kimberly England and husband Robert, Vandalia, Ohio, and Michele Hubenthal and husband Todd, Logansport; one son, Dale Lynn Rhodes and wife Karen, West Carrollton, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Irene Miller, Lorene Spice and husband Don, and Nina Chapman, all of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and three brothers. He was one of a family of nine children.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Pastor Rodney Ruberg officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery.

American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside services. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to his service Saturday at the funeral home.

George Robert Spotts

Nov. 22, 1922-Oct. 21, 2004

George Robert SPOTTS, 81, Saginaw, Texas, died at 2 p.m. Thursday at his home.

He was married to Helen Ruffner in 1946; she survives. He graduated from Grass Creek High School in 1940. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He graduated from the School of Engineering at Purdue University in 1948.

They resided in Goshen for 23 years. He was the vice president of operations of Western Rubber. He was a member of many boards of the community including the boards of Goshen General Hospital and Greencroft Healthcare. He was an active member of First Baptist Church, Goshen, where he was a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lynda Reisinger (Gene), Oak Park, Ill., and Cyndi Johnson (Carl), Fort Worth, Texas; one son, Steve (Sandie), Hillsboro, Ore.; 17 grandchildren; one great-grandson; one sister, Betty Huffman, Delphi; and several nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces. He was preceded in death by one sister, Mrs. Robert (Marjorie) Jones, Kewanna; one brother-in-law, Don Huffman; one nephew, Donnie Huffman; and one great-niece, Lorraine Ann Jones Kirkley.

Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. today at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church, Goshen. A short service and interment will be at approximately 3-4 p.m. Thursday at Salem Cemetery, Fulton.

Wayne Wiedner

Wayne WIEDNER, 44, of 501 Thayer St., Bourbon, passed away at 3:42 p.m. Tuesday at Community Hospital of Bremen. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, October 28, 2004

Wayne E. Weidner Jr.

Dec. 30, 1959-Oct. 26, 2004

Wayne E. WEIDNER Jr., 44, of 501 N. Thayer St., Bourbon, passed away at 3:42 p.m. Tuesday at Community Hospital, Bremen, shortly after arriving.

Born in Plymouth, he was the son of Wayne E. and Norma Lotz Weidner Sr. He lived in the Bourbon community for the past five years after moving from Bremen. He attended Plymouth Community High School. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Bourbon.

Survivors include one daughter, Stephanie Holderread, Bourbon; two sons, Travis Weidner, Macy, and Taylor Weidner, Bremen; his mother, Norma J. Lemler, Bourbon; two sisters, Tonya Shuster and husband Chester, Etna Green, and Brenda Haag and husband David, Walkerton; one stepsister, Gina Courtois and husband Frank, Warsaw; two brothers, Mike Weidner, Plymouth, and Steven Weidner, Bourbon; one stepbrother, Jon Sapp, Cincinnati; his paternal grandmother, Opal Weidner, Rochester; his maternal grandmother, Olive Shaffer, Plymouth; and three nieces and four nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Wayne E. Weidner Sr. on March 23, 1998; his grandfather, Harley O. Weidner on Aug. 18, 1987; and his maternal grandfather, Carroll Lotz in 1944.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth

St., Rochester, with Pastor Robert Raschka officiating. Burial is at Reichter Cemetery, northeast of Rochester. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday or one hour prior to his service Friday at the funeral home.

Friday, October 29, 2004

Verna V. Kistler

Verna V. KISTLER, 93, Rosewood Terrace, Elkhart, formerly of 517 E. 12th St., Rochester, passed away at 4:40 p.m. Thursday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, October 30, 2004

Verna Berdelle Cripe Kistler

Oct. 29, 1910-Oct. 28, 2004

Verna Berdelle Cripe KISTLER, 93, formerly of the Rochester, Leiters Ford and Plymouth areas, died at 4:40 p.m. Thursday at Rosewood Terrace Nursing Home, Elkhart.

Born in Middlebury, to John Clayton and Bessie Belle Inebnit Cripe, she lived near Leiters Ford from 1934 to 1970. She lived in the Bremen area 1970-1986, in Rochester from 1986 until she moved to Plymouth, where she lived until 2003, when she moved to Elkhart.

On Feb. 3, 1929, in South Bend, she married Ralph Emerson Kistler. He preceded her in death on June 10, 1966. She was a homemaker and worked for Indiana Metal (Torx), Rochester, and the former Hart Schaffner & Marx Corp., Rochester.

She was a member of the Kingdom Hall Church, Rochester, and attended the Kingdom Hall Church, Plymouth. She enjoyed reading, cooking and traveling; however, her favorite times were those sharing memories with her family and friends.

Survivors include one daughter, Cheryl Kay Kistler, Elkhart; two sons, John M. Kistler and wife Marjorie, Indianapolis, and Ralph E. Kistler and wife Harolaine, Ligonier; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren; along with several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Joseph K. Kistler, on Aug. 27, 1984; one great-granddaughter, Lydia Rose Lichtenberger, in June 1998; two sisters, Margaret Gilbert, in Feb. 1976, and Marie Cripe, at age 3; and one brother, Clayton Cripe, in August 2001.

Her funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Elder Adam Morie officiating. Burial will take place at Leiters Ford Cemetery, Leiters Ford. Visitation will be 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Elkhart General Hospice.

Clarence F. Wentzel

May 27, 1914-Oct. 28, 2004

Clarence F. WENTZEL, 90, of 1136 E. Beardsley Ave., Elkhart, and formerly of the Rochester area, died Thursday at Elkhart General Hospital.

Survivors include one son, William C. Wentzel, Elkhart. There will be no services or calling hours. Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home, Elkhart, is handling arrangements.

Monday, November 1, 2004

Janet G. Bammerlin

Nov. 3, 1932–Oct. 30, 2004

Janet G. BAMMERLIN, 71, of 5593 E. 1200 North, Roann, passed away at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Wabash Community Hospital emergency room. Her health was failing for two years.

Born in Miami County to Earl E. and Vera H. Harrison Butt, she married Dean Bammerlin on Nov. 15, 1953, at Peru. He survives.

Mrs. Bammerlin was a homemaker and was a member of Olive Branch Church of God, Roann; Perry Do Rite Club; Red Hat Society; and the Bell Begus Square Dancing Club. She was a 1950 graduate of Peru High School.

Survivors include her husband, Dean Bammerlin, Roann; two daughters, Susan Rensberger, Akron, and Karen and husband Doug Draper, Roann; one son, Jay Bammerlin, Roann; three grandchildren, Lori Lafollette, Sara Hampton, and Alan Rensberger; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Keith and wife Stella Butt, Fort Wayne, and Lyle and wife LaVada Butt, Akron.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus and the Rev. Lawrence See officiating. Burial is at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Olive Branch Church of God, Roann, or the Roann Fire Department First Responders.

Kermit Doud

Kermit Ellis DOUD, 86, passed away Thursday in Chesapeake, Va. A native of Indiana, he was the son of the late Chester A. and Myrtle Kent Doud. He was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Ruth Eckstein Doud, and more recently by his wife of 31 years, Dorothy Walker Doud and her son, Vance Hyman. They were residents for the past 30 years of Whittier, Calif., where he retired after 40 years as a field engineer with Inland Steel. Mr. Doud traveled in the Arab world. A graduate of Purdue University, he was a Navy Ensign during World War II.

He is survived by his two daughters, Judith Acker, Chesapeake, Va., and Janet Hindley, Providence, R.I.; one son, James B. Doud, Richmond, Va., one stepson, Spencer Hyman, San Diego, Calif.; two grandchildren, Matthew Doud Yaskovic and Stephanie Hindley; two great-grandchildren, Megan Yaskovic and Sydney Lefebvre; and one brother, Wilbur O. Doud, Muncie.

Burial is at Rose Hill Cemetery, Whittier, Calif. Local arrangements are by Graham Funeral Home, Chesapeake, Va. Please share a memory with the family at www.grahamfuneralhome.com.

Robert L. 'Shag' Hoffman

Aug. 4, 1919–Oct. 29, 2004

Robert L. "Shag" HOFFMAN, 85, of 9177 S. 600 West, Claypool, passed away at 11 p.m. Friday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Born in Seward Township, Kosciusko County, to Elmer and D. Othello Igo Hoffman, he married Marjorie M. Morrett. She passed away on April 21, 1982.

Mr. Hoffman was a farmer and drove a school bus for Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation for 19 years. He was a trustee for Seward Township for 32 years, a lifelong Democrat, and a former member of the Kosciusko Community Hospital Board of Directors. He was a World War II Army veteran who served at the Panama Canal. He enjoyed ice fishing, raising melons, and his grandchildren. He graduated from Beaver Dam High School in 1938.

Survivors include one daughter, Patty Swartz, Bicknell; two sons, Hal and wife Aime Hoffman, Claypool, and Todd and wife Lisa Hoffman, Silver Lake; one brother, Don and wife Dorothy Hoffman, Clunette; and eight grandchildren, Tonya Jenkins, EJ Swartz, Stacie, Rob, Aaron, Cara, Shayla, and Seth Hoffman; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna Grogg; one grandson, Andrew Swartz; one sister, Phyllis Yeiter; and one brother, Max Hoffman.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartlzer Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial is at Nichols Cemetery, north of Akron with military graveside rites conducted by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Nichols Cemetery Association.

William C. Mulvaney

Sept. 13, 1940-Oct. 31, 2004

William C. MULVANEY, 64, of 830 W. Sixth St., Rochester, passed away at 3:13 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born on Sept. 13, 1940, in Chicago, he was the son of William John and Meta Helbig Mulvaney. On Feb. 20, 1965, in Evanston, Ill., he married Norene Dempsey; she survives.

Mr. Mulvaney was self-employed with the Sunshine Cleaning Center, Rochester. He was part owner of Mulvaney-Vogler Ford Inc., Rochester, from 1970-1975. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where he was a past parish council member. He was a Boy Scout leader and Elks Lodge member. He enjoyed various sports, especially Notre Dame football. He was a Rochester resident since January 1970, when he moved here from Chicago.

Survivors include his wife, Norene D. Mulvaney, Rochester; son, William Jess Mulvaney, Rochester; daughter, Mary K. and husband James V. Marks, Rockville Centre, New York; five grandchildren, Alexandria Ann Mulvaney, Tyler Jess Mulvaney, both of Rochester, AnneMarie Marks, Christina Norene Marks, Theresa Eileen Marks, all of Rockville Centre, New York; two sisters, Alice and husband Donald Kuta, Lincolnshire, Ill., and Suzanne and husband Thomas Pick, Brentwood, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. A prayer service will be at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

Everett Rentschler

Everett RENTSCHLER, 89, of 279 W. 850 South, Rochester, passed away at 6:30 a.m. today at Logansport Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton.

Margaret Webb

Margaret WEBB, 82, of 10125 E. Indiana 14, Akron, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Monday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Wednesday, November 3, 2004

Cheryl Jean Hizer

Jan. 30, 1946-Nov. 2, 2004

Cheryl Jean HIZER, 56, of 5650 S. 575 West, Kewanna, passed away at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday in her residence, surrounded by her loving family. She was in failing health for a number of years. Born Jan. 30, 1946, as the daughter of Russell Dean and Alice L. Showley Carr, she lived most of her life in Fulton County. She was a member of the 1966 graduating class of Caston High School. On May 30, 1966, in Kewanna, she took Gerry Hizer to be her husband.

She loved playing cards. A Court Appointed Special Advocate in Fulton County, she also served on the Fulton County Board of Health. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Survivors include her husband, Gerry Hizer, at home; one daughter, Chera Robbins, Kewanna; two sons, Brett Hizer and wife Kim, and Scott Hizer and wife Candi, all of Kewanna; eight grandchildren, Garrick and Chelsi Robbins, Karah and Brock Hizer, Blain Hizer, Kory and Kyle Moudy, and Megan Shidler; her father, Russell Dean and wife Joan Carr, Rochester; three sisters, Karen Boldry and husband Phil, Fulton, Jann Futrell, Lorena Crissinger and husband Jeff, all of Rochester; one brother, Larry Carr and wife Pam, Rochester; her grandfather, Ralph Showley, Kewanna; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., with Pastor David Marty, of Fulton United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be at Grass Creek Cemetery, west of Grass Creek. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to her service Friday at the funeral home. Her family requests memorials be made to Fulton County CASA or Fulton County Relay for Life.

Ethel L. Stipp

Dec. 23, 1912-Nov. 1, 2004

Ethel L. STIPP, 91, Valparaiso, born in Kewanna, died Monday.

Survivors include three children, Ron Stipp, Hot Springs Village, Ark., Sheila Ludington, Valparaiso, and Ed Stipp, Fort Wayne; three brothers, Larry, Lowell and Joe Rans; two sisters, Lorene Wood and Virginia Agnew.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday at Moeller Funeral Home, Valparaiso. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Margaret E. Webb

April 22, 1922-Nov. 1, 2004

Margaret E. WEBB, 82, of 10125 E. Indiana 14, Akron, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Monday at Life Care Center, Rochester, where she was a patient for two weeks.

Born in Miami County to Harley and Ethel Yarian Swihart, she married Roma J. Webb on Jan. 31, 1980. He survives.

Mrs. Webb was a homemaker and a member of the Akron United Methodist Church. She was a 1940 graduate of Akron High School.

Survivors include her husband, Roma "Jim" Webb, and one daughter, Christine Durham, both of Akron.

Her graveside service is 11 a.m. Thursday at Akron Cemetery with the Rev. Steve Fleck officiating. No visitation is scheduled. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is in charge of arrangements.

Thursday, November 4, 2004

Betty Pearl Conrad

March 15, 1925–Nov. 3, 2004

Betty Pearl CONRAD, 79, of 4249 E. 450 North, Logansport, passed away at 11:34 a.m. Wednesday at Chase Convalescent Center, Logansport.

Survivors include her husband, Weldon “Pete” Conrad, Logansport; two sons, L.D. Conrad, Twelve Mile, and Jerre Conrad, Rochester; two daughters, Jill Rushinsky and Joy Murray, both of Logansport; two sisters, Maridean Hinkle, Marion, and Lois Thomson, Logansport; and one brother, Raymond Morrow, Logansport.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Blane N. Fischer

May 7, 1982–Oct. 31, 2004

Blane N. FISCHER, 22, born in Peru, and raised in Rochester, passed away Sunday at Wishard Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was a 2000 graduate of Rochester High School. She was in her senior year at IUPUI, Indianapolis, and was the daughter of Kirk D. Fischer, Winona Lake, and Janice L. Boettjer Fischer, Peru.

Survivors include her parents; her grandparents, Don and Joann Fischer, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a niece, Audrey Fischer, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; four aunts, Cindy Vrooman and Debbie Walker, both of Peru, Debbie Musall and Gail Coe, both of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; two uncles, Glen Boettjer, Laurel, and Mark Fischer, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and one brother, Kirk Travis Fischer, Nashville, Tenn.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Jerry Winegardner officiating. Burial is at Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Love offerings may be made to the family.

Everett L. Rentschler

Aug. 20, 1916–Nov. 2, 2004

Everett L. RENTSCHLER, 88, of 279 W. 850 South, Rochester, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Born Aug. 20, 1916, in Fulton County, he was the son of Andrew and Mattie Conn Rentschler. On June 24, 1944, in Fulton, he married Rachel Nellans. She preceded him in death on March 11, 1997.

Mr. Rentschler was a farmer. A licensed pilot, he enjoyed flying and was a member of the Flying Farmers. He was a lifelong Fulton United Methodist Church member.

Survivors include his daughter, Sue Ann and husband Edward Carr, Lockport, New York; son, Thomas E. Rentschler, Rochester; and grandchildren, Natalie, Nathan, Aaron, Zachary and Shaun. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Bruce Rentschler, on May 3, 1957; and one brother, Ronald Rentschler.

His funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Fulton United Methodist Church, Fulton, with the Revs. David Marty and George Hapner officiating. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. today at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, and one hour prior to his service Friday at the church. Memorials may be made to Fulton United Methodist Church.

Friday, November 5, 2004

Blane N. Fischer

May 7, 1982–Oct. 31, 2004

Blane N. FISCHER, 22, born in Peru, and raised in Rochester, passed away Sunday at Wishard Hospital, Indianapolis. She was a 2000 graduate of Rochester High School. She was in her senior year at IUPUI, Indianapolis, and was the daughter of Kirk D. Fischer, Winona Lake, and Janice L. Boettjer Fischer, Peru.

Survivors include her parents; her grandparents, Don and Joann Fischer, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a niece, Audrey Fischer, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; four aunts, Cindy Vrooman and Debbie Walker, both of Peru, Debbie Musall and Gail Coe, both of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; two uncles, Glen Boettjer, Laurel, and Mark Fischer, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and one brother, Kirk Travis Fischer, Nashville, Tenn.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Jerry Winegardner officiating. Burial is at Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Love offerings may be made to the family.

Alvin Lewis Ruff

Nov. 19, 1925–Nov. 4, 2004

Alvin Lewis RUFF, 78, of 10327 E. Indiana 14, Akron, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

Born in South Bend to Curtis and Martha Engle Ruff, he married Pauline I. Swihart on Nov. 19, 1948, in Akron. She survives.

Mr. Ruff retired from Pike Lumber Company, Akron, and was a member of the Rochester Church of God. He was also a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline I. Ruff, at home; four daughters, Barbara and husband Tom Ervin, Ligonier, Mary Ann and husband Monte Wilson, Akron, Wanda and husband Hugh O'Donnell, Star City, Donna Sears, Rochester; one brother, Marvin Ruff, Cerritos, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one great-grandchild and one sister, Wilma Ruff.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Larry Pyeatt officiating. Burial is at Nichols Cemetery, north of Akron. Visitation is from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Saturday, November 6, 2004

Oliver D. Hazard

June 6, 1936 – Nov. 4, 2004

Oliver D. HAZARD, 5339 W. Kiwi Road, Claypool, died at 7 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Lucrecia Hazard, Burket; two daughters, Pretzel Jean D'sousa, Ken., and Donna Wright, Claypool; and three sons, Timothy Hazard, Oswego, Ill., John Hazard, Carson City, Nev., and Dominic Hazard, Claypool.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Warsaw. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Foster Wayne Hutchison

Oct. 23, 1920-Sept. 22, 2004

Foster W. HUTCHISON, 83, of 709 1/2 North Webster St., Kokomo, died about 4:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at Life Care Center, Rochester, after a short illness.

Born Oct. 23, 1920, in Akron, to James A. and Jennie A. Runkle Hutchison, he was the last of eight children. He served in the U.S. Army in Company B 774th tank destroyer battalion during World War II. He received five bronze stars. In 1947, he married Evelen Olive Jose in Portland, Ore. To this union was born one son, Paul Wayne Hutchison, who lives in Portland, Ore. He was a painter by trade. After retirement, he came back to Indiana.

Other survivors include nieces and nephews. There was no visitation. Burial was at Akron Cemetery after cremation.

Geraldine "Jerry" Singrey

June 19, 1925 – Nov. 5, 2004

Geraldine SINGREY, 3314 Nutmeg Road, Plymouth, died at 12:27 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include one sister, Alma Koelndorfer, Mishawaka, and one brother, Ray Foltz, South Bend.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Monday or one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Monday, November 8, 2004

Esther Roseana Craig Bowen

Feb. 17, 1925–Nov. 7, 2004

Esther Roseana Craig BOWEN, 79, of 3435 E. 200 North, Rochester, passed away at 5 a.m. Sunday at her residence. Her health was failing for the past two years.

Born in Miami County to Wilbur W. and Pearl Lillie Opple Craig, she lived most of her life in the Rochester area. On Aug. 30, 1941, she married Albert L. Bowen in Rochester. They were married for 63 years.

Mrs. Bowen was a homemaker and had been an employee of the R.B.M. Manufacturing Co., Logansport; Rochester Telephone Co. and the former Torin Corp., both of Rochester. She attended First Baptist Church and was a member of the Rochester Garden Club and the former Reiter Township Home Economics Club, all of Rochester. She loved gardening, crocheting, and watching her hummingbirds. The love of her life was spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Survivors include her husband, Albert L. Bowen, at home; three daughters, Sharon Holloway and husband Paul, Rochester, Joyce Clendenon and husband Bob, Peru, and Cheryl Burns and husband Dan L., Wabash; one son, Dawayne Bowen and wife Paulette, Indianapolis; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mable Wagoner, Mildred Wagoner, and Vernice Rhodes, all of Rochester; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Devon, Lloyd, and Raymond Craig.

Her funeral service is 1 p.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday or one hour prior to her service Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Brad Patrick Eizinger

March 20, 1948–Nov. 6, 2004

Mr. Brad Patrick EIZINGER, 56, of 934 Wabash Avenue, Rochester, formerly of Savoy, Ill., passed away at 6 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester, where he had been a patient since Oct. 12. He was born on March 20, 1948, in Rochester to Dale and Nanette Burke Eizinger, who both survive.

Mr. Eizinger returned to Rochester in July after living in Savoy, Ill. Early on in life, Brad demonstrated great interest in aviation and flying which developed into a life long passion. At 15, he took flying lessons from the late Joe Cardona. To pay for the lessons, he mowed and assisted with general labor at the Fulton County Airport when it still had sod runways.

He graduated from Rochester High School in 1966 as a proud Zebra. Brad continued his formal studies at Vincennes University earning two associate's degrees, one in aviation maintenance and the other in technology. Continuing his focus on aviation, he earned his twin-engine pilot's and flight instrument licenses at Kankakee, Ill., in the summers between college years. During this time, he also worked as an aircraft mechanic at the maintenance facility of Gates-Turner Aviation and Lear corporations ground facilities in Indianapolis.

Brad's hunger for knowledge and desire to become more accomplished with his lifelong dream took him to Logan, Utah. It was there in 1970 that he earned a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering technology from Utah State University.

A new scenario presented itself at Plymouth High School. Brad accepted the challenge to set curriculum goals and teach an experimental vocational aviation maintenance technology program.

Lockheed Aircraft beckoned him and he answered the call in Burbank, Calif. For the next eight years, he acted as a technical liaison between engineers and assembly personnel. Throughout the eight years, he was given numerous special assignments at Lockheed's prominent high security facility, nicknamed the "Skunk Works." There he worked on high-profile spy aircraft such as the SR 71 Blackbird and some of the earliest work with laser and "retina sight guided" missile systems.

Brad was also appointed to a position at Lockheed test facilities in the high desert regions of Lancaster and Palmdale, Calif. Both sites were noted as experimental areas for a variety of programs involving military projects. During a brief layoff between factory and tool-up changes, he worked as a carpenter at Warner Brothers Studios on the 1974 science fiction film titled "Doc Savage."

From California, Brad was assigned by Lockheed to the remote Yuma, Ariz., test site for two years where his primary assignment was the ultra top-secret Cheyenne Helicopter project. The Cheyenne served as a springboard to the development of the well-known Apache attack helicopter. With the conclusion of the Vietnam War and a slump in military contracts, Brad returned to teach at Vincennes University for five years. The summer months were consumed with master's studies at Arizona State University, Tempe. He earned a master's of science degree in aeronautical engineering.

In 1983, Brad's teaching at the college level continued when he settled in at the University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana. After nine years at U of I, he accepted a position as an Excel Communications sale's representative until becoming ill in the summer of 2003. While residing in Illinois, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Savoy.

Brad was a devoted father. His legacy will live on through his two sons, Eric George Eizinger of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill., and Kurt Patrick Eizinger, Savoy, Ill. Other survivors include a loving brother, Timothy James Eizinger and his wife Lee Ann, Rochester. He also leaves a caring niece, Amy Allison Eizinger, Rochester, and a caring nephew,

Burke Charles Andrew Eizinger, Purdue University, West Lafayette.

A graveside service is 10 a.m. Tuesday at Summit Chapel Cemetery in Marshall County with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Hope Hospice.

Anthony ‘Tony’ Muse

Feb. 4, 1973–Nov. 5, 2004

Anthony “Tony” MUSE, 31, of 705 E. Fourth St., Rochester, passed away at 10:36 p.m. Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident two weeks prior.

Born at Home Hospital, Lafayette, he was the son of Ralph and Gwen Pratt Muse. He was previously married to Chantel Ehlinger.

Mr. Muse attended Rochester Community Schools. He was employed at E&B Paving for the past five years. He was a member of the Rochester Moose Lodge No. 1107 and a member of the Laborer’s International Union No. 274. He enjoyed playing guitar, riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, and being with his family, friends, and his dog, Scooby.

Survivors include his son, Michael Muse, Boswell; parents, Ralph and Gwen Muse, Rochester; grandmothers, Frances Pratt and Essie Muse, both of Boswell; uncles, Roger and wife Sis Muse, Rochester, Robert and wife Kallie Muse, Boise, Idaho, Richard and wife Lisa Muse, Burnettsville, and Bob Pratt, Fowler; aunts, Linda and husband Ron Criswell, Lafayette, and Bonnie Sturgeon, Boswell; cousins, Eric, Derrick, Scott, Delanie, Kelsey, Kyra, Angie, Mathew, Roy, Maggie, and Brandon. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Denver Muse and Erbin Pratt.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson St., Rochester, with Pastor Lloyd Howard officiating. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial is at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the Anthony “Tony” Muse Memorial Fund.

Robert F. ‘Tex’ Ritter

May 13, 1930–Nov. 6, 2004

Robert F. “Tex” RITTER, 74, of 1029 Franklin Street, Rochester, passed away at 5:35 a.m. Saturday at the Woodlawn Hospital Emergency Room. His health was failing for several years. Born in Cleveland to Forest and Julia Satava Ritter, he married Margaret A. Quinn on June 2, 1956, at Lawrenceburg. She survives.

Mr. Ritter retired from Dean Foods Co., Rochester, after 40 years of service. He was a Korean War Army Veteran and attended Trinity United Methodist Church, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret A. Ritter, Rochester; two sons, Richard M. and Gayle Ritter, and Gregory R. Ritter, all of Bristol; one sister, Ruth and husband John G. Gordon, Fort Wayne; one brother, Harold J. and wife Mary Ritter, Mansfield, Texas; four grandchildren, Kendra, Taneshia, Tiffany, and Kristy; and one great-grandson, Austin.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Mike McFarland officiating. Burial is at Rochester IOOF Cemetery with the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Rochester, conducting military graveside rites. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the time of his service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Woodlawn Home Health Care.

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

[none]

Wednesday, November 10, 2004

Flora Lee Clymer

May 19, 1925–Nov. 8, 2004

Flora Lee CLYMER, 79, South Bend, passed away at 9:20 a.m. Monday at Healthwin Specialized Care Facility, South Bend. She was born in Rochester.

Survivors include one daughter, Connie Brown, Claypool; and two sons, Jerry Newton, Warsaw, and Joseph Dzierla, South Bend.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday at Kaniewski Funeral Home, South Bend. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Thursday, November 11, 2004

Angie C. Easterday

March 5, 1933–Nov. 10, 2004

Angie C. EASTERDAY, 71, of 4744 W. Indiana 114, Kewanna, passed away at 1 p.m. Wednesday at her residence.

Born on March 5, 1933, in Logansport, she was the daughter of Anthony and Eveline Tancredi Rose. On Jan. 18, 1958, she married Everett L. Easterday in Logansport. He survives.

Mrs. Easterday worked for TM Morris Manufacturing in Fulton for 10 years and was a homemaker. She attended Faith Outreach Center, Rochester. She enjoyed being with her family, grandchildren, great-grandchild and friends. She liked to read and was an avid Indiana Pacer fan.

Survivors include her husband Everett L. Easterday, Kewanna; daughters, Pam and husband Jim Steinberger, Logansport, Brenda and husband Robert Wagoner, Noblesville, and Linda and husband Larry Markley, Macy; grandchildren, Zachary Dodt, Elkhart, Jamie Wagoner and boyfriend Guy Osborn, Casie Wagoner and Amy Wagoner, all of Noblesville, Kyle Sadler, Kewanna, and Jake Sadler, Macy; and great-grandchild, Nevaeh Osborn, Noblesville.

Her funeral service is 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Revs. Dan Mundt and Conrad Barnum officiating. Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Lois Heckaman

Lois HECKAMAN, 89, of 18929 Nutmeg Road, Argos, passed away at 7:10 p.m. Wednesday at Hospice House, South Bend. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Gothel Deward Wilkins

Oct. 30, 1919–Nov. 10, 2004

Gothel Deward WILKINS, 85, of 209 Orchard Bluff, LaPorte, formerly of Rochester, died Wednesday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia A. Wilkins, LaPorte; one daughter, Cheri Natoli, Geneseo, N.Y.; and five sons, Gregory Wilkins, Sawyer, Mich., John Wilkins, Matthews, N.C., Paul Wilkins, Highland, Patrick Wilkins and Michael Wilkins, both of LaPorte.

His funeral is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter Catholic Church, LaPorte. Visitation is from 2-8:30 p.m. Friday and from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Saturday at Essling Funeral Home, LaPorte.

Friday, November 12, 2004

Lois J. Swoverland Heckaman

Jan. 29, 1915-Nov. 10, 2004

Lois J. Swoverland HECKAMAN, 89, of 18929 Nutmeg Road, Argos, died Wednesday at Hospice House of St. Joseph County, South Bend.

Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Overmyer, Argos, and Margaret Mikesell, Rochester; and one son, Donald Swoverland, Warsaw.

Her funeral service is 1 p.m. Monday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation is 2-7 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to her service Monday at the funeral home.

Braddock Neace

Braddock NEACE, 80, of 130 Jefferson St., Rochester, died at 1:30 a.m. today at his residence. Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, and Watts Funeral Home, Jackson, Ky., are in charge of arrangements.

Saturday, November 13, 2004

[None]

Monday, November 15, 2004

Sue Ammerman

April 10, 1936-Nov. 12, 2004

Sue AMMERMAN, 68, Denver, passed away at 10:07 a.m. Friday at St. Vincent Hospital, Carmel.

Born in Disko on April 10, 1936, she was the daughter of Victor and Wanda Cook Dickerhoff. She married Fred Ammerman Sr. on May 31, 1952, at St. John's Lutheran Church parsonage, Peru. He survives.

Mrs. Ammerman was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was with the church Marriage Encounter. She was also the president of the Happy Homemakers Club, and a member of the Red Hat Society (Circus City Scarlet Jewels), Jack & Jill Bowling League, Lutheran Bowling League, Moose Bowling League, bingo, and a volunteer at the Mexico Senior Citizen Center. She enjoyed camping, traveling and antiquing.

Surviving with her husband are seven children, Elaine Pavey and Fred E. Ammerman Jr., both of Peru, Peggy Hyde, Westfield, Linda Rody, Denver, Craig Ammerman, Akron, Kimberly Prodan, Denver, and Becky Friedersdorf, Macy; 16 grandchildren, Michell Fiscus, Noblesville, Kelly Maynard, Denver, Tammara Cook, Fishers, Shawna Ammerman, Roann, Troy Pavey, Peru, Kent Ireland Jr., Denver, Lisa Ammerman, Peru, Amy Lozano, Akron, Heather Hyde, Westfield, Ashley Prodan, Ocqueoc, Mich., Tonia Ammerman, Akron, Timothy Prodan II, Denver, Lacy Ireland, Denver, April Ammerman, Akron, Evan Friedersdorf and Ethan Friedersdorf, both of Macy; three stepgrandchildren, Brandon Hyde, Cleveland, Tenn., Erin Barnes and LeeAnne Rody, both of Kokomo; 14 great-grandchildren, Briana Guire, Gaige Guire, Veronica Fiscus, Emma Pavey, Mason Cook, Clayton Maynard, Nathan Maynard, Madison Maynard, Seth Ireland, Titan Kaiser, Trent Kaiser, Elyssa Heeter, Deion Dickie, and Matthew Lozano; one brother, Wayne Dickerhoff, Bremen; one aunt, Emma Uhlig, Peru; and one uncle, Gayle Cook, Peru. She was

preceded in death by four grandchildren, Shannon Zehner, Leroy Ammerman, Cole Hyde, Audrey Ammerman; one brother, Ted Dickerhoff; and one sister, Bonnie Washburn.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial is at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorials may be made to Helping an Eagle Soar, St. John's Lutheran Church.

Cheryl L. Garber

Sept. 12, 1946–Nov. 12, 2004

Cheryl L. GARBBER, 58, of 10820 14 C Road, Argos, died at 11:31 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include her husband, Stephen C. Garber, at home; three sons, Scott Garber, Lakeville, Stephen C. Garber Jr., Charlestown, Sean D. Garber, Lincoln, Neb.; one sister, Susan Lewis, Indianapolis; one brother, Craig Shanteau, Logansport.

A private graveside service is at Fulton Cemetery. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of arrangements.

Doris E. Hoover

Sept. 12, 1922–Nov. 13, 2004

Doris E. HOOVER, 82, Lake View Commons 402 Tiogo Road, Monticello, formerly of Lee, passed away at 3:25 p.m. Saturday at White County Memorial Hospital, Monticello, from a four-week illness.

Born in Mount Ayr to Hollis and Leota Dirst Brown, she married Lewis W. Hoover on Nov. 24, 1942, at Crown Point. He passed away on June 30, 2004.

Mrs. Hoover was a homemaker and lived in the Lee community most of her life. She attended Morgan Township High School in Porter County. She was a member of Monon United Methodist Church, Monon.

Survivors include one daughter, Carol and husband John Walker, Rochester; one son, Carl and wife Betty Hoover, Indianapolis; and grandchildren, Greg and wife Mary Hoover, Julianne Hoover and fiance Herb Gilley, all of Indianapolis, Tim and wife Leslie Walker, Rochester, and Brett Walker, North Adams, Mass. She was preceded in death by one infant daughter and one brother, Max Brown.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Kellogg Funeral Home, Monon, with Pastor Mathew Pickut officiating. Burial is at Osborne Cemetery, Rensselaer. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Deborah J. Kamp

Oct. 23, 1950–Nov. 13, 2004

Deborah J. KAMP, 54, of 1509 Audubon Avenue, Rochester, went home to her Father at 1:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, where she was a patient for four days. Her health was failing for the past four months.

Born in Chicago to Henry and Jewel Austin Heintz, she moved from Chicago to the Rochester area 26 years ago. She married Neil A. Kamp on April 11, 1986, in Rochester. He survives.

Mrs. Kamp had been employed at Wells Law Office and was also a part-time employee at Alejandra's Family Restaurant, both of Rochester. She was a member of Faith Outreach Center, Rochester, and was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, Neil A. Kamp, at home; two daughters, Deborah J. Wentzel and husband John, Tippecanoe, and Cheryl Hughes and husband Carl Jr., Silver Lake; one son, Burnie Hays and wife Amy, Rochester; nine grandchildren, Ashley, Amber and Joshua Wentzel, Tippecanoe, Kym, Krysta, and R.J. Eriks, Rochester, Matthew and Walyn Hays and Shauna Ellinger, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one granddaughter, Gwyn Eriks, on July 14, 1991.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday at Faith Outreach Center, 1125 E. Ninth St., with Pastor Dan Mundt officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, or one hour prior to her service at the church. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

JoRetta Maibauer

Jan. 16, 1931–Nov. 13, 2004

JoRetta MAIBAUER, 73, of 1206 Franklin St., Rochester, passed away at 2:15 a.m. Saturday at her residence. Her health was failing for the past three and one half years.

Born in Crawfordsville to Earl and Irene Kitterman Carson, she lived her entire life in the Rochester community. She married Frederick M. Maibauer on Dec. 26, 1953, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on April 29, 2001.

Mrs. Maibauer was a homemaker and she cleaned Rochester area homes for over 35 years. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, Rochester, where she had served as the President of the Missionary for a number of years. She was an avid gardener and loved flowers, but the love of her life was her family. She was a dedicated mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Survivors include three daughters, Anna Roe and husband Gary W., Rochester, Susan Slack and husband Robert "Bob," Rochester, Linda Maibauer, St. Petersburg, Fla.; one son, Larry Maibauer, Rochester; eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; six sisters, Ellen Kitterman and husband Jack, Thonotosassa, Fla., Delores Corl and husband Ken, Grand Junction, Mich., Merelene Winlechte and husband Edward, Streamwood, Ill., Carolyn Purity, Kokomo, Arlene Sriver and husband Loy, Rochester, and Karen Carson, South Bend; three brothers, David Simonin and wife Pam, Rochester, Jim Carson, South Bend, and Kenneth Carson and wife Eunice, South Bend; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of the Nazarene, 1987 Southway 31, Rochester, with Pastor Don Meyer officiating. Burial is at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, or after 10 a.m. Wednesday through the hour of her services at the church. Memorials may be made to Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Gale F. Barter

Aug. 23, 1925–Nov. 13, 2004

Gale F. BARTER, 79, East Orange, N.J., and formerly of New York City, N.Y., and Rochester, passed away Saturday at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York.

Born on Aug. 23, 1925, in Rochester, he was the son of Harry and Marie Barter. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor of science degree in architecture. He was a member of the Edward Frederick Sorin Society at Notre Dame.

Mr. Barter was an architect. He worked in the planning department of Copeland, Novak and Israel, New York, N.Y., and continued in that capacity when the firm joined Walker Group CNI, Manhattan, N.Y. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a volunteer since the

1980s at St. Vincent's Hospice, New York City, and head of the Community Garden at Harrison Park Towers, East Orange, N.J. He was an avid donator and supporter of the arts and many dance groups such as American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, Dance Theatre of Harlem and many others.

Survivors include his sister, Gloria Fellers Alber and husband Joe, Rochester; nieces, Susan and husband Jake Smith, Middletown, and Eileen Fellers, Rochester; great-nephews and great-niece, Brad Fellers, Indianapolis, Cory Fellers, Oregon, and Lori Jean Fellers, Rochester; and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Harry C. Barter; and nephew, Stephen Fellers.

His funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Church, East Orange, N.J. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Preston Funeral Home, South Orange, N.J. Burial and graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Memorials may be made to Harrison Park Towers Garden Club, East Orange, N.J., or St. Vincent's Hospice, New York, N.Y. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling local arrangements. Memorials may be sent to the funeral home.

Bonnie J. Keele

Bonnie J. KEELE, 58, of 3961 S. 25 West, Rochester, died at 8:40 p.m. Monday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Robert Reutebuch

Aug. 18, 1927–Nov. 12, 2004

Robert REUTEBUCH, 77, Macy, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Friday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

He was born on Aug. 18, 1927, in Logansport as the son of the late Casper M. Reutebuch and the late Eva Marie Butler. He married Thelma Louise (Rylands) Reutebuch on Aug. 22, 1947, in Peru.

Mr. Reutebuch was an engineer for Conrail Railroad. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Louise Reutebuch; three sons, Robert W. Reutebuch and Larry E. Reutebuch, both of Logansport, and Randy A. Reutebuch, Rochester; one daughter, Nancy L. Bowman, Royal Center; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

There will be no services. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, Rochester. Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Bonnie J. Keele

July 30, 1946–Nov. 15, 2004

Bonnie J. KEELE, 58, of 3961 S. 25 West, Rochester, passed away at 8:40 p.m. Monday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born on July 30, 1946, in Peru, she was the daughter of Orville C. and Regina Burns Vigar. On Aug. 21, 1971, in Rochester, she married Ronald C. Keele. He survives.

Mrs. Keele was a homemaker. She enjoyed attending rabbit shows, showing rabbits and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald C. Keele, Rochester; sons, Thomas L. Keele and William J. Keele, both of Rochester; her mother, Regina Vigar, Rochester; brothers, Jim L. and wife Patricia Vigar, Madera, Calif., and Roger and wife Deb Vigar, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father on June 24, 1998.

Her funeral service is at 1 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Rod Ruberg officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to her service Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation.

Terry ‘Mike’ Bowen

Jan. 8, 1959–Nov. 14, 2004

Terry “Mike” BOWEN, 45, Lakeville, died Sunday at his residence.

Survivors include three sisters, Sandy Conley, Lapaz, Jane Jackson, Bourbon, and Linda Dickson, Bremen; and five brothers, Jim Bowen, Bremen, Larry Bowen, Rick Bowen, Gary Bowen and Dennis Bowen, all of Lakeville.

A graveside service is at 11 a.m. Thursday at Fulton Cemetery. There is no visitation. Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville, is in charge of arrangements.

Thursday, November 18, 2004 to Saturday, November 20, 2004

[None]

Monday, November 22, 2004

Thomas C. Kistler

June 12, 1965–Nov. 20, 2004

Thomas C. KISTLER, 39, Milford, died Saturday in Milford.

Survivors include his wife, Tracey Kistler, Warsaw; mother, Jane K. Lozier, Warsaw; one brother, Troy Edward Kistler, North Webster; and one sister, Janelle Marie Jennings, North Webster.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

John M. Pemberton

John M. PEMBERTON, 48, of 1401 Pontiac St., Rochester, died at 1 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

His funeral will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to his service.

Phyllis M. Williamson

Jan. 3, 1919–Nov. 20, 2004

Phyllis M. WILLIAMSON, 85, Miller’s Merry Manor, Warsaw, formerly of Burket, died at 9:05 a.m. Saturday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

One daughter, Sharon Doran, Burket, survives.

There is no funeral service or visitation. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is in charge of the arrangements.

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

Donald Laughman

Donald LAUGHMAN, 89, of 931 S. Union St., Warsaw, died Monday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Kathleen E. Wertzberger

Kathleen E. WERTZBERGER, 93, Franklin United Methodist Home, Franklin, formerly of Rochester, passed away at 7:43 p.m. Monday at the Franklin United Methodist Community Health Care Center. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

John McMahan Pemberton

Oct. 1, 1956–Nov. 18, 2004

John McMahan PEMBERTON, 48, of 1401 Pontiac Street, passed away at 1 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

Born at Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Wash., he was the son of Val R. and Joyce Lee McMahan Pemberton. He was a 1976 graduate of Rochester High School.

Mr. Pemberton was a self-employed contractor for over 30 years. He had been an Eagle Scout and was active in the Boy Scout program as an adult for over 20 years. He attended Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, and was active in the local ABATE of Indiana Region No. 1 for many years. He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, hunting, playing the guitar and being with his friends.

Survivors include his son, McMahan R. Pemberton, Rochester; father, Val R. and wife Shirley Pemberton, Rochester; three brothers, James Andrew and wife Pam Pemberton, Paul Arnold Pemberton, all of Rochester, Thomas Orrin and wife Dawn Pemberton, Kokomo; one sister, Sarah Elinor Pemberton, Santa Fe, N.M.; three nephews and two nieces. He was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Lee Pemberton, on Nov. 7, 1997.

His funeral service is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to his service at the funeral home. Burial is at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ABATE's Toys for Tots drive through the funeral home.

Walter G. Shoemaker

March 28, 1916–Nov. 22, 2004

Walter G. SHOEMAKER, 88, of 3278 W. 700 South, Claypool, Caldwell Lake, passed away at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Kosciusko Community Hospital emergency room, Warsaw.

Born in Wabash County to Arthur and Anna Gerlic Shoemaker, he married Olga Zimmerman on April 9, 1938, in Akron. She passed away on Nov. 24, 1984. He then married Miriam Hines on Dec. 20, 1985, in Wabash County. She also preceded him in death.

Mr. Shoemaker retired in 1981 from Sonoco Products, Akron, after 21 years of service. He was a member of Emmanuel Church, Roann, and attended Claypool United Methodist Church. He graduated from Gilead High School.

Survivors include two daughters, RuthAnna and husband Robert Frantz, Warsaw, Laura Shoemaker, Rochester; two sons, Paul and wife Bonnie Shoemaker, Claypool, Kurt and wife Donna Shoemaker, Galaten, Tenn.; 17 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Homer and wife Nat Shoemaker, Hammond, Cecil and wife Osie Shoemaker, Akron. He was

preceded in death by one son, Gary Shoemaker in 1985; and one sister, Mary Fites.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Claypool United Methodist Church, Claypool, with the Rev. Jason Gross officiating. Burial is at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Anna B. Tucker

Anna B. TUCKER, 71, of 5390 S. Old U.S. 31, Macy, passed away at 10 p.m. Monday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

E. Pauline Silveus

March 6, 1912–Nov. 22, 2004

E. Pauline SILVEUS, 92, Silver Lake, passed away at 11:15 a.m. Monday at her residence.

Born in Wabash County to Judson R. and Orpha M. Warren Marshall, she married Howard C. Silveus on Aug. 12, 1961, at Mentone. He died on March 6, 2002.

Mrs. Silveus was a homemaker and had worked for Valentine Elevator, Mentone. She was a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Sue and husband Larry Pyle, Mentone; one brother, Devon Marshall, Mentone; three grandchildren, LuAnne Guilford, Kevin and Brian Pyle; seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Jennifer; and one brother, Gene Marshall.

Her funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Doris Smith officiating. Burial is at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity or church of the donor's choice.

Wednesday, November 24, 2004

L. Kathryn Hahnert

Oct. 13, 1908–Nov. 23, 2004

L. Kathryn HAHNERT, 96, of 6281 E. Indiana 14, Athens, passed away at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Deer Creek Township, Cass County, to Edgar and Mary Bechtelheimer Kitchel, she married Ora E. Hahnert on June 28, 1943, at the Brethren Church in Logansport. He passed away on Feb. 28, 1976.

Mrs. Hahnert had been a school teacher in Cass County and was a homemaker. She moved to Athens in 1981 from Anoka. She was a member of the Athens United Methodist Church, the retired teacher's association, the Fulton County Historical Society, the D.A.R., and the Church Women United. She was a member of the Anoka United Methodist Church in earlier years. She was a graduate of Manchester College.

Survivors include three daughters, Sue and husband Ronald Geib, Athens, Lou Ann Robbins, Goshen, Rebecca Hahnert, San Francisco; one granddaughter, Katrina DeLawter, Fairfax, Va.; two sisters, Alice and husband Bernard Study, Oxford, Ohio, and Eva Quitslund, Bainbridge Island, Wash.; and one brother, Arthur Kitchel, Lafayette. She was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday at Athens United Methodist Church with the Rev.

Robert Metzger officiating. A graveside burial service is 12:30 p.m. Friday at Anoka Cemetery. Visitation is from 3-6 p.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Memorials may be made to Athens United Methodist Church.

Donald L. Laughman

Donald L. LAUGHMAN, 89, of 931 S. Union St., Warsaw, died Monday at his residence.

His wife, Opal E. Laughman, Warsaw, survives.

His graveside service is 3 p.m. Friday at Fairview Cemetery, Claypool. There is no visitation.

Richard B. 'Scary' McNary

Richard B. "Scary" McNARY, 70, Peru, Nyona Lake, St. James City, Fla., died Nov. 3 at Fort Myers, Fla.

His graveside service is 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Anna B. Tucker

Jan. 29, 1933–Nov. 22, 2004

Anna B. TUCKER, 71, of 5390 S. Old U.S. 31, Macy, passed away at 11:24 p.m. Monday at her residence. Her health was failing for the past two years.

Born in Logansport to Lewis Victor and Bessie M. Hall Rogers Sr., she lived most of her life in the Fulton and Cass County areas. On Aug. 14, 1954, she married Paul William "Bill" Tucker in Logansport.

Mrs. Tucker worked for Federal Mogul Corp., formerly of Leiters Ford, and she had retired from A&T Two Inc., Rochester, in November 2003. She was a member of the All Saints Catholic Church, Logansport.

Survivors include her husband, at home; three daughters, Cynthia F. Tucker, at home; the Rev. Melody L. Krisher and her husband Rev. William, Arnold, Mo., Diane L. Gall and husband James, Peru; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; one sister, Martha Martin, Yeoman; one brother, Fred Rogers, Chicago; and nine nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Gregory M. Tucker in infancy in 1958; two brothers; and one niece and one nephew.

Her funeral service is 1:30 p.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with Father Joseph Jacob and the Rev. William Krisher officiating. Burial is at the Mud Creek Chapel Cemetery, Macy. Visitation is from 10 a.m.-noon Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Cancer Fund.

Thelma V. Warfield

Thelma V. WARFIELD, 78, Kewanna, died today at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna.

Kathleen E. Wertzberger

Jan. 16, 1911–Nov. 22, 2004

Kathleen E. WERTZBERGER, 93, Franklin United Methodist Home, Franklin, formerly of Rochester, passed away at 7:43 p.m. Monday at Franklin United Methodist Community Health Care Center.

Born on Jan. 16, 1911, in Rochester, she was the daughter of Charles and Grace Beattie Raymer Sr. On Nov. 9, 1929, in Rochester, she married Howard R. Wertzberger. He preceded her in death on Sept. 12, 2001.

Mrs. Wertzberger was a homemaker. She was a 79-year member of First Christian Church where she was active in the church choir, ladies circle CWF, and a member of the Friendship Class, as well as helping in the church kitchen.

Survivors include two sons, Joe and wife Marcia Wertzberger, Greenwood, Jim Wertzberger, Franklin; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Belle Raymer Bailey; and one brother, Charles Raymer Jr.

Her funeral service is 1 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson St., Rochester, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Friends may call two hours prior to her service Saturday at the funeral home. Burial is in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, Rochester.

Thursday, November 25, 2004

[no paper - holiday]

Friday, November 26, 2004

Loren A. Mattix

March 19, 1926–Nov. 25, 2004

Loren A. MATTIX, 78, of 1928 Maples Court, Rochester, passed away at 8:16 a.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, where he was a patient since Tuesday. He had been in failing health since March.

Born in Argos to Arthur and Mary Josephine Thomas Mattix, he lived in the Rochester area since 1948. On Sept. 15, 1946, he married Alice Perry in Warsaw. She survives at home.

Mr. Mattix was the salutatorian of his Argos High School Class of 1944. He later attended International Business College, Fort Wayne, where he majored in accounting and graduated with honors. He was retired from the former McMahon O'Connor Construction Company, Rochester, where he worked for 60 years. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 47 for a number of years and of Trinity United Methodist Church, both of Rochester. At the church, he served as a lay delegate to the Indiana Methodist Conference for 10 years, a trustee, a tenor in the choir, and a Sunday school teacher for a number of years. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed coaching Little League. He was best known among his family and friends for his good-natured sense of humor.

Survivors with his wife include two daughters, Shari Norris and husband Steve, Indianapolis, and Barbara Michels and husband James, Evansville; one son, Tom Mattix, Indianapolis; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Earl Mattix.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 801 Jefferson St., Rochester. Burial is at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the hour of his service Monday at the church. Arrangements are by Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thelma V. Warfield

Jan. 8, 1926–Nov. 24, 2004

Thelma V. WARFIELD, 78, Kewanna, passed away at 8:05 a.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, following a brief illness.

Born in Rochester to James and Margaret Maloney Huff, she married William F. Powell in Peru in 1948. He passed away on Dec. 18, 1987. She then married Richard Warfield on Dec. 28, 1956, in Kewanna. He passed away on July 25, 1996.

Mrs. Warfield was a retired school bus driver for Union Township and a child care provider. She was a member of Ducks Unlimited and enjoyed fishing, traveling, and caring for neighbor children.

Survivors include two brothers, Bill Huff and Ova Huff, both of Logansport, two sons, Ronald Powell, Kewanna, and Richard Powell and wife Tami, all of Kewanna; one daughter, Ginny and husband Klise Savage, Kewanna; six grandchildren, Jason Powell, Iowa, Traci and husband Mike Woods, Rochester, Gretchen and husband Mike Fachler, Iowa, Trent and wife Melea Powell, Rochester, Trisha Powell, Kewanna, TJ and wife Missy Stevens, Rochester; six great-grandchildren, Ciara Woods, Rochester, Brantin Stevens, Kewanna, Laiyn Stevens, Kewanna, Abigail Powell, Ivy Powell, and Elijah Stevens, all of Rochester. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Warfield; one sister, Betty Shuman; one brother, Jim Huff; and two gransons, Lance and Joshua Stevens.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Saturday at Harrison-Metzger Kewanna Chapel with the Rev. Cliff Gano officiating. Burial is at Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today and 8 a.m. until her service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hope Hospice.

Saturday, November 27, 2004

Alberta May Jones

Alberta May JONES, 69, of 526 W. 6th St., Peru, died at 1:15 p.m. Friday at Millers Merry Manor, Peru.

Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester.

Monday, November 29, 2004

Lilly F. Ault

Sept. 10, 1906–Nov. 27, 2004

Lilly F. AULT, 98, formerly of Akron, passed away at 6:40 p.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born in Claypool to William and Eliza Warren Loher, she married R. Glenn Ault on April 25, 1925, in Warsaw. He passed away on Dec. 7, 1976.

Mrs. Ault was a homemaker and resided at the Ault home until 2002, more than 70 years. She attended Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, Akron.

Survivors include six daughters, Marjorie Mathias, Rochester, Kate Kurtz, South Bend, Mary Louise Shoemaker, Roann, Laura Mae Swihart, Akron, Willodean and husband Dan Allen, North Manchester, and Elsie Brodbelt, Plymouth; three sons, Ben and wife Sandy Ault, Rochester, Richard and wife Barb Ault and John Ault, all of Akron; 21 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, and 41 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Wanda Jeanette Ault Kern on May 29, 2003; one sister, one brother, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Evelyn Taylor officiating. Burial is at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Life Care Center of Rochester.

DeWayne C. 'Benny' Benedict

April 11, 1937–Nov. 27, 2004

DeWayne C. "Benny" BENEDICT, 67, of 1110 W. Alto Road, Kokomo, died at 10:10 a.m. Saturday at Howard Regional Health System.

Born in Miami County, he was the son of Lloyd W. and Helen I. Walters Benedict. He married Betty Jo Baber on Jan. 28, 1956, in Macy. She survives.

Mr. Benedict was a 1955 graduate of Deedsville High School. He retired from his own insurance agency in 1992 after 30 years of service. In retirement, he owned and operated a golf pro shop and repair shop. He enjoyed golf and was an accomplished guitar and trumpet player. For many years, he and his sons performed in a family band called "The Magicians." He was a member of Fairfield Christian Church and the American Legion Post No. 6.

Surviving with his wife Betty Jo are three sons, Troy R. Benedict and wife Mary Anne, Scott A. Benedict and wife Neva, all of Kokomo, Brian L. Benedict and wife Paula, Smithville, Tenn.; one daughter, Shawn R. Benedict, Mooresville; nine grandchildren, Chassity R. Benedict, Ian D. Benedict, Nicholas P. Benedict, Ross A. Benedict, Anthony "Tony" M. Benedict, Andrea J. Benedict, Ronald E. Collins, Joseph A. Rutledge, John A. Rutledge; two great-grandchildren, Melisia N. Benedict and Kylie M. Collins; one aunt, Thelma Warlick, Elkhart; one uncle, Harold Walters, Lebanon; and Bo, his beloved Jack Russell terrier. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mason D. Benedict; and one brother, Craig A. Benedict.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Tuesday at Fenn & Shirley Mortuary, Colonial Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with Revs. Al Serhal and Keith Cramer officiating. Burial is at Westlawn Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials may be made to the Howard Regional Health System Oncology Department. Envelopes are available at the mortuary.

Clell 'Bud' Hartman

March 28, 1931–Nov. 27, 2004

Clell "Bud" HARTMAN Jr., 73, of 528 E. County Road 425 North, Rochester, passed away at 11 p.m. Saturday evening surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Bud was born on March 28, 1931, in Nappanee as the son of Clell and Marie Felter Hartman Sr. He graduated from Nappanee High School in the Class of 1949. He later attended the General Motors Institute, Flint, Mich. He was called to serve his country in 1951 in the Korean Conflict.

On Aug. 20, 1954, at the Union Center Church of the Brethren, Nappanee, he took Alice Joan Slaybaugh to be his bride. From their loving union, they have three sons and a daughter, who recently honored them with a celebration with family and friends for their 50th wedding anniversary.

In 1958, he and his family moved to Rochester, where his long and successful career in the automotive industry blossomed. Bud Hartman Motors, at the intersection of Indiana 14 East and Indiana 25 North, Rochester, served its automotive clientele for over 14 years. Following the sale of the dealership, he sold real estate in the Rochester area through his association with the Biggs' Realty, until he moved to Kerrville, Texas, in late 1977. In Kerrville, Bud resumed his automotive career with Harold Bryant Motors, where he worked until retiring in 1992. Bud and

Alice then moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where they lived until 1996. Then they moved back home to Rochester where they have resided the past eight years.

Bud was a Rotarian and Kiwanis officer and a member and supporter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as well as many other civic organizations. He was an active member of Mill Creek Missionary Church, Rochester.

Bud is survived by his wife, Alice J. Hartman, at home; three sons, Michael Hartman and wife Susan, Santa Fe, N.M., Stacy Hartman and wife Tamra, Kerrville, Texas, Dan Hartman and fiancée Paula Delvecchio, Rochester; one daughter, Jenny Hartman Milner and husband Bryan, Austin, Texas; three grandchildren, Toby Hartman, Lee Hartman and Carly Hartman; two stepgrandchildren, Colby Jobs and Kelsey Monroe; three sisters, Rose Russell, Kokomo, Kate Pingry and husband William "Bill," Yorktown, and Martha Ann Baker and husband Earl, Suffolk, Va.; and nieces and nephews. Bud was preceded in death by his father and mother.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with pastors Chris Beall and Marvin Engbrecht officiating. Interment is at Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday or one hour prior to his service Thursday. Memorials may be made to either the Mill Creek Missionary Church building fund or to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Alberta May Jones

Alberta May JONES, 69, of 526 W. Sixth St., Peru, formerly of 44 McKee St., Macy, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

Survivors include four sons, Terry Jones, Peru, Ronald Jones, Wabash, Kenny Jones, Peru, and Doug Ihnen, Elkhart; her mother, Mildred Boyer, Syracuse; and one brother, Marshall Boyer, Syracuse.

Her funeral service is 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today or one hour prior to her service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Kathleen J. Susits

Kathleen J. SUSITS, 58, of 7432 E. 14th Road, Argos, died Saturday at her residence. Survivors include her mother, Sarah Kathleen Susits, at home; two brothers, William Susits, Daphne, Ala., and Fabian Susits III, Argos.

A private funeral service will be held without visitation. Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is in charge of arrangements.

Melvin Earl Swango

Aug. 23, 1927–Nov. 28, 2004

Melvin Earl SWANGO, 77, of 938 Wabash Avenue, Rochester, passed away at 7:33 a.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born Aug. 23, 1927, in Rochester, he was the son of William and Leona Good Swango. On Dec. 3, 1947, in Hibbard, he married Norma Jean Bishop. She preceded him in death on April 22, 1993. On July 7, 1997, in Rochester, he married Josephine Blue. She survives.

Mr. Swango retired from Wayne Wilson Construction, Kokomo. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He served with the 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific Theatre and occupation of Japan. He was a member of the Rochester American Legion and attended Church of the Nazarene, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine Swango, Rochester; sons, Mel L. and wife Frankie Swango, Rochester, Randy E. and wife Cindy Swango, Plymouth, Steve E. and wife Chris Swango, Virginia Beach, Va., and David E. and wife Debbie Swango, Rochester; stepson, Dennis

Blue, Clunette; stepdaughter, Debra Ellen and husband Matt Kenny, Akron; sisters, Virginia and husband Eugene McFarland and Evelyn McFarland, all of Rochester; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; four brothers-in-law; and four sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by his sister, Rebabelle Conley; and brothers, Art, Chuck, Frederick and Junior Swango.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Revs. Mike McFarland and Tim McFarland officiating. Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, where military graveside services will be conducted by Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

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Wednesday, December 1, 2004

Guyla S. Cunningham

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Bud was a Rotarian and Kiwanis officer and a member and supporter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as well as many other civic organizations. He was an active member of Mill Creek Missionary Church, Rochester.

Bud is survived by his wife, Alice J. Hartman, at home; three sons, Michael Hartman and wife Susan, Santa Fe, N.M., Stacy Hartman and wife Tamra, Kerrville, Texas, Dan Hartman and fiancée Paula Delvecchio, Rochester; one daughter, Jenny Hartman Milner and husband Bryan, Austin, Texas; three grandchildren, Toby Hartman, Lee Hartman and Carly Hartman; two

stepgrandchildren, Colby Jobes and Kelsey Monroe; three sisters, Rose Russell, Kokomo, Kate Pingry and husband William "Bill," Yorktown, and Martha Ann Baker and husband Earl, Suffolk, Va.; and nieces and nephews. Bud was preceded in death by his father and mother.

His funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, with pastors Chris Beall and Marvin Engbrecht officiating. Interment is at Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. today or one hour prior to his service Thursday. Memorials may be made to either the Mill Creek Missionary Church building fund or to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Elmer Williams

Elmer WILLIAMS, 82, of 774 S. Warbler Lane, Warsaw, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Viola J. Williams, Warsaw; two daughters, Joyce Galbreath, Anderson, Kathy Hoffmeister, Fort Wayne; and one son, Terry Williams, Alexandria.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is from 1-2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Thursday, December 2, 2004

Guyla S. Cunningham

March 27, 1920–Dec. 1, 2004

Guyla S. CUNNINGHAM, 84, Kewanna, passed away at 7:05 a.m. Wednesday at her residence.

Born on March 27, 1920, in Kewanna, she was the daughter of Wilbur Ney Willoughby and Mary Beatrice Ayers. She married Loren D. Cunningham on Aug. 1, 1937, in Delphi. He preceded her in death on Dec. 16, 2001.

Mrs. Cunningham was a homemaker and helped on the farm. She was a member of Kewanna United Methodist Church and the Evergreen Rebekah Lodge No. 57, Rochester.

Survivors include one daughter, Shirley, and husband Jim James, Kewanna; one son, Larry L. Cunningham, Columbus; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. With her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, with the Rev. David Childs officiating. Burial is at Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday and after 8 a.m. Saturday until the time of her service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Pulaski County Hospice and Kewanna United Methodist Church.

Kenneth B. Felthoff

Kenneth B. FELTHOFF, 79, Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Rochester and Akron, passed away at 2:45 a.m. today at Kenilworth Care and Rehabilitation Center, Sebring, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Richard A. Gerald

July 26, 1948–Nov. 29, 2004

Richard A. GERALD, 56, of 1204 Wabash Avenue, Rochester, passed away at 9 p.m. Monday at his residence. His health was failing.

Born in Rochester to Walter Curtis and Laura J. O'Donnell Gerald, he was a lifetime

resident of the Rochester community. He was married to Barbara R. Bradley.

Mr. Gerald was heavily involved in area road construction in Fulton and surrounding counties through his company, Gerald Construction, Rochester, which he owned and operated for a number of years. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 852, the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36, and the F & AM Lodge No. 79, all of Rochester. He was also a member of the Mizpah Shrine and Scottish Rite, both of Fort Wayne.

Survivors include two sons, Corey W. Gerald and wife Laura, Lebanon, Ohio, Brian H. Gerald, Rochester; seven grandchildren, Skyler, Kyndall and Claire Gerald, Lebanon, Ohio, and Justin, Brant, Devan, and Tristan Gerald, all of Rochester; his mother, Laura J. Gerald, at home; one brother, Larry E. Gerald, at home; and one niece, Cheri LaPlace, Edwardsburg, Mich. He was preceded in death by his father in 1992.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Friday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation is noon through the hour of his service at the funeral home Friday. Memorials may be made to the Shriners Childrens Hospital.

James Lackey

James LACKEY, 94, Grace Village Retirement Community, Winona Lake, formerly of Claypool, died at 8:25 p.m. Wednesday at Mason Health Care, Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Wilma R. Tucker

Wilma R. TUCKER, 89, of 12515 W. 700 South, Mentone, died at 3:35 a.m. today at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Friday, December 3, 2004

Kenneth B. Felthoff

Jan. 22, 1925-Dec. 2, 2004

Kenneth B. FELTHOFF, 79, Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Rochester and Akron, passed away at 2:45 a.m. Thursday at Kenilworth Care and Rehabilitation Center, Sebring, Fla.

Born on Jan. 22, 1925, in Fort Thomas, Ky., he was the son of Milford R. and Mabel Pollitt Felthoff. On April 16, 1976, in Rochester, he married Mary Cole. She preceded him in death on Aug. 11, 2001.

Mr. Felthoff was a dump operator at Peru Foundry, Peru, from 1946 to 1981. He attended Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Susan and husband Leo Greer, Peru; one son, David Felthoff, Mount Home, Idaho; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Harold, Herbert and Donald Felthoff; and one granddaughter, Andrea Marie Felthoff.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Phil Pratt officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery, where military graveside services will be conducted by Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

James W. Lackey

James W. LACKEY, 94, Grace Village Retirement Community, Winona Lake, formerly of Claypool, died Wednesday at Mason Health Care, Warsaw.

Survivors include three daughters, Marilyn McSherry, Burket, Sandra Craddock, Zephyrhills, Fla., Nancy Leedy, Murrells Inlet, S.C.; and one son, James L. Lackey, Columbia City.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Sunday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Ruth E. South

Sept. 20, 1923–Dec. 1, 2004

Ruth E. SOUTH, 81, of 805 Baker St., Lot 104, Plymouth, passed away Wednesday at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She was born on Sept. 20, 1923, in Fulton County to Vernard and Ruby Salts Goodman. Ruth was a member of Plymouth's First Presbyterian Church, Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, where she was a past president, Women of the Moose No. 1355, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and the Presbyterian Women. Ruth worked at Hart Schaffner & Marx, Rochester, as a garment finisher. She married Harold South on Oct. 22, 1966.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Harold, Plymouth; her son, Larry and wife Helen Beedy, Plymouth; her daughter, Robyn and husband Dan Denaut, Plymouth; her brothers, Richard and wife Betty Goodman and Robert and wife Jean Goodman, all of Rochester; her sister, Jeannie Watson, Plymouth; her grandchildren, Julie and husband Kevin White and their children, Joshua, Kyle and Amber, Plymouth, and Shana and husband Doug Conway and their children, Caleb, Ashlynn, Lauren and Mack, Goshen, and Brooke and husband Brian Drobitsch and their daughter, Riley, Plymouth.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, with the Rev. Steve Mullin officiating. Burial is at New Oak Hill Cemetery. Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family requests memorials be given to First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, or to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Auxiliary. Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the South family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Wilma R. Tucker

Wilma R. TUCKER, 89, of 12515 W. 700 South, Mentone, died Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include her husband DeVon Tucker, at home; one son, Larry Tucker, Warsaw; and one brother, Paul McFarland, Akron.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Saturday, December 4, 2004

[None]

Monday, December 6, 2004

Hildegard Bradley

Aug. 22, 1929–Dec. 3, 2004

Hildegard BRADLEY, 75, 424 Clay St., Rochester, passed away at 8:50 p.m. Friday at Life Care Center of Rochester where she was a patient for three months. Her health was failing for the past four years.

Born in Berlin, Germany, to Hans and Bertha Eichler, she resided in the Rochester community for the past 58 years having moved from Berlin. She was a German War bride married to the Rev. Henry Charles Bradley on Dec. 28, 1946, in Rochester. He survives at home.

Mrs. Bradley retired from the former Indiana Metal Corp., now known as Textron Corp., Rochester, after 28 years of service. During her tenure, she served as a Quality Control Inspector. She was a member of Whippoorwill Pentecostal Church of God, Rochester. She enjoyed sewing and had attended Tailors School in Berlin. She loved flowers, fishing, and going to the beach. She also enjoyed playing the violin and accordion.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Mary Beliles and husband Don H., Bourbon, Barbara Roberta Tam and husband Brad, Rochester, Joan Bradley, Rochester; two sons, Rev. Erve Bradley and wife Deloris, Hamlet, and Chuck Bradley and wife Chris, Rochester; 16 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Edelgard Doring and husband Horst, and Gertrude Fr,hholz, all of Berlin; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one grandson, her stepmother, two sisters, and two brothers.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Revs. Robert Brown and Frank Whitaker officiating. Burial is at Sycamore Cemetery, northeast of Rochester. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home or one hour prior to her service Tuesday.

Roger E. Kent

Oct. 13, 1917–Dec. 4, 2004

Roger E. KENT, 87, Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport, and former longtime Fulton resident, passed away at 5:35 p.m. Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

Born on Oct. 13, 1917, in Fulton, he was the son of Dr. Bert R. and Nora Doud Kent. On June 20, 1940, in Mishawaka, he married Esther Jean Foster. She preceded him in death on April 2, 1998.

Mr. Kent retired from the C&O Railroad. He was a member of Fulton United Methodist Church and was a former Fulton Cemetery Trustee and Liberty Township Trustee. He enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

Survivors include his daughter, Karen and husband James Shoup, Twelve Mile; granddaughters, Kimberly and husband John Pattison, Cambridge City, Cindy and husband Craig Douglass, Twelve Mile, Melissa and husband Chad Haxton, Indianapolis; nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Kenneth R. Kent on April 27, 1966; one brother, Byron Kent; and one son-in-law, James Campbell on March 17, 1994.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with Revs. Dave Marty and George Hapner officiating. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home or one hour prior to his service Tuesday. Burial is at Fulton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Fulton United Methodist Church.

William A. 'Bill' Vernon

William A. "Bill" VERNON, 71, of 1308 High Street, Logansport, died Friday at his residence.

Mr. Vernon, a two-term, former mayor of Logansport, is survived by his wife, Diane Vernon, Logansport; two sons, Christopher Vernon, New York, and William K. Vernon, Logansport; and three daughters, Leslie Ricks, Logansport, Rene Kindlesparker, Zionsville, and Kaye Simmons, Noblesville.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at First Church of the Nazarene, Logansport. Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, and one hour prior to his service Tuesday at the church.

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Vicki Lynn Fogelsanger

Aug. 9, 1948–Dec. 5, 2004

Vicki Lynn FOGELSANGER, 56, of 1010 E. Douglas St., Goshen, passed away from cancer at 1 a.m. Sunday at her residence, where she had lived 16 years. She was ill since April.

Born on Aug. 9, 1948, in Carthage, she was the daughter of Gilbert Elton Shepherd and Esther Eleanor McCorkle Swihart.

She was a bookkeeper at the Elkhart County Courthouse and was a member of The Lighthouse, Goshen. She was a 1965 graduate of Rochester High School.

Survivors include her mother and step-father, Esther Eleanor and George Swihart, Rochester; two daughters, Debra Yoder, Goshen, and Mrs. Nichole Waldron and husband Mike, Butler; one son, Richard Fogelsanger, Elkhart; two brothers, Rex Shepherd, Leesburg, Jim Johnson, Elkhart; two sisters, Kathy Bowen, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Dixie Frenoy and husband Louie, Pikesville, Ky.; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at The Lighthouse, Goshen, with Pastor Brad Whitehead of The Lighthouse officiating. Burial is at Violet Cemetery. Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, 311 S. Main St., Goshen, and one hour prior to her service Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Elkhart County. Online condolences may be sent to www.rrefh.com.

Lila M. Slack

Lila M. SLACK, 77, Macy, died Monday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband, Roger, at home; two daughters, Peggy Miller, Knox, and Barbara Dreibelbeis, South Bend; four sons, Roy King, Knox, Ronald King, Granger, Denny Slack, Granger, and Steve Slack, Fort Wayne; and one sister, Shirley Hapner, Union City.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Funeral Home, South Bend. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

Joseph O. Mackey

March 21, 1925–Dec. 6, 2004

Joseph O. MACKEY, 79, Logansport, died at 8:56 p.m. Monday at Chase Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Logansport.

Born in Logansport to Ora J. and Winnie Mae Collins Mackey, he married Lottie M.

McClain on Sept. 4, 1948, in Logansport. She died May 3, 1987.

A retired supervisor from Switches, Leiters Ford, now Federal-Mogul, he was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Lake Bruce, Logansport Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion and Rochester Masonic Lodge.

From 1943 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Navy as an aviation radioman third class. He received an Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal, American Area Campaign Medal and Victory Medal.

Survivors include one son, James A. Mackey and wife Cyndi, Logansport; two sisters, Bettye Lou Bonnell, Star City, and Mary Ann Mason, Florida; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and two sons.

His funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Harrison-Metzger Kewanna Chapel, with Pastor Janet Luchs officiating. Burial will be at Bruce Lake Cemetery, where a military service will be conducted. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Thursday and after 8 a.m. Friday until the service. There will be a Masonic service at 7 p.m. Thursday.

June M. McCart

Jan. 5, 1929-Dec. 7, 2004

June M. McCART, 75, of 433 E. 18th St., Rochester, died at 12:40 p.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, where she had been a patient for one week. She was in failing health.

Born Jan. 5, 1929, in Dyer, to Edwin and Bernice Hitzmner Helmer, she moved to Rochester from Hammond in 1965. On May 25, 1965, she married Robert H. McCart in Rochester. He died June 26, 1983.

A member of the VFW Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary and Eagles Auxiliary, she retired from her accounting business in Rochester.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Tolle, Hammond, and Carol Phillips and husband Daniel, West Memphis, Ark.; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and her twin sister, Jean Wartsbaugh, Hammond. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two brothers.

A private graveside service will be Thursday at Fulton Cemetery. There will be no visitation or viewing as per her request. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Lila M. Slack

Lila M. SLACK, 77, Macy, died Monday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Survivors include her husband, Roger, at home; two daughters, Peggy Miller, Knox, and Barbara Dreibelbeis, South Bend; two sons, Roy King, Knox, Ronald King, Granger; two stepsons, Kenny Slack, Granger, and Steve Slack, Fort Wayne; and one sister, Shirley Hapner, Union City.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Funeral Home, South Bend.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Thursday, December 9, 2004

William ‘Bill’ J. Coleman

William “Bill” J. COLEMAN, 75, 1177 W. Olson Road, Rochester, died at 7 p.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, December 10, 2004

Annie Koch Bassitt, RN, CHPN

May 23, 1951–Dec. 8, 2004

Annie made her transition on Dec. 8, 2004, at her home, surrounded by loving family members. She was born May 23, 1951, in Indianapolis, to William and Pauline (Smith) Koch, and was the granddaughter of George and Burnice Smith, Akron.

A memorial service celebrating the life of this exceptional person will be held in January at Unity East Church, Pickerington, Ohio, with a springtime burial in Greenwood.

Annie loved life, God, her family, gardening, her dogs, nursing and the outdoors. She found her life purpose and felt honored to serve as a hospice nurse. Greenwood was her childhood home and she was a proud graduate of the Purdue University School of Nursing and a baton artist with the Purdue Marching Band. Akron was a special place where she enjoyed many happy memories at the farm of her beloved grandparents.

Annie is survived by her husband, Gary, Granville, Ohio; and children, Jack, Laura and Audrey Beasecker and their parents, Bradley and Mary Beasecker, Columbus, Ohio; her parents, William and Pauline Koch, Carmel; brothers, George (Terri), Durham, N.C., and Mark (Pat), Indianapolis; and sisters Susie (Uldis) Augenbergs, Bloomington, and Julie (Steve) Boese, Indianapolis.

The family requests that contributions be made in Annie’s memory to the prayer ministry of Silent Unity, 1901 NW Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO 64065 or to Mount Carmel Hospice, 1144 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215-1039. And so it is ...

William ‘Bill’ J. Coleman

March 21, 1929–Dec. 8, 2004

William “Bill” J. COLEMAN, 75, of 1177 W. Olson Road, Rochester, passed away at 7 p.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Born on March 21, 1929, in Rochester, he was the son of Harvey and Mollie Westwood Coleman. On March 2, 1952, he married Maudie M. Sayger in Rochester. She survives.

Mr. Coleman had worked for Forest Farms and Smith Saddlery, both of Rochester. He was a member of Rochester’s Eagles Lodge and American Legion Post.

Survivors include his wife, Maudie M. Coleman, Rochester; one son, Stephen and wife Terry Coleman, Rochester; two daughters, Shirley Coleman, Crossville, Tenn., and Susan and husband Jeff Powell, Rochester; grandchildren, Wendy and husband Bruce Woodcox, Jim and wife Connie Coleman, Libby Coleman, Jason Coleman, all of Rochester, Theresa Norton, Crossville, Tenn., Nicholas Norton, Melissa and husband Jose Sanchez, all of Rochester, Shawn Norton, Crossville, Tenn., Jeffery Powell, Chastity Powell, both of Rochester; great-grandchildren, Austin Atkinson, Bethany Atkinson, both of Crossville, Tenn., Braxton Woodcox, Alexis Coleman, Kylie Coleman, Diego Sanchez, and Jared Seufferer, all of Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Ben, Howard and Richard Coleman.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Rod Ruberg officiating. Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to his service at the funeral home. Burial is at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Elwyn M. Stults

Elwyn M. STULTS, 90, of 225 N. Maple St., Argos, died at 3:52 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth Campus, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Dean Correll

March 8, 1927–Dec. 9, 2004

Dean CORRELL, 77, Macy, passed away at 9 a.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Born in Miami County to Elmer Ray and Dorothy Marie York Correll, he married Martha Shilling on Nov. 24, 1956. She passed away on Feb. 14, 2001.

Mr. Correll retired from Markhon, Wabash.

Survivors include three daughters, Velvet V. Knauff and husband Elvin, Claudette D. Miller, all of Denver, and Gail M. Knauff and husband Vince, Peru; one son, Kelvin D. Correll, Macy; six brothers, Keith Correll, Kokomo, David Correll, Nathan Correll, both of Logansport, Stanley Correll, Ohio, Tom Barnes, Georgia, and Kevin Balsbaugh, Peru; two sisters, Arlice McKinny, Peru, and Coetta Stratton, Kansas; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; one son, Timothy J. Correll; and four brothers.

His funeral service is 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Burial is at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Saturday, December 11, 2004

Otto A. Burroughs

Otto A. BURROUGHS, 96, died Thursday at his residence.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Walnut Church of the Brethren, Southwest of Argos. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, or one hour prior to services in the church.

Opal Mae Coby

Feb. 8, 1920-Dec. 10, 2004

Opal Mae COBY, 84, of 305 Hickory St., Leesburg, and formerly of Rochester, died at 6:50 a.m. Friday at Lakeland Rehabilitation, Milford.

Born in Star City to John and Francis Hettinger, she married Orval W. Coby in Culver on Dec. 24, 1962. She was a homemaker. She lived in Leesburg four years.

Survivors include her husband, Orval Coby, Leesburg; one daughter, Jan Miller, Warsaw; two sons, Jerry Parker, Surprise, Ariz., and Robert Parker, Fenton, Mich.; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one brother, Donald Hettinger, Ladysmith, Wisc.; one sister, Ida Huddelston, Fulton. She was preceded in death by one son, her parents, two sisters and eight brothers.

Her funeral is 1 p.m. Monday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with Pastor Dennis Bollenbacher officiating. Burial will be at Leesburg Cemetery, Leesburg. Visitation is 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to the Coby family, P.O. Box 64, Leesburg, IN 46538.

Elwyn M. Stults

April 15, 1914–Dec. 9, 2004

Elwyn M. STULTS, 90, of 208 North Michigan Street, Argos, died at 3:52 p.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include two sons, George Stults, Plymouth, and Douglas Stults, Waterville, Ohio.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Argos Bible Church. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Monday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, or in the church one hour prior to services.

Monday, December 13, 2004

Dawn M. Boucher Campbell

Dawn M. Boucher CAMPBELL, 46, of 5768 W. 300 South, Kewanna, died at 11:20 a.m. Saturday in the Woodlawn Hospital emergency room. Arrangements are pending at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport.

Kathleen A. Nicodemus

Dec. 24, 1925–Dec. 11, 2004

Kathleen A. NICODEMUS, 78, formerly of Akron, passed away at 8:10 p.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born in Miami County to Theron Grogg and Beatrice Titus, she married Robert E. Nicodemus July 24, 1943, in Peru. He survives in Rochester and is also formerly of Akron.

Mrs. Nicodemus was a homemaker and attended First Assembly of God, Rochester.

Surviving with her husband are one daughter, Patricia and husband Dan Baker, Akron; two sons, Donald Nicodemus and Jeffery Nicodemus, both of Akron; three grandchildren, Paul and Greg Prater and Brian Nicodemus; four great-grandchildren, Caleb, Katie, Kinzie, and Layne Prater. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Marilyn, Josephine, and Virginia, and one brother, Arthur.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Mike McFarland officiating. Burial is at Athens Cemetery. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Leota Francis Parks

May 2, 1921–Dec. 12, 2004

Leota Francis PARKS, 83, of 1202 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, died at 9:23 a.m. Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Logansport. She had been in failing health for two years.

Born in Terre Haute to Roscoe and Grace White Collins, she moved to Rochester two years ago from Joliet, Ill. On Nov. 7, 1943, in Norfolk, Va., she married Floyd T. Parks Jr. He preceded her in death in May 1997. She was a homemaker and member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary 852, Rochester.

Survivors include one daughter, Beverly J. and husband Steve Thomas, Rochester; two grandsons, Derrick Alan and wife Christine Thomas, Camby, and Corey Steven Thomas and fiancée Jill O'Dell, Leiters Ford; three great-grandchildren; four sisters, Eva Reese, Mildred Emigh, Edna Holloway and Alberta "Bertie" Smith, all of Rochester; two brothers, Melvin and wife Gladise Collins and Merle Collins, all of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Carl Collins.

Her funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., with the Rev. David Dittman officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Fulton County Cancer Society.

Ronald Powell

Ronald POWELL, 92, of 530 E. Fourth St., Rochester, died at 3:45 a.m. today at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Kathryn 'Kate' A. Thompson

May 30, 1924–Dec. 12, 2004

Kathryn "Kate" A. THOMPSON, 80, of 802 E. Walnut St., Akron, passed away at 6 a.m. Sunday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born in Francesville, Pulaski County, to Thomas Fitzpatrick and Blanch Grock, she married Francis L. "Whitey" Thompson on April 18, 1942, in Rochester. He survives at home. Mrs. Thompson worked for 27 years at the former Chamberlin Products and Wen Products, both of Akron. She was an IU and Chicago Cubs fan and loved flowers. She was a 1942 graduate of Deedsville High School.

Surviving with her husband are three sons, Denny and wife Phyllis Thompson, Akron, Robert Thompson, Wabash, and Ronnie Thompson, Akron; 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Sue and husband Donald Dillman, Kokomo, Marlene and husband Robert Kline, Mexico, Roberta and husband William Roth, Fort Wayne, Kay and husband Norman Fisher, Denver, and Patricia Alman, Peru; and one brother, Richard and wife Irene Fitzpatrick, Macy. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Jessica Thompson; three brothers, and one sister.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial is at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Jessica Thompson Dollars for Scholars.

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

Otto Albert Burroughs

Otto Albert BURROUGHS, 96, of 3819 Ming Tree Drive, New Port Richey, Fla., died Dec. 2 at his home.

Survivors include two children, H.E. Barney Burroughs, Atlanta, Ga., and Patricia Burroughs-Brevoort, New Port Richey, Fla.

A service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Walnut Brethren Church, south of Argos. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Dawn M. Boucher Campbell

Sept. 24, 1958–Dec. 11, 2004

Dawn M. Boucher CAMPBELL, 46, of 5768 W. 300 South, Kewanna, died at 11:20 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Marion to Donald and Marilyn Harmon Boucher, she graduated from Pioneer High School in 1977. She married William W. Campbell on Sept. 14, 2000, in Orange, Texas. She was a homemaker and ran a daycare from her home.

Survivors include her husband William Campbell, Orange, Texas; two sons, Jeff Beall and fiance Ginger Fiedler, Logansport, and Guy Beall, Kewanna; her parents, Donald and Marilyn Boucher, Lucerne; three brothers, Michael Boucher and wife Teresa, Buffalo, Mark Boucher and wife Cindy, and Matt Boucher and wife Karen, all of Logansport; one granddaughter, Lexis Beall; one grandson, Austin Beall; and several nieces and nephews. One sister, Denise Boucher, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Ed Locke officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Ronald Powell

Sept. 20, 1912–Dec. 13, 2004

Ronald POWELL, 92, Rochester, passed away at 3:45 a.m. Monday at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Born on Sept. 20, 1912, in Rochester, he was the son of Samuel D. and Dora Bibler Powell. On Dec. 16, 1933, in Rochester, he married Lova K. Musselman. She survives.

Mr. Powell retired from the U.S. Post Office. He was a co-owner of a meat market and grocery as well as a scrap yard. From the age of 16 until his mid-80s, he played in numerous bands as a drummer. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Elks Lodge 2120, and Moose Lodge 1107, all of Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Lova K. Powell, Rochester; daughters, Jaren Gentile, and Judy and husband Ivan Klobucher, all of Rochester; grandchildren, Ronald Gentile, Palo Alto, Calif., Kevin Gentile, Superior, Colo., and Kristen Stebbins, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents and half brother, Julian Powell.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Rick Taylor officiating. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. today and one hour prior to his service at the funeral home. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church.

Wednesday, December 15, 2004

[None]

Thursday, December 16, 2004

Dixie Lee Wiggins

Jan. 26, 1940–Dec. 15, 2004

Dixie Lee WIGGINS, 64, of 1826 Rosemont Avenue, Warsaw, passed away at 11:22 a.m. Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Born on Jan. 26, 1940, in Miami County, she was the daughter of Woodrow D. and Margaret M. Cooper Alspach. She was a homemaker and had worked at Gemco Department Store in San Francisco, Calif., where she lived for 20 years before she moved to Warsaw. She then worked at Wal-Mart. She was a graduate of Macy High School, loved her cats and dog, and enjoyed cooking.

Survivors include three sisters, Patsy A. and husband Terry Lee Cave, Rochester, Donna and husband Chuck Schuster, Plainfield, Becky Ramsey and friend David, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St.,

Akron, with Pastor Doug West officiating. Burial is at Athens Cemetery. Visitation is from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Friday, December 17, 2004

[None]

Saturday, December 18, 2004

[None]

Monday, December 20, 2004

Jane B. Reuter

March 31, 1913–Dec. 16, 2004

Jane B. REUTER, 91, Rochester, passed away at 11:05 a.m. Thursday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Born on March 31, 1913 in Cass County, she was the daughter of John C. and Mary J. Ide Webber. On Sept. 3, 1932 in Peru, she married Dr. Elbert F. Reuter. He preceded her in death on Feb. 11, 1982.

Mrs. Reuter was a receptionist for her husband's optometry office. She graduated from Lucerne High School and Logansport Business College and was a member of First Church of God, Rochester.

Survivors include her daughter, Carole and husband Ted Davis, Rochester; one son, Paul and wife Ann Reuter, Warsaw; grandchildren, Janet and husband Vern Biber, Fulton, Joanna and husband Doug Manns, Akron, David and wife Sally Reuter, Warsaw; seven great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Isabelle Westfall, Syracuse; one brother, J.C. and wife Mary Webber, Logansport.

Private services were conducted at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Robert George officiating. Burial was at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester.

L. Pearl Shrader

Aug. 2, 1911–Dec. 19, 2004

L. Pearl SHRADER, 93, of 2471 S. 700 East, Kewanna, passed away at 1:50 a.m. Sunday at Pulaski Health Care Center, Winamac.

Born in Bruce Lake Station to James and Mary Pickens Hott, she married Ralph Donald Shrader on Dec. 28, 1929, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on April 12, 1984.

Mrs. Shrader was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church, Winamac, Rebekah Lodge, Rochester, and the Harrison Township Bunco Club. She loved her flowers, her garden, making quilts, her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include one daughter, Dolores J. and husband Roland Smeltzer, Winamac; one son, Ronald R. Shrader, Kewanna; one daughter-in-law, Jeanie Shrader, Winamac; nine grandchildren, Susan and husband Kevin Bennett, Rhonda and husband Garry White, all of Winamac; Kimberly and husband Jerry Hesler, Valparaiso, Shelly and husband Bob Daughtery, Rochester, Lisa and husband Austin Mutchler, Warsaw, Jennifer and husband Trent Stuckey, Auburn, Ralph and wife Lesley Shrader, Williamsport, Sandra and husband Jamie Fuller, Fort Wayne, Steven and wife Amber Shrader, Westfield; 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by one son, Donald Dean Shrader; one daughter-in-law, Judi

Shrader; three brothers, Charles Hott, Milo Hott and Omer Hott; and four sisters, Edith Brooker, Ada Kiloh, Grace Dorton, Elba Miller and Nobeline Sheldon.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. Tuesday at Frain Mortuary, Winamac, with the Rev. David Smook officiating. Burial is at McKinley Memorial Gardens, Winamac. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today and after 8 a.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or First Presbyterian Church, Winamac.

Tuesday, December 21, 2004

Eva Landis

Eva LANDIS, 94, formerly of Rochester, died at 6:45 a.m. today at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Wednesday, December 22, 2004

Malaya 'May' L. Ault

Aug. 22, 1955-Dec. 20, 2004

Malaya "May" L. AULT, 49, of 11512 Jute Road, Plymouth, passed away Monday at her home.

She was born Aug. 22, 1955 in Rochester to Russell and Patricia Smith Conley.

May was a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge, American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 27, and the Elks Lodge. She married John Ault on April 12, 1970. He passed away on Jan. 4, 2002. She worked for Town and

May is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Ault; her grandson, Charles Wesley John Ault; her sisters, Sandy Verla Neighbors and Sevilla Rhoades; and her brother, Eddie Smith, all of Plymouth. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Christina in 1996; her parents, two sisters and three brothers.

Her funeral service is 1 p.m. Thursday at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, with the Rev. Mark G. Cottrill officiating. Burial is at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family requests memorial contributions be given to Marshall County Hospice, 112 S. Center Street, Plymouth, Ind. 46563 or to Saint Joseph Cancer Institute of Plymouth. Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Ault family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Evangeline 'Pearl' Etchason

Evangeline "Pearl" ETCHASON, 85, of 14853 Maple Road, Argos died at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Kathleen Hill

Kathleen HILL, 89, of 216 N. Walnut St., Apt. 10, Etna Green, died Tuesday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Evangeline L. Landis

Evangeline L. LANDIS, 94, formerly of Rochester, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Survivors, all of Warsaw, include one daughter, Barbara Ann Brilliant; one son, Robert Downing; two sisters, Esther Jean Orcutt and Mary Belle Sellers.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

James M. Richardson

James M. RICHARDSON, 79, Rochester, died today at his home, 705 E. Fourth St., Lot 55. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, December 23, 2004

Clara A. Barnhisel Smith

Sept. 19, 1914–Dec. 22, 2004

Clara A. Barnhisel SMITH, 90, of 4893 E. 1400 North, Roann, passed away at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday at her residence.

Born in Miami County to Wallace and Bertha Zegafuse Powell, she married Doin R. Barnhisel on May 20, 1935. He passed away on Feb. 2, 1982. She then married Allen H. Smith on April 16, 1983. He passed away on June 23, 1995.

She was a homemaker and worked at TriWec in North Manchester for more than 25 years. She was a longtime member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church where she was a Sunday School teacher. She was also a member of the Perry Do Rites Club.

Survivors include one daughter, Roberta and husband Robert Struck, Roann; two sons, Richard and wife Lela Barnhisel, Lexington, Ky., Dennis and wife Cathey Barnhisel, Roann; two step-daughters, Janet and husband Keith Dawson, Fort Wayne, and Connie Milan, Roann; one sister, Ninabelle Swick, Akron; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, 10 step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edyth and Helen, and three brothers, Earl, Rex, and Harold.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Richard Fox officiating. Burial is at Gaerte Cemetery, Macy. Visitation is from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Parkinsons Association.

Pearl Etchason

Pearl ETCHASON, 85, of 14853 Maple Road, Argos died at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Survivors include one son, Charles Etchason, Plymouth; and two sisters, Edna Bottorff, East Gary, and Clara Floyd, Knox.

Her service is 11 a.m. Wednesday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Kathleen Hill

Aug. 31, 1915–Dec. 21, 2004

Kathleen HILL, 89, of 216 N. Walnut St., Apt. 10, Etna Green, passed away at 5:51 p.m. Tuesday at her residence.

Born in Fulton County to Fred Patrick Murphy and Amanda Imhoff, she married Max C. "Jim" Hill on Sept. 23, 1935. He passed away on Dec. 30, 1982.

Mrs. Hill was a homemaker and attended Akron Church of God. She was a 1933 graduate of Akron High School.

Survivors include one daughter, Sharon and husband Richard Hoffman, Etna Green; one son, Tom and wife Judith Hill, Akron; seven grandchildren, Nina Schultz, Fort Thomas, Ky., Brian and wife Jean Hill, Charlotte, N.C., Bruce Hill, Wakarusa, Cheryl and husband Mike VanCleave, Warsaw, Greg and wife Janell Hoffman, South Bend, Kim and husband Richard Reneker, Fort Wayne, and Jeff Hoffman, Etna Green; one sister, Nada Alspaugh, Watsonville, Ga.; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Eloise and Esther, and one brother, Martin.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial is at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Akron Church of God.

James M. Richardson

March 26, 1925–Dec. 22, 2004

James M. RICHARDSON, 79, of 705 E. Fourth St., Rochester, passed away at 3 a.m. Wednesday at his residence. His health was failing for the past two years.

Born in Rochester to Talford and Sylvia Werner Richardson, he married Mary Lou Morris on March 14, 1953, in South Bend. She survives at home.

Mr. Richardson spent his entire life in Fulton County and retired from farming. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Pacific Theater. He was a member of the Manitou Post of the VFW.

Surviving with his wife are one daughter, Regan and husband Lon Lutz, Sylvania, Ohio; two sons, Jay and wife Laurie Richardson, Homosassa, Fla., Tim and wife Debbie Richardson, Rochester; eight grandchildren, two great-grandsons; one sister, Katherine Kizer, Niles, Mich., two brothers, Fred and wife Virginia Richardson, Tippecanoe, and Bill and wife Donna Richardson, Schoolcraft, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Annabelle Cole, and two brothers, Robert Richardson and Clifford Richardson.

His funeral service is 3 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from 2-3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Friday, December 24, 2001

[None]

Saturday, December 25, 2004

[No paper - holiday]

Monday, December 27, 2004

Marjorie A. Holloway

Sept. 19, 1919–Dec. 10, 2004

Former Rochester resident Marjorie A. HOLLOWAY, 85, who resided with her daughter Betty Ann Burgess at the time of her death, passed away at 1:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif. Her health was failing for several years.

Born in Peru to Warren and Edith Stookey Davis, she married Lester "Dee" Holloway on June 26, 1939, in Fulton County. He preceded her in death on April 13, 1999.

Mrs. Holloway lived in the Rochester area 60 years. She was in the retail business for 25 years, including working as the head cashier at Publix in Cocoa, Fla. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge, Rochester, and Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty Ann and husband Dr. Max Burgess, Palm Desert, Calif.; two sons, Jerry and wife Linda Holloway, Temple Hills, Md., and Robert Holloway, Midvale, Utah; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; one brother, Ted and wife Carole Davis, Rochester; and one sister-in-law, Lois Davis, North Manchester. She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Warren, in 1999; and one brother, Rev. Jack Davis.

Her memorial service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial is at Fulton Cemetery. A gathering of friends and family will be one hour prior to her service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Margaret L. Kindig

Jan. 24, 1914–Dec. 25, 2004

Margaret L. KINDIG, a former Akron resident, died Christmas Day at Grace Village Retirement Community where she resided since 1996.

The daughter of Harry and Margaret Kirchen Hammerel, she was born near Bristol and lived in Washington state for several years before moving to Akron. She graduated from Akron High School in 1932. On Feb. 25, 1934, she married F. Leon Kindig. He preceded her in death on March 3, 2002.

She was a member of Akron United Methodist Church and a former member of the Amicus Club, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Akron Home Economics Club, and the Akron Woman's Club. After she and her husband retired from farming she worked as a cook at the Akron School for several years.

Survivors include two children, Ann Allen, Akron, and Alan and wife Beverley Kindig, Holland, Mich.; eight grandchildren and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Anthony C. Hammerel; and two sisters, Mary Leininger and Lena Gray.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Akron United Methodist Church with the Rev. Glenn Byers, chaplain of Grace Village, officiating. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial is at Athens Cemetery. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to Akron United Methodist Church.

Mark D. Pontius

Nov. 16, 1961–JDec. 25.2004

Mark D. PONTIUS, 43, of 13555 N. 700 West, Silver Lake, passed away from a lengthy illness at 4:40 p.m. Saturday at his residence.

Born in Wabash to Paul J. Pontius and Audrey Gerrick, he married Ruthanna L. King on Jan. 28, 1984, in North Manchester. She survives.

Mr. Pontius worked at Lear Inc., Huntington, and was a taxidermist. He owned and operated Silver Creek Taxidermy, Silver Lake, and did outstanding work. He loved hunting, fishing, and all wildlife. He was a member of North Manchester Congregational Christian Church. He graduated from Manchester High School in 1980 and attended Vincennes University.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Matthew and Chris Pontius, at home; his mother, Audrey Henderson and husband Daniel, North Manchester; his father, Paul J. Pontius, Silver

Lake; one sister, Teresa Nelson, Rochester; two brothers, John Pontius, Rochester, and Steve and wife Katrinna Pontius, Akron; maternal grandmother, Louise Gerrick, Rochester; two stepbrothers, Kevin and wife Anita Henderson, Silver Lake, Kurt and wife Rhonda Henderson, North Manchester; and one stepsister, JoEtta and husband Keith Herrmann, Arlington Heights, Ill.

His memorial service is 7 p.m. Thursday at North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, Fourth and Walnut streets, North Manchester, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to his service Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is in charge of arrangements.

Emma B. Robinson

Emma B. ROBINSON, 74, 5975 W. Redbird Lane, Mentone, died Saturday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include her husband, Oscar Robinson, at home; one daughter, Carol Prater, Mentone; two sisters, Frankie McCormik, Wellsville, Mo., and Dorothy Meyers, Montgomery City, Mo.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, December 28, 2004

Helen Marie Burkett

March 30, 1911–Dec. 19, 2004

Helen Marie BURKETT, 93, formerly of Akron and Spooner, Wis., passed away on Dec. 19, at Brownsburg Health Care Center, Brownsburg, where she resided the past four years.

She was born on March 30, 1911, in Plymouth to Arthur and Lulu Miller. On Oct. 9, 1928, she married Norman Burkett, who preceded her in death. She was a past matron of the Akron Eastern Star. After the death of her husband, she lived in Palmyra, N.Y., and then in Avon.

She is survived by two sons, Richard, Plainfield, and Tommy J. and wife Marie, Phoenix; one daughter, Marcia Robbins and husband Jim, Phoenix; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Keith Miller, Grass Valley, Calif. She was preceded in death by two sons, David Lee and Billy Joe; an infant grandson, Michael; a granddaughter, Mandy; and a brother, Dean Miller.

Her memorial service will be held at Hoover Cemetery, Athens, at a later date. Arrangements are by Family Funeral Care, Indiana.

Wednesday, December 29, 2004

Lena ‘Blondie’ Baker

Nov. 4, 1928–Dec. 28, 2004

Lena “Blondie” BAKER, 76, of 179 Monticello Road, Rochester, passed away at 7 a.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Kokomo. Her health was failing the past three months.

Born in Knoxville, Tenn., to John and Bell Dockery Nelson, she was first married to Henry Kiggins, who preceded her in death. She later married Joe Baker, who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Baker lived in Rochester for 47 years after moving from Knoxville, Tenn. She was retired from Federal Mogul, Leiters Ford.

Survivors include three daughters, Carol and husband Ron Crawford, Kingsland, Ga.,

Sandra Kiggins, and Brenda and husband Nino Pameran, all of Chula Vista, Calif.; two sons, Henry Kiggins, and Tony and wife Penny Kiggins, all of Rochester; 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Jim Calhoun officiating. Burial is at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to her service Friday at the funeral home.

Logen Denys Cain Colwell

Logen Denys Cain COLWELL, six months, of 729 E. 10th St., Rochester, passed away in his sleep on Dec. 25 at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

Thursday, December 30, 2004

Stanley Benedyk

Stanley BENEDYK, 84, of 5474 N. Old Indiana 17, Delong, died at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Logen Denys Cain Colwell

June 17, 2004–Dec. 25, 2004

Logen Denys Cain COLWELL, 6 months, 14 days, of 729 E. 10th St., Rochester, was pronounced dead at 1:19 a.m. Saturday at South Bend Memorial Hospital. Born in Indianapolis, he was the son of Melody Ann Brown and Joshua Cain Colwell. They survive at home.

Other survivors include one brother, Noah Gene Colwell; one sister, Neah Taylor Colwell; maternal grandparents, Beanita and husband Larry O'Neal, Russiaville, Gary Brown, Kokomo; paternal grandparents, Carla and Roland Colwell, Kewanna; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by a halfbrother, Dylan Michael Pratt on March 5, 1999.

His private funeral service is Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Noble Krugman officiating. Burial will be determined on a later date.

Stephen L. Hill

Jan. 14, 1952–Dec. 28, 2004

Stephen L. HILL, 52, of 521 E. Fifth St., Peru, passed away at 2:10 p.m. Tuesday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Born in Rochester to Billie and Mary Dague Hill, he was a self-employed investor/broker and was formerly employed by the National Federation of Independent Business.

Mr. Hill was a member of Water of Life Church, Indianapolis, and the Outdoor Writers Association. He graduated

Survivors include his parents, Billie and Mary Hill, Peru; one daughter, Ashley A. Hill, Rochester, Minn.; a special niece, Christi Hill; one brother, Robert L. Hill and wife Nancy, Goshen; one sister, Suzanne E. Ahnert and husband Dan, Peru; and several other nieces and nephews.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial is at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Saturday until the time of his service at the funeral home.

Iness Smith

Nov. 3, 1917–Dec. 25, 2004

Iness SMITH, 87, Live Oak, Fla., formerly of Rochester, who was in poor health the past six months, received the best Christmas gift ever – seeing Jesus Christ, her Savior and best Friend of many years, and her loved ones who have gone on before. She was given this great gift at 4:45 p.m. on Christmas Day as she left her daughter's home, Peaceful Acres, near Live Oak, Fla. She was the daughter of the late Fred and Elsie Marks Good, of Rochester. Iness married Hudson D. Smith, of Akron, on Dec. 18, 1936. He preceded her on this glorious journey.

She is survived by four children, Charlotte and Bud Overfield, Sharpsville, Carol and Robert Dielman, Hobart, Gary and Avenell Smith, Akron, and Sonia and Ovedia Fillyaw, Live Oak, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter; a brother, Obed and Arlene Good, Alma, Ga.; sisters-in-law, Edith Powell, Akron, Eupha Good, Paradise, Calif., Frances Good, Elkhart; and many nieces and nephews. Also preceding her on this journey were three brothers, one sister and two grandsons.

Her memorial graveside service is 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Akron Cemetery. Visitors who arrive early may visit with each other at The Akron Church of God prior to the graveside service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice of North Central Florida, 4200 N.W. 90th Boulevard, Gainesville, FL 32606. Daniels Funeral Home, Live Oak, Fla., is in charge of local arrangements.

Janice Rentschler Niederer

Janice Rentschler NIEDERER, 70, Rochester, died at 4:25 a.m. today at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport. Arrangements are pending at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport.

Friday, December 31, 2004

Stanley F. Benedyk

Aug. 20, 1920–Dec. 29, 2004

Stanley F. BENEDYK, 84, of 5474 N. Old State Rd. 17, Delong, passed away at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He was born on Aug. 20, 1920 in Chicago. In January of 1950 in Chicago, he married Barbara Sarsfield. She preceded him in death on July 4, 1995.

Mr. Benedyk was a carpenter. He was a Navy veteran of World War II having served in numerous invasions in the Pacific Theatre. He enjoyed rebuilding antique furniture.

Survivors include his son, Michael Benedyk, Wheaton, Ill.; five grandchildren, Johnny Benedyk, Ohio, Michael Benedyk and wife Cathy, Burbank, Ill., Cassandra Benedyk, Plainfield, Ill., Alexis Benedyk, Wheaton, Ill., and Meagan Benedyk, Wheaton, Ill.; and four great-grandchildren, Kaitlin, Michael and Emily Benedyk, all of Burbank, Ill., and Serenity Benedyk, Plainfield, Ill. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Jason Benedyk, on July 5, 2003 and his brother and sister.

Military graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Memorial contributions may be made for the Disabled American Veterans fund. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Janice Maxine Rentschler Niderer

May 25, 1934-Dec. 30, 2004

Janice Maxine Rentschler NIEDERER, 70, of 316 S. 750 North, Rochester, passed away at 4:25 a.m. Thursday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Born in Fulton to Clarence and Virginist Calloway Rentschler, she married Glenn Niederer in 1982, in Fulton.

Mrs. Niederer was the Northgate Apartments manager and attended Fulton Baptist Temple. She graduated from Fulton High School in 1952.

Survivors include three sons, Mike Early and wife Cindy, Mark Early, all of Rochester, Martin Early and wife Shelly, Montpelier; one daughter, Debra Curtis and husband Andy, Rochester two step-daughters Cheryl Morris, California, and Greta Landis and husband Larry, Rochester; one stepson, William Niederer, South Bend one stepson-in-law, Tom Jones, Rochester; three sisters, Lettie Jane Leininger and husband Don, Gurne, Ill., Mary Baker and husband Otis, Rochester, and Joyce Powlen, Kewanee; 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one great-grandchild.

Her funeral service is 1030 a.m. Saturday at Fulton Baptist Temple with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Burial is at Fulton Cemetery. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Today at Gundrum Funeral Home, 1603 E. Broadway, Logansport, and one hour prior to her service Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Fulton Baptist AWANA Club.

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