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Tuesday, January 2, 2007

**Paul Lyle Bammerlin**

Aug. 19, 1940-Dec. 30, 2006

Paul Lyle BAMMERLIN, 66, Akron, died at 9:15 a.m. Saturday at Select Specialty Rehabilitation Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born in Peru, he was the son of Albert William Bammerlin and Ruth Agnes (Fites) Bammerlin, who preceded him in death. He graduated from Akron High School in 1958 and attended agriculture classes at Purdue University.

A retired farmer, he also retired in 2006 after 22 years with Pike Lumber Co., Akron. He married Lottie Colleen Lippy on Aug. 2, 1964, and she survives.

He was a member of Packerton United Methodist Church, Packerton, and Rochester Lodge No. 79 F&AM. He enjoyed working in his woodshop and raising cattle.

He is also survived by two daughters, Beth Colleen (Wayne) Landis, Mentone, and Betsy Jane (Andrew) Weaver, Claypool; and three grandsons, Zachary Landis and Jeremiah Landis, both of Mentone, and Joshua Weaver, Claypool. He loved his family and grandsons dearly.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Packerton United Methodist Church with Pastor Noel Reed and Pastor David Wagner officiating. Calling hours are from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, North Manchester. Memorials may be made

to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 941 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240-1842 or Packerton United Methodist Church, 1705 Meridian St., North Manchester, IN 46962. Condolences may be sent at [delaughtermckee.com](http://delaughtermckee.com).

**Charles T. 'Tom' Floyd**

July 22, 1946-Dec. 30, 2006

Charles T. "Tom" FLOYD, 60, Rochester, formerly of Winamac, passed away at 9:40 a.m. Saturday at his residence near Kewanna.

Mr. Floyd was born on July 22, 1946, in Logansport. He was the son of the late Glenn R. and Marie (Wiseley) Floyd. On May 1, 2003, he married Tammy J. Hamilton. She survives.

He worked at Kewanna Metals, Kewanna, and was a member at Global Harvest Church, Monterey, and the Christian Home Church, Rochester. He enjoyed bowling and playing cards.

Survivors include wife, Tammy J. Floyd, Rochester; sons, Thomas William Floyd (Tina), Robin A. Floyd, Timothy J. Floyd (Tammy), and a daughter, Viola Mae Henderson (Jeffrey), all of Winamac; stepsons, Craig B. Jones, Logansport, and Glen Hamilton, Rochester; a sister, Patsy VanVoorst of Monon; his father-in-law, Lawrence A. Hamilton, Rochester; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Karen Walters, whom he married Sept. 11, 1969, at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey, and who died in 1989. He was also preceded in death by his second wife, Charlene L. Rearick Jones, whom he married at Ora, on Aug. 19, 1990, and who died Sept. 1, 2002. He was also preceded by two brothers.

His funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Global Harvest Church, eight miles north of Winamac on U.S. 35, with Pastor Billy Bope officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Peters Catholic Cemetery, Winamac. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, Kewanna, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial

contributions may be made to Hope Hospice, P.O. Box 621, Rochester, IN 46975.

**Edna E. Lemler**

Edna E. LEMLER, 66, of 201 W. Florence St., Bourbon, died Saturday at home.

Survivors include three daughters, Debra Whitley, Tallahassee, Fla., Kimberly Antrim, Rochester, and Lori Hestand, Chicago, Ill.; three sons, Michael Whitley, Douglas, Ga., Keith Lemler, Etna Green, and Kenneth Lemler Jr., Greenwood; a sister, Lou Guericke, Bourbon; and a brother, Eugene Johnson, Greensboro, N.C.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, with visitation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from noon until the service Thursday.

Wednesday, January 3, 2007

[None]

Thursday, January 4, 2007

**Ryan Wrigley Parmeter**

Aug. 31, 2004-Dec. 30, 2006

Ryan Wrigley PARMETER, 2 1/2, of Thatcher, Ariz., was born on Aug. 31, 2004, and passed away Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006.

During his life, he touched the lives of many people with his intelligence, energy and vibrant personality. He could be found on Wednesday and Saturday nights on the campus of Eastern Arizona College following his dad's Gila Monster Basketball Team. Ryan's unique middle name was given due to his father's love and affection for the Chicago Cubs. A gift of pure joy, he touched many lives and was loved by all who knew him.

Survivors include his father, Tim Parmeter; grandparents, Patricia and Jim Dunnuck; aunt and uncle, Tara and Scott Seuferer;

great-grandparents Frank and Juanita Johnson; and a host of extended family and friends.

His graveside service will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, 1800 Grant St., Logansport, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, with Rev. Doug Mankell officiating. Family and friends may join the funeral processional to the cemetery, which will leave Fisher Funeral Chapel at 10:30 a.m. A memorial service was held in Ryan's honor in Arizona today.

The family is requesting memorial contributions to be made in memory of Ryan to one of two organizations: The Graham County CASA Program, (Court Appointed Special Advocates for abused and neglected children), Graham County Courthouse, 800 W. Main, Safford, AZ 85546, or the Boys and Girls Club of Gila Valley, 805 S. 7th Ave., P.O. Box 272, Safford, AZ 85548. You may sign Ryan's guestbook and view his online photo album at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

Friday, January 5, 2007

### **James J. Clemens**

James J. CLEMENS, 93, of 9905 E. 14th Road, Argos, died Thursday at home.

Survivors include three sons, Sam Clemens, Argos, Robert Reinholt, Culver, and Randy Clemens.

His funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, with visitation from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

### **Frederick Byron Keim**

April 11, 1927-Jan. 5, 2007

Frederick Byron KEIM, 79, of 1210 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, passed away at 12:05 a.m. today at his residence. His health had declined in the past few months.

He was born on April 11, 1927, at his family's farm just west of Green Oak (Rochester), the son of Robert William and Myrtle

Florence (Jewell) Keim. He married neighbor and childhood friend, Mary Ruth Gottschalk, at her parent's home just south of Green Oak on Oct. 5, 1951, and she survives.

Fred attended grade school at Woodrow School and graduated from Rochester High School in 1945. He was a member of the Rochester varsity basketball team that won the sectional his senior year. Following graduation, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during World War II in Texas and Oklahoma.

He worked as a Northwest crane operator for 23 years with Sampsel and Son. Beginning in 1971, Fred worked as a mechanic for several automobile dealerships at Indiana 14 East and Indiana 25 North, starting with Bud Hartman Motors and lastly with the Louderback agency. Fred loved his family and spending time at his childhood home and family farm. His interest mainly focused on his 1942 International Farmall "H" tractor.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ruth Keim, Rochester; son Keith Alan and wife Patricia Jean Keim, Rochester, and daughter, Jane Ann and husband Dr. Chad Colin Cripe, Philadelphia, Pa.; grandchildren, Natalie Renae Keim and Phillip Clark Keim, both of Rochester, Linnea Rose Cripe, Adison Perry Cripe, Ethan Colin Cripe, all of Philadelphia, Pa., Bryce Cripe Williams, Elkhart, foreign exchange student grandchildren, Thanh Nguyen, DaLat City, Vietnam and Rochester, and Margit Klinghammer, Lichterfelde, Germany. He was preceded in death by his infant brother, Robert William Keim II and his parents.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Linda Sue Hewitt officiating. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Donald R. Neidlinger**

Nov. 22, 1936-Jan. 3, 2007

Donald R. "Don" NEIDLINGER, 70, a lifetime Marshall County resident, died of natural causes at his residence, 16682 14 B Road, Culver, at 5:10 p.m. on Wednesday, where he had lived since 1965.

Born in Tyner, on Nov. 22, 1936, the son of Fay O. and Marjorie Kelter Neidlinger, Don was raised in Culver. He graduated from Culver High School with the class of 1954, and earned his ferrier certificate from Michigan State University. He also received an associate's degree in equine science. In his younger years, he raced horses and remained a ferrier until December of this past year.

He was an expert field tile installer for more than 40 years through his company, Neidlinger Drainage. An avid sportsman he enjoyed coon hunting and raising fox terriers and coon dogs.

Musically talented, Don played the saxophone and stand-up bass with the band "Cardiac Kids," made up of various family members and friends. Don was proud to be a longtime charter member of the "Culver Liars Club."

He is survived by two daughters and two sons and soon-to-be eight grandchildren. His daughters and their families are: Donna G. Greene, Culver, and children, Chevy "Dodge" Porter and Johnathon George Hopple; Angela Neidlinger and Tim Weist, Argos, with children, Robert Allen Green II, Dugan Vaughn Green, Allison Weist and the anticipated arrival of Peyton Timothy Weist. His sons are: John P. Neidlinger, Plymouth, with daughter Kaitlin Dean Stone; and Casey B. and Angie Neidlinger, Greenwood, with son Elijah David Neidlinger. Two sisters, Joan and Francis Zink, Culver, and Jean and Clem Miller, Rochester, together with numerous nieces and nephews, survive as well. Don was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Morris, and three brothers, Ralph, Glen and Robert "Sam" Neidlinger.

Friends are invited to share memories of Don's life with his family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A funeral service for Don will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Tom Padberg,

chaplain of the Marshall County Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, will officiate. Burial will be in the Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver. Memorial gifts in Don's name may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family through the Internet: [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

Saturday, January 6, 2007

[None]

Monday January 8, 2007

[None]

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

[None]

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

**Edith Marie Deaton Carlin**

Edith Marie Deaton CARLIN, 88, of Wynnfield Crossing, 1729 Wabash Ave., formerly of Claypool, died Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include two daughters, Helen Horn, Akron, and Jonanna Leopold, Harbor Springs, Mich.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Claypool United Methodist Church, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw.



Thursday, January 11, 2007

**George Robert Francis 'Lee' Baldwin**

George Robert Francis "Lee" BALDWIN, 75, of 624 Forest Place, Culver, died at 2:35 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include a son, Michael Baldwin, Wheeling, Ill., and a daughter, Kirsti San Trecker, Lake Zurich, Ill.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, Culver. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

**Thomas H. Harger**

Nov. 12, 1928-Jan. 10, 2006

Thomas H. HARGER, 78, of 12619 E. Indiana 114, Akron, died at 1 p.m. Wednesday at home.

Born in Flint, Mich., he was the son of Orville R. and Ethel B. Bolley Harger. On May 29, 1953, he married Dorothy J. Fellers at Chili. She survives.

He worked at General Electric for 12 years, then at General Tire for 32 years before retiring at age 62. He and his wife were owners of the Tom & Dot Restaurant, east of Akron, from 1965 to 1983.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He served with the Engineering Division. He was a member of the Eagles Manitou Aerie 852, Rochester.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy J. Harger, he is survived by one son, Phillip L. and wife Sheila Harger, Akron; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Roger H. Harger, in February 1980.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., with the Rev. Frank Whitaker officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery, with military graveside rites by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts of Rochester. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

**Mary H. Olin**

Mary H. OLIN, 84, of 11982 Indiana 10, Argos, died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Carl Dorsey Ruley Sr.**

Carl Dorsey RULEY Sr., 85, Lowell, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 9

He is survived by one son, C. Dorsey (Betsy) Ruley Jr., Chicago, Ill.; three daughters, Linda R. "Babe" (C. Patrick) Hogan, Lowell, Patricia Jo (Mark) Brown, Logansport, and Charlotte "Charlee" (Tom) Schwenk, Rochester; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte, in 1995.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Central time, Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home, 604 E. Commercial Ave., Lowell, with Father Stephen Snoich officiating. Burial will follow at St. Edwards Cemetery, Lowell. Friends are invited to call from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Central time, Friday at the funeral home.

Carl was a member of St. Augusta Catholic Church in Lake Village. A heavily decorated World War II Navy veteran, he was a member of the U.S.S. Helena Survivors, the Guadalcanal Survivors and American Legion Post No. 101 in Lowell. Carl was a member of the Bricklayers Union No. 6 in East Chicago, the Cedar Lake Yacht Club, the New Buffalo Yacht Club, the Winamac Antique Auto Club and the Atlantic City Cat Boat Association.

**May Alene Shidler**

May 6, 1917-Jan. 4, 2007

May Alene SHIDLER, 89, of 317 E. 13th St., Winamac, died at 11 p.m. Jan. 4 at St. Vincent Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Born in Winamac, she was the daughter of Chris and Irinda Farrar Linback. She married Thomas Shidler Jr. on Sept. 4, 1937, in Winamac. He died July 1, 1962.

A homemaker, May attended First Christian Church, Francesville, and was a home care assistant for many Winamac area residents. She was past president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary No. 1728 and a lifetime member of the VFW National Home in Michigan and of Fraternal Order of Eagles 2580, Winamac. May was recognized as an Outstanding Woman of Pulaski County in 2005. She enjoyed quilting, gardening and playing cards. May enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include five daughters, Iris (Chuck) Simonin, Winamac, Deloris Morgan, Monticello, Maxine "Mick" Smith, Winamac, Patricia "Trish" (Mark) Dahlenburg, Lafayette, Lorinda "Lou" (Ed) Grauel, Calimesa, Calif.; six sons, Oren (Maria) Shidler, Knox, Dennis "Butch" (Judy) Shidler, Royal Center, Garry (Elaine) Shidler, Rochester, Fred (Ann) Shidler, Monticello, Frank (Carla) Shidler, Star City, and Jake (Karen) Shidler, Logansport; 37 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Clara Linback, Indianapolis, Alma (Bob) Ewing, Francesville, and Alice Shreves, Union Mills; a brother, Melvin "Bud" (Dorothy) Linback, Lafayette; and two daughters-in-law, Rosemary Meadows, Middletown, Ohio, and Pauline Shidler, Star City. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Thomas "Duke" Shidler III and Ronald Shidler; a granddaughter, Jackie Shidler; two sons-in-law, Bob Smith and Larry Morgan; five brothers, Clifford, Walter, Edgar, Harry and Henry Linback; and three sisters, Hazel Martin, Edna Shidler, Jean Roeschlein.

Her funeral service was at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frain Mortuary, Winamac, with Pastor James Ketchen officiating. Burial was at Winamac Cemetery. Visitation was from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday with a VFW Auxiliary service at 4 p.m. and an Eagles service at 4:15 p.m. Memorials may be made to Pulaski Memorial Hospice or the American Heart Association. Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.frainmortuary.com](http://www.frainmortuary.com).

Friday, January 12, 2007

**Roger Calvert**

Roger Lee CALVERT, 49, of 741 E. Center St., Apt. 2, Warsaw, died Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include his mother, Betty Calvert, Rochester, and three sisters, Janet Gaddis, Barbee Lake, Karen Crispen and Susan Calvert, both of Rochester.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour before the service

**Randall Edward Davis**

Sept. 21, 1971-Jan. 10, 2007

Services for Randall Edward DAVIS, 35, of Kewanna, will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel. He died Wednesday, Jan. 10, at his residence.

Born Sept. 21, 1971, in Winamac, he was the son of the late Jack E. Davis and Esther M. (Collins) Davis, who survives. He was employed by Rochester Rotational Molding, Rochester.

Randy enjoyed coon hunting and was an avid sports fan, especially a Chicago Bears fan. He enjoyed spending time with his children, his niece and nephews.

Surviving are his companion, Teresa B. Conner of Kewanna; sons, Brandon and Tristan Conner, both of Kewanna, and Cainan Wilson of Colorado; daughter, Tiffany Troutman of Kewanna; a twin brother, Raymond E. Davis, and a brother Rodger D. Davis, both of Winamac; sister, Jacalyn M. Galbreath (James) of Winamac; niece, Raychel Davis and nephews, Damen, Devon and Dakota Galbreath, all of Winamac.

Rev. William Guerin will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Riverside Memorial Cemetery, Monterey. Friends may call 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna. Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

**Joseph Stephen 'Joe' Hidy**

Nov. 3, 1944-Jan. 11, 2007

Joseph Stephen "Joe" HIDY, 62, of Wabash, died at 6:30 a.m. Thursday at his home.

He was born Nov. 3, 1944, in Wabash to Gail and Iva (Bowers) Hidy. He married Patricia Nordman in Wabash on Feb. 3, 1973. He worked at Ford Meter Box in the ball valve department 29 years, retiring in June of 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Hidy of Wabash; daughter, Katena (Brian) Vice of Fulton; son, Joseph G. Hidy of Wabash; four granddaughters, Brittany Vice, Alisha Vice, Sarina Vice and Grace Vice, all of Fulton; two brothers, Bryan (Linda) Hidy of Fort Wayne, and Jack Hidy of North Manchester; six sisters, Elizabeth "Bea" (John) Weesner of Fort Wayne, Janice Frye of North Manchester, Jane Shoudel of Fort Wayne, Phyllis (Louis) Muzzillo of Auburn, Barb Prater of Warsaw, Mary (Glen) Bryant of Portland; and his mother-in-law, Ruth Nordman of Silver Lake. He was preceded in death by a brother, Gail Hidy Jr., and three sisters, Doris Hidy, Myrtle Myers and Margaret Reed.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave, Wabash, with Guy Provance and J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. The memorial guestbook for Joe may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society.

**Eunice A. Leffert**

Eunice A. LEFFERT, 87, 1630 S. County Farm Road, Warsaw, formerly of rural Etna Green, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Survivors include a daughter, Marla Kuhn, Etna Green, and a brother, Eugene Cooper, Argos.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

**Mary H. (Hoel) Olin**

Feb. 8, 1922-Jan. 10, 2007

Mary H. (Hoel) OLIN, 11982 Indiana 10, recently of Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, passed away peacefully with her family present.

Mary was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who loved to do needlework and travel with family.

She was married at the Congregational Christian Church in South Bend to Kenneth Reed Olin on Dec. 21, 1940. Kenneth preceded her on Oct. 25, 2005.

Mary was the eldest child of Edgar Lee and Esther Grube (Hoel) Farmer, born in South Bend. She attended school in South Bend, where she graduated from Washington Clay High School in 1939.

Survivors include one daughter, Marjorie Ann Olin (Dan) Snider; one son, Kenneth Lee (Barbara) Olin; two grandchildren, Russell Eric Olin Snider and Amy Marie Olin; three great-grandchildren, RJ, Caleb and Johanna Christine Rose Snider; and one brother, William Hoel, Camden, Mich. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Brian Daniel Snider, and her brother, Edgar Lee Hoel.

Mary always held her family as her top priority. She supported her husband, Kenneth, through his master's degree in education and his principal's and superintendent's licenses. She was a homemaker and was always there for her children, making them clothes and supporting their school and church activities. As an adult, she was active and a lifetime member of the Methodist churches in Leiters Ford and Argos.

Mary Olin's strongest talent was her sewing and her needlework. She was an excellent seamstress and made many clothes for her family including her in-laws, grandchildren and neighbors who were in need. She made altar cloths for the Argos United Methodist

Church and many table runners and doilies for family and friends. Her top achievement was a hardanger piece that a friend talked her into entering in the Indiana State Fair. She won a blue ribbon and grand champion. She was surprised and proud.

She was a member of Argos United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir with her husband. She was in the Eastern Star and she and Ken supported many community activities.

Mary loved to go on camping trips with her husband and children each summer. She made friends easily and loved the camping atmosphere. After Ken retired, they enjoyed traveling with their GMC truck and Jayco camper all over North America. They were often joined by family and friends and spent three or four months each winter traveling to Texas, Arizona and California.

Visitation and memories may be shared from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home. Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Argos United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Robert Vale officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. prior to the service. Burial will be at New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Argos United Methodist Church building fund, Marshall County Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or the American Cancer Society.

Saturday, January 13, 2007

**Loring Floyd Mac McKenzie**

Oct. 20, 1922-Jan. 11, 2007

Loring Floyd Mac McKENZIE, 84, of 1201 Chicago Street, Logansport, died Thursday at 7:50 p.m. at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo.

He was born on Oct. 20, 1922 to Floyd McKenzie and Ethel Culliton in St. Joseph County.

On May 1, 1982 he married Jennie L. Ferguson in Martinsville.

In 1988 he retired from Dale Winters Construction. He also worked as department foreman for Wolf Construction. He was a

member of American Legion Post No. 60 and Local No. 615 Carpenters Union. He was a Navy veteran of WWII. Mac enjoyed collecting antique carpenter tools and was a member of the Mid-West Tool Collectors Association.

Survivors include his wife, Jennie, Logansport; one daughter, Diana L. Barr and husband Leroy, Cedar City, Utah; one son, Edward McKenzie, Logansport; one step son Richard Enyart, Logansport; one sister, Nornetta Arven and husband Dean, Logansport; twelve grandchildren, two step grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandchild.

Services are Monday at 11 a.m. at Gundrum Funeral Home with Rev. William Art Maloney officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Full military graveside rites will be performed. Memorials may be made to the Lupus Foundation.

Monday, January 15, 2007

**Wayne E. Mikesell**

Feb. 20, 1921-Jan. 13, 2007

Wayne E. MIKESELL, 85, of 1308 Dogwood Drive, died at 2:25 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born in Rochester, he was the son of Clarence W. and Geraldine Lavonne Kindig Mikesell. He lived most of his life in the Talma, Mentone and Rochester communities.

On Jan. 10, 1942, in Bourbon, he married Virginia D. Coplen. She preceded him in death on June 19, 2001.

He was a dairy farmer and owned and operated Wayne's Fashions on Rochester's Main Street for 10 years. A U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, he was a 2nd Lieutenant and a radar bombardier.

He attended Talma United Methodist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Rochester. He was a 50-year member of the Free & Accepted Masons No. 79, Rochester, and



the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine Temple, Fort Wayne. Locally he served at the United Ministries Food Pantry and as Newcastle Township Trustee for a number of years.

Survivors include a daughter, Kay and husband Dale Gordon, Rochester; two sons, Garry W. Mikesell and wife Elaine, Berne, and Jack Stuart Mikesell and wife Janet Brewer, Dayton, Ohio; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Calvin Mikesell and wife Maggie, and Larry Mikesell and wife Connie, all of Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; a great-granddaughter, Jessica, in 1993; a sister, Clovis Peterson; and a brother, Sheldon Mikesell.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Tuesday. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Leroy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

### **Melba M. Rupp**

Melba M. RUPP, 75, of 1001 Jefferson St., died at 7 a.m. today at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

### **Lois L. Osburn**

Feb. 25, 1932-Jan. 15, 2007

Lois L. OSBURN, 74, of 9355 S. 1000 West, Akron, died at 9:45 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Born in Marshall County, she was the daughter of Carl Blackburn and Hilda Johnston. On Nov. 15, 1953, in Mentone, she married Robert A. Osburn. He survives at home.

She worked at several area factories including Ristance in Mentone and Chamberlin Products in Akron.

She attended Gospel Hill Pentecostal Church in Silver Lake.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Sharon and husband Eddie Sexton, Mentone, and Carol Reed, Akron; a sister, Juanita Scott, Bourbon; and a brother, Richard and wife Judy Blackburn. She was preceded in death by an infant brother.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Gospel Hill Pentecostal Church, 303 S. Jefferson St., Silver Lake, with the Rev. Frank Whitaker officiating. Burial will be at Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Memorials may be made to Gospel Hill Pentecostal Church, the American Cancer Society or the National Kidney Foundation.

### **Melba M. Rupp**

Melba M. RUPP, 75, of 1001 Jefferson St., died Monday at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, James F. Rupp, Rochester; daughters, Barbara Hart, Rochester, Norma Easterday, Winamac, Cindy Eastwood, Bremen; sons, Chuck Rupp, Akron, Jim Rupp, Logan, Ohio, Paul Rupp, Terre Haute, Frank Rupp, Plymouth; brothers, Howard Rhoades, Louisville, Ky., and Leonard Rhoades, Louisville, Ky.

Her funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. There is no visitation. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

### **Robert 'Bob' Allen Curtis**

Feb. 25, 1938-Jan. 15, 2007

Robert "Bob" Allen CURTIS, 68, of 225 Lakeview St., Culver, passed away at 8 p.m. Monday at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Bob was born on Feb. 25, 1938, in Plymouth to Maurice and Carrie (Kring) Curtis. He was a lifetime resident of the area. He married Nancy Hott-Smith on Jan. 11, 1979.

Bob graduated from Culver High School in 1956. He was a volunteer fireman in Culver for 20 years. Bob was a bricklayer and owned and operated his own trucking company. He drove for 43 years and retired from Frick Services. He was a 50-year member of the Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge.

Bob, also called Robbie, was blessed with five children, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his wife, Nancy, Bob is survived by his five children, Charles Curtis, Scott (Amy) Curtis and their sons Vance and Cameron Curtis, Shan (Doug) Farmer, Rory (Stephanie) Smith and their children Rhiannon, Jacob, Alex, Taylor, Jeb and Maggie and great-grandchild Mackenzie, Ryan (Jackie) Smith and children Kristi, Keaton and Kortney; one sister, Jean (Dave) Sisk; a sister-in-law, Lois Curtis; a niece, Amanda Curtis; nephews, Seth Curtis and Stuart Dennie; one aunt and several cousins. Extended family includes Kent and Dawn Dickey-Thomas and children Jamie and Jenna Thomas and Jeff and Shelli Dickey and children Kylie, Kassie and Karlie.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Maurice and Carrie Curtis and a brother, Warren Curtis.

Rev. Bryan Siefert and Alfie Salary will officiate services at 2 p.m. Friday at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School St., Culver. Interment will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver with an Odd Fellows memorial service at 8 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be given to the Culver-Union Township Fire Dept., Maxinkuckee Odd Fellows Lodge, or the Southern Care Hospice, 310 W. McKinley, 340, Mishawaka, IN 46545. Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

**Linda L. Thompson**

Linda L. THOMPSON, 63, of 1765 Petty Drive, Rochester, died at 4:53 p.m. Tuesday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Benny J. Willis**

Benny J. WILLIS, 56, of Macy passed away at 11:22 a.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Thursday, January 18, 2007

[None]

Friday, January 19, 2007

**Marjorie Hood**

Marjorie HOOD, 88, Magnolia Street of Tompkinsville, Ky., formerly of Rochester, died Thursday at Monroe County Medical Center, Tompkinsville, Ky.

Survivors include a daughter, Dorcia "Dottie" Kistler, Mt. Herman, Ky.; a son, Alden Hood, Glasgow, Ky.; and a sister, Mary T. Whitehead, Tompkinsville, Ky.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Yokley-Trible Funeral Home, 510 W. Fourth St., Tompkinsville, Ky. Visitation will be after 6 p.m. today and one hour before the service. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling local arrangements.

Saturday, January 20, 2007

[None]

Monday, January 22, 2007

**Lois E. Click**

Sept. 14, 1916-Jan. 20, 2007

Lois E. CLICK, 90, formerly of Denver, passed away at 7:50 p.m. Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash.

Born Sept. 14, 1916, in Miami County, she was the daughter of Samuel M. and Bessie M. Whitney Clingaman. On June 26, 1936, at the home of her parents, she married Donald E. Click and he preceded her in death on Sept. 29, 1998.

She was a member of the former Denver First Brethren Church until its closing in 1990; she later attended Chili Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Doyne Click, Lagrange; three daughters, Shelbie Tidd, Stuart, Fla., Eunice Shafer, Denver, and Joyce Disler, Riverview, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Russell Clingaman, Bay City, Mich., and Kenneth Clingaman, Texas. She was preceded in death by one sister, Garnet Dock, and two brothers, Wendell and Leon Clingaman.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

**Geneva (Gross) Landis**

March 19, 1924-Jan. 20, 2007

MUNCIE - Geneva LANDIS, 82, entered into eternal rest at 9:40 p.m. Saturday at Beverly Living Center, formerly Williamsburg Village, Muncie.

She was born March 19, 1924, in Irving, Ky., the daughter of Clarence D. and N. Ruth (Samples) Gross. She graduated from Irving High School, then moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, to work at Boeing as a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II. She moved to Peru in 1946,

where she met and married Charles G. Landis. She enjoyed her life as a homemaker and spent much of her free time volunteering at Dukes Memorial Hospital in the Auxiliary and Grissom Air Museum until becoming ill with Alzheimer's disease. She was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru.

She is survived by one daughter, Cynthia (husband, Glen Templeton), two granddaughters, Stacy Templeton and Tammy Templeton, and one great-granddaughter, Lindsay Templeton, all of Muncie. She is also survived by two brothers, B. Douglas Gross, Peru, and Frank Gross, College Corner, Ohio, and two sisters, Atha Eddings, Columbia City, and Mary E. Itin, West Lafayette, along with eight nieces and six nephews and several great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Charles (2002); two sisters, Thelma Masters (husband, Leon) and Sonja Johanknecht (husband, Arland), one niece and one great-niece, and her parents, Clarence and Ruth.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with Pastor Stephen Fleck officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to Grissom Air Museum, 1000 Hoosier Boulevard, Peru, IN 46970, or Indiana Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

### **Max Wayne Shultz**

July 1, 1932-Jan. 19, 2007

Max Wayne SHULTZ, 74, of 1207 W. 13th St., Rochester, died at 9:20 p.m. Friday at Life Care Center of Rochester, where he was a patient.

Born in Rochester to Clarence and Gladys Royer Shultz, he was a lifetime resident of the area. On Nov. 24, 1957, he married Marilyn Kay Hoover in Rochester. He owned and operated Shultz Body Shop and Wrecker Service, formerly of Rochester, for several years. Later,

he and his wife owned and operated M & M R.V. and Camping, also of Rochester, for a number of years.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars. During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn K. Shultz, Rochester; two daughters, Jennifer Ann Shultz, Alto Pass, Ill., and Julie Ann Kotterman, Rochester; a son, Kevin W. Shultz, Rochester; a granddaughter, Kayla Nichole Shultz, Rochester; two grandsons, Austin Wade Kotterman and Tanner Wayne Kotterman, both of Rochester; a sister, Phyllis Perry and husband Carl, Eaton Rapids, Mich.; and nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Eldon Eugene Shultz, in 1940.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Indiana 14 West, Rochester, with Pastor Rick Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, where the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Visitation will be 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 Cancer Society or the American Lung Association. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

### **Betty Lou Little**

Nov. 14, 1928-Jan. 22, 2007

Betty Lou LITTLE, 78, of 1219 Lakeshore Drive, Rochester, passed away at 7:03 p.m. Monday at home.

She was born on Nov. 14, 1928, in Akron, the daughter of Sam C. and Hazel M. (Sutton) Smith. She first married Ralph Nicodemus. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1968. Her second marriage was to James Little on Nov. 14, 1970, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on March 3, 1991.

Mrs. Little was a public accountant and ran Betty Little Tax Service. She was past president of the VFW women's auxiliary, a member of the Eagles Lodge, Moose Lodge, American Legion and former secretary-treasurer of Prill School Museum.

Survivors include her daughters, Sandy and husband David Smythe, Tippecanoe, Jenny Lou Layne, Athens, Penny and husband Fuzzy Pike, Rochester; stepson, John and wife Sue Little, Rochester; grandchildren, Jack Alan Ness, Mishawaka, Tony DeMarco, Mentone, Troy DeMarco, Mentone, Josh Pike, R.D. Pike, Brandi and husband Cory Winn, all of Rochester; great-grandchildren, Mason Smythe, Clunette, Cooper Winn, Rochester, Paige Smythe, Clunette, Kiera Smythe, Burket; a sister, Violet and husband Roy Fisher, Rochester; a brother, Allen Smith, Akron; a sister-in-law, Bertie Smith, Rochester; a brother-in-law, Earl Gaerte, Rochester; best friends and caregivers, Marquitta McLochlin, Rochester, and Connie Scharnhorst, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Richard Smith; sister, Alice Gaerte; grandson, Jamie Ness; and two stepchildren.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Athens Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Leukemia Society or Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, January 24, 2007

[None]

Thursday, January 25, 2007

### **Fred Banks**

Oct. 27, 1915-Jan. 22, 2007

Fred BANKS, 91, of 625 College Avenue, Culver, died at 9:50 a.m. Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.



He was born in Inwood, on Oct. 27, 1915, to Owen and Florence M. (Deacon) Banks, who had just moved near Culver in Union Township. On July 16, 1939, he married Edith P. Hatten of Culver.

Mr. Banks was involved in all aspects of the dairy business from milk production through home delivery. He started a milk route to the Silver Cup Bread Company in Nappanee in 1937 and Banks' Dairy in Winamac in 1939. In the 1940s he worked several years for Sealtest's Detroit Creamery in Michigan. In the 1950s he owned a dairy herd, and hauled can milk to Miller's Dairy in Culver and bulk milk to Reliable Dairy in South Bend. In the 1960s and early 1970s he expanded his businesses to include many routes and a milk transfer station in Culver supplying bulk milk to the Borden Company in Hammond, the Kroger Company in Indianapolis, Ray's Dairy in Logansport, Dixie Dairy in Michigan City, Hawthorn Melody Dairy in Plymouth and South Bend, the Dean Milk Company in Rochester and United Dairy Farmers in Cincinnati, Ohio. He sold his milk transport businesses in 1976.

After his wife Edith's retirement in 1986, the couple moved to Port Richey, Fla., where they lived several years, returning to their Culver home each summer. Mr. Banks sold the Florida properties and moved back to Culver in 2002.

Survivors include four children, Arthur Lamoin (Jean) Banks of Reston, Va., Randel E. (Gloria) Banks of Culver, Alan J. (Joan) Banks of Elkhart, and Karen S. (Gregory) Easterday of Culver; one sibling, Lloyd (Theresa) Banks of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Edith; a son, Richard D. Banks; and three brothers, Morris D. Banks, Louis C. Banks and Harold O. Banks. He was also preceded in death by one grandson, Robert Evan Easterday, and twin great-grandchildren, Devin and Elizabeth Day.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver. The funeral service will be at the Grace United Church of Christ at 11 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Robin Keating officiating. Interment will take place in Zion Cemetery. The

family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Marshall County Hospice or Grace United Church of Christ. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the obituary page of [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com). Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

**Amy Daulton**

Amy DAULTON, 37, Rochester, died Wednesday in Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**William Clayton Kepner**

William Clayton KEPNER, 81, West Lafayette, died Wednesday at Davis Manor, West Lafayette.

Survivors include his wife, Delores Jean Sausaman; two sons, Michael A. Kepner, Crawfordsville, and Scott W. Kepner, West Lafayette; a daughter, Julie A. Kepner, West Lafayette; and one sister, Norma Ireland, Denver.

His funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with visitation from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

**Richard Lee Lewis Sr.**

Richard Lee LEWIS Sr., 48, of 7130 W. 100 North, died at 9:57 p.m. Wednesday in the Woodlawn Hospital emergency room, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Richard L. Nolkemper**

Richard L. NOLKEMPER, 70, of 6572 Grimme Lane (Yellow Creek Lake), Claypool, formerly of Warrenton, Mo., died at 9 a.m. Wednesday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Helen M. Wilson**

Helen M. WILSON, 92, Winona Lake, formerly of Onward, died at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday at Grace Village Healthcare Center, Winona Lake. Arrangements are pending at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport.

Friday, January 26, 2007

**Carolyn S. Elliott**

Carolyn S. ELLIOTT, 69, LuAnn Nursing Home, Nappanee, died Wednesday at the nursing home.

Survivors include four daughters, Candy Housouer, Nappanee, Cindy Coplen, Etna Green, Connie Reynolds, Rochester, and Laurie Landry, Indiana; two sons, Larry Elliott and Mike Elliott, both of Nappanee; her mother, Violet Ham, Plymouth; two sisters, Sonia Kadlec and Peggy Hatfield, both of Plymouth.

There will be no visitation or services. Arrangements are with Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee.

**Mamie E. Hartman**

Mamie E. HARTMAN, 86, Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa, died Tuesday at her residence.

Survivors include two sons, Gene Nelson, Anchor Point, Alaska, and Edward Strang, Pierceton; two daughters, Sandra Butte, Edwardsburg, Mich., and Mary Ann Robinson, Claypool; three sisters, Fern Bollman, Lapaz; Mary Lou Holt, Decatur, and Emma Louise Grizzel, Dalton, Ga.; a brother, Willard McCoy; and a half sister, Grace Dickmann, Lomira, Wis.

Her funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, with visitation from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

**Richard L. Nolkemper**

Richard L. NOLKEMPER, 70, of 6572 Grimme Lane (Yellow Creek Lake), Claypool, died Wednesday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra A. Nolkemper, Claypool; three sons, Richard Nolkemper, Union, Mo., James Nolkemper and Joseph Nolkemper, both of New Melle, Mo.; two daughters, Anne Taylor, West Plains, Mo., and Amy Carroll, Speedway; a sister, Phyllis Nolkemper, Maryland Heights, Mo.; and a brother, Frank Nolkemper, Highland, Calif.

There will be no public visitation or service. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

Saturday, January 27, 2007

**Elleyese Miller Hunt**

Elleyese Miller HUNT, 67, of 9465 E 100 North, Akron, died at 2:25 p.m. Friday at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Richard Lee Lewis Sr**

July 11, 1958-Jan. 24, 2007

Richard Lee LEWIS Sr, 48, 7130 W 100 North, Rochester, passed away Wednesday at 9:57 p.m. In the Woodlawn Hospital ER due to a sudden illness.

He was born on July 11, 1958 in Rensselaer to Fern and Bonnie Brouhard Lewis. He spent most of his life in the Rochester area after leaving Rensselaer.

On Nov. 26, 1977 he married Betty Ann Van Meter in Rochester. He was formerly employed at Innovative Composites, Fulton. He was an avid Nascar fan. Jeff Gordon was his favorite driver.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Ann Lewis, at home; one daughter, Stephanie Gauthier and husband Wilfred, Rochester; one son, Richard Lewis Jr and wife Lora, Elwood; his father, Fern Lewis, Rochester; one sister, Dixie Lewis, Rochester; five brothers, Raymond Lewis, Ronald Lewis, Randy Lewis, all of Rochester; Rodney Lewis and wife Shannon, also of Rochester; Robin Lewis and wife Stacey, Akron.

Funeral services are Monday at 11 a.m. at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W 18th St., Rochester, with Rev. Jerry Pitman officiating. Burial is at Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 9 a.m. through the hour of the service on Monday. Electronic condolences may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Beverly J. Powell**

Beverly J. POWELL, 69, 1110 Monroe St., Rochester, passed away at 3:50 p.m. Friday at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Monday, January 29, 2007

**Edna Lee DuBois**

Edna Lee DuBOIS, 100, of 7481 N. 50 West, Richland Center, died at 3:15 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Elleyese Miller Hunt**

Elleyese Miller HUNT, 67, of 9465 E. 100 North, Akron, died Friday at home.

Survivors include three sons, Bobby Hughes, Darrell Hughes and Ralph Scuffham; six daughters, Patricia Paulson, Donna Snyder, Tina Hughes, Sandra Halper, Susan Fournier and Karen McComb; and a brother, Jerry W. Miller, Rochester.

No public visitation or service is planned. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

**Francis 'Larry' Kanouse**

Francis "Larry" KANOUSE, 73, of 6234 N. 200 East, died at 1:10 p.m. Sunday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Irene L. Miller**

May 5, 1912-Jan. 28, 2007

Irene L. MILLER, 94, of 6829 S. Beaver Dam Road, Claypool, died at 4:20 p.m. Sunday at Grace Village Retirement Community, Winona Lake.

Born in Loda, Ill., she was the daughter of Wallace Marshall and Amanda Steinman. She married Kenneth E. Miller on June 6, 1931, in Paxton, Ill. He died May 21, 2006. A homemaker, she was a member of Burket United Methodist Church, Burket.

Survivors include three daughters, Phyliss Cook, Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Dick (Janet) Woods, Mentone, and Mrs. Ken (Karen Sue) Weaver, Warsaw; two sons, Gene and wife Carolyn Miller, Akron, and Robert L. and wife Margret Miller, Claypool; 15 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a brother, Ferd Marshall, Paxton, Ill. She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Burket United Methodist Church with Pastor Mark Zerkel officiating. Burial will be at Palestine Cemetery, Palestine. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Memorials may be made to Burket United Methodist Church.

**Beverly J. Powell**

June 7, 1937-Jan. 26, 2007

Beverly J. POWELL, 69, of 1110 Monroe St., Rochester, died Friday at her residence surrounded by her loving family and friends. She was in failing health for three months.

Born in Marion, she was the daughter of Armond and Ruth Burnett Rutledge. On Aug. 13, 1953, in Marion, she married Claude Powell. She moved from Marion to Rochester and lived here for 53 years.

Locally, she worked as a nurse's aide at area nursing homes. Prior to this, she was a painter in the furniture manufacturing business.

She loved the simple things in life. She enjoyed watching television and working puzzle books. Her favorite time was the time she spent playing with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, Daryl Powell and wife Debbie, Rochester; four grandchildren, Brandi Armstrong and husband Bruce, Ashley Powell and fiance Jeff Furnivall, Christopher Powell, all of Rochester, and Amber Nettie, Plymouth; three great-grandchildren, Gabriel Armstrong, age 2, Garrett Armstrong, age 6 months, and Braydn Furnivall, 3 weeks, all of Rochester; and a daughter-in-law, Diane Powell, Plymouth. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Kevin L. Powell, on May 16, 2003; and a sister, Helen Kubik on Jan. 23, 1972.

A private funeral service will be Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, with Pastor Jerry Pitman officiating. Burial will be at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Woodlawn Home Health Care.

### **Sheryl L. Simons**

Jan. 1, 1950-Jan. 28, 2007

Sheryl L. SIMONS, 57, of 11650 14-C Road, Argos, died at 3:41 a.m. Sunday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following a three-year illness.

The daughter of Thomas G. and Roselyn (Hooker) Syler, she lived in Fulton and Marshall counties all her life. A 1968 Rochester High School graduate, she married Terry Simons in 1970. They later divorced. She worked in Dr. Byron Holm's office for 20 years until she became ill.

Survivors include two sons, Matthew Scott Simons, Knox, and Shane William Simons, Plymouth; a daughter, Jami Louise (David) Brewer, Rochester; four sisters, Judy Gonzalez, Santa Fe, N.M., Robin L. (Pat) Burkett, Argos, Tracy S. (Chuck) Pocock, Rochester, and Tomi J. Syler, Plymouth; two stepsisters, Tammie Caywood, Rochester, and Debbie (Richie) Magan, Florida; her stepmother, Pat Syler, Rochester; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Marge Thacker.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, with the Rev. John Branch officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of the donor's choice. Arrangements are entrusted to Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

**Sallie Mae Mayfield**

Sallie Mae MAYFIELD, 66, of 5453 Nighthawk Way, Indianapolis, formerly of Monterey, died Sunday at St. Vincent Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Survivors include a son, Mark Mayfield, Culver; a daughter, Vanessa McCain, Indianapolis; two brothers, George Salary, Forrest Park, Ga., and Samuel Salary, Culver; and four sisters, Juanita Spencer, Orlando, Fla., Charlotte Harvey, Youngstown, Ohio, Elizabeth Dozier, South Bend, and Lillie Richardson, Indianapolis.

Her funeral service will be at noon Saturday at Frain Mortuary, Winamac, with visitation after 10 a.m.

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

**Edna Lee DuBois**

Edna Lee DuBOIS, 100, formerly of Argos, died Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before the service Saturday.

**Linnie B. Feldman**

Dec. 6, 1919-Jan. 30, 2007

Linnie B. FELDMAN, 87, of 304 N. Broadway St., Mentone, died at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday at her residence.



Born in Fulton County to Levi B. Windbigler and Pearl Norris, she lived in this area all her life. She graduated from Mentone High School in 1938. On Feb. 2, 1939, in Warsaw, she married Charles Feldman. He died July 12, 1954.

She worked as a receptionist for O.L. McFadden, DVM, Culligan in Warsaw, Flowers Industries in Mentone and DePuy in Warsaw. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Mentone.

Survivors include five sons, Charles and wife Deloris Feldman, Rochester, James and wife Lynn Feldman, Warsaw, John and wife Janice Feldman, Akron, David and wife Judy Feldman, Akron, and Dennis and wife Carol Feldman, Brownsburg; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Tony Feldman; a great-granddaughter, Suzanne Walters; a sister; and two brothers.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Norman McVay officiating. Burial will be at Summit Chapel, Bourbon. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

### **Francis Lawrence 'Larry' Kanouse**

Nov. 23, 1933-Jan. 28, 2007

Francis Lawrence "Larry" KANOUSE, 73, of 6234 N. 200 East, Rochester, died at 1:10 p.m. Sunday at Life Care Center, Rochester, where he was a patient since Thursday. His health was failing for one month.

A lifetime Fulton County resident, he was born in Rochester, to Donald Eugene and Mary Ruth Meek Kanouse. He was a member of the Richland Center 1948-1949 basketball team that went to Semi-State, where he was the Fulton County scoring champion. He graduated from Richland Center with the class of 1949.

On Nov. 12, 1954, he married Georgianna Alderfer. In 1992, he retired from Sealed Power Corp., Rochester, where he was a machine operator. He worked there for 30 years. In his spare time, he painted many area houses and barns with his late father and his son. He attended Tiosa Brethren Church and was a former member of the

United Auto Workers Union. He and his son enjoyed collecting and tinkering with classic cars.

Survivors include his son, Rick Kanouse and wife Brandy, Rochester; two grandchildren, Amy Gillespie and husband Richard, Aruba, and Casey Johnson and wife Carie, Columbia City; a brother, David Kanouse and wife Nancy, Kokomo; and three nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Kristine A. Hunsberger, on June 17, 2006.

His funeral service was at 1 p.m. today at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial will be at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Visitation was from noon until the service. Memorials may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

### **Helen Wilson**

April 1, 1914-Jan. 23, 2007

Helen M. WILSON, 92, of Winona Lake, died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday in Grace Village Healthcare Center, Winona Lake.

She was born April 1, 1914, in Rochester, the daughter of Harley E. and Tessie McCarter Barkman. She was married to Carl J. Wilson on June 16, 1948, in Rochester. He survives.

She was a member of Onward Christian Church, where she was active in many groups. She was also a member of the Onward Grange. She enjoyed traveling.

She taught elementary school in Rochester and Peru for many years.

Surviving with her husband are one sister, Mabel Blacketer of Rochester and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with the Rev. Robert Kellems officiating. Friends many call from 1 p.m. until the time of services. Contributions may be made to the Hospice of Kosciusko County. You may light a candle of

hope in memory of Helen and view her guest book at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

Thursday, February 1, 2007

**Frederick E. Baker**

Nov. 23, 1929-Jan. 30, 2007

Frederick E. BAKER, age 77, of Penn Road in Mishawaka, passed away at his residence Tuesday of natural causes. Fred was born in Rochester, on Nov, 23, 1929, to Ira and Edna (Felty) Baker. On Oct. 19, 1968, Fred was united in marriage with the former Ms. Patricia Gothard in South Bend.

Pat Baker survives, along with their children, Casey Patterson Hale of Sacramento, Calif., Linda Hinkle, Martin (Laurie) Wade, and Lori (Kent) Thielka, all of Mishawaka. Surviving as well are five grandchildren: Megan Hinkle, Eric Hinkle, Tim Thielka, Bobby Wade and Tara Thielka. Also surviving are three brothers, Waldo (Alta) Baker of LaPorte, Paul (Jane) Baker of Elkhart and Ira Baker of LaOtto and a sister, LuEdith (Jack) Severns of Rochester. Fred was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Ethel Ruth Johnson

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Chapel Hill Funeral Home, 10776 McKinley Highway, Osceola, with interment to follow in Park Cemetery, Fairmount. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Fred was a 1947 graduate of Rochester High School, and a graduate of Purdue University (Fort Wayne). Fred served his country during the Korean War era. He was employed by Cole Associates of South Bend as an architect, was the co-owner of Baker's Bike Shop in Mishawaka and then retired from Forsey Construction Inc. of South Bend. In his spare time, he enjoyed music, travel, photography, astronomy and collecting coins, gems and minerals. Memorial contributions may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Ct., South Bend, IN 46637. Online condolences may be sent to the Baker family at [www.chapelhillmemorial.com](http://www.chapelhillmemorial.com).

**John E. Sunday**

John E. SUNDAY, 80, Denver died Wednesday in Denver.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita, a daughter, Rebecca L. Lytle, a son, Robert E. Sunday, all of Denver; and three half brothers, James Sunday, Indianapolis, Charles Sunday, California, and William Sunday, Perrysburg.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Denver Baptist Church.

Friday, February 2, 2007

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Saturday, February 3, 2007

**Charles William Sosbe**

Dec. 4, 1928-Feb. 1, 2007

Charles William SOSBE, 78, of Rochester, and formerly of Kokomo, passed away at 3:07 p.m. Thursday at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born on Dec. 4, 1928, to Clarence and Beulah Anderson Sosbe in Kokomo. On June 12, 1948 he married Wilma L. Gollner in Kokomo, she survives.

He retired from the Kokomo Police Department in 1972 with 20 years of service. During his service he served as assistant chief for nine years and chief two years. After retirement from the Kokomo Police Department he served as circuit court bailiff for four years. He was a member of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police and Retired Policeman and Fireman Association of Indiana and also was an avid open wheel racing fan.

Survivors include two daughters, Debora K. Piercy and husband Stanley, Kokomo; Linda S. Wagoner and husband Michael of Rochester; two sons, Charles W. Sosbe Jr. and wife Karen of Kokomo and Timothy R. Sosbe and wife Debra of Rochester. Granddaughters, Nicolce Parkhurst and husband Russell; Lindsay

Pesaresi; Jennifer Goad and husband Christopher; Stacey Sosbe; Errin Piercy; grandsons Christopher Sosbe and wife Amy; Nathan Lauderbaugh and fiancée Ashley Hannah; Daniel Wagoner and wife Erin; Boyd Piercy, Adam Piercy and wife Wanda; great-grandchildren, Kynzie, Jacob, Alexander, Treavor, Hailey, Kayla and Christopher. He was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Ellers Mortuary Main St. Chapel, 725 South Main St., Kokomo with the Rev. John McCoy Sr. officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery, Kokomo. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Ellers Main St. Chapel. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Kidney Foundation or the Diabetes Association. Condolences may be e-mailed to [condolences@ellersmortuary.com](mailto:condolences@ellersmortuary.com).

Monday, February 5, 2007

[None]

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

**James K. Meredith**

James K. MEREDITH, 71, of 6862 N. 900 East, Mentone, died at 2:16 a.m. today at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

**Georgiana Schoen Emmons**

Georgiana Schoen EMMONS, 89, South Acton, Mass., formerly of Rochester, died at 9 p.m. Monday in South Acton. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

**Pastor Lawrence A. Hamilton**

Feb. 15, 1937-Feb. 6, 2007

Pastor Lawrence A. HAMILTON, 69, Rochester, passed away at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday at his residence near Kewanna.

Pastor Hamilton was born on Feb. 15, 1937, in LaPorte. He was the son of the late William and Matteline (Shaffer) Hamilton. On May 22, 1956, he married Delores Ann Rearick, who preceded him in death on March 30, 1995.

He served in the United States Army, 1956-1962. He was pastor of The Home Christian Church, Rochester, and had formerly delivered papers for the Shopping Guide, Rochester. His hobbies included bowling, gardening and fishing.

Survivors include daughters Debra Stroller (Rick), Monticello, Patty Kemp (William), Homoassa, Fla., Tammy Floyd, Rochester, Brenda Adams (Mike), Georgia; sons, Glen Hamilton, Rochester, Sam Hamilton (Sharron), Kokomo, Daniel Hamilton (Julia), Argos, Larry Hamilton (Teryl), Florida; sisters, Louise Alsop, Shady Cove, Ore., Marie Walls, Mishawaka; and a brother, Billy Hamilton, Warsaw; 24 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Charles Floyd.

His funeral service will be 11 a.m., Eastern time, Friday at Global Harvest Church, 5110 E. 800 South, Monterey, with Pastor Billy Bope officiating. Global Harvest Church is eight miles north of Winamac on U.S. 35. Burial will follow at Star City West Cemetery, Star City. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Eastern time, Thursday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna chapel, and one hour prior to the time of the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, P.O. Box 621, Rochester, IN 46975. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**James 'Jim' K. Meredith**

Sept. 29, 1935-Feb. 6, 2007

James "Jim" K. MEREDITH, 71, of 6862 N. 900 East, Mentone, died at 2:16 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. His health was failing for one year.

Born in Fulton County, he was the son of Frank J. Meredith and Mildred Klise. He graduated from Talma High School in 1954. On Dec. 19, 1954, he married Orabelle C. Kotterman at the Athens EUB Church. She survives at home. He was a farmer and lifetime Mentone area resident who lived his entire life on the Meredith Family Homestead Farm.

He formed the Jimmy Meredith band in which he was the drummer. The band played all over Indiana and in neighboring states.

He was a 50-year member of Moose Lodge No. 741 in Plymouth, and a member of Elks Lodge No. 2120 and Eagles Lodge Manitou Aerie No. 852, both of Rochester. He loved his German shepherd dog, Duke, and his John Deere tractors and equipment.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Diana and husband Glenn A. Smith, Rochester; a son, Gary K. Meredith, Central City, Colo.; two grandsons, Shane and wife Krysta Smith, Murray, Ky., and T.J. Smith, Rochester; a great-granddaughter, London Smith, Murray, Ky.; two nieces, Lisa and husband Greg McMillen and Susie and husband Barry See; and a nephew, Klise and wife Ginny Savage. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mitzie Savage, in October 2005.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Phil Pratt officiating. Burial will be at Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Thursday, February 8, 2007

**Lorraine Bickle**

Nov. 20, 1936-Feb. 7, 2007

Lorraine BICKLE, 70, Greensburg, passed away on Wednesday at her residence in Greensburg.

Born Nov. 20, 1936, in Millhousen, she was the daughter of Ed and Olga (Herbert) Wenning.

She was retired as an accounting assistant for Public Service Indiana in Rochester and Kokomo. She also had worked at 5/3 Bank in Greensburg. She was a volunteer at the Greensburg Free Health Clinic, a member of the Daughters of Isabelle, the St. Lawrence Auxiliary, a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greensburg, where she was in the adult choir, chairman of the Eucharistic Ministers, a lector and an usher. She was also treasurer of the hot meal program at St. Mary's.

She was married to Bernard P. Bickle on Sept. 4, 1976, and he preceded her in death.

She is survived by four stepchildren, Phillip, Allan, Kathy and Kandi; one brother, Herbert (Martha) Wenning; two sisters, Joan Koors, Greensburg, Lucille Rethlake, Kokomo; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Porter-Oliger-Pearson Funeral Home in Greensburg. A rosary service will be at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greensburg with Msgr. Harold Knueven officiating. Interment will be held in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the St. Mary's Catholic Church or the St. Mary's hot meals program.



**James D. Swick, Phyllis A. Swick**

James D. Swick

Feb. 25, 1941-Feb. 6, 2007

Phyllis A. Swick

April 28, 1943-Feb. 6, 2007

James D. SWICK, 65, and Phyllis A. SWICK, 63, both of 2172 W. 450 North, Rochester, died Tuesday as a result of a two-vehicle accident at Ferguson Road and Indiana 25, south of Warsaw.

She died at the scene of the accident. He died several hours later at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, of injuries he sustained in the accident.

He was born in Rochester to Merl Swick and Marjorie Slaybaugh and graduated from Akron High School in 1959.

She was born Phyllis A. Parker in Scottsburg to Doyle Parker and Gladys Edwards and graduated from Lexington High School, Lexington, in 1961.

On Feb. 8, 1962, they were married in Akron by the Rev. Dan Slaybaugh.

He was an employee of Lau Industries, Rochester, from which he retired after 40 years of service. He was the former president of Torington Credit Union, Rochester, and was a member of the Western Beagle Club, Royal Center, and the St. Joe Valley Beagle Club, Plymouth.

She retired from Topps Safety Apparel Inc., Rochester.

He is survived by a sister, Merlee and husband Guy Bigler, Syracuse; two brothers, Tom and wife Connie Swick, Silver Lake, and David and wife Linda Swick, Rochester; and nieces, nephews and cousins. His parents preceded him in death.

She is survived by a sister, Linda Parker, Leiters Ford, and nieces, nephews and cousins. Her parents and a brother, James C. Parker, preceded her in death.

Their joint funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be at Nichols Cemetery, Akron.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army.

Friday, February 9, 2007

**Dwight Lee Groninger**

June 24, 1930-Jan. 29, 2007

Dwight Lee GRONINGER, 76, Winter Park, Fla., passed away on Jan. 29, 2007, in Winter Park, Fla., after an extended illness.

He was born on June 24, 1930, in Akron. He was the youngest son of Roy L. and Mary Ferree Groninger. He married Kathy Perry Groninger, who survives in Winter Park, Fla.

He is also survived by a son, Keith Groninger; a daughter, Ann Holt; two grandchildren, Kate and Erik; a sister, Alice McFarland, Akron; and a brother, Gordon, and wife Mary Louise Groninger, Silver Lake. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Daine and Pauline Daine, and three brothers, Harold, Otto and Wayne Groninger.

He was a 1948 graduate of Akron High School and a graduate of Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C., and Stanford University in California. He brought Indiana-style basketball to Presbyterian College, where he made the All-Star in his four years in college. After college, he went into the U.S. Army for 20 years, serving in Korea and Vietnam. He was a Lieutenant Corporal in the Army. He then was in the banking and computer business and volunteered at the Winter Park First United Methodist Church, helping with the 3-year-olds. He enjoyed children and loved his family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Winter Park First United Methodist Church, 125 N. Interlachen Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789 or VISTAS Hospice, 5151 Adanson St., Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32804. Services were at Winter Park First United Methodist Church in Winter Park on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007.

Saturday, February 10, 2007

[None]

Monday, February 12, 2007

**Dorothy Brown**

Dorothy BROWN, 87, Rochester, passed away at 2:55 p.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Laura Lavada McEvoy 'Grandma Mac'**

Feb. 12, 1913-Feb. 10, 2007

I [Laura Lavada McEVOY] have been called to my maker. I must leave my children, friends, Miss Lilly and the world I love so much.

My memorial service will be at Hartzler Funeral Home, on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. with visitation one-half hour prior to the service. I have planned a private burial service with my family members at a later date.

Everybody knows I love flowers. Yet, I feel your money would be better spent if you gave a small contribution to the Akron Senior Citizens of Akron, Ind.

I want to thank the special people of the Akron community that expressed numerous acts of kindness to me. These acts made my fading years of life so very happy.

My survivors include three daughters, Francis and husband Bill Lewis, Star City, Mickey and husband Jack Parnell, Huntington, LaVada and husband Lyle Butt, Akron; and also one son, Daniel and wife Millie McEvoy, New Castle.

Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, Ind., is handling arrangements.

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

**Dorothy M. Brown**

April 14, 1919-Feb. 11, 2007

Dorothy M. BROWN, 87, Rochester, formerly of Macy and Athens, died at 2:55 p.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek of Rochester, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on April 14, 1919, at Macy, the daughter of Frank and Bertha Smith McCarter. She graduated from Macy High School. She married Raymond L. Brown on Nov. 28, 1942. He preceded her in death on June 26, 1999.

She is survived by a daughter, Beverly J. Brown, three granddaughters, Rachel Midkiff and husband Jasper, and twins Martha Zeiger and Melanie Zeiger, all of Rochester, and a great-grandson, Dan A. Midkiff.

A member of Macy Christian Church, Macy, she retired from Chamberlin Products in 1971. Dorothy enjoyed being with her family and friends and collecting owls. She loved flowers.

Due to the weather, arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Donations may be made to the cancer society or heart association.

**Joyce A. Meyers**

Joyce A. MEYERS, 73, died Sunday, February 11, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was the owner and operator of the A&W Rootbeer Stand in New Haven for 10 years and with Budget Bug Waterbeds in Warsaw for eight years. She was a 1951 graduate of Huntertown High School and enjoyed golfing, bowling, IU basketball and football, reading and jigsaw puzzles. She was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jack H. Meyers of Fort Wayne; children, Kathy (Rudy) Koch, Susan (Bob) Love both of New Haven, Ronald (Mary) Meyers of Kenosha, Wis., Linda (Terry) Screeton of Rochester, Karen (Brent) Knuckles of North Webster, David Meyers

of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; brothers, Richard (Barbara) Horstmeyer of Fort Wayne, and Bob (Ann) Horstmeyer of Coldwater, Mich. She was preceded in death by a son, James Meyers, and sister, Carol Bair.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Rev. Lowell Burrus will officiate. Calling will also be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

### **Michele Turnpaugh**

Michele TURNPAUGH, 39, (Nyona Lake) Macy, died at 3:31 a.m. today at Logansport Memorial Hospital, Logansport. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Roger D. Yeider Jr.**

Roger D. YEIDER Jr., 82, formerly of Rochester, died at 9:05 a.m. today at Sunrise Assisted Living, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

### **George Franklin Long**

George Franklin LONG, 77, of 7487 E. 450 North, Rochester, died at 12:12 p.m. Tuesday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, February 15, 2007

### **Dorothy M. Brown**

April 14, 1919-Feb. 11, 2007

Dorothy M. BROWN, 87, Rochester, formerly of Macy and Athens, passed away at 2:55 p.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek nursing home, Rochester, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born April 14, 1919, in Macy to Frank and Bertha Smith McCarter. She married Raymond L. Brown on Nov. 28, 1942, and he preceded her in death on June 26, 1999.

Brown retired from Chamberlin Products in 1971.

She graduated from Macy High School in 1937 and she was a member of the Macy Christian Church, Macy. She enjoyed being with her family and friends, collecting owls and loved flowers.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly J. Brown, Rochester; three granddaughters, Rachel Midkiff and husband Jasper, Rochester, Martha Zeiger and twin sister Melanie Zeiger, Rochester; and one great-grandson, Dane A. Midkiff, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

### **Michele Anne Turnpaugh**

Feb. 15, 1967-Feb. 13, 2007

Michele Anne TURNPAUGH, 39, of 2861 Sunset Drive, (Nyona Lake) Macy, died at 3:31 a.m. Tuesday at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Her health was failing for six years.

Born in LaPorte, she was the daughter of Fredrick and Diana Daly Seymour. She graduated from LaPorte High School with the Class of 1986. She lived in LaPorte until 1986, when she moved to Rochester. In 1987, she moved to Nyona Lake.

On Sept. 5, 1987, she married Mark Alan Turnpaugh in Logansport. He survives at home.

She was a waitress at Margaritta's and Gropp's restaurants in Rochester and at Menke's in Union Mills. She most recently worked at Pak-A-Sak convenience store, Rochester, where she was known for her pleasant personality and always smiling face.

She was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and loved NASCAR. Her favorite driver was Jeff Gordon.

She is also survived by a daughter, Chelsie D. Turnpaugh, and a son, Matthew A. Turnpaugh, both at home; her parents, Fredrick and Diana Seymour, Winamac; two brothers, Scott J. Seymour and wife Lori, Winamac, and Jeffery R. Seymour, LaPorte; nieces and nephews, Ronald, Andre, Jacob, Courtney and Caleb; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Bruce Russell, of Fulton Baptist Temple, officiating. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the ALS Foundation for Equipment.

Friday, February 16, 2007

**George Franklin Long**

June 16, 1929-Feb. 13, 2007

George Franklin LONG, 77, of 7487 E. 450 North, Rochester, passed away Tuesday at his residence.

He was born on June 16, 1929, in Fulton County, the son of Wilvin and Faye (Emmons) Long. He was a 1947 graduate of Talma High School. He married Virginia Sanders on Sept. 16, 1956, in Rochester. She preceded him in death on April 10, 1984.

Mr. Long was a farmer. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed woodworking, reading and traveling. He also enjoyed motorcycles and airplanes, including attending various air shows.

Survivors include his children, daughters Holly and husband Ron Tolzin, Francesville, and Heather Long, Rochester, and son, Birch and wife Kim Long, Rochester; grandchildren, Chris Najafiarab, Francesville, Andrew Najafiarab, Francesville, Ben Long, Rochester, Becky Long, Rochester; longtime friend, Bonita Griffith, Cromwell; niece, Margaret Carter, Rochester; nephew, Richard Roth, California. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Louise Roth and Joan Holt.

His memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may call from noon until the service Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date at Sycamore Cemetery, Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Roma ‘Jim’ Webb**

Roma “Jim” WEBB, 77, Spencer, W. Va., formerly of Akron, died at 1 a.m. Thursday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Saturday, February 17, 2007

**Roma J. ‘Jim’ Webb**

Roma J. “Jim” WEBB, 77, Spencer, W. Va., formerly of Akron, passed away at 1 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

Survivors include two sisters, JoAnn Whiting, Spencer, W. Va.; Nancy Retrose, Gasaway, W. Va.; two brothers, Fred Webb and Henry Webb, both of Spencer, W. Va.

A private family visitation took place in Spencer, W. Va. The burial will be private at the Akron Cemetery, Akron. No public visitation or funeral services are planned. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is in charge of arrangements.

Monday, February 19, 2007

**Obie T. Craddock**

Obie T. CRADDOCK, 65, of 802 Southside Drive, Warsaw, died at 9:10 p.m. Sunday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.



### **Col. Owen ‘Al’ Heeter**

Col. Owen “Al” HEETER, Ret., age 71, of 1458 Park Road, Rochester, died at 8:45 p.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Trey Douglass Horn**

Infant Trey Douglass HORN was stillborn at 8:52 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his parents, Travis Horn and Kristin Douglass, 1036 S. 75 West, Rochester; maternal grandparents, Jeff and Mindy Douglass, Kewanna, and Kathy Douglass, Twelve Mile; paternal grandparents, Tim Horn, Rochester, and Dave and Tina Bratton, Tippecanoe; maternal great-grandparents, Don and Nancy Douglass, Kewanna, Jay Herrold, Grass Creek, Phylliss Scott, North Fort Myers, Fla., and Tom and Yvonne Fisher; paternal great-grandparents, Maurice and Janet Horn, Rochester; and two uncles, Josh and wife Tiffany Douglass, and Ty Horn. Preceding him in death were great-grandparents Nada Herrold and William Scott.

His funeral service was at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Indiana 14 West, Rochester, with Pastor Dirk Raderstorf officiating. Burial was at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Marilyn Kay Shultz**

Nov. 27, 1937—Feb. 17, 2007

Marilyn Kay SHULTZ, 69, of 340 18<sup>th</sup> St. Rochester, passed away at 12:35 a.m. Saturday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

She was born on Nov. 27, 1937, in Henry Township, Fulton County, the daughter of Glenn E. and Bessie N. (Thompson) Hoover. On Nov. 24, 1957, in Rochester, she married Max W. Shultz. He preceded her in death on Jan. 19, 2007.

Mrs. Shultz was a beautician and homemaker. For many years, she and her husband were co-owners of M&M RV Sales & Services and Shultz Body Shop in Rochester.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and enjoyed here rose garden, cooking and birdwatching.

Survivors include her daughters, Jennifer A. Shultz, Alto Pass, Ill., Julie A. Kotterman, Rochester; son, Kevin Shultz, Rochester; grandchildren, Kayla Shultz, Austin Kotterman, Tanner Kotterman, all of Rochester; brothers, Denny L. and wife Ann Hoover, Naples, Fla., Kenton J. and wife Sharon Hoover, Avon Park, Fla.; sister, Barbara Freeman, Springdale, Ark. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Rick Taylor officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation or to Parkinson's Disease Association. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Roger D. Yeider Jr.**

Roger D. YEIDER Jr., 82, formerly of Rochester, died Feb. 13 at Sunrise Assisted Living, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include a sister, Myra Jean Owens, Logansport.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 9 a.m. until time of the service Wednesday.

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

### **Obie Thomas Craddock Jr.**

Obie Thomas CRADDOCK Jr., 65, of 802 Southside Drive, Warsaw, died Sunday at home.

Survivors include a son, Jeffery Alan Craddock, Indianapolis; two sisters, Carol Sue Smith, Lake Wales, Fla., and Betty Campbell,

Leesburg; two brothers, Clayton Craddock, Zephyrhills, Fla., and Laron Douglas Craddock, Warsaw.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Mary Elizabeth Geier**

Jan. 1, 1946-Feb. 19, 2007

Services for Mary Elizabeth GEIER, 61, of Kewanna, will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel.

Mary died at 3:22 a.m. Monday at Chase Center, Logansport.

Mary was born on Jan. 1, 1946, in Plymouth. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Dwight and Violet (Deaton) McClure. Mary was a 1964 Butler High School graduate.

Mary was a homemaker, a member of Fletchers Lake United Methodist Church, where she was active in Ladies Aid. She was very devoted to her family and her church. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, she never met a stranger and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Surviving are her husband, Max E. Geier of Kewanna; son, John W. Geier (Lisa) of Kewanna; daughter, Marilyn S. Geier of Kewanna; two brothers, John David McClure (Becky) of Cicero and James Michael McClure of Carmel; a sister, Jennifer Roark (Dwight) of Cincinnati, Ohio; four grandchildren, Carissa Geier, Jasimine Westbrook, Derick Westbrook and John Andrew Geier.

Pastor David Sommers will officiate at the services. Burial will be at Metea Cemetery, Metea. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fletchers Lake United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**Col. Owen 'Al' Heeter, Ret.**

Col. Owen "Al" HEETER, Ret., 71, of 1458 Park Road, Rochester, died Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Ginger Heeter, at home; two daughters, Kimberly Huffman, Germany, and Kathy Sanchez, Louisville; a son, Jeffrey Dean Hunter, Rochester; two sisters, Mary Gene Groves, Logansport, and Joan Atkinson, Rochester; and a brother, Charles "Chuck" Heeter, Rochester.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

**Harold C. McCalla**

Harold C. McCALLA, 57, of 1530 Audubon Ave., died at 11:35 a.m. Monday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

**Col. Owen 'Al' Heeter**

Jan. 3, 1936-Feb. 17, 2007

Col. Owen "Al" HEETER, USAF Retired, age 71, of 1458 Park Road, Rochester, passed away at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester, surrounded by the loving and dedicated members of his family.

Col. Heeter was born Jan. 3, 1936, in Athens, the son of Darwin and Edythe Clevenger Heeter. During his youth, he was raised in the Akron area and he attended school at Akron for 10 years before graduating from Rochester High School in 1954. Al was a member of the RHS 1953 Indiana State Champion football team. He also was a standout on the 1952-1954 RHS baseball team.

Al was an employee of McMahan Construction Company, during his high school years. While at McMahan's, he served under the wing of his mentor, the late Ed Boswell. Upon graduation from RHS, he attended DePauw University, Greencastle, where he was a

member of the graduating class of 1958. While at DePauw, Al lettered in baseball, was an active member of the ROTC and Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. It was through the ROTC at DePauw that he discovered his love for flying.

On July 13, 1957, in Jackson, Miss., he married Mary Elizabeth Turk. She preceded him in death on Dec. 1, 1996.

Upon his graduation from DePauw, Al entered the United States Air Force. He spent the next 30 years of his life serving our country. During his many years of service, Col. Heeter was stationed in the following locations: Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan; Richards Gebaur Air Force Base, Missouri; Moron Air Base, Spain; Moody Air Force Base, Georgia; Udorn Air Base, Thailand; Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; Norton Air Force Base, California; Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas; Howard Air Force Base, Panama; Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico; Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; and Hurlburt Field, Florida.

During his tours of duty, Col. Heeter received many citations including: the Silver Star (the second highest military decoration that can be awarded to a member of the armed forces); Legion of Merit (awarded for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievement); Distinguished Flying Cross (awarded to those who distinguish themselves in combat by heroism while in aerial flight); Bronze Star (awarded for bravery); Defense Meritorious Service Medal (awarded for outstanding noncombat meritorious achievement or service); Meritorious Service Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters (third highest award bestowed by the military, additional awards are denoted by the Oak Leaf Clusters); Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters (awarded for distinguished merit while in aerial flight); and the Air Force Commendation Medal (awarded for acts of courage).

Of his many accomplishments, Col. Heeter was a distinguished command helicopter pilot with more than 5,000 career flying hours; many of them were from rescue missions flown over Vietnam. He also served as Deputy Commander of the Panama Canal from 1976 to 1978. Col. Heeter was the first pilot to fly an HH-53 helicopter across

the Pacific Ocean, traveling more than 9,000 miles. He served as Air Rescue and Recovery Service Commander from 1983 to 1985. His most notable experience was in November of 1978. It was then he was assigned the gruesome task of recovering the bodies of a mass suicide in Jonestown, Guyana. In all, 913 bodies were recovered including that of the cult's leader, Jim Jones.

Upon retirement from the military, Al was employed for 10 years at Bell Helicopter, where he was a member of the company's International Sales Department, Fort Worth, Texas.

Following his retirement from Bell Helicopter, he returned to his hometown of Rochester where he was reunited with his high school sweetheart, Carolyn "Ginger" (Castleman-Hunter). They were married in Rochester on Dec. 27, 1997.

His memberships include: Grace United Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge No. 2120; LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36, all of Rochester, DePauw Alumni, Phi Gamma Delta, Jolly Green Association, USAF Helicopter Pilots Association, AFA Retired and the Order of Daedalians. He was an avid golfer and, in his later years, he loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Along with his wife, Carolyn "Ginger" Heeter, who survives at home, he is survived by two daughters, Kimberly Huffman and husband Robert, Germany, and Kathy Sanchez and husband Maurice, Louisville, Ky.; a son, Jeffrey Dean Hunter and wife Kim, Rochester; two grandchildren, Raeann and Caleb Hunter, Rochester; a brother, Charles "Chuck" Heeter, Rochester; two sisters, Mary Gene Groves of Logansport and Joan Atkinson of Rochester.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Owen A. Heeter Jr.; a brother, Darwin "Bud" Heeter; and three sisters, Margery Ellis, Lenora Sayger and Lucy Lane.

Services for Col. Owen "Al" Heeter will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Rick Taylor and the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday or on Saturday one hour prior to his services. Following his services, the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will

conduct military rites at the funeral home. Interment with full military honors will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., at 11 a.m. March 26. Memorials may be made in his memory to the Fulton County Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Foundation. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to his family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Harold C. McCalla**

May 9, 1949-Feb. 19, 2007

Harold C. McCALLA, 57, of 1530 Audubon Ave., Rochester, died at 11:35 a.m. Monday at his residence.

Born in Rochester, he was the son of Echo L. and Freda M. Bruce Scott McCalla. A 1968 Rochester High School graduate, he lived in Rochester his whole life. He served our country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. On June 16, 1978, he married Kathy S. Sweet.

He worked at Manufactured Structures, Rochester, and was a member of the Over 40 Basketball League. Harold was the No. 1 Zebra fan, never missing a home or away football or boys basketball contest.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy McCalla, at home; a daughter, Melissa McCalla, at home; a son, Joseph McCalla, at home; three sisters, Gladys Galloway and husband John, Connie Terpstra and husband Peter Terpstra II, all of Rochester, and Sandra Wisenberg and husband James, Sebring, Fla.; two brothers, George F. Scott, Indianapolis, and Lavern Scott and wife Tammy, Rochester; 23 nieces and nephews; several aunts; and two sisters-in-law, Wilma Hart, Rochester, and Becky Knauff and husband Dave, Perrysburg. Preceding him in death were his parents; sister, Barbara Turner; and an infant brother, James.

A private family service will be Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home with Peter Terpstra II presiding. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family via [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Everett L. Thompson**

Everett Leroy THOMPSON, 65, formerly of Rochester, died Jan. 30 at Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Alva May Thompson of Alabama and his brother, Theodore R. Thompson, Rochester.

A memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Roudebush VA Medical Center chapel.

Thursday, February 22, 2007

**Eldon Graham**

Eldon GRAHAM, 69, of Kewanna, died at 12:14 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel.

Friday, February 23, 2007

**Eldon 'Ozzie' Glen Graham Jr.**

Sept. 22, 1937-Feb. 21, 2007

Eldon "Ozzie" Glen GRAHAM Jr., 69, of Kewanna, passed away at 12:14 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born on Sept. 22, 1937, in Hammond, he was the son of the late Eldon Glen and Henrietta (Leber) Graham Sr. He married Janice Hogan on March 5, 1988, in Kewanna and she survives at home.

He was a member of VFW Post No. 1121, Kewanna, and F. & A.M. of Hammond. Ozzie was a 1954 graduate of Thorton Fractional High School, Calumet City, Ill., and he was a veteran of the United States Army

Ozzie retired from Winamac Coil Spring, Kewanna, where he worked as a coiler. He enjoyed boating, camping and outdoor sports. Other hobbies include working on old cars and building and flying model airplanes.



Survivors also include a son, Adam Graham of Indiana; four daughters, Kelly Graham of Indiana, Stephanie Malchow (Michael) of Rochester, Jamie Smith (Bryan Carmen) of Monticello, Wendy Smith (Jonathan Shock) of Kewanna; and a brother, Henry R. Graham (Betty) of Oklahoma; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Florence and John Hogan of Kewanna; and several nieces and nephews. Surviving also is friend of the family Bernie Hawkey, who was like a son to Ozzie. He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy L. Conn.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel. Burial will follow in the Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Kewanna Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box 95, Kewanna, IN 46939 and/or Fulton County EMS c/o Woodlawn Hospital, 1400 E. 9th St., Rochester, IN 46975. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**Marilyn J. Hartzler**

Services for Marilyn J. HARTZLER, 68, 1013 E. Miami County Road 1500 North, Akron, died at 11:10 p.m. Thursday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Shirley G. Maloy**

Shirley G. MALOY, 61, of Picayune, Miss., formerly of Royal Center, died Thursday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel.

Saturday, February 24, 2007

**Ester L. Miller**

Ester L. MILLER, 86, of 1113 Hill St., Rochester, died at 8:30 a.m. Friday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Marilyn J. Hartzler**

Feb. 19, 1939-Feb. 22, 2007

Marilyn J. HARTZLER, 68, 1013 E. 1500 North, Akron, passed away at 11:05 p.m. Thursday at her residence.

Born on Feb. 19, 1939, in Silver Lake, the daughter of Donald Shoemaker and Delphia Parker. On Nov. 5, 1960 she married Richard Jack Hartzler in Leesburg. He died on Sept. 2, 2001.

She was a homemaker and co-owner of the former Hartzler Trucking and Hartzler Farms. She graduated in 1957 from Leesburg High School and was a member of the Perry-Do-Rites Home Economics Club. She was also a member of the Akron Church of God where she was in the Homebuilders Class.

Survivors include 21 nieces and nephews: Sally Landrum, Marion; Don Brewer, North Manchester; Jim Brewer, Wabash; Nancy McCarty, Roann; Larry Keaffaber, West Virginia; Gary Keaffaber, Macy; Kerry Keaffaber, Akron; Kim Johnson, Muncie; Laura Shoemaker, Brian Shoemaker, Texas; Stephania Barkman, Rochester, Mark Hartzler, Akron; Melinda Pratt, Rochester; Chad Hartzler, Akron; Brad Smith, Macy, Dauneda Shultz, Rochester; Maribeth Wright, Roann; Jerry Hartzler, Akron; Angie Gast, Akron; Todd Hartzler, Wabash; Cindy Hartzler, Wabash.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Akron Church of God, Akron with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Visitation is from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 2305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Burial will be at the Laketon Cemetery, Laketon. Memorial contributions can be made to Mt. Zion Amish School or Wabash/Miami County Home Hospice.

Monday, February 26, 2007

**Glenn Bradley**

Glenn BRADLEY, 44, Peru, died Sunday at his residence.

Survivors include his parents, Lee and Mary Lou Bradley; two daughters, Kayla Bradley and Sherese Bradley Rizo, both of Peru; two brothers, Doug Bradley, Syracuse, and Mike Bradley, Royalton, Ky.;

and three sisters, Lisa Simpson, Saylersville, Ky., Connie Tyler, Peru, and Lugina Benner, Peru.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

### **Marilyn J. Hartzler**

Services for Marilyn J. HARTZLER, 68, of Akron, who died Thursday, were held at 10:30 a.m. today at Akron Church of Good.

In addition to the details in her obituary published Saturday, she is survived by a sister, Marjorie Brewer, La Fontaine, and was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard Jack Hartzler; a brother, Gerald Shoemaker; and two sisters, Anna L. Keaffaber and Virginia L. Thompson.

She was a member of the Singles with a Vision Group, Wabash. In her youth, she was very active in 4-H in Kosciusko County.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion Amish School or Wabash/Miami County Home Hospice, 710 N. East St., Wabash, IN 46992. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, was in charge of arrangements.

### **Esther L. Miller**

Feb. 7, 1921-Feb. 23, 2007

Esther L. MILLER, 86, of 1113 Hill St., Rochester, formerly of Kokomo, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Friday at her residence.

She was born on Feb. 7, 1921, in Indianapolis, the daughter of Owen L. and Ellen (Mann) Healy. On May 13, 1939, in Indianapolis, she married Russell R. Miller. He preceded her in death on Dec. 17, 1986.

Mrs. Miller resided in Kokomo for more than 50 years and retired from Delco Electronics, where she worked on the relay line. In 1998, she moved to Rochester, where she attended First Christian Church and the church's Dorcas Circle. She was an active member of Fulton County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and enjoyed her family, friends and traveling.

Survivors include her daughter, Janet and husband Rick DeRose, Playa del Ray, Calif.; son, David and wife Charlotte Miller, Rochester; grandchildren, Doug and wife Angela Miller, Akron, Steven and wife Shari Miller, Rochester, Gina DeRose, Dallas, Texas, and Tony and wife Joanna DeRose, Dallas, Texas; great-grandchildren, Daniel and Madison Miller, Akron, Shelby, Sidney and Samantha Miller, Rochester, and Russell DeRose, Dallas, Texas; sister, Ruby and husband Dick Fontaine, Cape Coral, Fla.; brother, Myron Healy, Corono, Calif.; husband's sister, Irene Wagner, West Chester, Ohio; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Edwin, Robert and Carl Healy.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service. Committal services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memory Gardens Chapel of Peace Mausoleum, Kokomo, where friends may call one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to RSVP. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Joan E. Smith**

Joan E. SMITH, 77, Sheridan, formerly of Kewanna, died Sunday at the Sheridian Healthcare Center. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel.

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

### **Beulah B. Burkett**

Beulah B. BURKETT, 98, formerly of Rochester, died at 6:33 a.m. today at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

**Beulah B. Burkett**

Beulah B. BURKETT, 98, Rochester, died Tuesday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Survivors include two daughters, Joyce A. Good, Rochester, and Carolyn Hodgson, Cadillac, Mich., and a sister, Mary Alice Wagoner, Rochester.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. until the service Saturday.

**Kenneth M. Kaminski**

Kenneth M. KAMINSKI, 76, of 635 W. Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, formerly of Argos, died at 8:55 p.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Walter Charles Ramsey**

Walter Charles RAMSEY, 90, formerly of Denver, died Monday at Hickory Creek of Peru.

Survivors include a son, Joe Ramsey, Mexico, and a sister, Geneva Miller, Akron.

His funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with visitation from 4 p.m. until the service.

Thursday, March 1, 2007

**Beulah 'Bee' Burkett**

May 17, 1908-Feb. 27, 2007

Beulah Belle BURKETT, 98 years, 9 months and 10 days, departed this life to eternal rest on Tuesday at the Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Beulah was born on May 17, 1908, in Richland Township at the home of her parents, William and Minnie Davis Shonk. Both have

preceded her in death. She was a lifetime Fulton County resident with the exception of 16 years when she lived in Indianapolis.

On Nov. 25, 1928, in Rochester, she was married to Otis A. Burkett, who preceded her in death on Oct. 14, 1970. Their marriage yielded four children - an infant son, John, who became an angel at six days, and three daughters, Joyce Ann, Carolyn Lee and Sharon Elaine. Sharon crossed Heaven's threshold in May of 2002.

Beulah was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church since age 15. She embraced Grace during her 83-year membership. Bee was the former president of the United Methodist Women and an active member of the Messenger Sunday school class and the ladies Morning Quest Circle.

Bee was the oldest living Zebra alumnus. With great pride, she graduated from Rochester High School in 1927. She also enjoyed her membership in the Rochester Women's Club. In the decade of the 1970s, she represented our county following her appointment as Fulton County Senior Queen.

Beulah served as bookkeeper and stenographer for the late Otto McMahan of the McMahan Construction Company. Later, she was employed by The Rochester Sentinel as a receptionist and bookkeeper. Her final stint of employment concluded when she retired as office manager from the Foster & Good Funeral Home at the age of 80 after 15 years of service.

From 1944 to 1972, Beulah and Otis owned the Main Street Tavern, where he bartended and prepared hand-breaded tenderloins and some of the best sandwiches and soups in Rochester. During this period, Beulah was well-known for the delicious homemade pies she served to complement the dessert fare at the tavern. Many evenings and every weekend were spent creating the delectable pies to please the discriminating tastes of her customers.

Living nearly a century and being our family's matriarch almost that long, our loving and dear Mother will be missed by Joyce A. Good of Rochester and Carolyn Hodgson and husband Bruce of Cadillac, Mich.

Grandma's wisdom and gentle touch will be remembered by Jeri, Jon and Jeff Good, Greg, Cheryl, Jazanne and Mitchell McMillen and Jennifer Eby and Christopher Hurd.

The great-grandchildren will always enjoy the great memories of Grandma, known as the "Queen Bee" or "Grandma Bee." The fourth generation includes: Landon, Layton, Jeffrey II and Jakob Good, Melea and Garrett McMillen, Corinna and Cassidy Good, Erin and Alex McMillen, Damon, Have, and Joshua Eby and Alexandria Price.

Mary Alice Wagoner, of Rochester, Beulah's younger sister will also miss the good times they shared playing cards, traveling and dining out.

In her earlier years, Beulah enjoyed adventures in traveling. During spring breaks, there were many visits to the Gulf Shores of Florida. She enjoyed fond memories of England, Scotland, Germany, Austria, Hawaii and Seattle by train. A 90th birthday trip to Washington, D.C., was also a memory she often recollected. As a collector, Beulah acquired some interesting and unique collections of antique teacups and saucers, china plates and dolls.

Beulah was well-known by her card buddies for her spirited style of play. There was nothing better on a Saturday afternoon than enjoying lunch with the girls, taking a drive, then following up the dining experience with a few games of Spite and Malice.

The evolution of change Beulah witnessed during her incredible life was vast, yet she embraced each opportunity with enthusiasm and renewed spirit. It was the grace, style and positive attitude she possessed and radiated to others that kept her youth intact. She knew that in life, age is only a number and, with great pride, she shared her chronological achievements. She aspired to make it to triple digits and, on the threshold, nearly made it.

In addition to those previously mentioned, Beulah was preceded in death by her granddaughter Jayne Ann Good, great-grandson Blaine McMillen, three sons-in-law Eldon Adams, Junior D. Good and Robert P. Hurd, two half sisters Evelyn Shonk and Verna Lackey and half brother Ralph C. Shonk.

A celebration of Beulah "Bee" Burkett's life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. (Indiana 14 West). Friends may visit with the family from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday or from 9 a.m. until the hour of the service on Saturday. Pastor George Hapner and Pastor Rick Taylor will officiate the service.

Memorials may be made to The Guardian Angel Hospice of Logansport, Hope Hospice of Fulton County or the Jayne A. Good Memorial Scholarship Fund/Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

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Survivors include his wife, Betty J. Kaminski, Plymouth; a daughter, Susan Shafer, Plymouth; a son, Marvin Kaminski, Argos; three sisters, Shirley Snodgrass, Peoria, Ariz., Patricia Green, Walkerton, and Janet Russell, Colon, Mich.; and a brother, John Kaminski, Oregon.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

**Ellen P. Way**

Ellen P. WAY, 69, of 7283 W. Bensart Drive, Beaver Dam Lake (Claypool), died at 5:23 p.m. Wednesday at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.



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### **Ellen P. Way**

Ellen P. WAY, 69, of 7283 Bensart Drive, Beaver Dam Lake (Claypool), died Wednesday at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash.

Survivors include her husband, LaVon O. Way, at home; a daughter, Yvonne Biehl, Twelve Mile; two sons, Rev. Gregory Way, Waco, Texas, and Anthony Way, Wabash; a sister, Norma Lobdell, Arlington, Texas; and a half brother, Lewis Hill, Georgia.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with visitation from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today.

Saturday, March 3, 2007

**Howard Edward Pownell**

Dec. 14, 1914-Feb. 25, 2007

Howard POWNELL passed away peacefully on Feb. 25 at the age of 92. He was a kind and gentle man who lived life with grace and was loved by all who knew him.

Howard was born on Dec. 14, 1914, in Fulton, to Frank and Hazel (Beattie) Pownell. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Howard married Charlotte Penn on July 18, 1942, and they enjoyed 65 years together.

They settled in Long Beach, Calif., after spending time in Phoenix, Ariz. Howard retired from the City of Long Beach Water Department in 1976 after 30 years of dedicated service. He and Charlotte moved to Salem, Oregon in 1979.

Howard is survived by his wife, Charlotte; daughters and their husbands, Marilyn and Jon Krause of Olympia, Wash., Carole and Terry Cox of West Linn, Ore., Donna and John DiDomenico of Salem, Ore.; and his sister and her husband, Mary and John Marsh of Fairfax, Va. He was a loving grandfather to 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a dear uncle to numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services and interment were performed at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Ore.

Monday, March 5, 2007

**Ronald B. 'Chris' Christopher**

Ronald B. "Chris" CHRISTOPHER, 73, Peru, formerly of Denver, died Friday at St. Vincent Hospice Center, Indianapolis.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with visitation from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today.

**Homer Dean Geller**

Homer Dean GELLER, 76, of 700 E. 1300 North, Rochester, died at 9:04 p.m. Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Melrose Jordan**

Melrose JORDAN, 81, Rochester, died Saturday. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Lloyd Murphy**

Lloyd MURPHY, 79, of 1026 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, died at 11 p.m. Saturday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Dorothy Lorraine Rumble**

Dorothy Lorraine RUMPLE, 85, of 1139 Rochester Blvd., Rochester, died at 12:40 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital., Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Mary A. Tibbets**

Mary A. TIBBETS, 77, of Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw, formerly of Rochester, died at 6 a.m. today at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

**Adolph L. Cherechinsky**

June 3, 1936-March 4, 2007

Adolph L. CHERECHINSKY, Rochester, passed away Sunday at home with his family at his side, at the age of 70.

He was born in Hammond on June 3, 1936, to the late Adolph J. and Helen (Kerchak) Cherechinsky. He resided in Rochester for the past nine years and was formerly of Baroda, Mich. A retired salesman

for Tom's Foods, he owned E&J Foods, a family-owned grocery store, in Black Oak, Gary, for 13 years.

He is survived by his wife, Gracie J. (nee Garrison) Cherechinsky of Rochester; five children, Catherine Conlin, San Francisco, Calif., Greg (Nancy) Cherechinsky, Valparaiso, David (Tara) Cherechinsky, Houston, Texas, Nancy (David) Speroff, Munster, Jo Anne (Patrick) Norris, Muncie; 12 grandchildren, Greg and Jonathan Norris, Fisher, Trent and Trev Cherechinsky, Benjamin and Camille Speroff, Joseph and Carolina Cherechinsky, Zachary Delorme, Brianna Chroeder, Jeremy Lucietta; stepson, Jeff Lucietta of Rochester; stepdaughter, Beth (Mike) Patton of Glendale, Ariz.; sister, Roberta Sredzinski of Valparaiso; former wife, Nancy (Dubravich) Balzer of Highland; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his dear friend and brother-in-law, Leo Sredzinski.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Central time, Thursday at Dykes Funeral Home, 2305 N. Campbell St., Valparaiso, with Tara Cherechinsky officiating. Cremation will occur at Calvary Crematory, Portage. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Central time, Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made in the name of Adolph Cherechinsky to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, on June 22, 2007, in Muncie, c/o Deb Kirkman, 2400 W. Bethel Ave., Muncie, IN 47304. Arrangements by Dykes Funeral Home Inc., 219-462-3125.

### **Homer Dean Geller**

May 30, 1930-March 3, 2007

Homer Dean GELLER, 76, of 700 E. 1300 North, Rochester, died at 9:04 p.m. Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he was a patient for one month. His health was failing for four years.

Born in Burr Oak, he was the son of William T. and Nellie Heath Geller. He graduated from Kewanna High School in 1948 and moved from Kewanna to Rochester in 1952.

He married Barbara Jernigan Dill in 1957. She died in 1973. He married Bertha Pontius Trosper in 1975 and she survives.

He retired in 1993 after years of employment as a mechanic at the Ford garage and Garver Motors of Rochester. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he served in the Korean War. He was a former member of the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Moose Lodge of Rochester. He enjoyed gardening and bowling.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha Geller, at home; three daughters, Robbin Elliott and husband Jay, Rochester, Teresa Hicks, Warsaw, and Roberta Williams and husband Mike, Akron; two sons, Charles Dill, Rochester, and Michael Trosper, Akron; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 18 nieces and 16 nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Pamela Dill Kelly, in 1999; a son, Dennis Dill, in 2000; and two brothers, David Geller in 1997 and Robert Geller in 1935.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Todd Kauffman officiating. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery, where the American Legion and VFW posts will conduct military graveside rites. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

### **Melrose 'Rose' Jordan**

Melrose "Rose" JORDAN, 81, of 3663 W. 200 South, Kewanna, died Saturday at home.

Survivors include four daughters, Flo Rane Jordan, at home, Ann Harris, Leiters Ford, Rachael Clark, Kewanna, and Joann Jordan, Grand Junction, Colo.; four sons, Lynn Jordan, Monterey, Glenn Jordan, Plymouth, Terry Jordan, Osceola, and Marvin Jordan, Kewanna; two sisters, Dee Reed, Tunica County, Miss., and Vera Camel, Kansas City, Mo.; and two brothers, Eugene Brown and Richard "Dick" Brown, both of Detroit, Mich.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home with visitation from 10 a.m. until the service.

**Lloyd Louis Murphy**

March 15, 1928-March 3, 2007

Lloyd Louis MURPHY, 78, of 1026 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, passed away at 11 p.m. Saturday at his residence.

He was born on March 15, 1928, in Escanaba, Mich., the son of William and Hanna (Waneberg) Murphy. On July 2, 1957, in South Bend, he married Ida Pearl Butcher. She preceded him in death on Dec. 19, 2003.

Mr. Murphy had worked for Kruger Printing in Milwaukee, Wis., and for Talma Fastener in Talma. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Odd Fellows Lodge and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Escanaba, Mich. Mr. Murphy was a very sociable person who enjoyed visiting with people, traveling, being an avid reader, studying history and wildlife.

Survivors include his daughter, Gretchen E. and husband Kenneth Wagenknecht, Rochester; son, John and wife Sharon James, Spokane, Wash.; grandchildren, Alysha Wagenknecht, Rochester, Hannah Wagenknecht, Rochester, Peter James, Illinois, Paul James, Park Ridge, Illinois, Josh James, Spokane, Wash.; sister, Stella Gotz, Dearborn, Mich. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Paul James; sister, Gladys Bergman; brothers, Wes Hansen and Bud Hansen; and brothers-in-law, Vince Bergman and Hank Gotz.

Memorial services will be conducted at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Dorothy Lorraine Rumble**

Jan. 7, 1922-March 4, 2007

Dorothy Lorraine RUMPLE, 85, of 1139 Rochester Blvd., Rochester, passed away at 12:40 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.



She was born on Jan. 7, 1922, in Doolittle Mills, the daughter of Nicholas and Mamie (Foster) Cassidy. On Feb. 14, 1942, in Marion, she married Haskell Eugene Rumple and he survives. They recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Rumple retired from Martin-Marietta Corp. in Louisville, Ky., as office manager. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester. She enjoyed reading, drawing, writing poetry and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Haskell Eugene Rumple, Rochester; daughter, Patricia Border, Rochester; son, Michael and wife Jeannie Rumple, Elburn, Ill.; grandchildren, Kathleen and husband Antonio Davis, Rochester, Jessica Border, Rochester; great-grandchildren, Trey Davis, Kendal Davis, A.J. Davis, Eian Haywood, all of Rochester; sisters, Nadine and husband Tony Knaus, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Kathleen and husband Bill Loisch, Berwyn, Pa., Anna Lee and husband Bill Ellis, Memphis, Tenn.; sister-in-law, Janie Cassidy, Louisville, Ky. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Nicholas Cassidy.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. The rosary will be recited at the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

### **Esther I. Fites**

Esther I. FITES, 91, Hendricks, formerly of the Deedsville area, died Friday at Hendricks Nursing Home.

Survivors include three sisters, Lillian Peterson, Hendricks, Signe Strong, Shakopee, Minn., and Adeline Koester, Munster, and a brother, Gordon Anderson, Astoria, S.D.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Hammond. Birk Funeral Home, Hendricks, is handling arrangements.

### **Daisy Manns**

Daisy MANNS, 86, of 406 E. Walnut St., Silver Lake, died at 2:20 p.m. Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

### **Charles W. Snyder**

March 16, 1915-March 4, 2007

Charles W. SNYDER, 91, Waynetown, died at 2:05 a.m. Sunday at St. Clare Medical Center, Crawfordsville.

Born in Waynetown, he was the son of Myron B. and Nellie E. (Bounell) Snyder. He graduated from Waynetown High School in 1933. On Aug. 20, 1942, he married Ginevra L. Cooper in Indianapolis.

In 1945, he became the owner of a plumbing, heating and appliance company, which he expanded to include electronics. In 1957, he expanded the business again, under the name of Snyder LP Inc., as a Phillips Distributor, building a bulk L.P. gas plant in Waynetown and serving Montgomery and surrounding counties.

He was a member of Waynetown Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and a Sunday School teacher. A member of the Gideons International, he served in the Crawfordsville and Winona-Warsaw Camps. He ministered in prisons and spoke in churches with the Gideon message.

He enjoyed ham radio, bowling and electronics in his earlier years.

He is survived by two sons, Bob and Loretta Snyder, Lafayette, and Jim and Connie Snyder, Rochester; a daughter, Jeanette Snyder, Waynetown; a sister, Mary Anne and Rex Dazey, Ashland, Va.; four

grandchildren; and two great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by his wife, on March 10, 2002, one young brother and one adult sister, Christine I. Smith.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Shoemaker Funeral Home, 202 Bratton Road, Waynetown, with the Revs. Ron Raffignone, Harold Holt and Bud Stidham officiating. Burial will be at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery, Waynetown. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Waynetown Baptist Church. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.

**Mary A. Tibbets**

Mary A. TIBBETS, 77, of 5841 S. Monroe Street, Warsaw, formerly of Rochester, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Survivors include her daughters, Doris Jones, Warsaw, Rexene Wilson, Hagerstown; sisters, Esther Pratt, North Dakota, Martha Harger, New Mexico, Joyce Harger, North Dakota; brothers, Harvey Harger, Utah, Stephen Harger, Montana, Thomas Harger, Montana.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Converse Cemetery, Converse. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

Thursday, March 8, 2007

**Martha L. Eber**

Martha L. EBER, 89, formerly of Rochester, died at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport. Arrangements are pending at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport.

**Daisy Manns**

Jan. 18, 1921-March 6, 2007

Daisy MANNS, 86, of 406 E. Walnut St., Silver Lake, died at 2:20 p.m. Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Floyd County, Ky., she was the daughter of George Bradford and Mary Slone. On Jan. 18, 1937, she married Ellis Manns in David, Ky. He passed away on March 29, 1981.

A homemaker, she attended the Pentecostal Church in Claypool. She loved her vegetable garden and in later years added a variety of flowers to the mix.

Survivors include six daughters, Dortha Bailey, Akron, Annie Grace and husband Luther Bailey, Claypool, Mary Bell and husband James Overbey, Claypool, Ruby Jean and husband Frank Kietzer, Rochester, Marcella Manns, Wabash, and Jenny Emmons, Silver Lake; six sons, Ballard Manns, Silver Lake, Lawrence and wife Ella Manns, Warsaw, Ed Manns, Silver Lake, George and wife Eula Manns, Claypool, Willard and wife Sue Manns, Akron, Dale and wife Sue Manns, Warsaw; 30 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Nora Owens, Silver Lake; and three brothers, Paul Thurman Bradford, Silver Lake, Meniffee Bradford, Roann, Ellis "Red" Bradford, Kentucky. An abundance of nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by an infant son, William; a son-in-law, Douglas Bailey; a great-grandson, Noah Slone; five brothers, Richmond, Valice, Henry, Taylor and Jay Bradford.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastors Terry Bradford and Ralph Dotson officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

### **Martha J. Rish**

Martha J. RISH, 90, of 425 N. Comstock St., Wabash, died Sunday at home.

Survivors include a son, Neil S. Rish Jr., Virginia Beach, Va.; daughters, Linda McCammack, Wabash, and Carolyn Dimario, LaHabra Heights, Calif.; and two brothers, Bernard Seiler, Muncie, and Toby Seiler, Rochester.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Bernard Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at McDonald Funeral Home, Eddingfield Chapel, Wabash.

Friday, March 9, 2007

**Martha L. Eber**

Sept. 27, 1917-March 7, 2007

Martha L. EBER, 89, formerly of Rochester, died at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Born in North Manchester, she was the daughter of Oscar Crill and Cora Stocker. On May 1, 1938, she married Paul A. Eber in Donaldson. He preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 1998.

A homemaker, she was a member of Fulton Baptist Temple, where she was active in the church choir and various youth fellowship activities.

She was a lady of many talents. She was an avid artist and did oil paintings, china plates, pins, pendants and figurines. She also poured and painted porcelain dolls. Her drawing of the Haimbaugh Round Barn was chosen to be displayed on the first memorabilia plate in 1971 and was also selected for the first custom Rochester Telephone Company directory cover in 1992.

Martha was an excellent cook and was well-known for her delicious cakes, pies, cookies and her homemade bread. She also made and decorated wedding cakes.

Martha and Paul spent most of their life on their farm in Liberty Township, Fulton County, before moving to Rochester in 1991. Martha and her late husband, Paul, were the proud parents of two sons and two daughters often referred to as the four-B's.

Survivors include two daughters, Bev Gundrum and husband Tom, Logansport, and Bonnie Mikesell and husband Larry, Rochester; two sons, Bob Eber and wife Mary Jane and Bill Eber and wife Laura, all of Rochester; a sister, Mable Sullivan, Twelve Mile; 10 grandchildren, Tonya Smith and husband Chris, Logansport, Lucinda Mikesell, Mt. Washington, Ky., Becky Schram and husband

Peter, Atlanta, Corrina Miller and husband Calvin, West Point, Brenda Eber, Brian Eber and wife Hope, all of Rochester, Tabatha Garcia, Abilene, Texas, Ray Eber and wife Kit, Twelve Mile, Rusty Newby and wife Logan, Lucerne, and Kalea Brouyette and husband Kerry, Rochester; great-grandchildren, Kyle and Kevin Smith of Logansport, Zachary and Nicole Spencer, Lauren and Ashlee Schram, all of Atlanta, Nash Miller of West Point, Branson Eber of Brookston, Destinee, Nathaniel and Savanna Garcia of Abilene, Texas, and Kaden Brouyette of Rochester. Four brothers, Lloyd, Paul, Harold and her twin brother Wayne preceded her in death.

Her funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Fulton Baptist Temple. The guest book may be signed and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.gundrumfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundrumfuneralhome.com).

### **John 'Jack' Hogan**

John "Jack" HOGAN, 84, Kewanna, died Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna.

### **Desmond Jackson**

Desmond JACKSON, 78, of 630 E. Main, Atwood, died Thursday at home.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred of Atwood; two sons, Rick Jackson, Atwood, Mike Jackson, Warsaw; a daughter, Tonya Woodling, Atwood; three sisters, Imagene Caudill, Claypool, Lallie Spradlin, Warsaw, and Maxine Conley, Rochester; and two brothers, Harold Jackson, Mentone, and Merl Jackson, Michigan.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with visitation from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Saturday, March 10, 2007

**John 'Jack' E. Hogan**

Nov. 29, 1922-March 8, 2007

John "Jack" E. HOGAN, 84, Kewanna, went to the Great Yard Sale in the sky at 11:50 a.m. Thursday in Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born on Nov. 29, 1922, in Kewanna, he was the son of the late Elra Hogan and the late Ida Dahlke Hogan. John was a 1940 graduate of Kewanna High School. He married Florence Brown on Jan. 18, 1946 in White Horse, N.J.; she survives. Mr. Hogan was a World War II Army veteran and a recipient of the Bronze Star for his service during the Battle of the Bulge.

He was a member of Kewanna United Methodist Church, Fulton County Historical Society, the Rochester American Legion Post No. 36, where he formerly served in the Honor Guard, VFW Post No. 1121 and the Rochester Eagles Lodge No. 852. He worked at Sealed Power Co., Rochester for 20 years until his retirement in 1987.

Jack never knew a stranger. His hobbies included auctions, yard sales, dancing and being around people.

Survivors include his wife, Florence "Flo" Hogan of Kewanna; his son, Michael E. Hogan of Kewanna; daughters, Kathleen Dees (Rudy) of Visalia, Calif., Wendy J. Kelly (Daniel) of West Lafayette, Alice L. White (Darrell) of Winamac, Janice E. Graham of Kewanna; son-in-law, Joseph Federer of Wolcott; sister, Connie Shaw of LaPorte; grandchildren, Johna Bouda, Noah Hogan, John Dees, Katy Nimitz, Jacob Federer, Kristen Federer, Sarah McCleary, David White, Stephanie Malchow, Jamie Smith, Wendy Smith; great-grandchildren, Brooklynn Dees, Hayley Nimitz, Michael Nimitz, Kaitlyn Malchow, Lucas Malchow, Madison Carmen and Haley Shock. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda K. Federer; brother, Roy Hogan; sister, Nelda Reed; granddaughter, Mary Beth White, and son-in-law Ozzie Graham.

His funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, with Pastor David Sommers

officiating. Burial will follow at the Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna, with full military rites. Visitation is from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna. Memorials may be made to the Kewanna Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 95, Kewanna, IN 46939 and/or Fulton County EMS, c/o. Woodlawn Hospital, 1400 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Rochester, IN 46975. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

### **Desmond Jackson**

July 23, 1928-March 8, 2007

Desmond JACKSON, 78, of 630 E. Main, Atwood, passed on to be with his Heavenly Father at 3:35 p.m. Thursday at his home.

He was born on July 23, 1928, in Magoffin County, Ky., to John and Ocie (Stanley) Jackson. On June 29, 1951, he married Mildred Hall in Warsaw. He lived in Kosciusko County most of his life.

The founder of 30 West Auto Sales, he was in the automotive business for 58 years. He was a lifetime member of the Warsaw Moose Lodge for the past 40 years.

He was an avid hunter and spent every fall for the past 50 years in Iron River, Mich., at his cabin, where he taught his grandsons the art of hunting with much love and pride. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

He attended Victory Christian Center for the past six years and reached out to people in need of help, day or night.

He was a wonderful gardener and gardening became his life in the summer, when he supplied vegetables to his neighbors and friends.

Desmond is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mildred of Atwood; two sons, Rich (Jo Ellen) Jackson, Atwood, Mike Jackson, Warsaw; and a daughter, Tonya (Randy) Woodling, Atwood. He also is survived by five granddaughters, Kristi Jackson, Atwood, Holli Jackson, St. Frances University, Britta Jackson, Brooklyn Jackson, and Breck Jackson, Warsaw; three grandsons, Nick Jackson, Atwood, Kegan Woodling, Ball State University, and Dylan Woodling, Atwood; three sisters, Imagene (Chester) Caudill, Claypool, Lallie



Spradlin, Warsaw, and Maxine Conley, Rochester; and two brothers, Harold Jackson, Mentone, and Merl Jackson, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with Pastor Ron Patrick officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Kosciusko Home HealthCare & Hospice, 920 Provident Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580. To sign the guest book or send condolences electronically, go to [mchattonsadlerfunderachapels.com](http://mchattonsadlerfunderachapels.com).

**Faithe D. Crull**

Faithe D. CRULL, 72, of 4175 N. 750 West, Leiters Ford, past away at 3:05 p.m. Friday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester.

Monday, March 12, 2007

**Clyde L. Alderfer**

Clyde L. ALDERFER, 71, of 7907 N. Indiana 25, Tippecanoe, died at 4 p.m. Saturday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

**Kenneth K. Cornell**

Kenneth K. CORNELL, 62, Camden, Ohio, born in Fulton, died Sunday at home.

Survivors include a daughter, Lisa Spitler, New Lebanon, Ohio, and a son, Robert Cornell, Camden, Ohio.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nein-Barnes Funeral Home, Camden, Ohio, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

**Faithe D. Crull**

Oct. 6, 1934—March 9, 2007

Faithe D. CRULL, 72, of 4157 N. 750 West, Leiters Ford, died at 3:05 p.m. Friday at her residence. Her health was failing the past year and three months.

Born in Royal Center, she was the daughter of John M. and Jeanne Fall Bird. She was a 1952 Royal Center graduate. She lived most of her life in Fulton County area with the exception of 19 years in California. On July 1, 1955, she married Clinton “Bud” Crull in Royal Center.

A homemaker, she worked in management at K-Mart in Antioch, Calif., and was the jewelry coordinator for Wal-Mart of Rochester for 10 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Clinton “Bud” Crull, at home; a daughter, Angel Crull, Leiters Ford; two sons, Nathan Crull and wife Joy, Phoenix Ariz., and John “Chewy” Crull and wife Debbie, Leiters Ford; seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a great-grandson in infancy.

Private family services will be held. Memorials may be made to Fulton County Relay for Life in her name. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, is handling arrangements. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Richard Lee 'Dick' Kinzie**

July 3, 1947-March 10, 2007

Richard Lee "Dick" KINZIE, 59, Denver, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family at 5:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, after an extended illness with leukemia.

He was born on July 3, 1947, in Peru to Wayne and Gwenneth (Long) Kinzie. He married Cindy (Ashbrook) Kinzie on July 1, 1972. He lived on the family farm all of his life.

Dick graduated from North Miami High School in 1965. He was a member of Denver Methodist Church and Pioneer Power

Tractor Club of North Central Indiana. Dick milked cows for most of his life and was still raising cattle and farming.

Dick was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He was one person, if you ever met him, you would never forget with his great personality and sense of humor. Dick loved spending time with his family especially his wonderful grandchildren, farming, Minneapolis-Moline tractors, toy tractors and his ducks.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy, Denver; two daughters, Cori Knight and husband Michael, Denver, and Jaci France and husband Lee, Denver; four grandchildren, Owen Knight, Makinzie France, Calie France and Madison France; his mother, Gwenneth Kinzie, Denver; a sister, Joyce Gingrich and husband Max, Chili; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Hardy and Mary Jane Ashbrook, Peru. Dick was preceded in death by his father, Wayne Kinzie.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jack Hess officiating. Burial will be at Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to North Miami FFA and St. Vincent Children's Hospital of Indianapolis.

### **Fern Taylor Lewis**

Sept. 9, 1933-March 9, 2007

Fern Taylor LEWIS, age 73, of Rochester, and formerly of Rensselaer, passed away Friday at his residence. He was born on Sept. 9, 1933, in Medford, Wis., to Emmett Lewis and Edith (Sharp).

On Jan. 17, 1958, in Monon, he married Bonnie Jean (Brohard), who passed away Sept. 1, 1999. For 27 years, Fern worked as a molder for the Rochester Metal Corporation and also worked for Stalbaum Sawmill in Teft. He was affiliated with the Hillcrest Baptist Church of Rochester.

Fern Taylor Lewis is survived by: sons Raymond Lewis and Ronnie Lewis, daughter Dixie Lewis, all of Rochester, sons Rob (Stacey) Lewis, Disco, Randy Lewis, Rodney (Shannon) Lewis, all of Rochester; sister, Jean Gertrude, Boise, Idaho; daughter-in-law, Betty Lewis, Rochester; five grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; several

stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Jean (Brohard); his parents, Emmett Lewis and Edith (Sharp); his son Richard Lewis; and three brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. Central time Tuesday until the time of the funeral service at 1 p.m. Central time Tuesday at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. The Rev. Jerry Pitman will officiate and burial will follow at the Fair Oaks Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### **Betty Maxwell**

Betty MAXWELL, 54, Rochester, died at 10:40 p.m. Sunday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Margaret Cora Nellans**

Margaret Cora NELLANS, 86, Rochester, died today at St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Lester W. Zeller**

Lester W. ZELLER, 85, of 1304 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died at 8:25 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

### **Clyde L. Alderfer**

Aug. 19, 1935-March 10, 2007

Clyde L. ALDERFER, 71, of 7987 N. Indiana 25, Tippecanoe, died at 4 p.m. Saturday at his residence. He was in failing health for two years.

Born in Fulton County to Carl Alderfer and Ruth Ault, he lived in the area all his life, except a few years in Peru. On Nov. 17, 1956, in Wabash, he married Patricia Ann Mellinger. She died May 7, 1979.

He was a farmer and loved his green and yellow. He was also a maintenance man for the former Dytronic Company in Leesburg, from which he retired. A disabled veteran of the Army National Guard, he was a life member of the American Legion of Plymouth and a past commander of the Marshall County Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 42.

Survivors include three daughters, Beverly and husband Calvin Davis, Pierceton, Carol Walton, Indianapolis, and Lisa Alderfer, Palestine; two sons, David Alderfer and wife Brenda and Dennis Alderfer, all of Mentone; 18 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Connie Alderfer, Warsaw; three sisters, Ruby and husband Earl Thompson, Mary Bruce, all of Mentone, and Phyllis and husband Don Schuster, LaPorte; and four brothers, Merl and wife Julie Alderfer, Laketon, Myron Alderfer, Rochester, Howard and wife Alberta Alderfer, Warsaw, and Wayne and wife Labina Alderfer, Cromwell. He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Alderfer on Sept. 8, 2004; three brothers, Fred, Earl and Lloyd Alderfer; and a sister, Jessie Armstrong.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Thomas Harman officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, where graveside military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post No. 49 and the VFW, both of Warsaw. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Kosciusko County Home Health Care & Hospice, 902 Provident Drive, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581.

### **Eva R. Buzzard**

Aug. 23, 1917-March 11, 2007

Eva Rae Arthur Mohler BUZZARD, 89, of Kokomo, continued her quest for life on Sunday from her Kokomo, Friendship Haven apartment. She joined Jesus quietly and peacefully with loving family members at her bedside.

The daughter of John and Lulu Arthur of Ervin Township, near Kokomo, she was born on Aug. 23, 1917, and was a graduate of Ervin Township High School.

Eva was a member of The Eastern Star, and received her Fifty Year Pin in recognition of her loyalty. She held several residential council positions at Friendship Haven, one of which was to be responsible for Sunday afternoon chapel. She loved music and played the piano and her singing was often heard at church and community events. She even wrote a song when she was quite young, for her "Daddy" after he died.

She also enjoyed gardening and was an avid reader until she lost her sight and then continued "reading" through library-provided cassette tapes. She was a seamstress and especially liked making soft-sculpture, like the Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls that she gave to each of her grandchildren and other children as well. Crocheting was one of her favorite hobbies. She crocheted anything you could think of and gave most of it away.

Her religious training began and ended at Judson Baptist Church in Ervin Township. She is listed on the Cradle Roll there in 1917. Her spiritual education continued at the Baptist Church of Fulton, The United Methodist Church of North Manchester, Mt. Etna Methodist Church, Kewanna Church of Christ and she has been a member of The Judson Baptist Church for the past several years.

Eva was married to Charles Mohler on Dec. 15, 1936. They were divorced and Charles preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters, Rita and Dave Foust of Lake Bruce and Joyce and Roy Brooks of Kokomo. One daughter, Elaine Enoch and husband Bill, preceded her in death. Grandchildren are Kathy Sebby and John of Portland, Ore., Randy Foust and Lynda of Mountain, Wis., Jenny Wilk and Kevin of Roselle, Ill., Natasha Jones and Pauleeta Evans of Indianapolis, Andrew Brooks and Andrea of Hemlock, Michael Brooks and Abbey of Cicero and Cathy Johnson and Geoff of Lafayette. There are 30 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. Eva had three brothers and three sisters who have all preceded her in death. The brothers were Rev. J. Franklin, C. Ted and

Russell Arthur. The sisters were Anna Courts, Mary Cook and Ethel Bouse. Five nieces surviving her are Bette Coleman and Paul of Baxter, Tenn., Norma Jean Lint of Barstow, Calif., Virginia Queen of Salem, Ore., Mary Lovelace and Joe of Russiaville, Peggy Burge and Sharon Shields, both of Kokomo. One nephew, John Courts and Nancy of Kokomo also survive.

Eva was married to Glenn Buzzard of La Fountain in 1969, and he precedes her in death. She is survived by stepchildren Bob Buzzard and Delores of Kalispell, Mont., Sarah Love of Greencastle, Edna Harris of Avon and Sandra Blanton of Paintsville, Ky. There are numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Eva was a people-person and never missed an opportunity for a new friend, and easily extended her family. Two of those people are stepgrandchildren, Tracy Ness and Michael Hess, both of Huntington.

Plans for celebrating Eva's life on this earth will begin at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Her funeral will be at The Judson Baptist Church, 1995 S. 750 West, Kokomo, at 11 a.m. on Thursday. Burial will be at Barnett Cemetery in western Howard County following the church service. Eva has requested that any donations go to the Judson Baptist Church building fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and the church.

Eva and her family have great admiration and gratitude for the wonderful caregivers from Area Five, Family Services, At Your Service Home Care, VNS Howard Regional Hospice and Georgia Ligon. You are all angels on earth. God bless you all.

### **Betty Maxwell**

Feb. 17, 1952-March 11, 2007

Betty MAXWELL, 55, formerly of the Pleasant Hill County Home, Logansport, died at 10:40 p.m. Sunday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born in Argos, to L. Maxine Metheny, she was adopted in 1957 by Homer and Lois Dunlap of Argos. She graduated from Argos High

School. In June 1976, she married Ferrell Maxwell, who preceded her in death. She was a homemaker. She moved to Rochester in 2005 from Logansport.

Survivors include a son, Stephen Maxwell and wife Kristi, Savannah, Tenn.; her stepfather, Don Metheny, Rochester; four sisters, Mary Sanford and husband Chuck, Perris, Calif., Dorothy Kiggins, Argos, Robin Woodruff and husband Bill, St. Charles, Ky., and Debbie Powell and husband Roland, Akron; a brother, Terry Metheny and wife Heather, Plymouth; a sister-in-law, C. Dena Andrews, Michigan; two grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, mother, adoptive parents, sister Lyn Holloway and two brothers Boyd and Bob Dunlap.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made in her memory to the Fulton County Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Margaret C. Nellans**

Margaret Cora NELLANS, 86, Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, formerly of Richland Center, died Monday at Our Lady of Peace Hospital, South Bend.

Survivors include a son, Robert J. Nellans, Argos; two daughters, Betty Click, Fort Wayne, and Linda Sue "Susie" Nellans, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; and a half sister, Mary Jane Bell, Arizona.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home with visitation from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday.



**Lester W. Zeller**

May 2, 1921-March 11, 2007

Lester W. ZELLER, 85, of 1304 Wabash Avenue, Rochester, died at 8:25 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, where he was a patient for one day. He was in failing health for two years.

Born in Rochester to Robert and Audrey Wood Zeller, he was a lifetime Fulton County resident. He married Freida L. Bryant on Oct. 26, 1941, in Rochester. She preceded him in death on May 14, 1982. He married Marjorie Garner Crabill on Aug. 29, 1983, in the Upper Room in Nashville, Tenn.

He was a farmer most of his life and had worked at Beall's Tire Shop, formerly of Rochester. A U.S. Army veteran, he served during World War II in the European Theater.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoyed model railroads, computers and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie R. Zeller, at home; five daughters, Nancy Bowman and husband Ed, Fort Wayne, Joyce Skinner and husband Chuck, Lynn Haven, Fla., Carol Huph and husband Ray, Henderson, Nev., Sharon Harried and husband Doug, Trenton, Ill., and Judy Lewis and husband Jerry, Rochester; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Esther Crabill, Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert Zeller; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; a son, Donald Crabill, in 1999; and a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Sally "Liz" Zeller.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Revs. Will Lawson and Buck Padilla officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday. LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church; envelopes will be available at the funeral

home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

**Margaret C. Nellans**

Feb. 21, 1921-March 12, 2007

Margaret Cora (Sutton) (Nellans) NELLANS, 86, was born to Herbert Marion and Letta Turnbull Sutton on Feb. 21, 1921, in the Hastings-Battle Creek area of Michigan. Margaret died Monday of natural causes at Our Lady of Peace Hospital, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Years later, after her birth family broke up, when she was 6 years old, Margaret and each of her full siblings lived with family members and friends. Eventually, her younger brother Paul was adopted by Otis Milton and Ethel Rogers Nellans, and they later adopted her at age 15. While Margaret never felt totally at ease with her new adoptive family, she applied all of her best efforts to her school work, and she ultimately graduated as the valedictorian of the Argos High School class of 1939.

Margaret married her first cousin by adoption - but NO blood relation, Robert Keith Nellans, in the parlor of her adoptive parents' home on June 1, 1941. Once they were married, Robert and Margaret moved to the farmstead of an adjacent farm. Robert was an accomplished blacksmith and welder in Rochester, but decided to move his family to Argos in 1943. He set up a blacksmith, welding and repair business in a single-car garage.

In 1947, he and Margaret purchased a 97-acre farm, north of Richland Center, for \$100 per acre. Robert converted the chicken house into his blacksmith and repair shop.

When later approached about the possibility of trading the general store, locker plant and a house on a single acre of property in Richland Center for the farm, Robert saw the deal as an opportunity to build a new shop building in which he could do the welding.

Since up until then Margaret had never worked outside the home, she was ill prepared to run the store and the locker plant while Robert ran his shop during the day and evening. The entire family would share in the tasks of cutting, wrapping and freezing the meat that was brought in to be processed, typically starting at 3 a.m.

Robert and Margaret realized the store and locker plant were no longer viable businesses and closed them in the late 1950s.

To augment Robert's income from his shop and numerous other places he worked, Margaret, a homemaker, later worked at the Presbyterian Geneva Center as a housekeeper, where she continued to work until her retirement. An avid reader, she enjoyed working puzzles and was also a seamstress.

Robert was killed in an industrial accident in 1973. Margaret kept repeating that she would surely die soon as well, but her prediction of her own demise was quite premature.

In the face of the hugest challenges of her life, Margaret survived not one but two bouts of cancer over the past 16-year period. Her ability to enjoy life at home was attributed to her son, Robert "Bob" J. Nellans, and daughter-in-law, Dorthy I. (Kleier) Nellans. She remained housebound and able to live by herself until the fall of 2006, when she decided herself to become a member of the Miller's Senior Living facility in Plymouth. Margaret was the happiest she'd ever been in her life at Miller's!

Unfortunately, her stay in the facility was cut short by a stroke nearly six weeks later. Surviving the stroke and the hospital stay, she was subsequently taken to the adjacent Miller's Merry Manor nursing home. Margaret initially seemed to thrive after the stroke in spite of the fact that she would no longer be able to use either of her left limbs. Her health then seemed to rapidly decline.

Margaret was preceded in death by both her birth parents and adoptive parents; her husband in 1973; her son-in-law Ray Click; each of her brothers, Carl and Paul; and a stepgrandson, Rod Click.

Margaret is survived by her half sister, Mary Jane (Donely) Bell in Arizona. Margaret is also survived by her children, Robert (Dorthy) J. Nellans near Argos, Betty Click near Fort Wayne and Linda Sue

"Susie" Nellans, Thousand Oaks, Calif. Margaret is likewise survived by grandsons, Wesley Scot Nellans and wife Jennie and their children, Josiah and Laci Nellans, near Argos, and Kirk Patric Nellans and wife Kathryn and their children Emma Sue, Isaac Patrick and Grace Ann Nellans in Argos.

A celebration of Margaret Nellans' life will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Dr. David Hogsett will officiate the service. Margaret will be laid to rest in the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Richland Center United Methodist Church, where she was a member. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Thursday, March 15, 2007

**Nondas A. Beeney**

Dec. 2, 1910-March 14, 2007

Nondas A. BEENEY, 96, Peabody Retirement Community, formerly of Laketon, died at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash.

Born in Andrews, she was the daughter of Alvah and Hazel (Druley) Strevy. On April 25, 1928, she married Alfred Leroy Beeney. He died on Dec. 19, 2000. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, William Beeney, North Manchester; two brothers, Paul Strevy and Richard Strevy, both of North Manchester; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, with Pastor J. P. Freeman officiating. Calling hours are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Andrews. Memorials may be made to Congregational Christian Church, 310 N.

Walnut St., North Manchester, IN 46962. Condolences may be e-mailed to the Beeney family at [delaugtermckee.com](mailto:delaugtermckee.com).

### **Kenny Gene Kellems**

Kenny Gene KELLEMS, 47, a member of the Caston High School class of 1978, died Monday at his Texas residence

He is survived by two brothers, David Kellems, River Oaks, Texas, and Dennis Kellems, Arlington, Texas, and a sister, Debra Sink, Saginaw, Texas.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at River Oaks Church of Nazarene, River Oaks, Texas.

Friday, March 16, 2007

### **Eleanor D. Ketchum**

May 8, 1919-March 15, 2007

Eleanor D. KETCHUM, 87, Kewanna, formerly of Margaretville, N.Y., passed away at 6:15 a.m. Thursday at her daughter's residence in Kewanna. Born May 8, 1919, at West Groton, Mass., she was the daughter of the late George Lane Dodge and Grace Darling Beverly.

She married William E. Ketchum on May 3, 1957, at Orangeburg, N.Y. He preceded her in death on April 1, 2005.

Mrs. Ketchum was a homemaker and enjoyed collecting things and going to yard sales. She was also a great cook. She was the youngest of 11 children and was the last living child in her family.

Surviving are two daughters, Sally Lewis, Kewanna, and Penelope Bosco, Blauvelt, N.Y.; a son, Roger (Darlene) Smith, Raymond, Wash.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her memorial service will be at 11 a.m. March 24 at her residence. Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Saturday, March 17, 2007

**Betty Hammond**

Betty HAMMOND, 63, of 11442 E. 225 South, Akron, died at 6:18 a.m. Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Monday, March 19, 2007

**Phyllis Marie Farrer**

Jan. 15, 1926-March 16, 2007

Phyllis Marie FARRER, 81, Rochester, died at 2:22 p.m. Friday at her home.

Born in Royal Center, she was the daughter of Harry Day and Ella Burton. She married James Edward Farrer on Oct. 14, 1942, in Logansport. He preceded her in death on April 5, 1997.

A homemaker, she was a member of VFW Post No. 3790 Ladies Auxiliary and attended Faith Outreach Center church in Rochester.

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Hollering and husband Budd, Kewanna, and Patty Rhoades and husband Larry, Kokomo; a son, Dr. James Farrer and wife Sherry, Lafayette; a sister, Donna Pasquale, Kokomo; nine grandchildren, Master Sgt. Jack Barnett and companion Misty, Peru, Kris Barnett and wife Tina, Rochester, Jason Farrer, Brooklyn, N.Y., Jacob Rhoades and wife Carrie, Kokomo, Mike Barnett and wife Lori, Rochester, Jason Rhoades and wife Amy, Peoria, Ill., Jessica Taufatofua and husband David, Kokomo, Amanda Coull and husband Clayton, Rapid City, S.D., Emily Tiedeman and husband Chris, Pennville; 17 great-grandchildren, Kara and Kory Barnett of Rochester, J.D. and Brantlyn Showley of Rochester, Steven and Nicole Barnett of Peru, Kina, Fine, Saia and Elenoa Taufatofua of Kokomo, Liam, Aiden and Kiera Coull of Rapid City, S.D., Tyler Jay and Brady Rhoades of Peoria, Ill., Carter Tiedeman of Pennville and Hank Rhoades of Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. She was

preceded in death by five brothers, a sister and a great-grandson, Tanner Rhoades.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Dr. James Farrer officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Highland 4th Lot 92, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Tuesday. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Cause for Paws.

### **Betty Sue Hammond**

Jan. 19, 1944-March 16, 2007

Betty Sue HAMMOND, 63, of 11442 E. 225 South, Akron, died at 6:18 a.m. Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Paint Lick, Ky., she was the daughter of James Jay Rogers and Effie Lee Keene. On Dec. 23, 1976, in Akron, she married Steven R. Hammond, who survives at home.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed spending time at the Akron Flea Market.

She is also survived by a daughter, Tiena and husband Ron Carnes, Argos; four sons, William "Bill" and wife Ayce Fields, Akron, Chris Fields, Rochester, Randell and wife Angela Fields, Rochester, Sean and wife Stacy Hammond, Argos; seven grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; eight sisters, Mildred Bowles, Plainfield, Barbara Cooper, Everton, Mary Guache, Cincinnati, Ohio, Annie McWhorter, Cincinnati, Ohio, Joyce Kirk, Plainfield, Janie Day, Cambridge City, Wanda Spurgin, Cambridge City, and Pam Wright, Rushville; a brother, James Rogers, Connersville; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Roxanne Rogers and Johnetta Craycraft; and a niece, Debbie Craycraft.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery, Athens. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the family.

**Teresa L. Martin**

Teresa L. MARTIN, 502 22nd Avenue West, Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Indiana, died Wednesday in Bradenton.

Survivors include her husband Donald, sons Scott and Charles, all of Bradenton, sisters Mary Ann Ranson, Beverly Zagaros and Barbara Rusk, and a brother, Lanny Stevens.

Her memorial service is at 7 p.m. today at Harvest Chapel Christian Church in Bradenton.

**Alfred F. Mathiesen**

Aug. 13, 1911-March 18, 2007

Alfred F. MATHIESEN, 95, Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, formerly of Akron, died at 7:25 a.m. Sunday at Peabody Retirement Community.

Born in Edgar, Wis., he was the son of Charles Mathiesen and Minnie Schroeder. He married Eva Louise Rowe on June 6, 1942, in Athens. She passed away on Nov. 15, 2005.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served in World War II and taught riveting class on Navy Pier.

He was a school teacher for 38 years. He taught industrial arts and agriculture at Akron High School for many years and he taught fifth grade at W.C. Mills Elementary in Wabash. He earned his bachelor's of science degree in River Falls, Wis., and his master's degree from Purdue University.

He was a member of Akron United Methodist Church, Rochester Masonic Lodge and the Retired Teachers Association. He loved gardening, woodworking and was very proud of his former students.

Survivors include a sister, Irene Habeck, Manitowac, Wis., and three nieces and three nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ella Singelman and Alma Marquardt, and two brothers, Raymond and Leonard Mathiesen.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Don



Dexheimer officiating. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery, Athens. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Akron United Methodist Church, 121 N. Mishawaka St., Akron, IN 46910.

**Rev. Bryan L. Ton**

Jan. 19, 1948-March 17, 2007

Rev. Bryan L. TON 59, Forest, formerly of Kewanna, passed away at 9:15 a.m. Saturday at Howard Regional Healthcare System, Kokomo, after a 2 1/2-year battle with colon cancer.

Born on Jan. 19, 1948, in Hartford, Mich., he was the son of the late Lewis and Gertrude (Dabbert) Ton. On Oct. 13, 1973, he married Beverly A. Vannatta and she survives.

He was a 1966 graduate of Elston High School, Michigan City. He attended Indiana University and graduated from Purdue University. He received his master's of divinity from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart.

He was an Army National Guard and Air Force veteran. He had previously taught English and German at Elston Jr. and Sr. High School, Michigan City. A gentle man of God with a wonderful sense of humor, he enjoyed music, children, good conversation and the occasional bad pun.

Rev. Ton was an elder in the North Indiana Conference of United Methodist Churches, where he served churches in St. Joseph County, Angola, Dyer, Kewanna/Pleasant Hill, Athens, Bippus, Alexandria, Reynolds/ Yeoman and Forest.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly A. Ton of Forest; daughter, Regen Ton of Bloomington; sons, Ian Ton (Liz) of Washington D.C., Joshua D. Ton of Bloomington and Dirk W. Ton of Lafayette; brothers, Ronald Lewis Ton of Michigan City, Richard Lewis Ton of Michigan City, and Kevin Lewis Ton of Chesterton. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Shirley Rochelle Ton and infant Kimberly Rochelle.

His memorial service will be at noon Wednesday at Forest United Methodist Church, 9383 E. 600 North, Forest, with calling

hours from 10:30 a.m. until the service. A graveside service and burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna, with visitation immediately following at the Kewanna United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army. Floral arrangements may be sent to either Forest United Methodist Church or Kewanna United Methodist Church. Arrangements are being handled by Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

**George E. Halpeny**

George E. HALPENY, 51, 10 White's Dr., Somerset, formerly of Macy, died Saturday at his residence.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

**Steven A. Leedy**

Steven A. LEEDY, 60, Macy, died Sunday at 10648 N. Miami County Road 100 East.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Skinner Worship Chapel in Cass County. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

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Wednesday, March 21, 2007

[None]

Thursday, March 22, 2007

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Friday, March 23, 2007

[None]

Saturday, March 24, 2007

**Frances V. Smith**

Nov. 5, 1928-March 23, 2007

Frances V. SMITH, 78, of 3131 George St. Apr. 102, Logansport, died at 3:35 a.m. Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

Born in Noble County to George Bearss and Merceda Boyd, she graduated from Rochester High School in 1946. She also graduated from Elkhart Business College. On March 26, 1950, she married Donald L. Smith, who preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 1996. She retired after more than 30 years working as a nurse for the late Dr. Jay M. King.

Survivors include a daughter, Denise A. Smith, Logansport, two sons, Ronald A. Smith and wife Patti, Logansport, and Randall B. Smith and wife Donna, Frankfort; two brothers, Wendell Bearss and wife Maxine, Rochester, and Bud Bearss and wife Ruby, Berne; a sister, Janis Garcia and husband Juan, Puebla, Mexico; three grandchildren, Michelle Hewitt and husband Jason, Peru, Andrew Hunt and wife Stephanie, Logansport, and Jamie Smith Frankfort; an three great-grandchildren, Jakob Hewitt, Kathleen Hunt and Ethan Hunt. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen Rearick.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Gundrum Funeral Home 1603 E. Broadway, Logansport. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

**Eric Michael (Lutz) Miller**

Sept. 5, 1975-March 22, 2007

Eric Michael (Lutz) MILLER, 31, Kewanna, passed away at 5:16 p.m., Thursday, March 22, in St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born on September 5, 1975, he was the son of William "Bill" R. and Nancy C (Peters) Lutz.

Eric was a 1993 graduate of Caston High School, where he was pitcher of his high school baseball team. He attended Vincennes University and Central Arkansas University, where he was, also, pitcher on the baseball teams.

Eric was employed by Stanley Steamer Carpet Cleaners in both Logansport, and Alabama for 10 years. His hobbies were fishing, camping and golfing. Eric was the proud father of 4 daughters.

Survivors include his daughters, Brett Michelle Miller, Brook Madison Miller, Brynn Michael Miller & Brandee Mae Miller, all of Lewisburg; his parents, William R. "Bill" & Nancy C. (Peters) Lutz, Kewanna; maternal grandmother, Lois Large and paternal grandparents, William & Joy Lutz, all of Portsmouth, Ohio; brothers, Shawn "Ern" Miller (Courtney) of Florence, Alabama, Shawn Lutz (Raymi), Rochester, and Chris Lutz, Columbus, Ohio; sister, Andrea Wallace (Jon), Kewanna; six nieces & Nephews.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Brady Peters.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Harrison Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, with Curt White officiating.

Burial will follow at Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, March 26 at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Monday, March 26, 2007

**Richard L. Darling**

March 13, 1935-March 25, 2007

Richard L. DARLING, 72, 2219 Westside Drive, Rochester, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2007, at 2:30 a.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born March 13, 1935, in Hancock County, Ind., the son of Floyd and Helen Oakes Darling. Dick married Patricia Rafferty in the Bradley United Methodist Church, Greenfield, on June 2, 1957. She survives. On June 2, 2007, Dick and Pat would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dick graduated from Greenfield Central High School, attended Franklin College, received his bachelor's degree in education from Ball State University and his master's degree from Indiana University.

He served in the Indiana National Guard and taught history and coached at Knightstown High School, Whiteland High School and Thorntown High School.

In 1966, he joined the administrative staff of the Maconaquah School Corporation and retired as assistant principal of Maconaquah Middle School in 1998.

He and his wife, Pat, resided in Peru from 1966 until moving to Lake Manitou in 2004. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Peru Moose Lodge, Peru Elks Lodge and the Peru Maennerchor. While residing in Peru, he was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church and upon moving to the lake he became a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester.

Dick was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Family and friends were a priority to him. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. He thoroughly enjoyed his role as "Driver of the Boat" for his grandchildren as they rode around the lake. Dick had a twinkle in his eye, a smile that would warm your heart and a very dry sense of humor.

He was an avid I.U. basketball fan and had been a season ticket holder for many years. He attended Notre Dame girls' basketball

games and was an usher and ticket taker for the Notre Dame football team for the past three years.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Pat, are sons Bryan Darling and wife Susan, of Noblesville; Michael Darling and wife Michelle of Newark, Ill.; and Douglas Darling and wife Ann of Zionsville; grandchildren Nathan Darling, Kimberlee Darling, Emilee Darling, Megan Darling, Lindsey Darling, Morgan Darling and Connor Darling; great-grandsons Deylen and Evan. Also surviving are brothers Norman Darling and his wife, Nancy, of Bend, Ore.; and Thomas Darling and his wife, Beverley, of Carmel.

A service celebrating the life of Richard L. Darling will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 29, 2007, at the Main Street United Methodist Church, 81 W. Main St., Peru. Pastor Steven Ailes and Pastor Rick Taylor will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society.

### **Grace (Brown) Stojanovic**

A memorial service for former Rochester resident Grace (Brown) STOJANOVIC, who died Nov. 5 in Gilroy, Calif., will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Wynnfield Crossing reception room.

She was 82 years old. Survivors include her sister, Ellamae Holloway, Rochester; her brother, Walter Brown, Georgetown, S.C.; a son, Tom Shelton, Bakersfield, Calif.; a daughter, Sue Bias, Honolulu, Hawaii; and a son, Tim Shelton, Morgan Hill, Calif.

### **Daniel 'Danny' Wonders**

Daniel "Danny" WONDERS, 75, of 1711 Mitchell Drive Rochester, died Sunday at his house. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

**Beverly Kay (Hiers) Reames Kimble**

June 23, 1944-March 25, 2007

Beverly K. KIMBLE, 62, Kewanna, passed away Sunday morning, March 25, at 9:32 a.m., at her home after a four-year battle with cancer.

Born June 23, 1944, in Logansport, she was the daughter of the late Roy Allen Hiers and Gertrude Stangle. She was then adopted by the late Charles Edgar and Mary Elizabeth Reames in 1947, and raised in the Fulton area.

She was a 1963 graduate of North Caston High School. On Nov. 10, 1963, she married Larry R. Kimble at the Fulton United Methodist Church. He survives.

Over the years, she worked at Paradise Truck Stop; the Elks Lodge 2120; Hart, Schaffner & Marx, all of Rochester; and at Lynn's Coffee Shop, Kewanna. She enjoyed spending time with her family, going to garage sales and flea markets, gardening and playing with her dogs, Samantha and Annie. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, Lodge 1107, Rochester; Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, Lodge 1900, Plymouth; and the Kewanna Fire Belles.

Surviving along with her husband, Larry, are one daughter, RaeAnn Snider, Kewanna; three sons, David Kimble and wife Tiffany, Leiters Ford; Terry Kimble and wife Sarah, Rochester; Michael Kimble and wife Jennifer, Talma; 13 grandchildren: Chad Heinold, Victoria and Bethany Snider, Dustan and Shawna Kimble, Adam, Austin, Aaron and Aiden Kimble, all of Kewanna; Latasha Reames and husband Dustin, Winamac; Patrisha and Corrine Kimble, Talma; and Kendrick Kesler, Leiters Ford; one great-granddaughter, Haley Reames, Winamac; one brother, Charles Dewey Reames and wife Jane, Burlington; one half-sister, Teresa Newman, Colorado; and one half-brother, Ralph Marter, Illinois; several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by four sisters, Carol Hart, Margie McGill, Georgie Brown and Ethel Bliss; and one brother, Jerry Reames.



Funeral services will be Thursday, March 29, at 10:30 a.m., at Kewanna United Methodist Church, Kewanna. Pastor Mike Tatman will officiate. Burial will follow at Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 28, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, and one hour before the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Cancer Institute, 1915 Lake Ave., Plymouth, IN 46563

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com)

### **Daniel 'Danny' Wonders**

Oct. 22, 1931-March 25, 2007

Daniel "Danny" WONDERS, 75, 1711 Mitchell Drive, Rochester, died at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Wonders; two daughters, Lori Roberts, Rochester; Nancy Ramsey, Akron; a son, Steven R. Wonders, Canaan, N.Y.; three sisters, Charlotte Miles, Coatsville; Mary Johnson, Omar, W.Va.; and Nancy Ullery, Monrovia. Visitation is 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service. Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 29, at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

### **Daniel 'Danny' Wonders**

Oct. 22, 1931-March 25, 2007

Daniel "Danny" WONDERS, 75, of 1711 Mitchell Drive, Rochester, died at 8:15 a.m. Sunday at his residence.

Born in Indianapolis, he was the son of Alvin Charles and Mary L. Campbell Wonders. He graduated from Indiana-polis Tech High School. On Feb. 1, 1952, in Indianapolis, he married Lois Smith, who survives.

He moved to Rochester from Indianapolis 37 years ago. Prior to the move, he was employed by Lake Central Airlines, Indiana-polis. He retired from Fulton County Aviation of Rochester.

He was a charter member of the Lake Manitou Tiger Club and was also a member of Moose Lodge No. 1107, Elks No. 2120 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 852, all in Rochester.

Danny embraced life on Lake Manitou. He made many memories with his wife, children and grandchildren, cruising the sparkling waters on their houseboat. With his gift for mechanics, he fashioned the motor from parts from at least three other engines. He enjoyed all aspects of fishing and pontooning, too.

Danny took great pride in his aviation abilities and enjoyed the freedom of flight. He was esteemed by local aviators for his forte with conquering the most intricate engine problems.

Music was a passion and he enjoyed providing accompaniment with his ukulele. Danny will be best remembered for cherishing the moments he spent with his grandchildren and as a devoted father to his children and a dedicated husband to Lois.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Wonders, at home; two daughters, Lori Roberts and husband Peter, Rochester, and Nancy Ramsey and husband Mark, Akron; a son, Steven R. Wonders, Canaan, N.Y.; grandchildren, Kiel and Nic Williams, Daniel and Adam Ramsey and Noah Roberts; three sisters, Charlotte "Butch" Miles, Coatsville, Mary "Maggie" Johnson and husband Rob, Omar, W.Va., and Nancy Ullery, Monrovia; and a son-in-law, Joe Williams and wife Lynn, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Susan Williams, on June 12, 2003; and a brother, Robert Wonders, in October 2006.

His funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Thursday. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation and to United Ministries. Envelopes are available at the

funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol).

Thursday, March 29, 2007

**Gloria J. Bowen**

Gloria J. BOWEN, 82, of 1285 N. Indiana 19, Akron, died at 7:30 a.m. today at home. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Friday, March 30, 2007

**Gloria J. Bowen**

Sept. 12, 1924-March 29, 2007

Gloria Jean (Pratt) BOWEN, 1285 N. Indiana 19, Akron, left her earthly home to be welcomed into her new heavenly home on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 7:30 a.m. She was 82 years old and had been in failing health for many years.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1924, in Fulton County to Ralph and Beulah (Churchill) Pratt. On July 10, 1948, she married Paul Nelson Bowen at Omega Church, near Akron. They were married for 49 years. He passed away on Oct. 31, 1997.

She is survived by her three children, David Bowen and his wife Jane, Lawrenceville, Ga., Carol Graham and husband George, Akron, and Janet Hawley and husband Mark, Akron, and her brother, Ralph R. Pratt and his wife Phyllis, Mishawaka. She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Robin Heckman and husband Ed, Akron, Uriah Graham, Bourbon, Charity Trent and husband Mark, Goshen, Matthew, Rachel and Michaela Hawley, Akron, Michael Fulford and wife Jennifer, Lawrenceville, Ga., and Richard Fulford, Myrtle Beach, S.C. She also has seven great-grandchildren: Gavin, Katie and Nathaniel Heckman, Akron, Trey Trent, Nappanee, Mackenzie and Emerson Fulford, Lawrenceville, Ga., and many wonderful nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, both parents, and a grandson, Caleb Hucks.

She was a 1942 graduate of Akron High School and was active with the local church and YTC in her younger years. She sang in a quartet during those years with her future husband, Paul, her brother, Ralph "Rolly," and good friend, Lovie Bowen Mathias. She enjoyed working with youth and was the leader of the LTL for many years as well as the Omega Youth Group. She was a longtime member of Omega Church and had also served as a song leader and Sunday School teacher.

She worked at the Akron Public Library as assistant librarian for 37 years and was a member of the Akron WCTU.

A funeral service for Gloria Bowen will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2007, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Friends may call from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, or one hour prior to the service on Monday. Pastor Thomas Tupps will officiate. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, Omega Church, Akron WCTU or Akron Public Library.

### **Linda Frances Cornell Hall**

Linda Frances Cornell HALL, 62, formerly of Akron, died March 16 in Tennessee as a result of a car accident.

Survivors include two daughters, Virginia Sayre, Monterey, Tenn., and Dawn Heady, Sparta, Tenn.; three sons, Mike Hall, Donnie Hall, both of Sparta, Tenn., and William Hall, Banner Community, Tenn.; a brother, William Cornell Sr., Akron; and a sister, Norene Francis, Smyrna, Tenn.

A memorial service was held March 19 at her daughter's home in Sparta. Jennings Funeral Home, Sparta, handled arrangements.

Saturday, March 31, 2007

### **Garland E. Southerton**

Garland E. SOUTHERTON, 82, West Lafayette, formerly of Fulton, passed away at 10:55 p.m. on Thursday, at the Indiana Veterans' Home in West Lafayette. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to

8 p.m. on Monday, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition of the Sentinel.

Monday, April 2, 2007

**Catherine 'Katie' G. Culp**

Catherine "Katie" G. CULP, 80, of 9978 16th East Road, Argos, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include a daughter, Judy Marion, Lebanon; three sons, Stephen Peltz, Plymouth, Ted Peltz, Logansport, and Dennis Peltz, Argos.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ, Argos, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Hubert Carl Garber**

Hubert Carl GARBER, 91, of 902 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, died at 8:45 a.m. Sunday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Garland E. Southerton**

Aug. 21, 1924-March 29, 2007

Garland E. SOUTHERTON, 82, formerly of Fulton County, died at 10:55 p.m. Thursday at Indiana Veterans' Home in West Lafayette.

Born Aug. 21, 1924, in Macy, he was the son of Charles and Essie Williams Southerton. On March 17, 1959, in Logansport, he was married to Marie C. Gust, and she survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army who served in Europe during World War II. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion and the Eagles, all of Logansport, and the Disabled American Veterans in Plymouth.

Surviving besides his wife are two sons, Larry Southerton, Fulton, and Marty Turnipseed, Rochester; three daughters, Diana Middleton, Denver, Kathy Overholser, Twelve Mile, and Jennie

Moran, Rochester; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Gary Southerton and Steve McDonald; two brothers, Sherl and Chester Southerton; and two sisters, Ruth Abbott and Dolly Vice.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Teri White officiating. Burial will follow in Five Corners Cemetery, Macy, with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

### **Donald Cooley**

Donald COOLEY, 67, of 6541 S. Sunset Blvd., Macy, died at 7:50 p.m. Monday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Hubert Carl ‘Hack’ Garber**

April 16, 1915 – April 1, 2007

Hubert Carl “Hack” GARBER, 91, of 902 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Sunday at his residence.

He was born April 16, 1915, in Converse, the son of Ralph Edward and Bessie (Loy) Garber. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II, who served in the European Theater. On Aug. 23, 1947, in Indianapolis, he married Jean McDougle and she survives.

Mr. Garber had been a construction manager working for Deniston & Garber Construction, J.C. O’Connor Construction, and retired from LaPorte Construction. He was a 50-year member of the Converse Lodge No. 601 F.&A.M., Converse, attended the Christian Church, Converse, and attended First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, for many years. He enjoyed woodworking, working in his yard, building furniture, playing golf, playing cards with family and friends, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Garber, Rochester; daughters Gretchen Elizabeth Coplen, Akron, Jennifer and husband Tim Quick, Plymouth; grandchildren, Daniel S. and wife Kelly Coplen,

Cincinnati, Ohio, Michael A. Coplen, Chicago, Ill., Megan E. and husband Ryan Lebo, Plymouth, Nathan and wife Amber Quick, Marion; great-grandchildren, Cassandra Coplen, Cincinnati, Ohio, Jonah Coplen, Cincinnati, Ohio, Benjamin Quick, Marion, Isaiah Quick, Marion; a sister, Betty Haynes, Converse; a brother, Bert and wife Belle Garber, Converse; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald and Franklin Garber.

Private interment will take place at a later date at Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. The family requests expressions of sympathy be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com). Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

**Roger Curt Bailey**

Oct. 15, 1943 – April 3, 2007

Roger Curt BAILEY, 63, of 2031 S. 650 East, Akron, died at 8:26 a.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, shortly after arrival. He was in failing health since developing a heart condition in 2004.

Born in Paintsville, Ky., to Curt and Audrey Brown Bailey, he lived most of his life in the Fulton County area after moving from Paintsville. He was a 1962 graduate of North Caston High School near Fulton.

On Nov. 25, 1970, he married Claudia Sue Masteller in Macy. She survives.

He was a parts manager for Hammel Motors, formerly of Rochester, for 28 years and later worked for Gaerte Engines, Rochester, and Advance Auto Parts, Logansport, until his retirement in September 2006.

He was an avid motorcyclist and attended the annual Sturgis Hog Rally in Sturgis, S.D. twice with his wife. He was a former member of Fulton County ABATE.

He appreciated anything Dodge and was an avid Dodge truck fan and as such, he was referred to by his family and friends as “The Original Dodge Boy.” He was very fond of and enjoyed wildlife and the outdoors, especially his cats.

Most of all, he loved his family, his wife, sisters and brothers. He was always there for them and them for him, when needed.

Survivors include his wife, Claudia Sue Bailey, at home; three sisters, Patricia Ann and husband Gary Douponce, Belleville, Mich., Kimberly and husband Todd Springer, Sarasota, Fla., and Pamela Bailey, Rochester; five brothers, Thomas P. Bailey, Rochester, Charles K. Bailey and wife Nancy, Lexington, Ky., Joseph R. Bailey, Sheldon L. Bailey and Douglas A. Bailey, all of Rochester; and 15 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery, Athens. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to his service Friday. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice or to the National Wildlife Federation in his memory. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to his family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Donald Cooley Sr.**

Donald COOLEY Sr., 67, of 6541 S. Sunset Blvd., Macy (Nyona Lake), died Monday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Ann Cooley, at home; two daughters, Donna McCalla, Rochester, and Melissa Turner, Indianapolis; two sons, David Cooley, Nyona Lake, and Don “DJ” Cooley Jr., Gilbert, Ariz.; a sister, Jean Edington, Rochester; and two brothers, Bernie Cooley, Rochester, and Bill Cooley, Spokane, Wash.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service.



**‘Ollie’ Marie Snyder**

Dec. 8, 1902 – April 3, 2007

“Ollie” Marie SNYDER, 104, Hickory Creek of Rochester, passed away at 12:40 p.m. Tuesday at the nursing home.

Marie was born on Dec. 8, 1902, in Warsaw, the daughter of Allen and Bessie (Brown) Sutherlin. She grew up on the family farm outside Warsaw. On Jan. 27, 1923, in Warsaw, she married Elvan Snyder. To this union, two daughters were born. The couple moved to Rochester in 1935, where they spent the rest of their lives. Elvan preceded her in death on Feb. 3, 1978.

Marie worked in several businesses in Rochester. She worked at the Times Theater, Shultz Brothers Five and Dime Store and Harvey’s Dime Store. Her love of gardening and flowers led to the arranging of flowers and making artificial floral arrangements for sale in the dime store. She was a longtime member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Rochester.

Survivors include her daughters, Betty and husband Merle McGowen, Rochester, Joyce and husband James Thomas, Sun City, Ariz.; grandchildren, Michael and wife Janie McGowen, Indianapolis, David and wife Karen McGowen, Rochester, Gregory and wife Michele Thomas, Birmingham, Ala., Heidi and husband Kevin Deck, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Bryan and wife Julie Schneider-Thomas, Grand Rapids, Mich.; eight great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Hamlet Cemetery, Talma. Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, American Cancer Society or the Trinity United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Thursday, April 5, 2007

**Donald Cooley Sr.**

Oct. 3, 1939-April 2, 2007

Donald COOLEY Sr., 67, of 6541 S. Sunset Blvd., Macy (Nyona Lake), died at 7:50 p.m. Monday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, where he was a patient since last Thursday.

Born in Petoskey, Mich., he was the son of William A. and Esther Reed Cooley. He lived most of his life in this area except two years in Washington.

On Aug. 29, 1965, he married Jean Ann Goodner in Logansport.

Shortly after his high school years, with great pride Don enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, Calif. Soon after he returned to Fulton County, he owned and operated Save-More full service gas station in Rochester. Later, he owned and operated Cooley's DX station in Fulton, later known as Cooley's Sunoco station. He resided in Republic, Wash., where he co-owned Cooley's Chevrolet Agency with his brother, Bill, for two years. Since 1972, Don was involved in the trucking industry. He drove from coast to coast and Canada, too.

Don's memberships included Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, and the Logansport American Legion Post. He was also an official member of the Country Inn's "Big Table." This was the meeting place where locals gathered to discuss daily events and solve the world's problems.

He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed landing jumbo bluegills from the sparkling waters of Nyona Lake. As an armchair quarterback, he loved cheering for the Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts. Watching the NASCAR circuit and the Indiana Pacers was a pastime he pursued.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Ann Cooley, at home; two daughters, Donna McCalla and husband Harold, Rochester, and Melissa Turner and husband Ron, Indianapolis; two sons, David Cooley and companion Denece Correll, Nyona Lake, and Don "DJ"

Cooley Jr. and wife Laura, Gilbert, Ariz.; five grandchildren, David Cooley, Darla Leavell, Jayne Parker, Donnie Cooley III, Taneyea Cooley; two canine companions, Gabby the Shih Tzu and Duke the Golden Retriever; a sister, Jean Edington and husband Ralph, Rochester; and two brothers, Bernie Cooley and wife Lucy, Rochester, and Bill Cooley and wife Dolly, Spokane, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Jayson McCalla; a brother, Richard Dixon; and a nephew, Ron Edington.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with Pastor Dane Mathews officiating. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, with military graveside rites conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **William Lynn Durkes**

William Lynn DURKES, 61, of 706 Fulton Avenue, Rochester, died at 8:33 p.m. Wednesday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, April 6, 2007

### **Wm. Lynn Durkes**

Wm. Lynn DURKES, 61, of 706 Fulton Avenue, Rochester, died Wednesday at home.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou Durkes, at home; a daughter, Shelly Melton, Rochester; a son, Craig Durkes, Akron; a sister, Janice Newcomb-Mitchell, Pittsboro; and a brother, Ron Durkes, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday.

**Dr. Winston Warren**

Nov. 7, 1923-April 5, 2007

Dr. Winston WARREN, retired dentist and retired U.S. Army Colonel, died Thursday in Culver.

Born Nov. 7, 1923, in Marshall, to Dr. and Mrs. Bradford Warren, Winston was the youngest of nine children and the seventh to earn a doctorate degree.

Dr. Warren graduated from the Indiana University School of Dentistry and had been a member of that faculty in the departments of crown and bridge and occlusion. He was a member of many professional organizations, a frequent contributor to dental journals and a lecturer to dental associations. He was a Fellow in the American College of Dentists, a member of the Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge and Delta Tau Delta and Delta Sigma Delta fraternities. He served in the U.S. Army, both in the U.S. and Europe. His dental practices were in Rockville and Crawfordsville, where he retired in 1989.

Loving members of his family who survive are his wife, Lyndall; a daughter, Stacey Warren; a grandson, Philip Heyde; and a brother, Dr. Ward Warren.

In accordance with his wishes, services for Dr. Warren will be private and will be followed by cremation.

The family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, friends may want to remember Winston with this prayer:

God, be with Winston at his departing  
Enfold him in the bonds of Eternal Love and Peace  
And grant him Everlasting Life.  
In Christ's name, Amen.

Saturday, April 7, 2007

**Wm. Lynn Durkes**

Oct. 25, 1945-April 4, 2007

Wm. Lynn DURKES, 61, of 706 Fulton Avenue, Rochester, died at 8:33 p.m. Wednesday at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was ill for 10 months.

Born in Rochester to Arthur H. and Ruth Fletcher Durkes, he lived his entire life in the community. Lynn was a proud Zebra alumnus, who graduated from Rochester High School in 1963. Later he entered the U.S. Air Force and served our country during the Vietnam War. Lynn retired from Moore Business Forms following 23 years as a press operator.

On Aug. 10, 1991, he married Mary Lou Smith in Argos.

Each year Lynn looked forward to mushroom hunting adventures. He always acquired some of the largest and most palatable imaginable. As nature lovers, Lynn and Mary Lou created and built a backyard bird habitat, which attracts a variety of birds common to Indiana. They were entertained and spent hours bird watching and observing nature in action.

Bringing Lynn his greatest joy was cheering on his grandchildren at their athletic events. Whether it was basketball, baseball or football, Lynn was there as their No. 1 cheerleader and supporter.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou Durkes, at home; a daughter, Shelly Melton and husband Dan, Rochester;; a son, Craig Durkes and wife Shari, Akron; six grandchildren, Justin and Brandon Melton, Rochester, and Alexia, Hannah, Mallory and Landon Durkes, Akron; a sister, Janice Newcomb-Mitchell and husband Bob, Pittsboro; a brother, Ron Durkes and wife Kay, Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Peggy Durkes, Rochester; 14 nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Lois Ann Durkes; and a brother, James M. Durkes; and a brother-in-law, Edwin Newcomb.

Also surviving Lynn was his faithful canine companion, Peanut. Peanut was a devoted buddy to Lynn and spent time with him relaxing in his easy chair and watching football and basketball on television.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with the Revs. Henry Sprunger and Karen K. Rhoades Welling. Burial will be at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery with military graveside rites by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, Electronic condolences may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com)

### **Linda Ann Apple**

Sept. 19, 1942-April 5, 2007

Linda Ann APPLE, age 64, of 15837 Beech Road, Bourbon, passed away at 8:09 p.m. Thursday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Linda was born Sept. 19, 1942 in Warsaw, the daughter of Otis Thacker and Leona Cooper Thacker. She was a resident of the Bourbon area most of her life. She was a member of the Etna Green Church of Christ and was a graduate of Bourbon High School in the class of 1960. She was also a member of the Bourbon American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed her flower and vegetable gardens, reading, Notre Dame sports and especially the sporting events of her grandchildren.

Linda married Michael 'Hal' Apple on July 1, 1960; he passed away on Jan. 17, 2006. Linda was employed by DePuy of Warsaw in purchasing for Trauma and Extremities department.

She is survived by her three children; Kandi Davis, Bourbon; Monti and Elizabeth Apple, Akron; Hedi & John Music, Bourbon. She was blessed with thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Also, she has her mother-in-law Shirley Apple of Sebring, Fla. And a brother, Richard Thacker, Sr., Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her husband and sister-in-law Janice Thacker

A celebration of Linda's life will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Etna Green Church of Christ, 206 W. Broadway, Etna Green, with Rev. Eugene Neyhart officiating.

The family will received friends from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home at 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, and for one hour before services in the church on Tuesday. Burial will be in the Summit Chapel Cemetery, Bourbon. Memorial contributions can be made to the Linda & Hal Apple Education Fund for their grandchildren in her memory.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Monday April 9, 2007

### **Pauline Russell**

Pauline RUSSELL, 84, Leiters Ford, died at 6:25 a.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Dorothy L. Walters**

May 9, 1915-April 7, 2007

Dorothy L. WALTERS, 91, of 971 W. Eighth St., died at 10:20 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Her health was failing for 10 years.

Born in the Burton community of Fulton County, she was the daughter of Harry and Myrtle Etycheson Batchelor, who preceded her in death. She graduated from Rochester High School and lived her whole life in Fulton County.

On April 4, 1936, in Richland Township, she married Ernest "Bud" Walters, who preceded her in death on June 8, 2000. A homemaker, she also worked in food service at Rochester Middle School. She was a former member of the Evergreen Rebekah Lodge

and Sand Hill United Methodist Church. She enjoyed fishing with her husband and sewing for her family.

Survivors include three sons, Eddie Walters and wife Bonnie, Greensboro, N.C., Jimmie Walters and wife Connie, Rochester, and Ronnie Walters and wife Joan, Florida; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Hattie Holloway, Rochester. She was preceded in death by a son, Mickie Walters, in 1967; a grandson, Ricky Joe Walters, on Oct. 10, 1990; and a brother, William Batchelor.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will be at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to United Ministries Outreach; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **L.D. Wolf**

L. D. WOLF, 84, Twelve Mile, died Sunday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Evalena (Root) Wolf; two daughters, Judith Lavonne Whitaker, Delphi, and Janice Eilene Kuns, Twelve Mile; two sons, Lynn Douglas Wolf, Wonewoc, Wis., and Neil Edward Wolf, Logansport; and one sister, Esther L. Boyd, North Manchester.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Mexico Old German Baptist Brethren Church. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

### **Pauline Idora Ault Russell**

Pauline Idora Ault RUSSELL, 84, Leiters Ford, died Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.



Survivors include a son, William “Bill” Russell, Leiters Ford, and a sister, Irma Dean Hosimer, Beech Grove.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday.

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

**Richard R. Marshman**

July 16, 1923-April 9, 2007

Richard R. MARSHMAN, 83, of Nokomis, Fla., passed away Monday.

He was born July 16, 1923, in South Bend. He owned and operated a machine shop before retiring to Nokomis, Fla., 18 years ago.

He was a Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha; daughters, Linda Burkett and husband Dave and Carla Shelker; son, Terry Marshman; grandchildren, Debra Marrs, Andrea Harris and Terry Belcher and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were private. Memorial donations may be made to Senior Friendship Center (Venice “Living Room”), 2350 Scenic Drive, Venice, FL 34293. Ewing Funeral Home, Venice, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

**Pauline Idora Ault Russell**

Aug. 12, 1922-April 8, 2007

On Easter morning at 6:15, Pauline said goodbye to her earthly family to be reunited with her God, his son Jesus Christ, her husband Everett William Russell and daughters Barbara Ann Wagoner and Rebecca Sue Nelson and other family members.

Pauline had served as a nurse’s aide at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. She was a seamstress who worked at Mary’s Stitch & Knit, Fulton, and later retired from Hart Schaffner & Marx, Rochester. She

was a member of First Baptist Church, Rochester. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and family. She was an avid mother, grandmother, friend, storyteller and playmate to many children.

Pauline was born in Culver on Aug. 12, 1922, to Herman and Rose Cromley Ault. She was married on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to Everett William Russell. She is survived by her only son, William "Bill" and wife Vicky Russell of Leiters Ford; a sister, Irma Dean and husband Lloyd Hosimer of Beech Grove; a son-in-law, Norman Wagoner of Sheridan; two brothers-in-law, Jim and wife Inez Russell of Granger and Tom and wife Karen Russell of Valparaiso; and a sister-in-law, Nina and husband Jim Sanders of Mishawaka, and several nieces and nephews. Pauline had six grandchildren, Russell and wife Debi Wagoner of Noblesville, David Wagoner of Arcadia, Scott and wife Kellie Russell of Fremont, Gretchen and husband Scott Johnson and Haidee and husband Mike Temme, all of Leiters Ford, and Tim and wife Alisa Nelson of LaVergne, Tenn., and 19 great-grandchildren, who were the joy of her life. Preceding Pauline in death were her parents, husband, two daughters, three sisters, a brother, several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may visit from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and again Friday at 9:30 a.m. The funeral service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Interment will follow at the Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver. By request of the family, donations may be made to the Aubbee Community Relay for Life team in memory of her daughters, Barbara and Becky, and dedicated to her son, Bill, who recently battled cancer and is a survivor. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Thursday, April 12, 2007

**Gordon Heltzel**

Gordon HELTZEL died at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at Wynnfield Crossing, 1729 Wabash Ave., where he lived. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, April 13, 2007

**Margaret M. Bradtke**

Margaret M. BRADTKE, 74, of 107 E. Walnut St., Akron, died at 4:15 p.m. Thursday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Mary Alice Goodner**

Nov. 29, 1919-April 12, 2007

Mary Alice GOODNER, 87, Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport, and formerly of Fulton, passed away at 7:23 p.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

She was born on Nov. 29, 1919, in Lucerne, the daughter of Claude Earl and Elsie L. (Murray) Hendee. On Dec. 17, 1941, in Fulton, she married Walter R. Goodner. He preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 1984.

Mrs. Goodner had been a homemaker and a loving child care provider in the Fulton community for more than 40 years. She was a member of the Fulton Baptist Temple, where she enjoyed attending Bible school, was a member of the Awana Club, WE Club and Mount Olive Club. She enjoyed crocheting and reading.

Survivors include her daughters, Jean Ann Cooley, Macy (Nyona Lake), Linda and husband David Fincher, Fort Wayne; grandchildren, David Cooley and companion Denece Correll, Macy, Donna and husband Harold McCalla, Rochester, Don and wife Laura Cooley Jr., Arizona, Melissa and husband Ron Turner, Indianapolis, Teresa and husband Dane Mathews, Huntington, Whitney and husband Tyler Daugherty, West Lafayette, Stephanie and husband

Cory Costello, West Chester, Ohio, Garrett and wife Natalie Cain, West Chester, Ohio; 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Dorothea King; son-in-law, Don Cooley; great-grandson, Jayson McCalla.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Revs. Dane Mathews and Bruce Russell officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation or to the Fulton Baptist Temple. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Gordon E. Heltzel**

Gordon E. HELTZEL, 85, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died Wednesday at home.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannette Heltzel, at home; a daughter, Kelly Heltzel, Conifer, Colo.; and a sister, Ethel Miller, Logansport.

His funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Akron Church of God, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Saturday, April 14, 2007

### **Gordon E. Heltzel**

Sept. 24, 1921 – April 11, 2007

Gordon E. HELTZEL, 85, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at home.

He was born Sept. 24, 1921, in Perry Township of Miami County to Elmer and Lillian Dawson Heltzel. On October 23, 1953 he married Jeannette Penrod in Morgantown. She survives at home. He was a lifetime resident of Miami and Fulton Counties and moved to Rochester in 1978, coming from Akron. Gordon graduated in 1940 from Gilead High School. After graduation he became a Manchester

Spartan, graduating from Manchester College with a B.S. degree in secondary education. He was awarded his lifetime license to teach school. Later he attended Indiana University earning his Masters of Science in education.

As a highly esteemed teacher, Mr. Heltzel served the students of the Clay Township schools in Miami County, and Akron High School, Akron, prior to returning to Miami County and the North Miami School Corporation, where he retired in 1973 as the audio-visual director.

During these years Gordon was also passionate about farming. With great pride he grew crops of golden wheat, towering corn and velvety green soybeans. In 1978 he parked his Ford tractor and retired from the rigors of agriculture.

Life also brought him many fishing adventures and family vacations that involved embracing nature. He found paradise on the sparkling lakes of Wisconsin and Minnesota where all of his brothers and sisters gathered to relax, fish and spend time together.

Gordon and his wife Jeannette found joy in traveling. Some of their favorite vacation spots include, Canada, Mexico, Cancun. They also spent memorable journeys traveling with the AARP Travel Group from Wabash County.

A favorite Friday evening activity of Gordon and Jeannette was gathering with teaching buddies and dining out at area eateries. To top off the evening some spirited card games of euchre or pinochle were always included on the venue.

Since 1954 Gordon was a devoted member of the Akron Church of God. Professionally he was a member of the NEA, ISTA and the North Miami Classroom Teachers Association. His community memberships included the Akron Lions Club of which he was a past president. He was a 50+ year member of the Lincoln Lodge F. & A.M. #523. As a fry master, Gordon was a 20+ year member of the Famous Akron Jonah Club, preparing numerous fish dinners.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Kelly Heltzel of Conifer, Colo.; one grandson, Gordon Michael Heltzel of

Floyd Knobs; daughter-in-law Shirley Zumstein, Floyd Knobs; sister, Ethel Miller of Logansport. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Stuart, Randy and Tom Sisulak, Paul, Alan and Dane Heltzel, Carolyn Smith, Deana Staples, Jeanine Davie, Leslie Cornwell and Sandy Phelps. He was preceded in death by parents, two sons, Kevin in infancy and Michael Gordon Heltzel in 2001; a sister, Amy Sisulak, seven brothers, Col. William Heltzel and Dr. Arthur Heltzel, Col. Charles Lester Heltzel, Samuel Heltzel, Robert Heltzel, Pvt. Earl Heltzel, nieces and nephews, Steve Miller, Robert Chaddock, Richard Earl Chaddock, K.C. Chaddock, Valerie Albury and Jyme Navarro.

His funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Akron Church of God, 301 S. West St., Akron with Rev. Terry Canfield, Rev. Steve Fleck and Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester and one hour prior to services in the church on Sunday. Memorials may be made to the Akron Church of God Church Camp for Kids. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, April 16, 2007

**George Lloyd Harper Jr.**

July 16, 1925-April 14, 2007

George Lloyd HARPER Jr., 81 of 1045 Spade Drive, Rochester, died at 9:18 a.m. Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Mishawaka, he was the son of George Harper Sr. and Mildred Shriver Harper. He lived his whole life in the Akron and Rochester communities. In 1944, George graduated from Akron High School. Soon after graduation it was with great pride that George served our country as a member of the U.S. Army during World War II. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge. George also guarded the prisoners and served as photographer of evidence at the high profile

Nuremberg crime trials. It was at this time that he developed his love and appreciation for photography.

Never retiring from Delphi Corporation in Kokomo, George was an extraordinary and rare man, whose work ethic was exceptional. He was committed to excellence, as a dedicated senior member of the tool and die department. During his 41 year tenure, he never missed a day of work. It was this type of commitment that was a key ingredient to George's secret to success in life.

On Aug. 26, 1949, he took the hand of his beautiful bride Vera "Vicki" Lewis in Akron. For the next 58 years of their lives, both Vera and George shared life's greatest moments and were totally devoted to their family.

Throughout their lifetime they enjoyed vacationing to sightsee, rest and relax. Their favorite family vacation locations were on the west coast, Oregon and Washington. Texas was a destination of frequent visits, but New Orleans is the place held fondly in their hearts, as Vera and George and their daughters would visit multiple times each year.

As his family's patriarch, George is remembered as a generous and kind gentleman. When it was George's turn to cook, with a radiant smile and a twinkle in his eyes, he took the family out and bought them dinner. He embraced the special moments he shared with his family as they were paramount in his life.

He is survived by his wife, Vera, at home; two daughters, Linda Hayden White, Westfield, and Paula Wright and husband Dick, Spencerville; a granddaughter, Crissa Hayden-Fruits, Crawfordsville; four grandsons, Jamie Hayden, Greenwood, and Nathan, Benjamin and Daniel Wright. Spencerville; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Jeri Shearer, Fort Wayne; and a brother, Art Harper and wife Betty, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Jolane Futrell; and three brothers, Merle, Paul and Ed Harper.

A celebration of the life of George Harper will be at 10 A.M. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Matt Harris officiating. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery. The family will visit with friends from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9

a.m. until the service Tuesday at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com)

**Mattie Pauline Mercer**

Mattie Pauline MERCER, 93, Rochester, died at 4:30 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Richard Wagoner**

Richard WAGONER, 51, Rochester, died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Tuesday, April 17,2007

**Barry Delbert Black**

Barry Delbert BLACK, 66, of 5178 Dovewood Trail, Warsaw, died Monday at Goshen General Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra; a son, Sean Black, Carmel; and a brother, Barton Black, Syracuse.

Hiss funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Free Methodist Church, Winona Lake, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is handling arrangements.

**Margaret M. Bradtke**

Margaret M. BRADTKE, 73, of 107 E. Walnut St., Akron, died Thursday at home.

Survivors include five sons, Donald, Joseph, Robert, Darrell and Gary Bradtke; a brother, John Kenny; and a sister, Eileen Ramsey.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago, Ill., with visitation from 3 p.m. to 9



p.m. today at Palos Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, Ill. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, handled local arrangements.

### **Richard W. Crull**

Richard W. CRULL, 76, Leiters Ford, died at 9:13 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Pauline Mercer**

Pauline MERCER, 93, Life Care Center of Rochester, died Saturday at the nursing home.

Survivors include her son, Edwin Mercer, Rochester.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour before the service.

### **Richard Wagner**

Richard WAGNER, 51, Rochester, died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

### **Richard W. Crull**

Aug. 29, 1930-April 16, 2007

Richard W. CRULL, 76, of 9618 W. Section Drive, Rochester (Leiters Ford), died at 9:13 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Tippecanoe in Marshall County, he was the son of Wilford "Sam" Wayne and Sarah Hemminger Crull. A 1950 graduate of Leiters Ford High School, Richard lived the majority of his lifetime in the Leiters Ford community. On April 13, 1952, in Richland Center, he married Lois Rae Crabbs.

Richard and his sons ran Crull Ready Mix for many years until Richard became ill in April of 1998. Richard and Lois then sold the

concrete plant. He continued to haul sand, gravel, stone and black dirt to his loyal customers.

Richard was one of the founders of the Aubbeenaubbee Township Volunteer Fire Department, which he was a member of for more than 50 years. He was also a member of Leiters Ford United Methodist Church and Indiana Ready-Mix Association.

Richard was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of the Seabees from 1950 to 1952.

He loved racing, especially sprint car, dirt tracks and NASCAR. He greatly enjoyed visiting the Shady Hill and Eldora tracks. He most recently cheered for Jeff Gordon in the NASCAR circuit.

Survivors include his wife, Lois, Leiters Ford; two daughters, Lesa and husband John Gagnon, Akron, and Linda and husband Tom Morton, Argos; two sons, David Crull and wife Robbie, Leiters Ford, and Scott Crull and wife Jackie, Culver; a sister, Patsy Ruth Daly and husband John, Florida; two brothers, Clinton L. "Bud" Crull, Leiters Ford, and Charles Crull and wife Mary Jo, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and five grandchildren, Mark, Brandon and Jamie Gagnon, Leland Crull and Jayson Shaffer. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Faithe Crull.

The family has entrusted Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with arrangements for Mr. Crull. His family requests memorials be made to Leiters Ford United Methodist Church or Aubbeenaubbee Township Volunteer Fire Department in lieu of flowers. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. A celebration of life memorial service will be held at a later date.

Thursday, April 19, 2007

### **Richard 'Dick' Wagner**

Richard "Dick" WAGNER, 51, Rochester, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. today at Solid Rock Church, Rochester.

**Anna Faye Wimmer**

Anna Faye WIMMER, 88, Amboy, died Wednesday at her daughter's home near Amboy.

Survivors include her daughter, Joleen S. Means.

Her memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Peoria Church with visitation from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Friday, April 20, 2007

**Richard W. Crull**

Richard W. CRULL, 76 of 9618 W. Section Drive, Rochester (Leiters Ford), died Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Lois, Leiters Ford; two daughters, Lesa Gagnon, Akron, and Linda Morton, Argos; two sons, David Crull, Leiters Ford, and Schott Crull, Culver; a sister, Patsy Ruth Daly, Florida; and two brothers, Clinton L. "Bud" Crull, Leiters Ford, and Charles Crull, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Aubbeenaubbee Township Fire Station.

**Santa Taylor**

Santa TAYLOR, 91, formerly of Rochester, died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Anthony Health Center, St. Anthony, Minn. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Aubree Jean Townsend**

Aubree Jean TOWNSEND, 3 months and 15 days old, of Monterey, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital, Plymouth.

Survivors include her parents, W. Corey Townsend and Gustave F. (Stirk) Salyer, brothers, Russell Cody and Dillon Ray Salyer, sisters, Erin Nicole, Courtney Alice and Reese Oliver Salyer, all of Monterey.

Her funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna. Visitation will be from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Saturday, April 21, 2007

**Arthur Franklin Hicks**

June 1, 1930-April 19, 2007

Arthur Franklin HICKS, age 76, Cassopolis, Mich., went to be with his Lord on Thursday at his home surrounded by family.

He was born in Hillsdale County, Mich., on June 1, 1930, the son of Lloyd and Marie (Cook) Hicks.

Mr. Hicks was a retired Baptist preacher serving churches in Iowa, Kansas, Indiana and Michigan. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Hicks was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Lucille Nesbitt.

Left missing him is his family: wife, Norma (Smith) Hicks, whom he married on June 4, 1960, in South Bend; two daughters, Linda (Phillip) Armentrout, and children P.J., Christian and Emerald, and Beth Hicks ; two sons, Frank (Kim) Hicks and children, Ashley and Patrick, and Kevin (Donna) Hicks and children, Franki, Ashley, Krysten and Danielle; two brothers, Lloyd (Joan) Hicks and Dean (Mary) Hicks; a sister, Wanda Black; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hohner Funeral Home, 1004 Arnold St., Three Rivers, Mich. (269-279-5282), with Pastor Carl Henry officiating.

Interment will be at 1 p.m. following the service at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek, Mich.

Memorials may be donated to the charity of one's choice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

**Santa Sally Taylor**

Sept. 14, 1915-April 19, 2007

Santa Sally TAYLOR, 91, Minneapolis, Minn., formerly of Rochester, died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Anthony Health Center, St. Anthony, Minn. Her health was failing for three weeks.

Born in Chicago, Ill., she was the daughter of Samuel and Carmela Lianza Ranzula. On July 27, 1945, in Michigan City, she married Everett B. Taylor. A homemaker, she worked as an administrative partner in her husband's contracting business, Taylor Construction Company. She retired after working 44 years. She lived in the Minneapolis area for 24 years after moving from Rochester, where she lived 38 years.

Survivors include a son, Terrance Bryan Taylor and wife Leslie, St. Paul, Minn.; a stepdaughter, Marilyn Jones and husband Francis "Casey" Jones, Rochester; grandchildren, Kai'li Brianna Taylor, St. Paul, Minn., Charles, Kevin and Candace Jones, Rochester, Christine Hooker, Kissimmee, Fla.; eight great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Dalessandro, Texas; and nieces and nephews, Dennis Dalessandro, Texas, Anthony Dalessandro, Michigan, Donna Grimes, Texas, Sammy and Anthony Ranzula, Illinois, Vincent Ranzula, United Kingdom; Carmella Albrego and Darlene Cameron, Illinois, and a number of nieces and nephews who called her Aunt Tiny. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with Father Bert Woolson officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the Monday service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, April 23, 2007

**Clayton Clyde Chapin**

Jan. 24, 1920-April 21, 2007

Clayton Clyde CHAPIN, 87, formerly of 106 W. Brown St., Fulton, died at 1:25 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester, where he lived the past 18 months.

Born near Macy, he was the son of David Edgar and Hazel Marie Hopper Chapin. A 1938 graduate of Macy High School, he lived in the Macy and Fulton communities his whole life.

On Nov. 23, 1952, he married Treva Mae Shoemaker at her parents' home in Fulton. She survives.

He had worked at the former Victory Ordnance Co. and later at Olin Corp. of Peru, from which he retired in 1982 after 32 years of service.

He was a member of Fulton Baptist Temple and a former member of the Fulton Senior Citizens. After his retirement, Clayton enjoyed mowing yards as a hobby.

In addition to his wife, Treva M. Chapin of Rochester, he is survived by a sister, Dorothy Swoverland of Deedsville. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter, Connie Sue.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with the Revs. Bruce Russell and George Hapner officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday. Memorials may be made to Fulton Baptist Temple. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Leona Rae Stapleton**

Leona Rae STAPLETON, 69, of 1170 S. Lakeshore Drive, Rock Lake, Akron, died Saturday at home.

Survivors include her husband, Watt E. Stapleton, at home; two daughters, Cindy Hemingway, Syracuse, and Angie Bradtke, Akron;

four sons, Richard Chilcutt, Akron, Wesley Stapleton, Sturgis, Mich., Troy Stapleton, Leesburg, and Danny Stapleton, Royal Center; a sister, Loretta Merrell, Wimauma, Fla.; and two brothers, Clinton Bowman, Ten Mile, Tenn., and David McIntosh, Jefferson, Wis.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

### **Janet Lewis**

Janet LEWIS, 66, 874 Vintage Drive, Country Meadows, Rochester, died at 4:50 p.m. Monday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

### **Leona Rae Stapleton**

Feb. 9, 1938 - April 21, 2007

Leona Rae STAPLETON, 69, of 1170 South Lakeshore Drive, Rock Lake near Akron, went to be with Jesus at 12:35 a.m. Saturday while at her residence.

Born in Detroit, Mich., she was the daughter of Sisco Bowman and Melva Casebolt Bowman. On Aug. 2, 1956, in Logansport, she married Watt E. Stapleton, who survives at home.

She worked several years at United Technologies in Peru and also at Torx Products in Rochester. She attended Water of Life Church on Silver Lake and was a graduate of Iron River High School, Iron River, Mich.

She is also survived by two daughters, Cindy and husband Mark Hemingway, Syracuse, and Angie and husband Gary Bradtke, Akron; four sons, Richard Chilcutt, Akron, Wesley and wife Debbie Stapleton, Sturgis, Mich., Troy and wife Leslie Stapleton, Leesburg, and Danny and wife Julie Stapleton, Royal Center; 13 grandchildren; a sister, Loretta and husband Kenneth Merrell, Wimauma, Fla.; and

two brothers, Clinton and wife Mary Bowman, Ten Mile, Tenn., and David and wife Teri McIntosh, Jefferson, Wis. She was preceded in death by a sister, Sue Jackson, and a brother, James Arnold Bowman.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Henry Arnett Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Kosciusko County Home Care & Hospice, 902 Provident Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580.

### **Larry Levi VanMeter**

Larry Levi VanMETER of Alanson, Mich., passed away suddenly Tuesday April 17, 2007, in Zephyrhills, Fla. Funeral services will be at noon Thursday, April 26, 2007, at the Charles G. Parks Funeral Home in Petoskey, Mich. Rev. David Duncan will officiate. Interment will be in Maple River Township Cemetery.

Larry spent 27 years as a farmer and in the tool and die trade in Mentone, at Midwest Spring Co. From there he moved to Pellston, Mich., to work for Circuit Control Corporation in Petoskey, Mich., for 14 years. Larry was also a pastor for five years at Heritage Christian Church Congregation in Conway, Mich.

After his retirement, he and his wife, Sharon, have spent the last two winters in Zephyrhills.

Larry is survived by his wife, Sharon, of Alanson, Mich.; son Lorin of Fort Wayne; daughter Carmen Waters and husband, Robert, and their son Jonathan of Pellston, Mich.; son Walter of Athens; son George and fiancée Beth Persinger of Indianapolis; and daughter Mindy of Pellston, Mich. Larry is also survived by his siblings, Dean, Dudley, Peggy, Tab and their families. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Walter O. and Naomi VanMeter; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Cloyce R. and Belva C. Miller; and his brother-in-law, Raymond C. Miller.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 25, 2007, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Charles G. Parks Funeral Home in Petoskey, Mich., where arrangements were handled.



Wednesday, April 25, 2007

**Prince Gardner**

Prince GARDNER, 73, of 9438 California, Rochester, passed away at 1:45 p.m. Monday at Community Hospital East, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Janet 'Kay' (Henderson ) Lewis**

Janet "Kay" (Henderson) LEWIS, 66, of 874 Vintage Drive, Country Meadows, Rochester, died Monday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include three daughters, Angie A. Elkins, Ohio, Stacy L. Kistler, Rochester, and Paige A. Ulery, Deer Creek; three sons, Tony A. Henderson, Scott L. Henderson, both of Rochester, and Erik K. Henderson, Fulton; and a brother, Bob Vanata, The Villages, Fla.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service.

Thursday, April 26, 2007

**Prince Gardner**

Sept. 30, 1933 - April 23, 2007

Prince GARDNER, 73, of 9438 California, Rochester, passed away at 1:45 p.m. Monday at Community Hospital East, Indianapolis.

He was born on Sept. 30, 1933, in Burkville, Ala., to the late Mamon and Indiana (Grant) Gardner Sr. On Aug. 25, 1951, in Burkville, he was united with his loving wife Maggie Lee Harris. They moved from Montgomery, Ala., to Chicago, Ill., in 1953, and then to Rochester in 1968.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and a strong man. He worked as a master bricklayer.

He leaves behind his wife, Maggie Lee Gardner, Rochester; his 10 children, Prince Gardner Jr., Detroit, Mich., Gladys and husband

Tommy Hamer, Chicago, Ill., David Gardner, Chicago, Melinda and husband Raymond Salary, Michigan City, Jerome Gardner, St. Louis, Mo., Patricia and husband Jerry Booth, Indianapolis, Glenn Gardner, Rochester, and Juanita Gardner, Duane Gardner, Elizabeth Denise Gardner, all of Indianapolis; 18 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Mamon and wife Margaret Gardner, Chicago, Ill.; and sisters, Mary and husband Kenneth Mockabee, Mabel Rice, and Ruby and husband Gary Cody, all of Cleveland, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his grandchildren, Shacola Gardner and Matthew Gardner.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Monterey United Methodist Church, 6195 Main St., Monterey, with the Rev. Andrew Murdock officiating. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the funeral at the church. Burial will be in the Leiters Ford Cemetery, Leiters Ford. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Clyde E. Pickens**

Clyde E. PICKENS, 74, Logansport, died Wednesday in the Memorial Hospital emergency room in Logansport.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Y. Pickens, Logansport; five daughters, Cathy March, Lucerne, Becky Ruff, Royal Center, Stephanie Weaver, Idaville, Melissa Reynoso, Lori Arzola, both of Logansport; four sons, Clyde Pickens Jr., Oxford, Tim Pickens, Lucerne, Dan Pickens, Logansport, Scot Pickens, Missouri; two brothers, Ralph Pickens and Clifford Pickens, both of Lucerne; and a sister, Esther Books, Rochester.

His funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

**Jesse 'Junior' Vice**

April 5, 1928 - April 25, 2007

Jesse "Junior" VICE, 79, 229 Lake St., Plymouth, formerly of 4981 Boicourt Drive, Rochester, died at 3:56 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital, Plymouth. He was in failing health.

The son of Jesse Vice Sr. and Ruth Allen Vice, he moved from Rochester to Plymouth in 2006.

He married Ella May Kline on Feb. 14, 1967, at Mt. Hope Church near Leiters Ford. He was a railroader for Norfolk & Western Railroad and worked as a crossman watchman. He belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 852, where he was a Golden Eagle, and to the Brotherhood of Railroaders.

Survivors include a son, Charles E. Vice and wife Pam, Plymouth; two grandsons, Nicolas Charles Edward Vice and Charles Storm Jesse Vice, both of Plymouth; a brother, Wayne Vice, Arizona; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two sisters, Opal and Mary; and a brother, Walley.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Elder Patrick Noonan officiating. Burial will be at Leiters Ford Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to FOE No. 852, Rochester.

Friday, April 27, 2007

**Kyong Mi Ladson**

Kyong Mi LADSON, 48, Elkhart, died Thursday at home.

Survivors include her husband, Randy Ladson, formerly of Rochester; and, in South Korea, her mother, Kwi Yo Choe,; her son, Chae Su Choe; a brother, In Chol Kim, and two sisters, Kyong Suk and Kyong Ae Kim.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Michiana Korean Church, Elkhart, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the church. Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola, is handling arrangements.

### **Charles Hobson Tate II**

Charles Hobson TATE II, 48, Rochester, died Saturday.

He is survived by four children, Charles Hobson Tate III, Joan Allyn Tate, Erin Marie Tate and Bryce Richard Scott-Tate.

A private service is being planned.

Saturday, April 28, 2007

### **Charles William Callahan**

Dec. 23, 1917-April 26, 2007

Charles William CALLAHAN, 89, of North Manchester, died Thursday at 2:15 p.m. at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester.

He was born Dec. 23, 1917, in Francesville, to John J. and Ruth (Anderson) Callahan.

He married Bonita J. Michael in North Manchester on Oct. 19, 1946. He was a 1937 graduate of South Whitley High School.

Charles served in the U.S. Army for 4 ½ years during World War II with the Bataan Avengers. He was in Company 1, 152<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 38<sup>th</sup> Division, in the South Pacific.

He also worked as a truck driver for Trick Supply in North Manchester for 21 years, retiring in 1983.

Charles attended Faith Baptist Church in North Manchester and was an avid Indiana University basketball and Cincinnati Reds baseball fan. He loved his children and grandchildren.

Every year, the last weekend in July, Charles would attend a reunion with his Army buddies.

Charles is survived by his wife, Bonita J. Callahan of North Manchester; a son, Michael J. (Pamela) Callahan of North Manchester; two daughters, Bonnie Badskey of Goshen and Betsy (Michael) Warner of Granger; three sisters, Mary Montel of North Manchester, Berdene (Maurice) Azbell of Rochester and Frances Callahan of Winamac; three sisters-in-law, Trula Callahan of North Manchester, Sarah Callahan of Culver and Dorothy Callahan of

Winamac; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, one sister and one grandchild.

His memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at Faith Baptist Church, 1303 State Road 13 West, North Manchester, with Pastor Andrew Gathany officiating. Family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at the church. Memorials are to Faith Baptist Church in North Manchester or the donor's choice. The memorial guestbook for Charles may be signed online at [grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Monday, April 30, 2007

**Herman Devane Mathews**

Herman Devane MATHEWS, 87, of 1915 Liberty Lane, Rochester, died at 7:30 a.m. today at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Jane F. Reinhold**

March 15, 1928 - April 27, 2007

Jane F. REINHOLD, 79, of Monterey, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

Jane was born on March 15, 1928, in Blue Island, Ill., to the late Leonard and Magdalene (Posthuma) Welter. On Feb 9, 1946, Jane married Clem Reinhold in Monterey. He preceded her in death along with two brothers and a grandchild.

Jane was a longtime member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Monterey, a hospice volunteer, and a member of the Collins-Tasch American Legion Post No. 399 Auxiliary of Monterey. She was a Girl Scout leader for many years and was also involved in 4-H and the Horse and Pony Club. In 2005, Jane was honored at the Women of Pulaski County Celebration.

Jane is survived by four daughters, Marie (Tom) Bauer of Rochester, Donna (Bob) Ringer of Plymouth, Linda (Ken) McCune of Monterey and Lisa (Roy) Garcia of Elk, Wash.; two sons, Tony

(Marian) Reinhold and Bill Reinhold of Monterey; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; three sisters and one brother.

Friends may join Jane's family in remembering and celebrating her life at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday with a spiritual wake service conducted at 8 p.m. Father Bert Woolson will officiate a mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Monterey with burial following at St. Anne's Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Collins-Tasch American Legion Post No. 399 Auxiliary. Condolences may be sent via the Web site obituary page at [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com).

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

### **Lola Grace Eisenman**

Lola Grace EISENMAN, 97, of Friendly Village Nursing Home, 900 Boyce Drive, Rhinelander, Wis., died at 5:55 p.m. Sunday at the nursing home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Herman Devane Mathews**

Aug. 25, 1919-April 30, 2007

Herman Devane MATHEWS, a Fulton County resident all of his life, lived on Liberty Road in Rochester and passed away Monday. Herman was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather.

Herman was born in Newcastle Township on Aug. 25, 1919, one of six children born to Harley and Carrie Fern Dudgeon Mathews. He was a graduate of Talma High School.

He married our mother, Charlotte Ann Emmons, on Jan. 4, 1951, in Bourbon. They began their married life in Talma and moved to their present home in Rochester in 1964.

Herman was employed and retired from Dean Foods in 1985 after 30 years of service. He worked hard all his life and lovingly provided for his family.

Herman entered the Army on Feb. 3, 1942, and was honorably discharged Oct. 22, 1945. He served overseas in Normandy, Northern

France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was a 60-year member of the American Legion.

Herman was an active member of Bethlehem Baptist Church and had served as a trustee of the church. His favorite pastime other than his family was taking care of his yard and garden. He also enjoyed woodworking after he retired and made many wonderful keepsakes for his family. One thing he always insisted on was that he and his family be on time no matter where they went.

Herman is survived by his wife of 56 years and their six children, two sons and four daughters. His sons are Charles (Golnaz) Mathews, Fort Wayne, and Jim Mathews and companion Connie Charles, South Bend. His daughters are Anne (Steve) Campbell, Indianapolis, Jane (Rick) Van Loon, Gaston, Joyce Wagoner, Rochester, and Susie (Tony) Terry, Yorktown.

Ten grandchildren also survive. They are Aaron Campbell, Kristen (Brandon) Waite, Allison Campbell and Bethany (Zachary) Stephey, all of Indianapolis, Carrie (Chad) Gaines, Rochester, Aaron Van Loon (Cathy), New Albany, Elizabeth and Samantha Terry, Yorktown, and Justin and Jarrod Mathews, Fort Wayne, and great-grandson, Logan Gaines, Rochester.

He is also survived by one brother, Ernest (Claire) Mathews, Lakeville, and a sister, Mildred (Harold) Meiser, Rochester, and many nieces and nephews.

Herman was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Minnie Mathews, Mary (Henry) Kindig and Martha (Lavoy) Hoffman.

A celebration of Herman's life will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 3516 N. 650 East, Rochester, with the Rev. Phil Pratt officiating. His family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow at the Reichter Cemetery, where military graveside rites will be accorded him by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorial gifts may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or Bethlehem Baptist

Church. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Joyce A. Read**

Sept. 28, 1941-April 29, 2007

Joyce A. READ, 65, of 13253 E. Indiana 114, Akron, died at 5 p.m. Sunday at her residence.

Born in Warsaw, she was the daughter of Vernon and Pauline Gebert Fawley. She graduated from Syracuse High School in 1959.

On May 29, 1959, she married Larry E. Read in Syracuse. She and her husband owned and operated Reads Racing Inc. He passed away on Jan. 3, 2006.

She is survived by two daughters, Debbie and husband Scott Eddy, Warsaw, and Carol and husband Michael Klinger, Akron; a son, Steve and wife Kelly, North Webster; eight grandchildren, Cathy and husband Matt Weiler, Warsaw, Lori and husband Kris Locklin, Pierceton, Mikey and wife Sharon Klinger, Larry Klinger, all of Akron, Doug Read, North Webster, Dian Klinger, Sandy Klinger and Gary Klinger, all of Akron; three great-grandchildren, Jenna and David Weiler, Warsaw, and Lex Locklin, Pierceton; a sister, Jean and husband Michael Anicka, Kentucky; and a brother, Vernon and wife Marcille Fawley, Fort Wayne.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

**David Washburn Reid**

David Washburn REID, 71, of 866 W. Ninth St., Rochester, died at 11 p.m. Monday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.



**Brenda J. Vermillion**

Brenda Joyce VERMILLION, 60, Plymouth, formerly of Kewanna, died Wednesday at home.

Survivors include her husband, James Vermillion, Plymouth; a son, Johnnie Fuller, Culver; a daughter, Sherry Nagy, Florida; her mother, Elverta Moore, Rochester; a brother, Devon Moore, Rochester; and two sisters, Charlene Ward, Bourbon, and Treva Murphy, Argos.

A memorial service was held Saturday at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Rochester.

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

**Elaine Nusbaum Roberts**

Aug. 4, 1953-April 30, 2007

Elaine Nusbaum ROBERTS, 53, died Monday.

A homemaker, she loved to draw and write. She graduated from Rochester High School in 1972.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Charles W. Roberts, a son, John Roberts, and a daughter, Charlene Langly and husband Justin, all of Marksville, La.; her mother, Ethel Ludwig, three sisters, Orlandria Roberts, Melissa Grubbs and Diantha Bradley, all of Rochester; a brother, Winfred Nusbaum and Cindy, Austin, Texas; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, John Baltes, in 1986, and her father, Lloyd Nusbaum, in 1961.

A private service will be at Hixson Brothers Funeral Home in Marksville, La.

**Jeff Wheeler**

Jeff WHEELER, 40, Nyona Lake, died Tuesday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna.

Thursday, May 3, 2007

**Lola Grace Eisenman**

Dec. 5, 1909-April 29, 2007

Lola Grace EISENMAN, 97, Friendly Village Nursing Home, 900 Boyce Drive, Rhinelander, Wis., died at 5:55 p.m. Sunday at the nursing home.

Born in Fulton County, she was the daughter of Clyde Andrew and Mable Meyer Bick. She was a dynamic Lady Zebra basketball player and a 1927 Rochester High School graduate.

She married Frederick S. Eisenman on Sept. 5, 1927, in Macy. He preceded her in death on Feb. 11, 1990. Prior to moving to Wisconsin, she and her husband wintered in Florida.

She was a school bus driver for the Oneida Community Schools in Wisconsin. She co-owned and assisted her husband with the Idlewild Resort in Harshaw, Wis.

She enjoyed playing bingo and cards, and making braided rugs.

She will be remembered for being a devoted and loving mother, grandmother and sister.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn M. Anderson and Linda Brown and husband Donald, all of Rhinelander, Wis.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; a brother, Clyde Bick and wife Helen, Plymouth; a sister, Bernice Gedeon, Rochester; a cousin, John Pyle, Rochester; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a husband; a son, Frederick, in 1940; two brothers, Luroy Bick and Jack Bick; and a sister, Alvada Rookstool.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will be at Citizens Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Arnesia (Dumplin) Lynn Jackson**

Arnesia (Dumplin) Lynn JACKSON was born Aug. 2, 1972, to the union of Harvey and Beverly Jackson. She confessed her hope in Christ at an early age in Rochester.

Arnesia was and will always be a continuous gift in the lives she touched. Arnesia joined New Life Celebration Church of God, Feb. 1, 1998, where she served on the Koinonia Ministry, Greeters Ministry, and her passion she held for the Choir; she sang in the Voices of Celebration Choir. Arnesia has so many certificates presented to her from New Life Celebration Church of God. Her dedication to her church was of immeasurable passion. She always looked forward to traveling with her church choir and the yearly picnics. One of her special favorites was going to the women's retreat. At this year's retreat, last weekend, Arnesia was recognized for her special gift cards that she placed on every table for all the ladies. Arnesia was a special person and she lived her life in preparation for this day.

Arnesia graduated from Culver Jr. Sr. High School in 1990. Then she continued her education at Ivy Tech State College, where she studied computer literature. Besides being a joy to her family, Arnesia had a very special bond with her grandparents, Pearlie and Eldee Norman, who were there when she was born and there when she departed this life. Not only did she love her granddiddy and grandmommie, she cherished them with the utmost respect. Though her life was short, her love was long and everlasting from her soul.

Arnesia leaves to cherish her memories and strength, her father and mother, Harvey and Beverly Jackson of Rochester; four brothers, Harvey III of Kewanna, Joshua L. (Greta) of Kewanna, David L. (Katrina) of Rochester, Michael L. of Rochester; four sisters, Nianna of Chicago, Ill., Michelle L. of Indianapolis, Vanessa L. of South Bend and Phyllinga L. of Rochester; maternal grandparents, Pearlie and Eldee Norman of Blue Island, Ill.; and a host of uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends that were as special to her as her family. Arnesia was preceded in death by her twin sisters, Sandra Ann

and Wanda Renee, and her loving paternal grandmother, Rosie Lee Howell-Martinez.

Services will be Saturday, May 5, 2007. Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Services will be from 11 a.m. to noon at New Life Celebration Church of God, 14243 South Dante Avenue, Dolton, IL 60419.

### **David Washburn Reid**

David Washburn REID, of 866 W. Ninth St., Rochester, passed away at his residence on April 30 after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. He was born and raised in Goodland, the son of Kenneth N. Reid and Mary C. (Washburn) Reid.

In 1954, David graduated from Goodland High School, Goodland. He enlisted one year after graduating from high school in the U.S. Army. On May 2, 1958, he married Shirley Ann Ripley at First Baptist Church in Goodland.

After serving our country, David began working for Better Coil and Transformer of Goodland. The majority of his employment career involved the electrical coil industry. In 1976, David and his family moved to Rochester. At this time he worked for Marshall Electric Corporation until he retired in April of 2005 after 28 years of service.

David enjoyed working with computers. Jazz and big band music were his favorites. He also enjoyed his Holiday Rambler Trailer, camping and traveling with the Holiday Rambler Club of Lafayette for several years. He traveled with his wife and daughter Pam to several destinations including Ireland, Switzerland and an Alaskan cruise, which were among his favorites. Another favorite memory was an adventure to Arizona with daughter Paula and family.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley, at home; three daughters, Pamela Handy and husband Keith, Lafayette, Carla Merrill and husband Rick, Apache Junction, Ariz., and Paula Murphy and husband Richard, Rochester. Also surviving are one niece, Connie Woodworth, Richmond; two nephews, Philip Reid, Cambridge City, and Jon Reid, Lafayette; two grandsons, Benjamin and Justin Murphy, Rochester; six stepgrandchildren; and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Ida K. Reid; two brothers, Philip Reid and Carrol K. Reid.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. A celebration of David's life will follow at 5:30 p.m., with the Rev. Chris Dodson officiating. Interment will be at Goodland Cemetery in Goodland. Friends of the family are invited to attend the graveside service at 1 p.m. Central time Sunday. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Jeffrey Lynn Wheeler**

May 20, 1966-May 1, 2007

Jeffrey Lynn WHEELER, 40, of Nyona Lake, went to be with our Lord Tuesday at his residence. He was born May 20, 1966.

He was a construction worker in Arizona for several years and also formerly worked for Fulton Industries, Rochester.

Jeff loved to hike, camp, fish and was very much a family man. He was an avid NASCAR fan and Jeff Gordon was his man. Jeff also liked to help handicapped children. Several years ago, Jeff's illness took most of these loves away from him.

Jeffrey leaves behind his wife, Renee Lynn Wheeler, and three daughters, Shelby Lynn, Harley Lynn and Chrissy Lynn Wheeler, all of Nyona Lake. Also surviving are his parents, Ron and Vicki Wheeler of Kewanna; two brothers, Robert Wheeler of Indiana and Christopher Wheeler of Show Low, Ariz.; an uncle, Jesse J. Sutton (Anni), Kewanna; two aunts, Sandra Shrader (Ron) of Topsham, Maine, and Karen Nava Smith of Lakeside, Ariz.; in-laws, Ron and Bonnie Gendron, Cottage Grove, Tenn.; best friends, Ron Vorhees and Timothy Kruse. Jeff also leaves behind many cousins in Indiana and Arizona that he dearly loved. Preceding him in death were his grandparents Vernon Dale Sutton and Gloria Jean Benedict Sutton.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that contributions be made to the funeral home for expenses. A private memorial service will be held. Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, is handling

the arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Friday, May 4, 2007

[None]

Saturday, May 5, 2007

[None]

Monday, May 7, 2007

**Col. Ronald D. Durkes**

Feb. 14, 1936-May 4, 2007

Col. Ronald D. Durkes, USAF retired, 71, passed into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fulton County and raised in Rochester. Ron retired from the Air Force on Aug. 1, 1995, with 40-plus years of service to his country, including the 122nd Fighter Wing, Indiana Air National Guard. During his service, Ron received numerous decorations, awards and ribbons.

He was a member of the National Guard Association, Air Force Association and Military Officers Association of America.

Survivors include his wife, Kay; daughters, Debra K. Durkes, Fort Wayne, and Diane A. (Jim) Starnes, Cromwell; a son, Gary L., Fort Wayne; a sister, Janice Mitchell, Pittsboro; a grandson, Adam Durkes; granddaughters, Alexa Durkes and Whitley Starnes; sisters-in-law, Peg Durkes and Marylou Durkes, both of Rochester; 11 nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur H. and Ruth I. Durkes; a baby sister, Lois Ann Durkes; brothers, James M. and William Lynn Durkes; and brother-in-law, Ed Newcomb.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association of Allen County.

**Ralph J. Fox**

March 16, 1931-May 4, 2007

Ralph J. FOX, 76, of 6155 E. Washington St., Monterey, died at 6:41 p.m. Friday at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Born in Plymouth, he was the son of Fred and Elizabeth Winter Fox. He lived in Monterey most of his life.

He married Christine M. Penksa on Nov. 17, 1956, in Monterey. She survives.

Ralph served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He retired from Dean Foods, Rochester. He worked there for 40 years and never missed a day of work the entire time.

He was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both in Monterey.

A former clerk-treasurer and a member of the Monterey Town Board, he also served on the Monterey-Tippecanoe Township Library Board. He was a former member of the Monterey Lions Club.

He was a tireless volunteer for many causes in Monterey and was instrumental in the awarding of hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant money for improvements to the community.

He was the grand marshal for the Monterey Days parade in 2000 and was known as the un-official Mayor of Monterey. The Culver Kiwanis Club is posthumously awarding him with a Community Service Award today.

He liked planes, trains and traveling.

Survivors include his wife, Christine M. Fox, Monterey; daughter, Victoria E. Fox, Vista, Calif.; son, Ronald J. (Thelma) Fox, Leiters Ford; daughter, Ann K. (Dennis) Plummer, Port St. Lucie, Fla.; daughter, Sarah J. Fox, Kokomo; daughter, Angela (Chuck)

Arnett, Destin, Fla.; son, Randal J. (Airetta) Fox, Wesley Chapel, Fla.; grandson, Khristopher Kowatch; granddaughter, Autum Kowatch; grandsons, Joshua Fox, Cory Fox and Austin Plummer; granddaughter, Madyson Plummer; grandson, Benjamin Muller; granddaughters, Elizabeth Arnett Clause, Britnie Arnett and Brandy Fox; grandson, Ty Fox; granddaughter, Katie Fox; and great-grandson, Kyle Kowatch. He is also survived by a sister, Mary Ziegler, Walburg, Texas; brothers, Clem Fox, Carl Fox, both of Plymouth, Father Thomas Fox, Remington, Lloyd Fox, Winamac, Donald Fox, Logansport, Richard Fox and Kenneth Fox, both of Plymouth; sister, Rose Ann Fox Master, Monterey; and brother, James Fox, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and three brothers, Paul Fox, Robert Fox and Theodore Fox.

His funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey, with the Rev. Bert Woolson, Father Thomas Fox and Msgr. Robert Sell III officiating. Burial will be at St. Anne's Cemetery, Monterey, where military graveside rites will be conducted. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Frain Mortuary, Winamac. A Scriptural wake service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.frainmortuary.com](http://www.frainmortuary.com).

### **William 'Bill' R. Mikesell**

May 13, 1930-May 6, 2007

William "Bill" R. MIKESELL, 76, of 4005 19B Road, Tippecanoe, passed away at 6:20 a.m. Sunday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

William "Bill" was born on May 13, 1930, in Fulton, the son of Harold and Frances (Lemmon) Mikesell. After graduation from Fulton High School, he joined the U.S. Air Force and served as a pilot during the Korean War. After being married and upon his discharge from the Air Force, Bill returned to Indiana to farm, work for NIPSCO and retire. He resided predominantly in Marshall County.

He is survived by his daughter, Frances D. Mikesell, Louisiana; sister, Marjorie Terpstra, Rochester; one niece and four nephews. He



was preceded in death by his parents; son, Marlon Dale Mikesell; and brothers, Paul Mikesell and Harold Mikesell.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Edna Mae Shewman**

Edna Mae SHEWMAN, 91, of 836 E. Walnut St., Akron, Died Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include three sons, Con Shewman, Harold Shewman, both of Akron, and Royce Shewman, Muncie, and a sister, Marianne Fruitt, North Manchester.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Akron Church of the Brethern. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Tuesday May 8, 2007

### **Edna Mae Shewman**

May 3, 1916-May 6, 2007

Edna Mae SHEWMAN 91, of 836 E. Walnut St., Akron, died at 11:15 a.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

The daughter of Ray and Hazel Miller Butterbaugh, she was born on the family farm near North Manchester in Wabash County. She graduated from Laketon High School in 1935.

On July 1, 1936, she married Ralph E. Shewman at her family's farm. He passed away on Jan. 11, 2000.

A homemaker, she was also the bookkeeper at South End Motors Ford dealership in Akron from 1945 to 1989. She and her husband co-owned the dealership. She also was co-owner of the B-K

Root Beer Stand on Akron's south end for more than 12 years. In earlier years, she and her husband had a dairy farm.

She was a member of Akron Church of the Brethren for more than 60 years. She was treasurer for many years and secretary of the women's organization.

She enjoyed being with her family, being outdoors and taking care of her flowers.

Survivors include three sons, Con and wife Sherri Shewman, Harold and wife Janice Shewman, all of Akron, and Royce and wife Sally Shewman, Muncie; a daughter-in-law, Carol Ann Shewman, Akron; a sister, Marianne and husband Eldon Fruitt, North Manchester; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Stanley Shewman, on July 25, 2006; two sisters, Eileen Blocher and Cleo Wagoner; and three brothers, Bob, Don and Leon Butterbaugh.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Akron Church of the Brethren, 212 S. Maple St., with Pastors David Hendry and Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Memorials may be made to Akron Church of the Brethren.

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

**Esther Irene Kopka**

Esther Irene KOPKA, 74, of 313 N. Grove St., Argos, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Gordon, Logansport, and Lenora Kopka, Argos.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service Thursday.

Thursday, May 10, 2007

**Sonja Geiger**

Sonja GEIGER, 66, of 1106 Franklin St., Rochester, died at 7:45 a.m. today at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Jeff Tyler**

Jeff TYLER, 52, of 2584 E. 200 North, Rochester, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, May 11, 2007

**Sonja 'Sunny' Lou Geiger**

June 29, 1940-May 10, 2007

Sonja "Sunny" Lou GIEGER, 66, of 1106 Franklin St., Rochester, died at 7:45 a.m. Thursday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Rochester, she was the daughter of Paul and Gene Johnston Mattix. On June 8, 1974, she married Charles "Dick" Geiger. He preceded her in death on Oct. 25, 1981.

She was the former owner of Chamberlain's and The Dugout, both of Rochester. She was the past president of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of the Eagles Lodge and VFW.

She is survived by two daughters, Pamela Rogers and husband Richard, Akron, and Sherri Eiler and husband Rodney, Gaston; a son, James Ranstead and wife Renee, Osceola; nine grandchildren, Michael Rogers, Kurt Rogers, Jason Ranstead, Candy Rogers, Joshua Ranstead, Jeremy Ranstead, Jared Ranstead, Jacob Ranstead and Jacob Eiler; seven great-grandchildren; and nephews, Matthew Nard and Andrew Nard. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and a nephew.

Her funeral service will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Rodney

Eiler officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 1 p.m. until the service Saturday. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Gertrude L. McCroskey**

Gertrude L. McCROSKEY, 85, of 340 E. 18th St., Rochester, passed away at 5:40 a.m. today at Hickory Creek of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Jeffrey Marvin Tyler**

Jeffrey Marvin TYLER, 52, of 2584 E. 200 North, Rochester, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Jane, at home; eight daughters, Elizabeth Ray Justice, Etna Green, Amy Tyler, Pueblo, Colo., Elizabeth Anne Kuhn and Kathleen Mary Clark, both of Rochester, Patricia Diane Evans, Appleton, Wis., Lisa Blair, Culver, Priscilla Nelson, Monticello, and Jennifer Hamilton, Monticello; and three sons, Jeffrey Marvin Jr. Long, Churubusco, John Stockberger, Culver, and Dan Schidler, Rochester.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Saturday, May 12, 2007

**Sadie Rae Lindsey**

Aug. 27, 1950-May 9, 2007

Sadie Rae LINDSEY, 56, Peru, passed away at 11 p.m. Wednesday at her residence.

She was born on Aug. 27, 1950, in Portland, Ore., to Leonard C. and Sadie P. (Elder) Lewis. On Feb. 9, 1974, she married James Lindsey. He preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 2000.

She was a homemaker, former apartment manager and a talented artist.

Survivors include one daughter, Tina Rae Finnegan Raider, Peru; three grandchildren, Nash, Austin and Clay Raider; two sisters, Penny B. Finnegan, Rochester; Peggy J. Owings, Rusk, Tex.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and one brother, Leonard Lewis.

Her funeral service is Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Butch Troke officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will take place at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Rochester.

### **Gertrude L. McCroskey**

May 13, 1920-May 11, 2007

Gertrude L. McCROSKEY, 85, of 340 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street., Rochester, formerly of Fulton passed away at 5:40 a.m. Friday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

She was born on May 13, 1921, in Fulton County, the daughter of Carl and Bessie (Graft) Michael. On Nov. 4, 1941, in Fulton, she married Randall McCroskey. He preceded her in death on Aug. 27, 1990.

Mrs. McCroskey retired from the U.S. Post Office in Fulton. She was a member of the Fulton Wesleyan church. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her daughters, Margaret Ditto, Kendallville, and Carol and husband Robert Macy, Rochester; grandchildren, Kim and husband Neal Stalhiem, Anderson, and Todd and wife Angel Ditto, Kendallville; great-grandchildren, Emily Ditto and Ethan Krus, both of Kendallville; nephews, Robert and wife Marilyn Bevington, Indianapolis, Raymond and wife Nancy Bevington, Kokomo, Paul and wife Christine Rouch and Dwight and Delores Stout, all of Bunker Hill.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Richard Dean officiating. Friends may call from noon until the time of the service Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Salem Cemetery,

northwest of Fulton. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Deane Henry Simpson**

Deane Henry SIMPSON, 77, Port Ludlow, Wash., formerly of Fulton County, died May 3.

Survivors include his wife Joan; children, Diane Johnson Kithcart, Nordland, Wash., Debra Saint, Eatonville, Wash., and Mark Simpson, Newport, Wash.; and siblings, Neil Simpson, Seattle, Wash., Barbara Davidson, Olympia, Wash., and Leda Harlan, Okanagan, Wash.

A service will be Sunday, May 20 at the Saint home in Eatonville.

Monday, May 14, 2007

### **Mark E. Howdeshell**

Feb. 3, 1964-May 12, 2007

Mark E. HOWDESHELL, 43, of 787 W. Eighth St., Rochester, died at 2:30 a.m. Saturday at home.

Born in East Chicago, he was the son of Malcolm L. and Lona A. Henderson Howdeshell.

A 1982 graduate of Kewanna High School, he lived most of his life in Fulton County. He later graduated from Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering.

He married Pam Milner on May 15, 1993, at the Burton Church in Fulton County

He worked as a quality engineer/manager for T. I. Automotives in Ossian.

A U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of the Manitou Moose Lodge and Fraternal Order of Eagles, both of Rochester.

He enjoyed golf, softball, all music and was an avid reader. He was also interested in motorcycles and classic cars.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Howdeshell, at home; a daughter, Stacey Allen and husband Elliott, Fishers; a son, Dr. Cory Zent, DDS, and wife RaeAnn, Fishers; a grandson, Collin Allen, Fishers; a sister, Rosalie Harrison and husband Mike, Port Orange, Fla.; and four brothers, James Percy and wife Jeanne, McHenry, Ill., Malcolm L. Howdeshell and wife Lora, Rochester, Patrick Howdeshell and wife Tracy, Rochester, and Matthew C. Howdeshell, Akron. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Mark Spencer officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday. Mark's family is establishing the Mark A. Howdeshell Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Envelopes for his fund are available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Claude 'Skip' Jameson**

Claude "Skip" JAMESON, 78, of 7577 N. 550 East, Rochester, died at 9:34 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Gertrude L. McCroskey**

May 13, 1921-May 11, 2007

Gertrude L. McCROSKEY, 85, of 340 E. 18th St., Rochester, formerly of Fulton, passed away at 5:40 a.m. Friday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

She was born on May 13, 1921, in Fulton County, the daughter of Carl and Bessie (Graft) Michael. On Nov. 4, 1941, in Fulton, she married Randall McCroskey. He preceded her in death on Aug. 27, 1990.

Mrs. McCroskey retired from the U.S. Post Office in Fulton. She was a member of the Fulton Wesleyan Church. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her daughters, Margaret Ditto, Kendallville, and Carol and husband Robert Macy, Rochester; grandchildren, Kim and husband Neal Stalhiem, Anderson, and Todd and wife Angel Ditto, Kendallville; great-grandchildren, Emily Ditto and Ethan Krus, both of Kendallville; nephews, Robert and wife Marilyn Bevington, Indianapolis, Raymond and wife Nancy Bevington, Kokomo, Paul and wife Christine Rouch and Dwight and Delores Stout, all of Bunker Hill.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Richard Dean officiating. Friends may call from noon until the time of the service Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Salem Cemetery, northwest of Fulton. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Jean 'A.J.' Mattice Nylin**

March 6, 1921-May 11, 2007

Jean "A.J." Mattice NYLIN, 86, of 1006 Wabash Avenue, Rochester, passed away at 4:17 p.m. Friday at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo.

She was born on March 6, 1921, in Illinois, the daughter of Max and Myra Davis Mattice. She married Carl "Tiny" Nylin. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Nylin worked for a stockbroker for many years. An accomplished musician, Jean and her husband performed for more than 56 years as the musical group, Jean and Tiny, "The Old Smoothies." She was a member of the American Legion, and had been a member at the Moose and Eagles lodges. She enjoyed playing music, socializing with her friends at the American Legion and playing cards.

Survivors include her nephews, Bruce and wife Sara Mattice, Macy, Wayne and wife Mary Mattice, Peru, Michael J. Mattice, Peru; and close friend, Carol Mevis, Rochester. She was preceded in death



by her brother, Maurice Edmund Mattice, and nephews, Jack Mattice and Robert Mattice.

No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Steven Bruce Mattice Memorial Scholarship through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Verna O. Whitesell**

Verna O. WHITESELL, 85, Mason Health Care Center, Warsaw, died at 3:35 a.m. today at the nursing home. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

**Carol A. Damron**

Carol A. DAMRON, 57, of 1614 Idlewild Drive, Rochester, died at 3:22 a.m. today at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**June R. Large Holloway**

June R. Large HOLLOWAY, 83, of 1311 Hill Street, Rochester, died at 10:18 p.m. Monday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Claude 'Skip' Jameson Jr.**

April 21, 1929-May 13, 2007

Claude "Skip" JAMESON Jr., 78, of 7577 N. 550 East, Rochester, died at 9:34 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, following a sudden illness.

Born in Mishawaka, he was the son of Claude and Treva Grundish Jameson. A 1948 graduate of Talma High School, he lived in the community for the past 65 years.

On Feb. 11, 1956, in Rochester, he married Harriet Ann Fultz. They later divorced.

A union electrician, he retired in 1991. He was a member of IBEW Local No. 668 for 50 years.

He was a U.S. Army and Navy veteran of the Korean War. He belonged to the LeRoy Shelton American Legion for 50 years and was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was also a member of Talma United Methodist Church, the Elks Lodge and Eagles Lodge of Rochester, the Mentone Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and St. Joseph Valley and Fort Wayne Shrine clubs. He was an avid golfer, who loved to fish in Minnesota and to garden.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary E. Jameson, Perkasio, Pa.; a son, Charles "Skip" Jameson, Rochester; two grandchildren, Chelsea Louise Jameson and Trenton Wesley Jameson of Rochester; three nieces, Betsy Gilder of Ohio, Susan Matthews of Texas and Dana Daake, Rochester; a nephew, David Daake, Rochester; and a brother-in-law, Vitte Rudnickas of Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Joanne Jameson; and two sisters, Janice Rudnickas and Sandra Daake.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Mike Beezley officiating. Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery, Claypool. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will conduct military graveside rites. Memorials may be made to the LeRoy Shelton American Legion. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Verna O. Whitesell**

Verna O. WHITESELL, 85, Mason Health Care Center, Warsaw, died Monday at the nursing home.

Survivors include her sister, Julianne Thompson, Mentone.

A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Mentone Cemetery. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is handling arrangements.

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

**Carol A. Damron**

April 24, 1950-May 15, 2007

Carol A. DAMRON, 57, of 1614 Idlewild Drive, Rochester, passed away at 3:22 a.m. Tuesday at her residence.

She was born on April 24, 1950, in Rochester, the daughter of Ronald L. and Nilah G. (Edwards) Baber. She was a 1967 graduate of North Miami High School. During high school, she attended school in Guam for several years while her family was stationed there. She enjoyed extensive traveling in the Far East during her high school years. After graduation, she traveled throughout Europe. On April 17, 1971, at the Macy United Methodist Church, Macy, she married David P. Damron and he survives.

Mrs. Damron had been a distribution clerk, field record clerk and service technician for Northern Indiana Public Service Company. She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church and enjoyed reading, boating, flowers, fix-it projects, traveling and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, David P. Damron, Rochester; son, Kyle and wife Megan Damron, Somerset, Ky.; brother, Rick L. and wife Teresa Baber, Rochester; sister, Barbara and husband Ed Brown, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, with the Rev. Rick Taylor officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or to Grace United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**June R. Large Holloway**

June 13, 1923-May 14, 2007

Our beloved Mother, Grandmother and Wife, June R. HOLLOWAY, 83, passed away quietly at Life Care Center in Rochester on Monday, May 14, 2007, at 10:18 p.m., surrounded by family.

June was born on June 13, 1923, near Lake Bruce, Indiana, to Perry and Goldie (Wilson) Guise. June went to school at Leiters Ford and graduated in 1941 as valedictorian of her class.

On Feb. 14, 1942, she married Delbert E. "Sam" Large in Rochester, before Sam was shipped off to war in Europe. She was married to Sam for 44 wonderful years until his death in February 1986. They had two children, Sandra Sue and Ronald E. Large. Sandy predeceased Sam and June in May 1967.

June worked at Berkway Supermarket about 15 years. After Sandy's death, she stayed home to raise her grandchildren. She later worked at Safeway Steel Products for 21 years and retired in 1990.

June was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church for more than 50 years and was a longtime volunteer at Woodlawn Hospital.

On July 3, 2003, she married Marvin Holloway. Marvin and June had four wonderful years together.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin Holloway; son, Ron Large and wife Marny Livingston of Woodinville, Wash.; four grandchildren, Gary Basham and wife Lynn of Austin, Texas, Greg Basham and wife Carleen of Rochester, Tim Large and Chris Large, both of Woodinville, Wash.; five great-grandchildren, Amanda Basham of Austin, Texas, Nathanael, Matthew and Adam Basham of Rochester and Ryan Basham of Tippecanoe, Ohio; one stepgranddaughter, Polly and husband Jeff Irwin of Akron; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Jacob and Jamin Irwin of Akron. Also predeceasing June were her brothers, Wilson Guise and his wife Lucy and Milo Guise; her sister, Beuna Vesta Buckingham and her husband Eugene Buckingham; and an infant sister.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Will Lawson officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday. Burial will be at Lake Bruce Cemetery, Lake Bruce. Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to the family via [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Helen E. Huffman**

Helen E. HUFFMAN, 85, Kewanna, died at 11:04 p.m. Tuesday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel.

**Brenda Sue Stevens**

Brenda Sue STEVENS, 67, of 9033 W. Olson Road, Delong, died Tuesday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, May 17, 2007

**Helen E. Huffman**

Oct. 2, 1921-May 15, 2007

Helen E. HUFFMAN, 85, Kewanna, passed away at 11:04 p.m. Tuesday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Born on Oct. 2, 1921, in Grass Creek, she was the daughter of the late Thurman and Vera (Lower) Huffman.

Helen was a 1939 graduate of Grass Creek High School. She worked as a bookkeeper for Thomas Hardware in Grass Creek, retiring after 40 years.

She was a member of Grass Creek United Methodist Church and the Wayne Township Extension Homemakers. Her hobbies included jigsaw puzzles, reading, and crossword puzzles.

Survivors include a brother, Carl D. Huffman (Charlotte), Camden; nieces, Rita Ault (Carl), Rochester, Elaine Hartigan (Jack), Sparta, N.J., Carol Huffman, Fulton, and Judy Schock (Bill), Delphi;

nephews, Alan Huffman (Jessica), Brownsburg, and David Huffman (Marcia), Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph, Donald and Albert Huffman.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grass Creek United Methodist Church, with Pastor Jan Moyer officiating. Burial will follow in the Grass Creek Cemetery, Grass Creek. Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Grass Creek UMC, South State Road 17, Kewanna, IN 46939. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

### **Juanita Faye Johnson**

Juanita Faye JOHNSON, 67, of 2473 S. Indiana 19, Mentone, died at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

### **Mark Jones**

May 9, 1915-May 14, 2007

Graveside services for Mark JONES, 92, of Royal Center, will be at Royal Center Cemetery at 3 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Jones died at 8:46 p.m. Monday at his residence.

Born May 9, 1915, in Bloomington, he was the son of the late Orville E. and Zedda Mae (Brown) Jones. On Jan. 29, 1938, he married Dorothy B. Campbell and she survives.

He was a member and former superintendent of Zion United Methodist Church, Lucerne.

Mr. Jones attended Purdue University's short course in agriculture. He was a lifelong farmer who was passionate about agriculture and animals.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy B. Jones, Royal Center; two sons, Michael E. Jones of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Mark A. Jones (Karen) of Chicago, Ill.; a daughter, Tona M. Catavolos (George) of Zionsville; two brothers, Loren Jones (Jinny) of Fort Wayne and Roy Jones (Helen) of Star City; a sister, Mary Lou Parker (Verdele) of

Lafayette; six grandchildren, Michelle Drajeske, Denise Rebeor, Mackenzie and Calli Jones, Lindsay and Stephanie Catavolos; five great-grandchildren, Matthew and Marisa Drajeske, Reagan, Tori and Lexi Rebeor. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Landis and Max Jones.

Pastor Greig Crowder will officiate at the services. Burial will be at Royal Center Cemetery, Royal Center. Memorial contributions may be made to Cass Transit, 115 S. Sixth St., Logansport, IN 46947. Arrangements are being handled by Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

### **Brenda Sue Stevens**

Dec. 14, 1939-May 15, 2007

Brenda Sue STEVENS, 67, of 9033 W. Olson Road, Delong, died at 9:05 p.m. Tuesday at her residence.

Born in Morgan County, Ky., she was the daughter of Herman and Geneva (Collins) Collins. On Jan. 14, 1956, in Morehead, Ky., she married Stanley F. Stevens. They moved here from Morehead in 1965.

A homemaker, Brenda's family was paramount in her life. She was a loyal wife to Stanley, a loving mother to her six children and an adoring grandmother to her grandchildren. She cherished the time she spent with them.

She also enjoyed nature, her flower garden and watching birds, especially hummingbirds.

Survivors include her spouse, Stanley Stevens, at home; a daughter, Judy Scroggs, Delong; five sons, Phillip Stevens and wife Brenda, Rochester, Tim Stevens, Delong, Ryan Stevens and wife Tina, Mark Stevens and wife Delana and Christopher Stevens and wife Raeanne, all of Culver; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Jewel Lacy and husband Gerald, Morehead, Ky., and Erma Plank, Cincinnati, Ohio; three brothers, Frank Collins, Farmers, Ky., Robert Collins and wife Linda, Paintsville, Ky., and Bradley Collins and wife Linda, Morehead, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Terry Stevens; two grandsons, Lance and Joshua Stevens; a sister, Myrna Wagoner; and two brothers, Larry and Rick Collins.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Robert Collins officiating. Burial will be at Leiters Ford Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Friday, May 18, 2007

**Diana Hogue**

Diana HOGUE, 54, of 1173 S. 1075 East, Akron, died at 4:07 a.m. today at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Juanita Faye Johnson**

May 7, 1940-May 16, 2007

Juanita Faye JOHNSON, 67, of 2473 S. Indiana 19, Mentone, died at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday at her residence. She was in failing health for two months.

Born in Richmond, Mo., she was the daughter of Orville and Zelma Jeffers Judd. On May 17, 1957, she married Woody Johnson in Richmond, Mo. He survives at home.

She retired from Othy Inc., Warsaw, where she worked in quality control. She lived in the Mentone area for 30 years.

She is also survived by three daughters, Cheryl and husband Dan Sneed, Taylorville, Ill., Shelly Sill, LaPorte, and Denise and husband Mark Fisher, Rochester; a son, Dennis and wife Katria Johnson, Oakwood, Ga.; 14 grandchildren; and a brother, Floyd and wife Shirley Judd, Richmond, Mo. She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, Billy, Vernon, Lloyd and Larry Judd.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Chaplain Tom



Padberg officiating. At the family's request, there will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

**Charles D. Marburger**

March 13, 1949-May 16, 2007

Charles D. MARBURGER, 58, Peru, died at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Born in Rochester, he was the son of Willis D. "Bud" and Joyce Dillman Marburger. They survive in Peru. He graduated from North Miami High School in 1967.

Formerly the vice president of Marburger Ready Mix, he was also employed by D & B Ready Mix and Irving Materials. He retired in 1994.

He was a member of Denver Baptist Church. His hobbies included golfing, hunting and fishing, cars and just being outdoors.

He is also survived by a daughter, Jessica and husband Mike Shannon, Logansport; two sons, Jason Marburger, Peru, and Jeff Marburger, Mexico; a grandson, Conner Shannon; and a brother, Michael Marburger, Peru.

His funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Stephen Bates officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today. Memorials may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice, the American Cancer Society or the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

**Margaret V. Young**

Margaret V. YOUNG, 97, of Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, formerly of the Gilead area, died at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the nursing home. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Saturday, May 19, 2007

**Diana Gene Hogue**

May 23, 1952-May 18, 2007

Diana Gene HOGUE, 54, 1173 S. 1075 East, Akron, died at 4:07 a.m. Friday at her residence surrounded by family.

She was born in Rochester to Dewitt 'Bud' Stafford and Marilyn Lahman. Her father passed away on April 12, 2005. On June 6, 1971, she married Bruce A. Hogue at the Akron Church of God. He survives.

She owned and operated Hogue Engines Inc. with her husband. She was a member of the Olive Branch Church of God. A 1970 graduate of Akron High School, she also helped with the Fulton-Marshall County Special Olympics. She was also in charge of concessions at the Akron Speedway go-cart track. She enjoyed all types of flowers, and enjoyed yard work and bird watching.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce; one daughter, Rhonda Hogue, Culver; one son, Steven and wife Aubrey Hogue, Akron; her mother, Marilyn, Akron; one granddaughter, Karli Hogue, Akron; one sister, Cheryl and husband Robert Robinson, North Manchester; one brother, Darwin and wife Brenda Stafford, Dayton, Tex.

Funeral services are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Rev. Lowell Burrus and Rev. Lawrence See officiating. Visitation is 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Akron Cemetery, Akron. Memorial contributions may be made to Diana's precious granddaughter Karli Hogue's educational fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

**Margaret Viola Young**

Jan. 29, 1910-May 18, 2007

Margaret Viola YOUNG, 97, died at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

Formerly of the Gilead area, she lived at the nursing home since August 1995.

Born in Wabash County, she was the daughter of Benjamin Harrison and Rose Bell King Miller. She married Floyd E. Young on Nov. 6, 1928 in Gilead. Prior to his passing on Jan. 31, 2000, they were married for 78 years.

A homemaker, she was a member of Gilead United Methodist Church and the WCSC. She enjoyed sewing, baking, journaling and ceramics. She also liked to dress dolls of Presidents' wives in inaugural gowns and received a letter from the White House about the gowns.

Survivors include a daughter, Wanita Haupt, Fort Wayne; two sons, Ronald Young and wife Carolyn, Rochester, and James Young, Gilead; a sister, Sarah Garretson, Warren; a sister-in-law, Geneva Miller, Akron; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Donna Beverly Fields and infant Lois Judy Young; a sister, Betty Gilbert; two brothers, George and Wesley Miller; a daughter-in-law, Rosalene Young; a son-in-law, Charles Haupt; a great-grandson, Ryan Bennett; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Thomas Craig officiating. Burial will be at Gilead Cemetery, Gilead. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the service Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Gilead Cemetery, Wabash/Miami County Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Monday, May 21, 2007

### **Sandra Marie 'Sis' Castellano**

Sandra Marie "Sis" CASTELLANO (nee Santiago), 64, Rochester, formerly of Chicago, passed away Saturday afternoon surrounded by family.

She was the devoted and loving wife of the late Albert Sr., loving mother and best friend of Karen (Thomas) Barry, Albert (Lynette), Keith, Jean, Angelo and Christopher, cherished and

admired grandmother of Christine, Jill, Melissa, Keith Jr., Nicole, Lauren, Michael, Jaclyn, Antoinette, Matthew and Bella, great-grandmother of Aubrey, loving and nurturing sister of Richard (Sue), Dennis (Kelly), Judy (Richard), Irene (Dan Bruner) Santiago and the late John, fond aunt of many nieces and nephews and friend to many.

She was the proud owner of Windy City Fireworks, Rochester.

Her funeral service will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday from the Dalcamo Funeral Home, 470 W. 26th St., Chicago, Ill., 312-842-8681, to All Saints-St. Anthony Church, where mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Entombment will be at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Suite C, Plymouth, IN 46563.

### **Donald George Peter**

March 4, 1936-May 19, 2007

Donald George PETER, 71, of rural Rochester, died Saturday, at 5:35 a.m. at Memorial Hospital of South Bend. He was born March 4, 1936, in Chicago, Ill., to Gerald W. and Lucille (Hewes) Peter.

He married Marilyn E. Raney in Homewood, Ill., on Feb. 1, 1957. He was a 1954 graduate of Thornton Township High School in Harvey, Ill. He was the director of missions advancement for the Church of God General Conference. He also worked for Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service in Wabash, Roann and North Manchester, was a wholesale agriculture salesman 25 years, owned the Auto Works Body Shop in Rochester, was an officer and co-founder of Modern Materials Inc, owned the Coast to Coast Hardware in Rochester 5 years, was superintendent for Sylvestri Paving in the Chicago area, and was a real estate broker.

Don was a member and Sunday School teacher at Olive Branch Church of God. He was also a member and past president of Gideons International. Don was a former member, Sunday School teacher, and elder of the Rochester First Christian Church Disciples of Christ 25 years. He was a former member of the board of directors and chairman of the retail merchants committee of the Rochester Chamber

of Commerce, a former member and past president of the Rotary Club, and former member of the Boy Scouts of America, both of Rochester.

Don was an avid Notre Dame fan, and loved antique autos, trucks and tractors. He also belonged to the American Historical Antique Truck Association. He also enjoyed his workshop and spending time with his grandchildren.

He lived his life according to Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn E. Peter of Rochester; a son, Gregory A. (Julie A.) Peter of Rochester, daughters, Laura S. (Scott) Berkey of Goshen, Donna L. (DelRoy) Ortmann of Kokomo, a son, Daniel G. (Kelli R.) Peter of Lafayette, a daughter, Joellyn R. (Matt) Detjen of Roseville, Calif.; brother, Judd (Kay) Peter of Oswego, Ill.; 14 grandchildren; and a great-grandson. He was preceded in death by a brother.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Olive Branch Church of God, Roann, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Olive Branch Church of God and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church. The memorial guest book for Donald may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorial is Church of God General Conference Missions Fund or Gideons International Rochester Camp.

### **Gary Schnapf**

Gary SCHNAPF, 47, Royal Center, died Sunday at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center.

### **Sidney Elizabeth Wyatt**

Infant Sidney Elizabeth WYATT was born and died shortly afterward on Friday, May 18, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her parents, Mark and Jacqueline Gale (Keene) Wyatt, Warsaw, and a brother, Jamison Wyatt, Warsaw.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with visitation from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

**Gary M. Schnapf**

May 29, 1959-May 20, 2007

Services for Gary M. SCHNAPF, 47, of Royal Center, will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center.

Gary died at 2:51 p.m. Sunday in Logansport Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

Born May 29, 1959, in Logansport, he was the son of Don and Charlotte (Sommers) Schnapf; they survive.

He was a 1977 graduate of Caston High School and a 1981 Purdue University graduate.

He was a lifelong dairy farmer.

Gary was a 10-year member of the John Purdue Club, FFA and Fulton County 4-H, where he was a past 4-H leader in charge of the dairy barn. He was on a collegiate dairy judging team at Purdue University, where he also was a judge at local county fairs. Gary was on the Fulton County 4-H Council and National Dairy Shrine Club. He was a member of the county, state and Indiana-Michigan Dairy Testing Associations and a board member with the Indiana State Holstein Association.

Gary enjoyed going to sales and showing cattle. He showed at the Indiana State Fair and the National Dairy Show in Louisville for more than 30 years.

Surviving are his parents, Don and Charlotte Schnapf of Royal Center; cousins, Mark and Jodie Schnapf of Newburg, and Rita and Steve Meny of Haubstadt. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Benhardt and Nora Schnapf, and his maternal grandparents, Harold and Ersa Sommers.

Pastor David Sommers will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Grass Creek Cemetery, Grass Creek. Friends may call from 3

p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center. Online condolences may be made to [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**Jeffrey Marvin Tyler**

Aug. 6, 1954-May 9, 2007

Jeffrey Marvin TYLER, 52, of 2584 E. 200 North, Rochester, died at 2:10 p.m. May 9 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Rochester, he was the son of Ralph and Sara Rae Campbell Tyler. They preceded him in death.

A lifetime Rochester community resident, he married Jane Beighley on April 3, 1987, in Rochester. They were married 20 years in April.

He was employed as a painter by Craig Welding, Rochester. He was a U.S. Marine and served during the Vietnam era.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Tyler, at home; eight daughters, Elizabeth Ray Justice and husband Terry, Etna Green, Amy Tyler, Pueblo, Colo., Elizabeth Anne Kuhn and husband James Lee, Rochester, Kathleen Mary Clark and husband Mark, Rochester, Patricia Diane Evans and husband John, Appleton, Wis., Lisa Blair and husband Scott, Culver, Priscilla Nelson and husband Brandan, Monticello, and Jennifer Hamilton and husband Joe, Monticello; three sons, Jeffrey Marvin Jr. Long and wife Trisha, Churubusco, John Stockberger and wife Amy, Culver, Dan Shidler and wife Karen, Rochester; 23 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A gathering was held at 10 a.m. May 12 at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation an hour prior to the service. John Evans officiated. Burial was at Bruce Lake Cemetery. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars provided military rites.

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

**Juanita E. Flora Birk**

Juanita E. Flora BIRK, 87, Macy, passed away at 8:12 p.m. Tuesday at her daughter's home near Kewanna.

Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Helen Whittenberger Swick**

May 5, 1910-May 13, 2007

Helen SWICK, of Sierra Vista, Ariz., formerly of Burket, left to be with the Lord on May 13, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett Swick; a son, Merrill Swick; a daughter, Frances Swick Lester; a grandson, Tony Lester; two granddaughters, Cynthia Swick and Denise Swick Kitlinger; and a great-grandson Scott Roy Swick.

Surviving are a sister, Joanna Martin, Elkhart; two sons, Donald Swick, Huachuca City, Ariz., and Franklin Swick, Herford, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Helen was a farmer/housewife in Indiana. She moved to Arizona in 1970. She practiced her Christian faith for the majority of her life and was a member of the Warsaw Church of God, and later, a member of the Nazarene Church of Bisbee, Ariz.

Thursday, May 24, 2007

**Juanita E. Flora Birk**

Feb. 23, 1920-May 22, 2007

Juanita E. Flora BIRK, 87, Macy, passed away at 8:12 p.m. Tuesday at the home of her daughter near Kewanna.

Born in Jefferson Township on Feb. 23, 1920, she was the daughter of Dale and Honor Maus Flora.

On April 6, 1940, at the home of her parents, she was married to Edward F. Birk and he survives.



She was a member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, where she was active in the women's group. She was also a member of the Pleasant Hour Club and the Notables singing group of Rochester. She enjoyed making all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren quilts, afghans and doing all sorts of crafts. She especially enjoyed making Christmas tree ornaments. Her mission for her church was to send cards to all the sick and shut-ins and sending greetings to the members on their anniversaries and birthdays.

Survivors include her children, James E. Birk and his wife Margo, Defiance, Ohio, and Gloria Friedrich and her husband Larry, Kewanna; six grandchildren, Amy Seeman and her husband Dan, Greenfield, Dale Friedrich and his wife Regina, Pierceton, Sara Birk, Missoula, Mont., Megan Birk, Lafayette, Dana Birk and Abby Birk, both of Defiance, Ohio; three great-grandchildren, Ashleigh and Nataleigh Friedrich and Morgan Seeman; and a sister, Eunice Webster and her husband Richard, Rialto, Calif.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Wayne Balmer and Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Building Fund or to Hope Hospice.

### **Josephine Elizabeth Clayburn**

Aug. 31, 1916-Nov. 10, 2006

Josephine Elizabeth CLAYBURN, R.N., age 90, of Fletcher, N.C., passed away on Nov. 10, 2006, at Park Ridge Hospital in Fletcher.

Josephine was born Aug. 31, 1916, in Rochester to Merrit Edward and Edith Constance Borden Clayburn, the oldest of four children.

She was a retired nurse, graduating from Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital, Fletcher, and working for a short time at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, before spending 20 years in overseas mission work.

Josephine first served in Nokuphila Hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa, then Kanye Hospital in Botswana, Africa, before returning home to care for her ailing mother.

For the next 13 years, she served as director of nurses training at her alma mater. After the death of her parents, she returned to Africa, serving at Kendu Bay Hospital in Kenya, Africa.

She was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including several years with the Rochester congregation.

Survivors included brothers and sisters-in-law, William (who died March 5, 2007) and Helen Clayburn, Burleson, Texas, Oliver and Mary Clayburn, Summersville, Mo., Duane and Barbara Clayburn, Brunswick, Ga.; 12 nieces and nephews; 17 great-nieces and great-nephews; and 24 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Josephine was predeceased by her parents; two brothers who died in infancy; one niece and one nephew.

She left behind one aunt, Pauline Dunton, Benton Harbor, Mich.; several first and second cousins in northern Indiana and southern Michigan; and a host of friends around the world, all who will greatly miss her as she awaits the return of her Lord Savior.

A memorial service will be at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, one and one-half miles north of Rochester on Old U.S. Hwy. 31, at 2 p.m. Monday.

### **William Edward Clayburn**

June 9, 1922-March 5, 2007

William Edward CLAYBURN was born June 9, 1922, in Elkhart, the second of four children, to Merrit Edward and Edith Constance Borden Clayburn. He lived most of his early life in Fulton County. He attended Talma High School, where he graduated in 1940. Following high school, he attended Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., where he met Helen Ethella Wrenn. They were married Oct. 12, 1942, in Collegedale, Tenn. Six weeks later, he was inducted into the army.

After he was discharged, he returned to Rochester and they moved onto the Hobick place near Talma where they farmed.

He graduated from Andrews University with a B.S. degree in agriculture in 1950.

In 1954, he returned to Rochester, where he worked for Dean Milk Company for a time, sold Ford cars at Jennings Motors, and was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In 1956, he began teaching agriculture and science at Deedsville High School. In 1960, he received his M.S. degree in guidance and counseling from Purdue University, and for the remainder of his career worked as a counselor.

During his retirement years, he lived in Union Springs, N.Y. In the winter of 1998, he suffered a stroke and, upon release from the hospital, moved to a nursing home in Burlison, Texas, near his son, Gerald. He remained there until his death on March 5, 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; two brothers, Oliver and Duane; three sons, James, Robert and Gerald; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

There will be a joint memorial service with his late sister, Josephine, at 2 p.m. Monday at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rochester and he will be interred in Reister Cemetery.

### **Marilyn R. Nicodemus**

Marilyn R. NICODEMUS, 85, formerly of Rochester, died at 5 a.m. today at Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, May 25, 2007

### **Marilyn R. Nicodemus**

Marilyn R. NICODEMUS, 85, of 585 E. Arnott Drive, Rensselaer, formerly of 1031 Elm St., Rochester, died at 5 a.m. Thursday at Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer.

Survivors include a daughter Roberta DeHaan, Rensselaer; two sisters, Bernita "Ann" Miller, Rochester, and Marjorie DeWitt,

Logansport; and two brothers, Lewis "Bob" Shambarger, Plymouth, and Herb Shambarger, Laketon.

Her graveside service will be at 2 p.m. today at Ebenezer Cemetery. There is no visitation. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

Saturday, May 26, 2007

**Mark A. Hardebeck**

Aug. 28, 1962-May 23, 2007

Mark A. HARDEBECK, age 44, of Rochester and formerly of Elwood, died Wednesday in Rochester. He was born on Aug. 28, 1962, in Elwood.

Mark was employed by Deans Foods of Rochester for 18 years. He first started serving as a volunteer fireman in Hobbs for 3 years, for Pipecreek Volunteer Fire Department for 8 years and Rochester Volunteer Fire Department for 10 years.

He is survived by his parents, Jim and Anna Hardebeck of Elwood, and his mother, Shirley Reeves of Elwood; three daughters, Brooklyn Hardebeck, Haley Hardebeck and Holly Hardebeck, all of Elwood; two sisters, Rhonda Mousty of Anderson and Brenda and husband Jeff Moss of Amboy; a brother, Richard and wife Wilma Hardebeck of Elwood; siblings, David and wife Ann Coubert of Warsaw, Mike Coubert and Robert Coubert of Elwood, Ed and wife Kitina Gordon of Elwood, Sue and husband Jeff Little of Goshen, Carmie and husband Dave Frye of Elwood, Fanny Coubert of Elwood; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dick and Naomi Hardebeck, and brother Mark Coubert.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Dunnichay Funeral Home, 1113 S. Anderson St., Elwood, with Pastors Walt Weaver and Bill Chappel officiating. Burial will be at Elwood Cemetery Association in Elwood. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The family requests

memorials be made to: Mark's Children's Trust Fund through the funeral home or Star Bank.

**Lois 'Jean' Gundrum**

Lois 'Jean' GUNDRUM, 62, 1240 W., Ind. 114, Fulton, passed away at 4:45 a.m. Friday at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

**Brenda Sue Bagwell**

Sept. 24, 1962—May 24, 2007

Brenda Sue BAGWELL, 44, (1925 Colonial Heritage) Vernon St., Wabash, and formerly of Mentone, passed away Thursday at her residence.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Anthony Jr., Warsaw; Michael James Flowers, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Joshua Lee Bagwell, Wabash; one sister, Melissa Dawn Shepherd, Scottown, Ohio; three brothers, Olen Shepherd Jr., Mentone; John Shepherd, Warsaw; Donald Ray Shepherd, Warsaw.

Visitation is 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Burial is at Mentone Cemetery, Mentone.

Monday, May 28, 2007

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Tuesday, May 29, 2007

**Jessyca Jo Colwell**

Jessyca Jo COLWELL, 29, of Mishawaka, passed away Friday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka.

Survivors include her infant son, Sawyer Dallas Burke, Mishawaka; her parents, Roland and Carla Colwell, Kewanna; a twin brother, Joshua Colwell, Rochester, and a sister, Cari Brown, Rochester.

Her funeral service was at 5 p.m. Monday at Budd Funeral Chapel, Mishawaka.

**Rev. Ross Dean Cook**

Sept. 26, 1931-May 25, 2007

The Rev. Ross Dean COOK, 75, of 555 N. Williams St., Nappanee, died at 6:26 p.m. Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

Born in Miami County, he was the son of Horace D. and Ethel White Cook. He married Lois Anglin on Sept. 1, 1979, in Nappanee.

He was a graduate of Butler High School, Manchester College and Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Ill.

A retired Methodist minister, he was affiliated with the North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. He served churches in Liberty Mills, Rochester, Burr Oak and Pretty Lake, Roanoke, South Whitley, Syracuse, Howe, Freemont and Leo. He was also on the staff of Bashor Home.

He moved to Nappanee in 1996.

He was a member of the Lions Club and Rotary Club and enjoyed John Deere tractors.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Cook; daughters, Rita (Mark) Pitman, Tomah, Wis., Diane Stewert, Cicero; a son, Gary (Annie) Cook, Syracuse; stepdaughters, Jill (Mike) Boleman, Douglasville, Ga., and Joan (Dan) Krieg, Fort Wayne; stepsons, Mike (Jennifer) Anglin and Tom (Kathy) Anglin of Nappanee; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; his former wife, Charolotte Morrill, Syracuse; sisters, Ruth Hunt, Amboy, and Doris (Richard) Kuntz, Oregon City, Ore.; and a brother, Dale Cook, Peru.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Nappanee United Methodist Church, with the pastor of the church, Rev., David Harrold, officiating. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee, and one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to the Sunshine Unit at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

### **Lois 'Jean' Gundrum**

June 25, 1944-May 25, 2007

Lois "Jean" GUNDRUM, 62, of 1240 W. Indiana 114, Fulton, died unexpectedly at 4:45 a.m. Friday at her residence.

Born in Fulton, she was the daughter of Francis Marvin and Naomi Ruth Pickens Tyler. She lived most of her life in the Fulton County area except for seven years, when she lived in Jackson, Mich. She attended Rochester High School.

She was first married to Leelis T. Carpenter on Nov. 14, 1959, in Rochester, and then later married Bernard W. Gundrum on April 9, 1999, in Las Vegas, Nev. He preceded her in death on Feb. 17, 2006.

A homemaker, she enjoyed collectibles, especially glassware, watches and jewelry. She loved gardening. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all of Rochester.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah S. Carpenter, Jackson, Mich.; two grandsons, Joshua Roark, Jackson Mich., and Brian Roark and wife Tammy, Kewanna; four great-grandchildren, Nevaeh, Zoe, Alyssa and Joey Roark, Kewanna; two stepsons, Richard Gundrum and wife Karyn, Logansport, and Mark Gundrum and wife Brenda Fulton; two stepgrandchildren; Emma Gundrum of Logansport and Adam Gundrum of Twelve Mile; four sisters, Elnora Sayger and husband Jack, Clymenia Halterman and husband Willis, Judy Kuhn and husband Chuck, Mona Snook and husband Philip, all of Rochester; three brothers, Billy Tyler and wife Donna, Paul Tyler and wife Sandy, and Jim Tyler and companion Betty, all of Rochester; nieces and nephews; and her beloved schnauzer, Tuffy. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband ; and two brothers, Ralph and Melvin Tyler.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Burial will be at Bruce Lake Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Wednesday. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Jane Gaumer Mills**

Nov. 6, 1938-May 25, 2007

Carolyn Jane Gaumer MILLS, 68, of Silverton, Ore., passed away on Friday morning in the home of one of her sons.

Jane was born Nov. 6, 1938, in Rochester, the daughter of Leonard and Mabel Gaumer. She graduated from Rochester High School where she developed a lifelong interest in studying history, especially in the field of genealogy. Over the years, she had pieced together a very extensive family record.

Growing up in Rochester, Jane enjoyed playing tennis and attending baseball games with her father. As an adult, she enjoyed following the many sporting activities that her grandchildren were involved in.

Jane married Kent Mills of Rochester in 1956 and had four children. She moved to Oregon in 1982, finally settling in Silverton. Of the many things that she was involved in, one of the most important to her was helping to improve the lives of the local Hispanic population. She taught adult English as a Second Language classes and assisted many people in the community with language issues. Jane was very well read and loved to travel.

She is survived by her four children: Dan, Jay and Karen of Silverton and Brady of Rockport, Texas. Jane also was very proud of her six grandchildren: Kari, Matt, Randall, John, Nathan and Sarah, all of Salem, Ore. She was preceded in death by her parents and her only brother, John Gaumer.

**Carol L. Morris**

Carol L. MORRIS, 59, of 735 Madison St., Rochester, died at 6:05 a.m. today at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.



**Helen Sherman 'Pam' Parmalee**

June 24, 1914-May 28, 2007

Helen Sherman "Pam" PARMALEE, 92, of Life Care Center, 827 W. 13th St., Rochester, passed away at 8:10 a.m. Monday at Life Care Center.

Pam was born on June 24, 1914, in Syracuse, N.Y., the daughter of Daniel W. and Edna (Sherman) Parmalee. She attended school in Rochester, N.Y., until her last year of high school, when she graduated from San Diego High School in 1932. She attended Los Angeles Junior College and the Ernest Belcher School of Dance. With her dance partner, Louise Davidson, who preceded her in death, she traveled extensively overseas on USO Shows and appeared on national theater circuits and television shows with such celebrities as Gertrude Lawrence, Ella Fitzgerald, Lucille Ball, Pee Wee King, Tex Beneke and the Glenn Miller Band, among others.

She owned and operated the Pamela and Louise Dance Studio in Plymouth and Peru for 20 years and in Rochester for 46 years until retiring in 1999. She choreographed several shows for the Fulton County Players. From 1954 to 1974, the studio did the choreography for the Plymouth High School choir and band shows and in the 1980s for the Tippecanoe Valley High School choir. From 1976, she was a correspondent for the Logansport Pharos-Tribune and the South Bend Tribune and Fulton County reporter for WNZE Radio, Plymouth.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Eagles and Moose auxiliaries, AARP, National Association of Dance and Affiliated Arts, and the Rochester Arts Commission and the Toastmasters Clubs.

Survivors include one nephew, Lonnie Parmalee, Union City, Calif., and two great-nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pam Parmalee Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmerman\\_bros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmerman_bros@rtcol.com)

**Jeff Wentzel**

Sept. 28, 1957-May 26, 2007

Jeff WENTZEL, 49, of 5808 N. Indiana 25, Delphi, died at 9:13 p.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette.

He was in failing health since December.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, he was the son of Norman and Shirley Scheets Wentzel. His father preceded him in death.

He graduated from Rochester High School in 1976, and lived most of his life in Rochester. He moved to Delphi in 1991.

On Aug. 22, 1986, in Las Vegas, Nev., he married Janet Sharon Jared.

He was a truck driver for Venture Logistics of Lafayette for the past two years.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Wentzel, Delphi; a son, Dustin Wentzel, Logansport; a stepdaughter, Shelia Maloney, Logansport; stepgrandchildren, Hailey and O'Rion Maloney of Logansport; his mother, Shirley Wentzel, Rochester; a brother, David Wentzel, Rochester; a niece, Mandi Thompson, Rochester; a nephew, John David Wentzel, Rochester. In addition to his father, who died Oct. 13, 2006, he was preceded in death by his sister, Jodi Thompson, on Dec. 11, 2005; a stepdaughter, Lana Slease; and his father-in-law, James Jared.

His funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family to assist with medical bills. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Kermit M. Zent**

Feb. 14, 1933-May 26, 2007

Kermit M. ZENT, 74, of 7611 E. 600 North, Rochester, died at 4:39 a.m. Saturday at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

He was seriously ill for four days.

Born in Fulton County, he was the son of R. Earl and Elma Bybee Zent. He graduated from Talma High School in 1951. A lifetime area resident, he married Nellie L. Christian on July 22, 1951, in Mentone. She died Dec. 31, 2003. On Nov. 19, 2005, he married Joan Welborn in Mentone, and she survives.

He was a farmer and also worked for several years at Craig Welding & Manufacturing, Mentone. He also worked part time at Niff-Corr Inc., Tippecanoe.

He was also a member of the Fulton County Historical Power Association. He enjoyed his farm and showing his restored tractors in shows and parades.

He was a very faithful member of First Baptist Church, Mentone.

In addition to his wife, Joan Zent, Rochester, he is survived by two daughters, Sherry and husband Dan Flenar, Columbia City, and Susie Zent, Tipton; two stepsons, Ernie and wife Bonnie Welborn, Milwaukee, Wis., and Gary and wife Sharon Welborn, Bourbon; five grandchildren; Scott Jones, Marisa Jones, Sarah and husband Matt Rose, Amanda Flenar and Adam Flenar; two great-grandchildren, Greg and Genna Rose; four stepgrandchildren, Amy Middaugh, Alissa Worsham, Brent and wife Amy Welborn, and Kristin and husband Dan McKendrek; six stepgreat-grandchildren, Tucker Everett Worsham, Maclain and Samantha Middaugh, and Bennett, Eve and Johanna Welborn; and a sister, Louise and husband Ron Gillum, Mesa, Ariz.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Michael Wilhite and Pastor Brad McGuire officiating. Burial will be at Sycamore Cemetery, southwest of Mentone. Visitation will be from 2

p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Mentone.

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

**Calvin Gene Lessing**

Nov. 9, 1925-May 23, 2007

Calvin Gene LESSING, 82, of 683 Panchita Way, Los Altos, Calif., died at 7 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, at his Los Altos home.

Born in Plymouth, he was the son of Robert and Elenora Overmeyer Lessing. They preceded him in death.

On Dec. 25, 1945, he married Marjorie Jean Kruzan in Richland Center, and she survives.

He retired from Philco-Ford, Loreal Division, in Palo Alto after 40 years. He also served in the U.S. Navy.

Following the family history of his father, Robert Lessing, Calvin was proudly and actively involved in freemasonry, serving as master of Josiah Roller Lodge No. 761, and later in Palo Alto-Roller Lodge No. 346 F. & A.M. He also served as presiding officer in many affiliated Masonic Fraternities including the Order of the Eastern Star, Order of the Amaranth, all York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite and the Red Cross of Constantine.

He served as a grand officer in The Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of California, and Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California. He was a member of many other Masonic organizations.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marjorie, and three daughters: Lynda and Richard Wing, Sunnyvale, Calif., and their three sons, Jeffery of Las Vegas, Nev., James and Jason Wing and his wife Brett Greendwood-Wing, all of Vancouver, Wash.; Lynette Maher and son Jason of Cupertino, Calif.; and Lois and Rev. George Tarelton of Quincy, Calif., and their son, Burke, who is on duty with the U.S. Navy in the Persian Gulf. A brother, Richard Lessing, and his family reside in Akron.

A private family service was held at Skylawn Memorial Park, Half Moon Bay, Calif. on Saturday, May 26. A memorial service will

be at 2 p.m. July 22 at the Palo Alto Masonic Center at Florence and University Avenue in Palo Alto. All of his family and friends are invited.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to any of the following masonic charities in the name of Calvin G. Lessing: California Easter Star Foundation-Heart Research, Palo Alto Chapter No. 213, Palo Alto, CA 94301; Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, c/o B. Ridgeway-Grand Secretary, 65333 W. 87th St., Los Angeles, CA 90045-3716; Knights Templar Eye Foundation, c/o Elmer Curtis-Chairman, 11530 Torrey Pines Dr., East Auburn, CA 95602-8312.

### **Carol L. Morris**

Carol L. MORRIS, 59, of 735 Madison St., Rochester, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Survivors include her sisters, Shirley Heckathorn, Macy, and Ruth Livingston, Rochester, and her brother, George Morris, Peru.

A memorial service will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Robert J. Wentzel**

Robert J. WENTZEL, 85, Englewood, Fla., formerly of Rochester and Dayton, Ohio, died Friday.

Survivors include Burns and Cuma Becht, Rochester.

Private services will be in Dayton, Ohio, at a later date.

Thursday, May 31, 2007

### **Margaret 'Peggy' Davis**

April 24, 1926-May 28, 2007

Margaret "Peggy" DAVIS, 81, a Plymouth resident since 1986, coming from Fort Myers, Fla., died of natural causes on Monday at the home of her daughter in Rochester.

She previously had lived in Argos and North Liberty.

Peggy was born in North Liberty, the daughter of Walter A. and Erma McKean Shinn, on April 24, 1926. She graduated from North

Liberty High School with the class of 1944 and attended Manchester College.

On March 8, 1946, Peggy and Carl D. Davis were married in West Lafayette. Carl died in 1993.

Peggy worked for five years from 1970 to 1975 at the Coast to Coast Store in Argos. Peggy spent most of her time helping out on the farm and raising the children.

She enjoyed working and caring for her beautiful flower gardens. Peggy was a good bowler and reveled for good competition.

Peggy is survived by three daughters and two sons. They are Darlene (Michael) Cowger, Rochester, Cheri Riese, Elkhart, and Barb Davis, North Liberty. Her sons are Cary (Shirley) Davis, Wellington, Ky., and Larry (Lois) Davis, Plymouth. She is also survived by 26 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. One brother, Mel Shinn, LaPorte, also survives. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Darwin Carl Davis; two grandsons, Danny Lee Davis and Michael Ernest Cowger Jr.; and two brothers, Donald and Everett Shinn.

Friends are invited to share memories of Peggy's life with her family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A funeral service for Peggy with the Rev. Robert Vale, pastor of the Argos United Methodist Church, officiating will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorial gifts in Peggy's memory may be given to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Notes of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home's Web site: [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

### **Charles Nigro**

Charles NIGRO, 89, Hickory Creek of Rochester, died at 1:55 a.m. today at the nursing home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family funeral Home, Rochester.

**June Wynn**

June WYNN, New Port Richey, Fla., formerly of Culver, died at 6:47 p.m. Wednesday in Florida. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home,

Friday, June 1, 2007

**Lawrence E. James**

Lawrence E. JAMES, 74, 517 Northgate Circle, died at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Charles N. Nigro**

Charles N. NIGRO, 89, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died Thursday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Kay O'Brien, Glen Allen, Va., and a son, Charles Kent Nigro, Mechanicsville, Va.

Private family services will be held. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of arrangements.

Saturday, June 2, 2007

**Betty Ellen Harding**

Betty Ellen HARDING, 86, formerly of 1603 Sunset Drive, Rochester, died April 23 at Life Care Center in Littleton, Colo.

She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Ellen Harding and husband, John Holtz of Centennial, Colo.; her sister Helen and husband Daniel Ho of Rochester; nieces Paula Keultjes of Buchanan, Mich., and Jennifer Plaster of Wichita Falls, Texas; and two great-nephews, Kyle and Brandon Plaster.

A celebration of her life was held in Littleton on May 3. Private family services will be held later.

**Cecil F. Hudkins**

Cecil F. HUDKINS, 88, of Mesa, Ariz., passed away May 30, 2007.

He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Norma Jean; daughter, Caryl Redmond; sons, James and Michael; grandchildren, Kelly Hudkins, Lisa Livingston, Laura Mullis and Michelle Alston; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Cecil's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Odyssey Hospice, 6215 E. Arbor Ave., Mesa, AZ 85206. Arrangements entrusted to Melcher Mission Chapel, Mesa, AZ (480) 832-3500.

**Lawrence E. James**

May 2, 1933-May 31, 2007

Lawrence E. JAMES, 517 Northgate Circle, Rochester, formerly of Kewanna, died at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at home.

Born in Logansport, he was the son of Floyd and Sylvia Budd James, who preceded him in death. A lifetime Fulton County resident, he married Frances Bailey on April 13, 1950, in Rensselaer. They were married 46 years.

In 1996, he retired from the Indiana State Highway Department. He then worked part time for Manufactured Structures, Rochester. Previously he enjoyed trucking as an independent contractor; he traveled around the Midwest and from coast to coast.

He enjoyed fishing and cherished the times spent watching his grandchildren's baseball, basketball games and wrestling matches. He loved eating out with friends. A nature lover, he liked to watch birds in their backyard habitat. He was a container gardener known for his Big Tree tomatoes.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Foster and husband Steve, Rochester, formerly of Winamac, Carolyn Marquart and husband Rex, New Paris, and Cheryl Jennings and husband Brian, Plymouth; a son, Larry James and wife Mary, Kewanna; a sister, Pearl McPherson, Kewanna; 11 grandchildren, Steven Jr. and Dustin Foster, Jason and Tracy Shafer, Marli Marquart, Jenna and Brent Easterday,



Alexis Jennings, Shannon, Garrett and Branden James; six great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Ralph, and a great-granddaughter.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Rochester Pathways. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **June Wynn**

June 25, 1909-May 30, 2007

June WYNN, 97, of 6140 Congress St., New Port Richey, Fla., formerly of Culver, died at 6:47 p.m. Wednesday at Southern Pines Nursing Center, New Port Richey, Fla.

She lived in New Port Richey since 2004, when she moved from Zephyrhills, Fla. She moved there from Culver in 1970.

Born in Argos, she was the daughter of David and Vada Large Smith, who preceded her in death.

On Nov. 28, 1926, she married Charles "Cleo" Wynn in Rochester. He preceded her in death in 1987. A homemaker, she enjoyed needlework of all kinds. She liked to sew and bake.

She was a charter member of the Maxinkuckee Rebekah Lodge and held a 50-plus year membership. She also belonged to Leesburg Rebekah Lodge of Lakeland, Fla., the Salvation Army, and the former Gilead Church of Argos.

Survivors include a daughter, Treva Rans and husband Dean Rans Jr., Port Richey, Fla.; two sons, Charles Wynn, and Bobby Wynn and wife Brenda, all of Culver; 17 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Eugene; a son, Cecil, in 1996; a sister, Florence Smith; a brother, Lester Smith; and a daughter-in-law, Laura Wynn.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Burial will be at Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery, Poplar Grove. Friends may visit with the family from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday. A Rebekah service will be at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Memorials may be made to the Rebekah Lodge or the Salvation Army. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, June 4, 2007

### **John Gaumer**

Dec. 9, 1944-May 18, 2007

John GAUMER, 62, of Boise, Idaho, passed away May 18 at a Boise hospital.

John was born in Rochester on Dec. 9, 1944, to Leonard and Mabel Gaumer. He graduated from Rochester High School and from Manchester College in 1963 with a degree in German language and elementary education. He then worked for the Department of Defense as an elementary school teacher, teaching in Germany, Spain and Turkey from 1966 to 1987.

In August 1980, while teaching at the Izmir Elementary NATO School in Turkey, John met fellow teacher and his soul mate, Renette Priest, from Boise. John and Renette were married in Boise on July 7, 1983, a date picked by John as a remembrance of the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain (and one he was sure never to forget). In 1987, John and Renette moved to Boise to join the family business, M. R. Priest Inc., doing business as Advanced Sign & Design and Traffic Products.

John was an avid motorcyclist, a passionate Boise State University football fan and a lover of the arts and outdoors. John loved evening bicycle rides with his loving dogs, Chewy and Missy, in the sidecar and doted over his Himalayan cats, Keno and Obi. John's quiet time was spent grooming his beautiful yard and lounging in the gazebo on the creek.

A good friend memorialized John best when writing "his life and passionate devotion to all that he did will continue to bless so many forever more; what a great legacy, what a great man." John will be remembered for his uniqueness, enthusiasm, integrity, curiosity, sincerity and consideration of others. His compassion and spiritual awareness came from his practice and love of Zen meditation.

His friends cherished his friendship and are blessed to have been touched by his tender soul and heart. John's clever sense of humor and zeal for life filled those around him with joy.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Renette Gaumer of Boise; three nephews, Dan Mills and wife Terri and children John and Nathan of Salem, Ore.; Jay Mills and wife Janie and children Kari, Matt and Randall of Salem, Ore.; Brady Mills and wife Kara of Rockport, Texas; one niece, Karen Arthur and daughter Sarah of Salem, Ore. His sister, Jane Mills of Silverton, Ore., preceded him in death on May 25, 2007.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Idaho Dance Theater, 405 S. Eighth St., Boise, ID 83702 or the Idaho Humane Society, 4775 Dorman, Boise, ID 83705. A private celebration of John's life was held at a later date.

### **Velma Jean (Yard) Hecht**

Feb. 4, 1919-June 2, 2007

Velma Jean (Yard) HECHT, 88, of 3516 E. 650 South, Macy, passed away at 11:01 p.m. Saturday at her residence.

Mrs. Hecht was born on Feb. 4, 1919, in Monmouth, Iowa, the daughter of George and Mattie (Emanuelson) Yard. Her family moved to the Logansport area in the late 1920s. On Feb. 11, 1938, in Logansport, she married Russell H. Hecht. He preceded her in death on June 21, 1994. Russell and she lived in the Kokomo area and then in the Niles, Mich., area in the early 1940s. They returned to Indiana in the early 1960s, moving to the Rochester and Kokomo areas and eventually living in Macy. She was residing with her daughter, Carol Ann Casey, since April of 2005. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include seven daughters, Sandra Kay Cauffman and special friend Harry Watson, Niles, Mich., Carol Ann and husband Norm Casey, Macy, Jennifer Lyn Williams, Rochester, Connie Sue and husband Tom Swick, Silver Lake, Patty Lou and husband Dan Huff, Rochester, Tina Marie and husband Roscoe Mallot, Rochester, Nikkie Lee Wreglesworth and special friend Barry Thompson, Rochester; three sons, Alan Richard and wife Tammie Hecht, Mentone, Russell Harold Hecht Jr., Homosassa, Fla., Brian Keith Hecht and special friend Sara Tchop, Plymouth; 58 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Gertrude Yard, Logansport; a brother-in-law, Virgil Cavanaugh, South Bend; two stepchildren, Willis and wife Juanita Hecht, Kokomo, and Beverly and husband Robert DeGraff, Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Larry Hecht; seven brothers; two sisters; daughter-in-law, Judy Hecht; son-in-law, Al Cauffman; one grandson; two granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; and one stepdaughter.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Dave Welsh officiating. Family will greet friends one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Todd Alan Horn**

March 26, 1970-June 2, 2007

Todd Alan HORN, 37, of 1094 W. Ninth St., Rochester, died Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Peru, he was the son of Mickey and Janice Gibson Horn, who survive in Macy. He lived in Rochester for 17 years after moving from Macy.

On Feb. 17, 2006, in Gatlinburg, Tenn., he married Jacquelyn Lynn Scott.

As a youngster, Todd enjoyed the frequent visits to his grandparents' home on Lake Manitou. He looked forward to Grandpa taking him slalom skiing and bare footing. In 1988 with great Warrior

pride, Todd graduated from North Miami High School. His love for mechanics and perfecting flaws in engines led him to become a local businessman. Todd owned and operated Horn Automotive. He was the master technician and dedicated to providing the best automotive care to his customers.

Todd was a man of diversified interests. As an American sportsman, he embraced nature by camping, boating, fishing for bluegill, waterskiing and as a marksman in target practice. His intense intrigue of engines created opportunities for drag racing. His favorite tracks were at Bunker Hill and Osceola.

He found catching the breeze, riding his Kawasaki Ninja, a.k.a. the Mean Green Demon, provided freedom and the ultimate in relaxation. As a Christian, Todd read his favorite book, The Bible, daily. As a family man, Todd was a devoted father, son, grandson and uncle. He adored his wife and best friend Jackie.

In addition to his parents and wife, Jackie Horn, Rochester, he is survived by a daughter, Amy; two sons, Anthony and Kyle; a brother, Troy Horn and wife Missy, Denver; his maternal grandfather, Carl Gibson; his paternal grandparents, Harold and Velma Horn, Mentone; his mother-in-law, Carolyn Ness and husband Tom, Rochester; his father-in-law, Lavern "Butch" Scott and companion Tammy, Rochester; a sister-in-law, Victoria and husband Phil Bailey, Culver; and a brother-in-law, Bruce and wife Mary Scott, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rhonda Horn, and his grandmother, Rose Gibson.

A celebration of Todd Alan Horn's life will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with his family from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday. Pastor Don Meyer will officiate. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Hope Hospice through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Cecil F. Hudkins**

Cecil F. HUDKINS, 88, of Mesa, Ariz., passed away May 30, 2007.

He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Norma Jean; daughter, Caryl Redmond; sons, James and Michael; grandchildren, Kelly Hudkins, Lisa Livingston, Laura Mullis and Michelle Alston; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Cecil's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Odyssey Hospice, 6215 E. Arbor Ave., Mesa, AZ 85206. Arrangements are entrusted to Melcher Mission Chapel, Mesa, Ariz., 480-832-3500.

**Clifford Newsome Sr.**

Nov. 20, 1938-June 1, 2007

Clifford NEWSOME Sr., 68, of 7772 S. Kosciusko County Road 1300 West, Rochester, died at 9:38 p.m. Friday in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center emergency room, Plymouth, after a sudden illness.

Born in Hihat, Ky., he was the son of Perry and Nolia Sword Newsome. He married Julia Ann Bentley on Aug. 23, 1958, in Langley, Ky., and she survives.

He retired from Midwest Spring, Mentone, in 2001 after 38 years of service. He was the moderator of the Little Alvie Church, North Judson, and a U.S. Army veteran.

In addition to his wife, Julia Ann Newsome, Rochester, he is survived by three sons, Kenneth Dale Newsome and wife Kelly, Warsaw, Cliff Newsome Jr. and wife Lesa, and Phill Newsome and wife Tammy, all of Mentone; four grandchildren, Joshua Wade Newsome and wife Alysa, Michele Lynn Newsom, Trenton Allen Newsome and Laura Beth Clevenger; two brothers, Cornelius Newsome and wife Judy, and William Lee Newsome, all of Warsaw; and a sister, Zelvia Newsome, Warsaw. He was preceded in death by two grandsons, three brothers and five sisters.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Preachers Russel

Hicks, Estil Hamilton and Lowell Mullins officiating. Burial will be at Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday with a church service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Little Alvie Church, North Judson.

**June Pearl Wickizer**

June Pearl WICKIZER, 91, of 1900 Jeanwood Drive, Elkhart, formerly of Argos, died at 3 a.m. today at Eastlake Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Elkhart. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

**June Pearl Wickizer**

June Pearl WICKIZER, 91, 24266 County Road 126, Goshen, formerly of Argos, died Monday at Eastlake Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Elkhart.

Survivors include a daughter, Jo Nina Nolan, Goshen; a son, John Michael Wickizer, Swanton, Ohio; a brother, John Benedict, Warsaw; and a sister, Adeline Oliver, Tucson, Ariz.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday.

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

**Lena F. Kane**

Oct. 1, 1918-May 22, 2007

Lena F. KANE, 88, Louisville, Ky., passed away Tuesday, May 22 at Heritage House of Salem.

She was born near Akron on Oct. 1, 1918, to Oliver P. and Essie Bell (Nye) Burns. Lena graduated with honors from Macy High School. After moving to Louisville, she worked as an accountant for St. Joseph Hospital and retired as a financial secretary for the Collegiate School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Kane Jr.; a son, Charles "Sonny" Edward Kane III; three sisters, Florence

Bowen, Namona Calloway and Treva Reeves; one brother, Verl Burns; and one nephew.

She is survived by her sons, Philip Kane (Kay) of Palmyra and Ronald Kane (Gail) of Kettering, Ohio; three grandsons, Nicholas, Jeremy and Jordan; six great-grandchildren, Philip, Justin, Spencer, Hannah, Finnegan and Maggie; a sister-in-law, Mary Burns of LaPorte; and nieces and nephews, Jean Miller of Carmel, Rex Bowen of Rochester, Carolyn Chapple of Columbia City, Patsy Fincher of Macy, Joyce Cannon of Avon, Ill., Lela Barnhisel of Lexington, Ky., Carol Calloway of Rochester, Jerry Calloway of Macy and Lucia Robertson, Paducah, Ky.

Services were in Louisville on May 25 at Highlands Funeral Home and burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Diabetes Association or Alzheimer's Association.

Thursday, June 7, 2007

**Kenneth C. Stidham**

Kenneth C. STIDHAM, 47, Monterey, died at 6:07 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Friday, June 8, 2007

**Cleo Roy**

Cleo ROY, 79, of 1535 E. Ninth St., Rochester, died at 11:25 a.m. Thursday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Helen Whittenberger Swick**

Helen Whittenberger SWICK, 97, Sierra Vista, Ariz., formerly of the Burket area, died May 13 in Arizona.



A graveside memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Akron Cemetery, Akron. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

**Eva Woodcox**

Eva WOODCOX, 69, of 317 W. 11th St., Rochester, died at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**George D. Workman**

Oct. 26, 1921-June 7, 2007

George D. WORKMAN, 85, Heritage Pointe, Warren, formerly of Beaver Dam Lake, Claypool, died at 8:15 a.m. Thursday at Heritage Pointe. His health was failing for six months.

Born in Bartholomew County in southern Indiana, he was the son of M. Workman and Tillie Stephenson Workman. He married Irene Couch on Oct. 30, 1948, in Matthews.

He retired from Allison Diesel, Indianapolis.

He attended Beaver Dam United Methodist Church. A World War II Army veteran, he was a member of the American Legion Post No. 49, Warsaw. He also belonged to Moose Lodge No. 1179 and Eagles Lodge No. 549, both of Wabash.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Workman, 801 Huntington Ave., P.O. Box 326, Warren, IN 46792, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

His funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Rob Seewald officiating. Entombment will be with chapel cemetery services at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the service Sunday. Memorials may be made to Beaver Dam United Methodist Church.

Saturday, June 9, 2007

**Evadene D. Richhart**

Evadene D. RICHHART, 82, of 3674 West Shore Drive, Bremen, died at 2:20 a.m. Friday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Cleo Richard Roy**

Dec. 10, 1927-June 7, 2007

Cleo Richard ROY, 79, of 1535 E. 9th St., Rochester, passed away at 11:25 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1927, in Lowell, the son of Dorothy (Carter) Nelson and Bernard Roy. On Nov. 1, 1971, at Lake Dalecarlia, he married Marcia (Lock) Mulford and she survives.

Mr. Roy worked as a farmer and a phlebotomist. He was a U.S. Army veteran, who served in World War II in the Occupational Army-Medical Corp in Japan. He was a member of Faith Outreach Center and enjoyed his motorcycle and drinking coffee with his friends.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia Roy, Rochester; two sons, Michael (Jeanette) Roy, Eldersburg, Md., and Bobby Roy, Mountain Home, Ark.; three daughters, Suzanne Garon, Lowell, Patricia Durr and Steve Leonard, Lowell, and Deborah (Floyd) Breitbach, Mountain Home, Ark.; grandchildren, Caven Roy, Greta Roy, Ryan (Laurie) Durr, Tina (Tom) Hochbaum, Nicole (Ryan) Chandler, Shannon Proborski; six great-grandchildren; extended family, Paula (Manuel) Smith, Claudette Sarah (Paul) Ruel, David (Chantiva) Mulford; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Ethel Hayden, Roselawn; three nieces and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Donald Nelson; sister, Kay Reed; brother-in-law, Robert Reed; nephew, Timothy Reed.

His memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 16 at Faith Outreach Center, Rochester, with Pastor Dan Mundt officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home,

Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Claudia M. Sriver**

Claudia M. SRIVER, 96, of 315 N. Maple St., Akron, died at 9:58 a.m. Friday at the Akron residence of her son, Gary. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Eva Marie Woodcox**

Oct. 14, 1937-June 7, 2007

Eva Marie WOODCOX, 69, of 317 W. 11th St., Rochester, died at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Langley, Ky., she was the daughter of George and Liddie Bentley Reffett. She married Melvin Ben Woodcox on July 22, 1967, in North Webster.

A Rochester businesswoman, she started Arcox Manufacturing in 1975 and was the president of the company.

She enjoyed cooking, sewing and crocheted afghans. She had a greenhouse in the basement and grew up to 500 African violets. She enjoyed and loved her family.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin Woodcox, Rochester; four sons, Tom Arnett and wife Barb, Clairton, Pa., Brett Arnett and companion Brook, Pasadena, Texas, Bruce Woodcox and wife Wendy and Travis Woodcox and companion Stacey Bradley, all of Rochester; three grandchildren, Cierra and Hannah Arnett, Clairton, Pa., and Braxton Woodcox, Rochester; a brother, Calvin Reffett and wife Verna, Rochester; and nephews, Shawn Reffett and wife Norma, Rochester, and Shane Reffett and wife Lisa, Ann Arbor, Mich. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Roger Reffett, in 2005.

Private family services will be at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. Eighth St., Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Richard P. Arnold**

Oct. 4, 1966-June 7, 2007

Richard P. ARNOLD, 40, Mexico, passed away Thursday morning in Miami County.

Surviving is his wife, Melissa K. Memmer Correll, Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Eugene Correll officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Denver.

Monday, June 11, 2007

**Helen L. Foley**

April 2, 1932-June 8, 2007

Helen L. FOLEY, 75, Kokomo, passed away at 5:40 p.m. Friday at Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo.

Born in Fulton, she was the daughter of French C. and Bernice (Apt) Severns. She graduated from Fulton High School in 1950.

She first married John Armstrong on July 2, 1950. He preceded her in death in 1962. She then married Dale Foley on July 12, 1963, and he survives.

A lifelong hairdresser, she had beauty shops in Monticello, Kokomo and Rochester. She also worked for Globe Valve in Delphi for five years.

She enjoyed camping and spending time with her family. Her family was very important to her.

She is also survived by son and daughter-in-law Lanty E. and Shawnee Armstrong, Rochester; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra K. and Bob Fulwider, Noblesville; and son and daughter-in-law, Daniel L. and Marcia Armstrong, Kokomo; grandchildren, John Armstrong, Galveston, Marisa Peckenpaugh, Indianapolis, Lanty E. Armstrong III, Rochester, and Lannette Armstrong, Fort Morgan, Colo.; and a brother, Dennis Severns, South Bend. She was also preceded in death by her parents and twin sister, Janet Guyer.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Monticello. Calling will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. The family wishes to express sincere thanks to Dr. Bechar and the staff of Howard Regional Oncology Center for their outstanding care of Helen. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com).

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**Claudia M. Sriver**

June 21, 1910-June 8, 2007

Claudia M. SRIVER, 96, of 315 N. Maple St., Akron, died at 9:58 a.m. Friday at the residence of her son, Gary.

Born in Fulton County, she was the daughter of Winfred C. and Emma Hoppes Rhodes. On March 31, 1934, in Rochester, she married Orville Sriver. He passed away on Dec. 15, 1998.

She worked at Indiana Metal, Rochester, and at Tru-Temper and Chamberlin Products, both in Akron.

She was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a former member of the Athens EUB Church.

Survivors include two sons, Gary and wife Tamara Sriver, Akron, and Randy and wife Judy Sriver, Bremen; a brother, Robert and wife Donna Rhodes, Rochester; six grandchildren, Shawn and wife Tonya Sriver, Fishers, Letitia and husband Bill Leininger, Akron, Joshua and wife Christine Sriver, Akron, Natasha and husband Scott Maser, Fort Wayne, Lisa and husband Dave Langhout, Sarasota, Fla., and Matthew and wife Laurie Sriver, Fort Myers, Fla.; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, Don, Rex, Ross, Cecil, Norman, Clyde and Dick Rhodes.

Her graveside funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Athens Cemetery, Athens. Private family visitation will be held. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975. Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, is handling arrangements.

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

**Deverl 'Doc' Jefferies**

Deverl "Doc" JEFFERIES, 87, of 1707 Idlewild Drive, Rochester, died at 7:13 p.m. Monday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Evadene D. Richhart**

Evadene D. RICHHART, 82, of 3674 West Shore Drive, Bremen, died Friday at home.

Survivors include her husband, Everett J. Richhart; a son, Delane Richhart, Lakeville; a daughter, Dorene Muszer, South Bend; and a brother, Bernard Schrome, LaPaz.

A private family service was held today at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Kenzie Raylee Moore Shultz**

Kenzie Raylee Moore SHULTZ, 457 Manchester Drive, Rochester, passed away shortly after her birth at 11:54 p.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She is survived by her father, Kily V. Shultz, Rochester; her mother, Rachael Moore, Rochester; maternal grandmother, Andrea Rogers, Rochester; maternal grandfather, Timothy Jackson, South Bend; paternal grandfather, Kelly Shultz, Rochester; paternal grandmother, Kris Murphy, Rochester; maternal great-grandparents, Jeffrey and Julie Beattie, Rochester, and maternal great-grandmother Kathy Christopher, Niles, Mich.; paternal great-grandparents, Don and Elizabeth Shultz, Deedsville, and Carolyn Murphy, Rochester; maternal aunt and uncle, Ashley and Brandon Beattie; maternal aunt, Elizabeth Jackson; and paternal uncles, Zachary Shultz and Bradley Johnson. She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandfather, Randy Jackson, and maternal uncle, Joshua Wade Jackson.

A graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the baby section of IOOF Cemetery on West Third Street in Rochester. Pastor

William Babb will conduct the service. No visitation will take place. Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

**Deverl 'Doc' Jefferies**

June 12, 1919-June 11, 2007

Deverl "Doc" JEFFERIES, 87, of 1707 Idlewild Drive, Rochester, died at 7:13 p.m. Monday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born in Kosciusko County, he was the son of Isaac and Golda May McEntyre Jefferies. A lifetime Fulton County resident, he graduated from Beaver Dam High School in 1937. On Oct. 12, 1940, he was married to Martha Kalmbacher in Logansport by the Rev. Edward DeWitt.

A farmer, he raised Holstein cattle and harvested wheat, soybeans and corn, east of Rochester. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He enjoyed fishing for bluegill and bass. He was an armchair quarterback who watched Notre Dame football and basketball.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Jefferies, Rochester; a daughter, Janelle Green and husband Brian, Rochester; a sister, Retha Ballenger, Warsaw; and a granddog, Dylan Green. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Kent Jefferies, in 2001; and a sister, Bernice Ballenger.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Rochester IOOF Cemetery with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. There will be no visitation. Arrangements are by Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).



**Robert L. Thomas Jr.**

Robert L. THOMAS Jr., 52, of 1729 Bancroft, Rochester, died at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, June 14, 2007

**Robert L. Thomas Jr.**

Robert L. THOMAS Jr., 52, of 1729 Bancroft Avenue, Rochester, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his sister, Hope Redinger, Auburndale, Fla.

No services will be observed. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, June 15, 2007

**Violette Elsie Bedard**

March 12, 1927-June 12, 2007

Visitation for Violette Elsie BEDARD nee Garbe, 80, of Roselle, Ill., will be from 3 p.m. until the time of the service at 7 p.m. Monday at Medinah Baptist Church, 900 Foster Ave., Medinah, IL 60157. Interment will be private.

Born March 12, 1927, she died Tuesday, June 12, 2007, in Elmhurst, Ill.

She was the wife of the late Fred; mother of Robert (Sally) Dain, Catherine (Kelly) Woods, Terrance (Martha) Dain, Norma (John) Hovan, Lois (Joseph) Costello, Fred (Judy) Bedard, Joyce Ultsch and Deborah (Brian) Weldt; sister of Evelyn Garbe, the late Charles Garbe and the late Edward Garbe; grandmother of 28; and great-grandmother of 24.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Medinah Christian School, 900 Foster Ave., Medinah, IL 60157.

Arrangements were made by Christian Funeral Home, Chicago, 800-910-6000.

**Alice Jones**

Alice JONES, 82, Logansport, formerly of Twelve Mile, died Wednesday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include her sons, Melvin L. Jones, Francesville, and Roger L. Jones, Twelve Mile.

Visitation is from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. There will be no service.

Saturday, June 16, 2007

[None]

Monday, June 18, 2007

**Jeanette Lavon Miller**

Jeanette Lavon MILLER, 85, Perrysburg, died Sunday at home.

Survivors include a son, Jimmy Miller, Peru; two daughters, Susan Bolin, Logansport, and Linda Browning, Peru; and a sister, Doris Smith, Marion.

Her funeral will be at noon Wednesday at Skinner Worship Chapel near Twelve Mile. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

**Michael Eiser Sr.**

Michael EISER Sr., 80, of No. 6 Indiana 25, Mentone, died this morning at home.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Eiser, Mentone; a daughter, Linda Hudson, Winona Lake; two sons, Michael Eiser Jr., Bourbon, Mark Eiser, Mentone; and a brother, Nicholas Eiser, Round Lake, Ill.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the service.

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

**Merriem A. Alexander**

Merriem A. ALEXANDER, 90, West Sixth Street, Mishawaka, formerly of Fulton County, died Tuesday at Countryside Nursing Home, Mishawaka.

Survivors include her husband, Theodore Alexander; a son, Charles V. Alexander, Mishawaka; and a sister, Esther Buck, Rochester.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

Thursday, June 21, 2007

[None]

Friday, June 22, 2007

[None]

Saturday, June 23, 2007

**Merriem A. Alexander**

Oct. 12, 1916-June 19, 2007

Merriem A. ALEXANDER, 90, of West Sixth Street, Mishawaka, passed away Tuesday morning at Countryside Nursing Home, where she was a patient March 25 through June 19.

Born in Fulton County to Charles and Esther Mehling Barkman, she graduated from Richland Center in 1935. She married Theodore Alexander on Feb. 9, 1957, in Mishawaka.

Survivors include her husband; a stepson, Theodore Jr.; a son, Charles V. Alexander, Mishawaka; a sister, Esther Buck, Rochester; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Lydia and Ruth Buck.

Visitation was from noon to 2 p.m., which was the time of the funeral, Friday at Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola.

**Betty M. Goshert**

Aug. 21, 1920-June 21, 2007

Betty M. GOSHERT, 86, of 603 St. Joseph Drive, Kokomo, formerly of Burket and Mentone, died at 9:50 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was in failing health since 2002.

Born in Kosciusko County, to Charles A. and Grace M. Leedy Hammer, she graduated from Atwood High School. She lived her whole life in the Kosciusko County area until she moved to Kokomo to be closer to her family.

On Feb. 17, 1940, in Winchester, she married Robert E. Goshert. He preceded her in death on June 25, 2002. A homemaker and nurse's aide, she devoted her life to her family and church.

She was a past matron of the Mentone Eastern Star and a longtime devoted member of Burket United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Alexander, Kokomo; a grandson, Jeffery and wife Michelle Blalock, Ferdinand; two granddaughters, Andrea and husband Randy Cline, Kokomo, and Jennifer and husband James Walker, Burlington; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Gloria Miller, Warsaw; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; an infant son, Leelan Goshert; and two brothers, Zanna and Charles Hammer.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the service Monday. The Rev. Harold Williams of Kokomo will officiate. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Memorials may be made to Burket United Methodist Church.

**Allison Nicole Owens**

Allison Nicole OWENS, Rochester, was stillborn Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 3:04 a.m. at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are her parents Arik G. and Robin A. (Heiden) Owens, Rochester; sister Abby E. Owens, Rochester; paternal grandparents, Gray and Sandy Owens, Madisonville, Ky.; paternal great-grandparents, Dale and Millie Smith, Rochester, and Lawrence and Vada Owens, Argos; maternal grandparents, Gary and Deb Heiden, Kewanna. She was preceded in death by maternal great-grandparents, Robert and Eileen Heiden.

Services will be private. Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lake Bruce. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com). Arrangements are being handled by Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna.

Monday, June 25, 2007

[None]

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

### **Marjorie L. Holm**

Word has been received of the death of Marjorie L. HOLM, of 606 N. Washington St., Bourbon. She died at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **Rhea Rogers Peckat**

Sept. 24, 1916 - June 8, 2007

Rhea Arlene PECKAT, 90, the former Rhea Rogers of Rochester, died June 8 at her home in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

She was born in this city Sept. 24, 1916, the daughter of Raymond and Ruth Lowe Rogers, and graduated from Rochester High School.

Rhea was an Arizona real estate agent many years, working in offices at Safford, Tucson and Sierra Vista, retiring in 1995. An active member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, she enjoyed playing bridge and was a Red Hat Lady.

She is survived by two daughters, Kathy Barr and husband Rick of Sierra Vista and Connie Burroughs and husband Dick of Delaware; a son, Robert S. Dielman and wife Gemma of Virginia; a brother, Francis Rogers and wife Ruth of Indiana, and a sister, Nora Long also of Indiana; as well as grandchildren, Brandy and Scott Burroughs, Robert and Scott Dielman and Kim Nelson; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by first husband, Robert F. Dielman, and second husband, Roy Peckat, a brother, Jim Rogers, and a sister, Rose Benefield.

Following cremation, memorial services will be held at the Hatfield Funeral Home in Sierra Vista on Saturday. Memorials may be made to Hospice Casa de la Paz of Sierra Vista or to the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church building fund.

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

**Don A. Fore**

March 19, 1949-June 26, 2007

Don A. FORE, 58, 4435 S. 1000 West, Mentone, died at 2:20 p.m. Tuesday at his residence. He was in failing health since 2000.

Born in Rochester, he was the son of Welcome W. Fore Jr. and Deloris M. Ginther Fore. A 1967 Mentone High School graduate, he served in the U.S. Army in the military police. He was stationed in Savannah, Ga.

He retired from Spartech, Warsaw, in 2001. He worked there 30 years.

He enjoyed playing sudoku and spending time at Wal-Mart in Warsaw.

Survivors include his father, Welcome W. Fore Jr., Mentone; two nephews, Brandon and wife Eldora Fore, Etna Green, and Cory and wife Toni Fore, Mentone; and a great-nephew, Dale Allen Fore, Etna Green. He was preceded in death by his mother, Deloris M. Fore, in December 2005, and his brother, Larry Fore, in July 2000.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Doris

Smith officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Mentone Emergency Services.

### **Donald Owen Good**

Donald Owen GOOD, 88, of 6168 N. 650 East, Monterey, died at 7:59 p.m. Tuesday at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Marjorie Lucille Holm**

Services for Marjorie Lucille HOLM, 606 N. Washington St., Bourbon, who died at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Bourbon First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, and from noon until the service Friday at the church.

Survivors include a son, Kenton Boyd Holm, Arizona; a daughter, Karen Holm, Bourbon; and a brother, A.C. Snyder, Florida. She was a 1930 Argos High School graduate.

Thursday, June 28, 2007

### **Donald Owen Good**

July 30, 1918-June 26, 2007

Donald Owen GOOD 88, of 6168 N. 640 East, Monterey, died at 7:59 p.m. Tuesday at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

Born in Ora to Charles A. and Hazel A. Collins Good, he lived his entire life in the Monterey community, except while serving in the U.S. Army. He served 39 months in Europe including D-Day in Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge, where he got flack in both knees.

On April 25, 1953, he married Mary M. Sparks in San Pierre. They were married 54 years.

He was owner of Good Oil Company and retired in 1985. He belonged to the Shriners of South Bend, Masonic Lodge and American Legion of Monterey, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Winamac and Arrowhead Country Resource Conservation & Development. He was also a member of Monterey United Methodist Church and a Scout leader in Monterey.

An avid outdoorsman and conservationist, he planted trees and enjoyed fishing for great northern pike and walleye in Canada and Wisconsin with his sons. He took great pride in his grandchildren and their accomplishments.

Survivors include his wife, Mary M. Good, at home; two daughters, Dixie Good, Rochester, and Debbie Machamer and husband Patrick, Winamac; two sons, Don Good and wife Margaret and Dean Good and wife Gwen, all of Monterey; 10 grandchildren, Josh and Kyle Sefchek, Holly, Alyssa, Lindsey and Caitlin Machamer, Nikki and Erin Good, Weston and Wyatt Good; and two sisters-in-law, Onda Good, North Manchester, and Pauline Good, Monterey. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Opal Good; and three brothers, Rex, Lorin and Ross Good.

A celebration of the life of Don Owen Good will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Monterey United Methodist Church, Monterey, with the Rev. Karen K. Rhoades Welling officiating. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery, Monterey. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may visit with the family at the church from noon until the service Sunday. The family requests memorials be made in lieu of flowers to Monterey United Methodist Church, The Nature Conservancy of Winamac or the Don O. and Mary M. Good Scholarship Fund through First National Bank of Monterey. Memorials are accepted at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, 46975, or at the church. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Delbert Lamont**

Delbert LAMONT, 75, of Sun City Ariz., died Tuesday.



Survivors include his wife, Joyce; a daughter, Lani, of Mississippi; a son, Del, of California; sisters, Florence Partridge of Rochester, Marjorie Kistler, Norma Reynolds of Indianapolis.

**Marcia Nethercutt**

Marcia NETHERCUTT, 67, Life Care Center of Rochester, died at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday at the nursing home. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**David Lee Simonin**

David Lee SIMONIN, 58, of 1007 Elm St., Rochester, died at 2:30 a.m. today at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, June 29, 2007

**Delbert Lamont Guyer**

Delbert Lamont GUYER, 75, of Sun City, Ariz., died Tuesday.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; a daughter, Lani, of Tennessee; a son, Del, of California; sisters, Florence Partridge of Rochester, Marjorie Kistler, and Norma Reynolds of Indianapolis.

**Rebecca R. Large**

Rebecca R. LARGE, 48, of 16427 W. 18th Road, Culver, died Tuesday at home.

Survivors include her husband, John Large Jr., Culver; a son, Derrick J. Brewer; two daughters, Lauren L. Large and Alicia M. Large, both of Culver; and her mother, Marjory Raymer, Culver.

Her funeral service was at 1 p.m. today at Poplar Grove United Methodist Church, Argos, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is handling arrangements.

**Marcia A. Nethercutt**

April 10, 1940-June 27, 2007

Marcia A. NETHERCUTT, 67, Life Care Center of Rochester, formerly of Gilead, died at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday at the nursing home.

Born in Wabash, she was the daughter of Oscar and Juanita Luckenbill Harman. A graduate of Gilead High School, she married Ernest Nethercutt, who passed away in 1986. A homemaker and babysitter, she was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary in North Manchester. She loved to play bingo.

Survivors include a son, Scott Nethercutt, Huntington; two granddaughters, Denece Correll and companion David Cooley, Macy, and Brandee Nethercutt, Akron; a grandson, Michael Nethercutt and companion Jessica Ross, Laketon; two great-grandsons, Chaz Correll, Macy, and Ross Nethercutt, Laketon; two sisters, Joyce Mettler, Wabash, and Peggy Miller, Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by a brother, Ted Harman.

Private family services and burial will be Monday at the Akron Cemetery, with Rev. Ritter officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to Life Care Center, 827 W. 13th St., Rochester, IN 46975. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

**David Lee Simonin**

David Lee SIMONIN, 58, of 1007 Elm St., Rochester, died Thursday at home.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela, at home; three sons, Danny See, Stanton, Ky., Chad Simonin, Noblesville, and Dustin Simonin, Fayetteville, Ark.; and five sisters, Ellen Kitterman, Thonotosassa, Fla., Delores Corl, Grand Junction, Mich., Merlene Winclechter, Streamland, Ill., Arlene Sriver, Rochester, and Carolyn Prunty, Kokomo.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

**Billy Edwin Stout**

Billy Edwin STOUT, "Bill," passed away as the result of a brief illness in Lansing, Mich., on Sunday, May 27, 2007, with his daughters at his side.

Bill was born in Akron in July of 1921 to William and Theodosia Stout. After graduating from Akron High School, Bill joined the United States Navy in 1942. Bill served during World War II, assigned to Pearl Harbor. He was honorably discharged on Jan 1, 1946.

After the war, Bill went to work with the Babson Brothers Company selling Surge milking machines. Bill was the consummate salesman, making friends wherever he went. He retired as regional manager for the midwest.

On April 6, 1947, Bill married Mary Virginia Shore of Rochester. She survives. Together Bill and Virginia raised four daughters. In 1956, he moved his family to Grand Ledge, Mich., where they lived for more than 40 years. Bill and Virginia then returned to Rochester to reside in Virginia's family home. After a short stay in North Manchester, the Stouts returned to Lansing in 2005 to be closer to their children.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his oldest daughter, Julie Holley. He was also predeceased by his three sisters and brother: Helen Craig, Lucille Stevens, Willodean Binna and Adam Stout. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, and daughters, Nancy Stout-Purkis (David) of Saginaw, Mich., Susan Stout of Petosky, Mich., and Marcia Wynalda (John) of Lansing. He was an extremely proud grandfather to Curtis Neal Holley (Michelle) of Merrimack, N.H., Lauren Stout Wynalda of Lansing and Eeva Caroline Stout Sharp of Petosky. In addition, he boasted of his three great-grandchildren, Jared, Brendan and Gavin Holley of New Hampshire.

Private family services were held today in Lansing with interment to take place later in the IOOF Cemetery in Rochester. Condolences may be sent to Virginia Stout, c/o Ingham Medical Care Facility, 3860 Dobie Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

Saturday, June 30, 2007

**Marcia A. Nethercutt**

Private funeral services for Marcia A. NETHERCUTT, 67, who died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester, will be Monday. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

**David Lee Simonin**

Oct. 13, 1948-June 28, 2007

David Lee SIMONIN, 58, of 1007 Elm St., Rochester, died at 2:30 a.m. Thursday at home.

Born in Fulton County, he was the son of Clarence and Irene Kitterman Simonin. He lived most of his life in this area.

An over the road trucker, he worked for Pasquale, Logansport. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, Rochester.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served in Ethiopia during the Vietnam era from 1968 to 1970. He belonged to the LeRoy Shelton American Legion No. 36, Veterans of Foreign Wars No 1432 and Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 852, all of Rochester.

He was an Elvis impersonator and enjoyed karaoke and fishing.

On April 7, 2000, he married Pamela Jean See in Rochester. She survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Danny See and wife Patty, Stanton, Ky., Chad Simonin, Noblesville, and Dustin Simonin, Fayetteville, Ark.; four granddaughters, Loretta, Cheyenne, Elizabeth and Veronica; three grandsons, Shame, Danny and Dillon; five sisters, Ellen Kitterman, Thonotosassa, Fla., Delores Corl and her husband Ken of Grand Junction. Mich., Merlene Winclechter and her husband Ed Streamland, Ill., Arlene Sriver and her husband Loy, Rochester, and Carolyn Prunty and husband James, Kokomo; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, JoRetta Maibauer.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with the Rev. Jerry Pitman officiating. The pallbearers will be Richard Oliver, Jim Conley,

Randy Spaulding, Bob Carpenter, Richard Tyler, Terry Slisher and Doug Smimson as an honorary pallbearer. Burial will be at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester, with military rites conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service Monday.

Monday, July 2, 2007

**Marjorie E. Easterday**

Sept. 9, 1927-July 1, 2007

Marjorie E. EASTERDAY, 79, Winamac, and formerly of Rochester, passed away at 9:45 a.m. Sunday at St. Mary's Living Center, St. Mary's, Ohio.

She was born on Sept. 9, 1927, in Fulton County, the daughter of Cecil and Ruth (Ford) Gunter. She married Robert Easterday on Nov. 3, 1946, and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Easterday worked for the war department during World War II. She also worked at RBM in Logansport and at Hart, Schaffner & Marx in Rochester. She attended the Rochester Church of God.

Survivors include her sons, Raymond and wife Norma Easterday, Winamac, and Robert Steve and wife Brenda Easterday, Columbus, Ohio; grandchildren, Samantha and husband Kenneth Tuley, Winamac, Savannah Easterday, Columbus, Ohio, Angela and husband William Davis, Liberty, Tenn., Margaret and husband David Walters, Winamac, Joe and wife Tammy Ritchie, Dowelltown, Tenn.; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mildred and husband Ralph Mullins, Rochester; and brothers, George Robert and wife Mary Gunter, Silt, Colo., Richard Dale and wife Evelyn Gunter, Mays Landing, N.J., and Ralph Lee and wife Janet Gunter, Rochester. She also was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Virgil, Raymond, Russell and Harold Ray "Dick" Gunter.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the

Grass Creek Cemetery, Grass Creek. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Donald Eugene Ensley**

Donald Eugene ENSLEY, 80, Peru, formerly of Denver, died Saturday at Hickory Creek of Peru.

Survivors include his brother, Marvin Edward Ensley Jr., Peru.

His funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 p.m. until the service.

### **Clarence G. Martens**

Clarence G. MARTENS, 88, of 217 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, died at 6:40 p.m. Sunday in the Woodlawn Hospital emergency room. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Wilma Mullins**

June 13, 1932-June 30, 2007

Wilma MULLINS, 75, of 2757 W. 1350 North, Macy, died at 1 a.m. Saturday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Born in Mammoth, W.Va., she was the daughter of Emery and Juanita Mullins. On Nov. 10, 1951, in Beaumont, W.Va., she married Jesse Mullins Jr. She was a Macy resident since 1968, when she moved from Wisconsin.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Macy Firemen's Auxiliary for more than 20 years. She had been the treasurer. Wilma enjoyed flower gardening and bingo. She was a very active grandmother who crocheted baby blankets and afghans for family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse, of Macy; three daughters, Cheryl Bach and husband Gary, Pewaukee, Wis., Terri Holbrook and Lori Oberg, both of Macy; two sons, Michael Mullins and Beverly Conley, and Larry Mullins and wife Karen, all of Macy; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four sisters; three brothers; and Missy, Wilma's canine companion. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Fulton Mullins, in 1995; and a great-granddaughter, Reagan Cattin, in 2005.

Private family services are today at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be conveyed to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Merrill F. Stoner**

Merrill F. STONER, 83, Peru, died at 5:15 a.m. Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Tuesday, July 3, 2007

**Clarence G. Martens**

July 20, 1918-July 1, 2007

Clarence G. MARTENS, 88, of 217 W. 10th St., Rochester, died at 6:40 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born on July 20, 1918, in Mount Vernon, N.Y., he was the son of Clarence G. and Marion Alley Martens. Clarence graduated from Pennington High School of Pennington, N.J., in 1936. Upon graduation, he attended Booth & Bayliss Business College, Bridgeport, Conn.

Later, his country beckoned him and Clarence answered his call of patriotism as he began his tour of duty with the U.S. Army during World War II. His tour included assignments in North Africa, Sicily and the European Theaters. Clarence, a Staff Sergeant of Co. I, 47th Infantry, 9th Division, was awarded two Purple Hearts for being wounded in action. He was also honored with the highly coveted Silver Star on Aug. 22, 1944, for gallantry and an extraordinary exhibit of heroism.

Clarence was united in marriage to Marjorie F. McCracken on Aug. 6, 1947, in Manilla, Iowa. Together they shared nearly 60 years of marriage.

Clarence lived in Rochester since 1960, when he moved from Denison, Iowa. He managed the Fulton County REMC from 1960 to

1983, when he retired. He belonged to Grace United Methodist Church, LeRoy Shelton American Legion No. 36, Elks Lodge No. 2110 and was a life member of Disabled American Veterans.

Clarence was passionate about playing softball. Each winter he and Marjorie traveled to Bonita Springs, Fla., where he joined his softball buddies playing in the Citrus League. Proving age is only a number, as the oldest player, Clarence was voted MVP for the 2006 Citrus Park League champions! Still agile and multi-talented, he handled catching responsibilities and sometimes helped out at third or first base.

In the late 60s, Clarence and buddy Lloyd Adley formed Rochester's first girls softball team, "Baxter's Beauties." This was in addition to his coaching responsibilities with Little League. They coached the Beauties for several years. It was Clarence who was honored for his dedication to girls softball, tossing the first official pitch at the initial Rochester High School Lady Zebras softball game.

Golf was also his forte. He especially loved hitting the links and playing with his family at golf outings. Clarence was the cornerstone of his family. He will be missed for his wisdom, loving ways, sense of humor, teasing aggravation, warm brown eyes and loving smile. Paramount in his life was his family. Clarence loved and adored his grandchildren. It was with great pride that he cheered for them as they played basketball, baseball, football, golf and wrestling. He rarely missed a piano or dance recital, choir concert or play production ... always being there as the patriarch of the family.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie F. Martens, at home; four children, Murro Martens and wife Darla, Argyle, Texas, Marilee Diener and husband John, Wabash, Mark Martens and wife Betty, Rochester, and Michelle Winterrowd and husband Jeff, Rochester; grandchildren, Kevin Martens and wife Cara, Flower Mound, Texas, Kurt Martens and wife Kazzye, Boston, Mass., JT Diener and wife Kelli, Indianapolis, Nathaniel Diener and wife Mallori, Muncie, Katie Martens, Rochester, David Diener, Wabash, and Sadie Martens, Rochester; great-grandchildren, Cale and Riley Martens, Flower Mound, Texas; two sisters, Stella Weiss of Connecticut and Marion



Bruno of New York; and cousins, Naomi Brede and Marty Goos. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Arnout Martens.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, where military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday. Memorials may be made to the Citrus Park Softball League, Bonita Springs, Fla., and Grace United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Merrill F. Stoner**

Merrill F. STONER, 83, Peru, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, A. Charlene Poor Stoner; and a son, James G. Stoner, Peru.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with visitation from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Wednesday, July 4, 2007

[No Paper – Holiday]

Thursday, July 5, 2007

**Wm. Eugene Garthee**

William Eugene GARTHEE, 63, of 2314 S. 400 West, Warsaw, died at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Friday, July 6, 2007

**Wm. Eugene Garthee**

Wm. Eugene GARTHEE, 63, of 2314 S. 400 West, Warsaw, died Wednesday at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Survivors include his wife, Sheryl Garthee, Warsaw; a son, Thomas Garthee, Kansas; three daughters, Robyn Garthee and Amy Garthee, both of Warsaw, and Angela Beigh, North Manchester; and three sisters, Grace Shepherd, Marion, Jeanette Cowles, Michigan, and Patty Pope, Louisiana.

His funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

**David Rich**

A Peru-based Indiana State Police trooper who stopped to help an apparently stranded motorist was shot and killed Thursday, state police said.

Master Trooper David RICH was shot in the chest by a Michigan man who then reloaded the shotgun and killed himself, state police Sgt. Tony Slocum said.

The shooting happened along U.S. 24 about 4 p.m., Slocum said. The shooter was identified as Joseph M. Vultaggio Jr., 21, of Gaylord, Mich.

Slocum said Vultaggio was driving a sport-utility vehicle that his father had reported stolen on Wednesday.

Rich, 41, was an 18-year veteran of the state police and was a detective assigned to the Peru post. Rich and his wife Connie, have a 7-year old daughter Lauren, and 4-year old twin sons, Carson and Connor.

Rich was from a law-enforcement family. His father is former Indiana State Police trooper and Miami County Sheriff Jack Rich, who lives south of Mexico.

David Rich's older brother, Bob Rich, is an Indiana State Police captain who oversees the northeast Indiana area of the state and formerly was a Bremen Post investigator.

Slocum said Indiana had "lost a very, very good man" and described Rich as the nicest person he had ever met.

"If that guy (Vultaggio) needed help, he would have gave him his shoes, his pants," Slocum said. "He would have done anything to help him, just as he's done here on many occasions at the post."

"We all check on cars broken down all the time and wouldn't think of something like this ..." said Sgt. Miker Burns, a public relations officer from Redkey.

Burns said no funeral arrangements have been made yet.

The shooting prompted authorities to shut down the four-land highway in both directions around the scene near Wabash for more than two hours.

Rich is the first state trooper killed in a line-of-duty shooting since Trooper Scott Patrick was fatally shot in December 2003 after he stopped to a check a vehicle parked on an exit ramp along Interstate 80/94 in Gary. Darryl Jeter of Chicago was convicted of murder for Patrick's death and was sentenced last year to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Saturday, July 7, 2007

**Joel L. Protala**

Feb. 9, 1951-July 6, 2007

Joel L. PORTALA, 56, 111 N. Tucker St., Mentone, died at 2 p.m. Friday at his residence.

He is survived by one daughter, Sarah Akers, one son, Joel Portala, Detroit, Mich.; two sisters, Valiant Portala, Heather Portala, two brothers, Brent Portala and Ward Portala, all of Toledo, Ohio.

There is no visitation. A family service is planned in Toledo.

Monday, July 9, 2007

**Richard L. Hoffman**

April 30, 1939-July 7, 2007

Richard L. HOFFMAN, age 68, a resident of 115 W. State St., Etna Green, passed away on Saturday at 6:25 p.m. unexpectedly in his home of natural causes.

Richard was born the son of John Hoffman and Ella Koenig Hoffman on April 30, 1939, in Fulton County. He had been a resident of Etna Green since 1970.

He was joined in marriage on June 26, 1959, to Sharon Hill, who survives, along with their children: Cheryl and Pastor Michael VanCleave of Rogers, Alaska, Kim and Rick Reneker of Fort Wayne, Jeff Hoffman of Etna Green and Greg and Janell Hoffman of Tippecanoe. He was also blessed with five grandchildren: Tyson and Kristyn VanCleave, Eric Hoffman and Megan and Ryan Reneker. He also has a brother, Paul and wife Charlene Hoffman of Akron.

Richard was a graduate of Gilead High School, class of 1957. He was an owner of Hoffman Implement Sales in Etna Green from 1970 through 2002, when he retired. He also enjoyed his immaculate garden; he shared many of his produce items with friends and family. He and his wife also regularly attended Warsaw Wesleyan Church.

Funeral services to celebrate Richard's life will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Warsaw Wesleyan Church, 2402 Old U.S. 30 West, with Pastor Wanda Carter and Pastor Michael VanCleave officiating. There will be a time of visiting and sharing memories with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, and also one hour before services in the church on Wednesday. Burial will follow in the Etna Green Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Warsaw Wesleyan Church in his memory. Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

**Orpha F. Lee**

Orpha F. LEE, 90, formerly of Argos, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Survivors include a son, Darrel W. Lee, Argos, and a sister, Elsie Johnson, Hammond.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the service.

**Judith Ann Rager**

Judith Ann RAGER, 60, died Thursday at Beauvais Manor, St. Louis, Mo.

Survivors include her parents, Dean and Barbara Rager, Plymouth, and Ardith Buntain Rager, Akron; three sisters, Pam McFarland, Akron, Rene Rosen-Rager, Hemet, Calif., Christa Smith, Zionsville; a brother, Del Rager, Lake Wales, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Kenneth P. Taylor**

Dec. 25, 1938-July 7, 2007

Kenneth P. TAYLOR, 68, of 602 E. 15th St., Rochester, died at 4 p.m. Saturday at home. His health was failing since 2000.

Born in Harlan County, Ky., he was the son of Cecil N. and Frances Sarver Taylor. He lived in Fulton County and surrounding communities since 1962, when he moved from Peru.

He was first married to Anna Ruth Smith on July 27, 1962, in Rochester. She preceded him in death on Dec. 8, 1996. He married Judy A. Young on Feb. 12, 2000, in Rochester and she survives.

He was a machinist for Biomet, Warsaw, and retired in 2001. He attended Faith Outreach Center church, Rochester, and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Logansport.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, he served in the U.S. Air Rescue.

He loved remodeling and renovations, working with saws and tools, and all woodworking projects.

Survivors include: his wife, Judy Taylor, at home; two sons, Richard "Dick" A. Smith and wife Deena, Rochester, and Gary W.

Bradley, Leiters Ford; two grandsons, Cory A. Smith and wife Jennifer, Troy, Mich., and Michael J. Smith, Indianapolis; two great-grandchildren, Riley E. Smith and Jackson Cory Smith, Troy, Mich.; a sister, Sue Ramsey, Rockledge, Fla.; a brother, Ray Taylor and wife Bernadine, Williamsburgh, Ky.; a brother-in-law, Bernie Young and wife Carol, Rochester; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife; two sisters, Hazel and Norma; and a brother, George.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Dan Mundt officiating. Burial will be at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family 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 Hope Hospice of Fulton County or to the Fulton County Animal Shelter.

My darling husband, I love you with all my heart and soul. You were truly my soulmate and I will hold you in my heart "till we meet again."

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

### **Barbara Jean Claxton**

Aug. 11, 1940-July 9, 2007

Barbara Jean CLAXTON, 66, Warsaw, died Monday at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Born in Akron, she was the daughter of Estel and Catherine Towne Crall. A lifetime Warsaw resident, she married Garold L. Claxton on Aug. 2, 1958, in Warsaw. He died Jan. 13, 1990.

She worked as a mold maker for the Warsaw Foundry for 28 years. She belonged to the Salvation Army.

Survivors include her mother, Catherine Crall, Rochester; her mother-in-law, Mary Claxton, Fort Wayne; three daughters, Connie (Mark) Overdeer, Carolyn Claxton and Penny Claxton, all of Columbia City; two sons, Randy (Karen) Claxton, Pana, Ill., and Roger Claxton, Columbia City; two sisters, Sue (Laddie) Helser,

Warsaw, and Diane Bieganski, Kowlesville, N.Y.; a brother, Richard Crall, Rochester; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and a sister, Ann Benzing.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with Capt. Jody Dalberg officiating. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

**Orpha F. Lee**

Orpha F. LEE, 90, formerly of Argos, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Survivors include a son, Darrel W. Lee, Argos, and a sister, Elsie Johnson, Hammond.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the service.

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

**Elizabeth Ann Bartleman**

Elizabeth Ann BARTLEMAN, 86, of 1710 Ewing Road, Rochester, died at 12:15 a.m. today at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Ada Mae Harris Gamboe**

Ada Mae Harris GAMBOE, 97, of Culver, formerly of Kewanna, died at 3:40 p.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel.

Thursday, July 12, 2007

**Elizabeth Ann Bartleman**

Aug. 8, 1920-July 11, 2007

Our mother and grandmother Elizabeth Ann BARTLEMAN, 86, of 1710 Ewing Road, Rochester, passed away at 12:17 a.m. Wednesday at home. Her health was failing for seven weeks.

Born in Bedford, Pa., she was the daughter of Oliver James and Stella Smith Stiffler. On Feb. 21, 1942, in Marion, she married Stanley D. Bartleman. He preceded her in death in 1980.

She lived in Rochester since 1950, when she moved from Dallas, Texas. A homemaker, she collected antiques and was an animal lover. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol "Cookie" Dimond and husband Bob, San Francisco, Calif., and Gloria Carvey and husband Bruce, Rochester; five grandchildren, Scott, Matt and Nick Dimond, and Lisa Reffett and Stacey Carvey-Schoenhals; five great-grandchildren, Anselm, Lucas, Lily, Erik and Curby; and beloved family member, Melinda Dennis and family, Troy, Mich. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with Father Joseph Jacob officiating. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday. A prayer vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Ada Mae Harris Gamboe**

Sept. 21, 1909-July 10, 2007

Services for Ada Mae Harris GAMBOE, 97, of Culver, formerly of Kewanna, will be at 2 p.m. Friday. She died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor at Culver.



Born Sept. 21, 1909, in Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late William and Ida (Berryman) Adams. She was a member of Kewanna Church of Christ, and a lifelong member of the Rebekahs. Ada was also an avid reader.

Surviving are a daughter, Carole Hamman (Ronald) of Kewanna; daughter-in-law, Jo Harris, South Bend; four grandchildren, Terri Lynch, Scott Hamman, Ron and Chris Harris; and 11 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Dee Harris, on July 15, 1962; a son, William Harris; a grandson, Michael Hamman; two brothers, Orville Aldridge and Arnold Adams; and a sister, Retha Berryman.

Rev. Steve McPeck will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna. Friends may call Friday from noon until the time of the service at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna chapel. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

### **William Butler**

An Army Ranger who fought during some of the nation's bloodiest conflicts to become one of the most highly decorated Indiana National Guardsman has died, the military said Wednesday.

Master Sgt. William BUTLER, 77, of Winamac, died late Monday after suffering two heart attacks in the hospital where he was recovering from injuries suffered in a fall.

Butler served during World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and Iraq's Operation Desert Storm in 1991, earning two Silver Stars for valor in combat and two Purple Hearts for injuries.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Brown, the Indiana Guard's top-ranking enlisted soldier, said those awards and Butler's selfless service set an example for soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan today.

"He was a military man and a complete warrior," Brown said, adding that his service was a "backbone for how soldiers should be trained" for future conflicts.

The Indiana Guard has sent 11,000 soldiers to battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001 – some several times. Each has benefited from Butler’s influence, Brown said.

Butler was born in Indianapolis and entered the Army at 16 after stealing his brother’s birth certificate in the waning days of World War II. He later joined the Special Forces and deployed from the front lines as a demolitions expert in Korea.

In Vietnam, Butler served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 151<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment. The battalion’s Delta Company was among few Guard units to serve in Vietnam, though thousands of Guardsmen were sent in smaller numbers to help other units, military officials said.

That rush to the fight defined Butler’s service and serves as a model for soldiers today, Brown said.

Army Chief Warrant Officer William Butler Jr. of Theresa, N.Y. said his father was a “warrior” and perennial instructor who brought battle hardened lessons to younger troops.

“He was the toughest soldier I ever met in my life,” said Butler, who returned last spring from flying helicopters in Iraq. “He was an inspiration.”

In August, the Army is to honor Butler by naming the Warrior Training Center at Fort Benning, Ga., after him. The center is used by National Guard soldiers nationwide seeking Special Forces training.

Butler’s other awards number in the dozens and include the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the World War II Victory Medal. He was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame at Fort Benning on the same day as former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

A military honors funeral will be held Friday in Greenwood, Ind.

Friday, July 13, 2007

**Marvin L. Coby**

Marvin L. COBY, 84, of 730 School St., Culver, died at 5:05 p.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Karl H. Hartisch III**

Karl H. HARTISCH III, 36, Marion, died Wednesday at home.

Survivors include his parents, Karl H. Hartisch Jr. and Jacqueline L. Hartisch, Rochester; a daughter, Zoe Hartisch, Fairmount; two sisters, Rebecca Owens, Lafontaine, and Paula Weber, Silver Lake.

His funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Casey Lloyd Funeral Home, Marion. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until the time of the service Sunday at the funeral home.

**Dixie Norman**

Nov. 18, 1933-July 9, 2007

Dixie NORMAN, 73, Warsaw, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Born in Winona Lake, she was the daughter of Paul and Ruth Gray Harris. On July 21, 1951, she married Roy Norman.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Moose Lodge and American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed quilting and gardening.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Norman, Warsaw; two sons, Roger Norman, Warsaw, and Brian (Paula) Norman, Leesburg; two daughters, Susan (Richard) Greeley, Goshen, and Laura Hill, Claypool; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Hile; a sister, Patricia Martin; a brother, Robert Harris; and two grandchildren, Rae Ann Symons and Matthew Busz.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at

the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation.

Saturday, July 14, 2007

**Marvin L. Coby**

June 19, 1923-July 11, 2007

Marvin L. COBY, 84, of Miller's Merry Manor, 730 School St., Culver, died at 5:05 p.m. Wednesday at the nursing home after a short illness.

Born in Monterey, he was the son of Otis and Ina Dell (Reinholt) Coby. A 1942 graduate of Monterey High School, he lived all his life in Pulaski, Fulton and Marshall counties.

On Oct. 27, 1956, in Kewanna, he married Violet Jane Warfield, who preceded him in death on May 11, 2003.

He worked at the Rochester Foundry, where he was a grinder for 20 years. He retired in 1986.

He was involved with the Fulton County 4-H rabbits programs for more than 17 years. He and his wife square danced with the Tippy Twirlers.

Survivors include two daughters, Geneva "Jenny" (Frank) Bischoff, Cassopolis, Mich., and Bonnie L. Kroft, Corpus Christi, Texas; a son, Alan L. (Rhonda) Coby of Fulton County; 11 grandchildren; six brothers, Alvin Coby and Gust Coby of Rochester, Orval Coby of Leesburg, Curt (Marilyn) Coby of Culver, Jay (Karen) Coby of Rochester, and Vernon (Jeanie) Coby of Culver. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and brother, Homer Coby.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, with Pastor Mike Cissna officiating. Burial will be at Leiters Ford. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Purdue CES, Attn: Fulton County Hoppers, 1009 W. Third St., Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

**John Shireman**

July 14, 1930-July 12, 2007

John SHIREMAN, 76, of 1312 Lincolnway W., Osceola, IN, died at 3:30 a.m. Thursday at his residence of natural causes.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Virginia "Jenny" (Riege) Shireman of Osceola; a daughter, Susan Seymore of Osceola; a son, Gary Shireman of Bremen; two brothers, Charles Shireman of Rochester, Donald Shireman of Cotton Wood, Arizona; four sisters, Mary Mitchell and Patricia Hayden of Rochester, Joan Davis of Osceola, and Jean Ketcham of Orland.

His funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Monday at the Zimmerman-Inman Funeral Home, 1109 Lincolnway W., Osceola, Indiana.

Monday, July 16, 2007

**Frances E. Bowyer**

April 18, 1927-July 13, 2007

Frances E. BOWYER, 80, of 208 N. Maple St., Akron, died at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Detroit, Mich., she was the daughter of Orla Clyde Bowyer and Ethel Smith Bowyer. She was never married.

A homemaker, she lived with the Francis "Pat" Tarter family for 38 years. She was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Akron.

Survivors include four sisters, Eleanor D'Angelo, Okemos, Mich. Margaret Hanson, Taylor, Mich. Muriel Kistler, Chino, Calif. Catherine Clark, Southgate, Mich.; and two brothers, Lewis Bowyer, Indianapolis, and Richard Bowyer, Texas. Her open-hearted extended family is as follows: Francis "Pat" Tarter, Akron, with whom she lived, and her family, Sheila and husband Randy Runkle, Ed and wife Kristi Tarter, Cheryl Tarter, Sandy and husband Tom Smith, and Shelly and husband Richard Fry. She was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Bowyer; four brothers, Allen, Wendall, Howard and Dale Bowyer; and special friend, Chris Tarter.

Her funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Wayne Balmer officiating. Burial will be at Gaerte Cemetery, southeast of Akron. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the service Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Akron.

**Miriam D. Drudge**

Miriam D. DRUDGE, 91, of 411 N. Johnson St., Akron, died Sunday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include two daughters, Priscilla Slone, Silver Lake, and Hannah Nolan, Rochester.

Private family services are today. There is no visitation.

**Lester R. Flynn**

Lester R. FLYNN, 82, of 721 E. 10th St., Rochester, died Sunday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include a sister, Rosella Smeyers, Mishawaka.

His funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Tuesday, July 17, 2007

**Theadora Costello**

Theadora COSTELLO, 84, Kewanna, died Monday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna.

**Miriam D. Drudge**

Miriam D. DRUDGE, 91, of 411 N. Johnson St., Akron, died Sunday at Life Care center of Rochester

Survivors include two daughters, Priscilla Slone, Silver Lake, and Hannah Nolan, Rochester.

Private family services are today. There is no visitation.

**Lester R. Flynn**

Lester R. FLYNN, 82, of 721 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, died Sunday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include a sister, Rosella Smeyers, Mishawaka.

His funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

**Theadora 'Dora' Costello**

Sept. 15, 1922-July 16, 2007

Graveside services for Theadora "Dora" COSTELLO, 84, of Kewanna, will be at 10 a.m., Friday at Grass Creek Cemetery, Kewanna.

Dora passed away Monday at her residence.

Born Sept. 15, 1922, at Hardwich, Calif., she was the daughter of the late George and Martha Dillis. She married Harold R. Costello on May 29, 1944, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 1, 1998.

Mrs. Costello worked as a seamstress for Hart Schaffner & Marx, Rochester, for 39 years until its closure. She was an avid gardener and also enjoyed playing golf. She was a member of Promiseland Church, Fulton.

Surviving are two sons, Harold Costello (Patti), Kewanna, and Ron Costello, Kokomo; a daughter, Connie Nichols (Gene), Dothan, Ala.; a sister, Mary Roush, Riverdale, Calif.; four grandsons, Ryan Costello (Addie), Bonita Springs, Fla., Cory Costello (Stephanie), West Chester, Ohio, Joseph Jernigan, Maryville, Tenn., and Jeff Jernigan, Hyde Park, Mass.; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, five brothers and a great-grandson.

Pastor Wade Moss will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Grass Creek Cemetery, Kewanna. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**Gene Easterday**

Former Kewanna resident Gene EASTERDAY of 130 Fire Tower Road, Selma, Tenn., died Tuesday. Arrangements are pending.

**Mary Louise Smith**

Mary Louise SMITH, 83, of Grave Village Healthcare, Winona Lake, formerly of Akron, died at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday at the nursing home. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Thursday, July 19, 2007

**Donald Ross Bookwalter**

Former Twelve Mile resident Donald Ross BOOKWALTER, 71, of Farview Park, Ohio, died Tuesday at Farview Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Sally L. Hines Bookwalter; his children, Julie Perry of Logansport, Joni Olson of Brownstown, Jenny Bookwalter and Jill Kemer, both of Cleveland, Ohio; and a sister, Lois Murden of Carmel.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Edith E. Griswold**

Dec. 19, 1919-July 17, 2007

Edith E. GRISWOLD, 87, died at 9:10 p.m. on Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, following a sudden illness.

A respected and admired citizen, Edith was a lifelong resident of Plymouth.

She was born in Denver, on Dec. 19, 1919, the daughter of Paul and Fay Stuber Griswold. She graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1938.

Edith started her career in 1939, as a secretary at the high school, before moving on to the Fort Wayne Community School system for 16 years. She came back to Plymouth, where she worked



for Susie Robertson before working for 8 1/2 years at the Marshall County Division of Family and Children.

Edith played catcher on the Eaglettes Ladies Softball Team in 1944. Both before and after retiring, she worked part time at Felke's Florists.

An active member for many years in the Trinity United Methodist Church, Plymouth, Edith had also served as a Girl Scout leader.

Edith is survived by her brother, Kenneth Griswold of Plymouth; two nephews, Richard (Judy) Griswold and Barry Griswold, both of Plymouth; a niece, Carol Griswold Housouer of Rochester; three great-nephews; one great-niece; four great-great-nephews and two great-great-nieces.

Friends are invited to celebrate Edith's life and share memories of her from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Funeral services for Edith will follow the visitation at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. William Kaster, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorial gifts may be given in Edith's memory to the Flower Fund of the Trinity United Methodist Church or to the Red Bird Mission. Letters of condolence may be sent to the funeral home via [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

### **Louise Smith**

June 24, 1924-July 17, 2007

Louise SMITH, 83, of Grace Village Healthcare, Winona Lake, and formerly of Akron, died at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday at Grace Village Healthcare.

Born in Miami County, she was the daughter of Victor R. and Ida Pearl Raymer Cover. She married Harold L. Smith on Feb. 1, 1944, in Macy. He passed away on Aug. 31, 2004. A homemaker, she helped her husband with their dairy farm.

She was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women of the church, and Order of Eastern Star No. 124 of Macy, where she was a past worthy matron.

Survivors include a son, Randy J. Smith and wife Jeri, Akron; a sister, Lois Yoder, Macy; three grandchildren, Betsy and husband Barry Hiffner, Peru, Casey Smith, Lafayette, and Sally and husband Josh Nixon, West Lafayette; two great-grandsons, Lucas Hiffner and Dash Nixon. She was preceded in death by her sister, Margaret Cook.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Lawrence See officiating. Burial will be at Gilead Cemetery, Gilead. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Friday, July 20, 2007

**Linda S. (Thomas) Daugherty**

Linda S. (Thomas) DAUGHERTY, 59, of 705 E. Fourth St., Rochester, died at 8:45 p.m. Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Leslie Eugene Easterday**

Leslie Eugene EASTERDAY, 77, of Selmer, Tenn., died Tuesday at Regional Medical Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Dix Easterday, Selmer, Tenn. a son, Steve Easterday, Columbia, Tenn.; a daughter, Susan McClellan, Hanover, Pa.; a brother, Everett Easterday, Kokomo; a sister Mildred Ingle, Kewanna.

His funeral service is at 1 p.m. today at Shackelford Funeral Directors of Selmer in Selmer, Tenn.

**Catherine 'Cathy' Skinner**

Word has been received of the death of Catherine "Cathy" SKINNER, 81, of Summit Ridge, Colo., formerly of Akron. Local

arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, including burial at Akron Cemetery.

Saturday, July 21, 2007

**Linda S. (Thomas) Daugherty**

Nov. 30, 1947-July 19, 2007

Linda S. (Thomas) DAUGHERTY, 59, of 705 E. Fourth St., Rochester, passed away at 8:45 p.m. Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born on Nov. 30, 1947, in Peru, the daughter of Paul and Betty (Reynolds) Thomas.

Mrs. Daugherty retired as a hairdresser and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her sons, Christopher and wife Stephanie Thomas, Bushnell, Fla., and Donovan and wife Shirley Daugherty, Lake Panasoffkee, Fla.; daughter, Cassandra Daugherty, St. Petersburg, Fla.; grandchildren, Michael Thomas, Bushnell, Fla., Gracie Daugherty, Lake Panasoffkee, Fla., Dalton Coulliette, Bushnell, Fla., Donovan Wayne Daugherty, Lake Panasoffkee, Fla., Derek Harris, Lake Panasoffkee, Fla., Holden Harris, Lake Panasoffkee, Fla.; brother, Steve and wife Beverly Thomas, Rochester; sisters, Cathy and husband Stuart McGuire, Springhill, Fla., Elizabeth Bleschmidt, Countryside, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Daugherty, and her parents.

Private services and interment will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Monday, July 23, 2007

**Forest A. Cline**

Forest A. CLINE, 89, of Miller's Merry Manor, 730 School St., Culver, and formerly of Argos, died at 8:19 p.m. Saturday at the

nursing home. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Kathleen R. Schoff**

May 5, 1953-July 21, 2007

Kathleen R. SCHOFF, 54, of 7696 S. Indiana 25, Rochester, passed away at 11:07 p.m. Saturday at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born on May 5, 1953, in Pittsburgh, Pa., the daughter of Richard K. and Patricia (Rimmel) Taylor. On June 11, 1977, in Angola, she married Paul Edward Schoff Jr. He preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 2005.

Mrs. Schoff was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include her sons, Zacharias Paul Schoff, Fulton, and Kristopher Edward Schoff, Fulton; daughter, Rose Anna and husband Richmond Lyke, Fulton; grandchild, Braxton Lyke, Fulton; mother, Patricia Taylor, Zanesville, Ohio; brothers, John Taylor, Angola, and Richard Taylor, Zanesville, Ohio; sisters, Cindi and husband Dennis Martin, Angola, and Barbara Taylor, Traverse City, Mich.; several nieces, nephews, cousins. She was preceded in death by her father.

Private burial and graveside services will take place at Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, at a later date. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

**Forrest A. Cline**

Forrest A. CLINE, 89, of Miller's Merry Manor of Culver, formerly of 9944 E. 16th Road, Argos, died Saturday at the nursing home.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy Ernsberger of Plymouth, Linda Smith of Indianapolis, and Shirley Marks of Bremen; a sister, Phyliss Stiver of Bourbon; and a brother, Jim Cline of Tennessee.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the service.

### **Leslie Eugene Easterday**

MSgt. USAF Retired Leslie Eugene EASTERDAY, 77, of Selmer, Tenn., died July 17 at Regional Medical Center, Memphis, Tenn.

He was an aviation technician for the U.S. Navy for nine years and the U.S. Air Force for 11 years. He served in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Easterday participated in the Meals on Wheels program and was a retired truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Dix Easterday; a daughter, Susan McClellan and husband Chris of Hanover, Pa.; a son, Steve Easterday and wife Sue Ellen of Columbia, Tenn.; a sister, Mildred Engle and husband Marvin of Kewanna; a brother, Everett Easterday of Kokomo; nine grandchildren, Kevin, Brian, Jason, Matthew and Megan Easterday, Britainy Drew and husband Dennis, and Melinda, Paul and J. J. Stacey; three great-grandchildren, Logan and Delainey Drew and Rayne Stacey; and a brother-in-law, Owen McVay and wife Pat of Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Hulda Campbell Easter-day; a brother, William Easterday; a sister, Arlene McVay; and his wife's parents, Ewell and Linda Kelley Dix.

Services were held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 20, 2007, at Shackelford Funeral Home Chapel in Selmer, with Lane Dix officiating. Memorials may be made to the Selmer Senior Center, Meals on Wheels or McNairy County Fire and Rescue Squad.

### **Merle E. Rogers**

Nov. 25, 1932-July 23, 2007

Services for Merle E. ROGERS, 74, of Logansport, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel.

Mr. Rogers passed away Monday at his residence of natural causes.

Born Nov. 25, 1932, in Wolcott, he was the son of the late Glen O. and Helen J. (Houk) Rogers. On Aug. 25, 1951, he married Carole J. Brewer, she survives.

He was a member of the Burnettsville Christian Church, Operators Union Local No. 103 and a former member of the Logansport Bridge City Squares. Merle was a U.S. Army veteran who enjoyed deer hunting, mushroom hunting and working in general.

He was a heavy equipment operator and supervisor at McMahan's Construction, Rochester, for more than 30 years and most recently at Deichman Excavating, Logansport, for more than 10 years.

Surviving are his wife, Carole J. Rogers of Logansport; three sons, Gary W. Rogers of Logansport, Larry O. Rogers and Terry E. Rogers (Tamara), both of Royal Center; a daughter, Dorothy "Pam" Ellison (Bill) of Royal Center; two brothers, Melvin "Pete" Rogers (Lois) of Burnettsville, Marlin "Perry" Rogers of Westfield; a sister, Caroline Gaby of Westfield; eight grandchildren, Toni, Jimmy, Chrissy, Jeremy, Jason, David and Stephanie Rogers and Cory Ellison; seven great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Alexis, Anthony, Matthew, Jacob and Lilly Rogers and Bailey Byers. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Milton "Pat" Rogers.

Pastor Dean Burnette will officiate at the service. Burial will be at Kistler Cemetery, Royal Center. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Burnettsville Christian Church, P.O. Box 65, Burnettsville, IN 47926. Online condolences may be made to the Rogers family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

[None]

Thursday, July 26, 2007

**Russell A. Rogers**

March 31, 1951-July 25, 2007

Russell A. ROGERS, 56, of Rochester, died at 1:38 p.m. Wednesday in the Woodlawn Hospital emergency room, Rochester.

Born in Gary, he was the son of Don and Marilyn Garvison. They preceded him in death. A 1969 graduate of Rochester High School, he was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He served from 1969 to 1973.

On July 24, 1971, he married Sherry Evans at First Christian Church, Rochester.

He worked as an oiler and mechanic for E & B Paving, Rochester. He belonged to Local No. 150 Operator-Engineers.

He was passionate about sporting activities and enjoyed motorcycling, umpiring Rochester girls softball, coaching youth bowling and ice fishing on the sparkling waters of Nyona Lake and Lake Manitou. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association, a past director of the Indiana Snowmobilers Association and president of the Salamonie Trailmaster Snowmobile Club. A fan of Richard Petty and NASCAR racing, he enjoyed racing go-carts at Akron Speedway. He was also a certified SCUBA diver.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Rogers, Rochester; a brother, Doug Garvison and wife Sue, Rochester; a sister, Rose Brady and husband Bob, Weaver, Ala.; his father-in-law, Robert Evans, Rochester; and a sister-in-law, Chris Swango and husband Steve, Virginia Beach, Va.

A celebration of the life of Russell A. Rogers will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Scott Seay officiating. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery, where graveside military rites will be conducted by LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. until the service Saturday at the funeral home. Russell's family requests memorials be made to Hope Hospice or the Fulton County Cancer

Fund in lieu of flowers. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Wayne Lee Routt**

Wayne Lee ROUTT, 51, of 3705 W. 1150 North, Macy, died at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Cathy Skinner**

Catherine "Cathy" SKINNER, 81, Summit Ridge, Colo., formerly of Akron, died July 9 at home.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth "Bill" Skinner, Ronald Skinner and Donald Skinner, all of Colorado; a daughter, Irene Nichols of Colorado; and two sisters, Dorothy Hood and Henrietta Hall, both of Colorado.

Her funeral service was at 2 p.m. July 13 at Ertel Memorial Chapel, Cokedale, Colo. Local burial at Akron Cemetery was handled by Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Friday, July 27, 2007

**Lucile M. Feidner**

Lucile M. FEIDNER, 96, Peabody Inn, North Manchester, died Thursday at Peabody Inn. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Leslie Eugene Easterday**

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Survivors include his wife, Frances Dix Easter-day; a daughter, Susan McClellan and husband Chris of Hanover, Pa.; a son, Steve Easterday and wife Sue Ellen of Columbia, Tenn.; a sister, Mildred Engle and husband Marvin of Kewanna; a brother, Everett Easterday of Kokomo; nine grandchildren, Kevin, Brian, Jason, Matthew and Megan Easterday, Britainy Drew and husband Dennis, and Melinda, Paul and J. J. Stacey; three great-grandchildren, Logan and Delainey Drew and Rayne Stacey; and a brother-in-law, Owen McVay and wife Pat of Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Hulda Campbell Easter-day; a brother, William Easterday; a sister, Arlene McVay; and his wife's parents, Ewell and Linda Kelley Dix.

Services were held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 20, 2007, at Shackelford Funeral Home Chapel in Selmer, with Lane Dix officiating. Memorials may be made to the Selmer Senior Center, Meals on Wheels or McNairy County Fire and Rescue Squad.

Saturday, July 28, 2007

**Lucile Moore Feidner**

June 22, 1911 – July 26, 2007

Lucile Moore FEIDNER, 96, Peabody Retirement Center, North Manchester, died at 12:05 p.m. Thursday at her residence.

Born in Peru, she was the daughter of Archie and Lula Gore Moore. She lived most of her life in the Kewanna and Rochester communities.

On June 30, 1935, in Kewanna, she married Odin V. Feidner who preceded her in death.

A homemaker, she was a former member of the famous Akron Jonah Club. She also belonged to the Christian Church of Anoka.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews including Jim Ewen and wife Karen of Rochester; a great-nephew, Garrett Ewen and wife Kim of Granger; great-great-nephews, Caden and Gavin Ewen of Granger. She was also preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Gladys Moore, Marguerite Ewen and Allene Mills.

Her funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with the Rev. David Wentroble officiating. Burial will be at Grass Creek Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Gregory “Greg” Meade**

Feb. 27, 1952 – July 27, 2007

Gregory “Greg” MEADE, 55, 810 South Oak, Bluffton, died at 11:15 a.m. Friday at his residence.

Survivors include two daughters Melisa McCabe of Zanesville, Stephanie Duqinske of Ashville, NC; a son Adam Meade of Bluffton; a brother Jeff Meade; three brothers , Mike Meade of Bluffton, Pat Meade of Rochester, and Rex Meade of Ontario, Canada.

His funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Monday, July 30, 2007

**James R. Beety**

James R. BEETY, 67, Rochester, died Friday at Seaton Specialty Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Martha S. Beety, Logansport; two sons, Michael H. Beety, Logansport, and John Dale Beety, Dallas, Texas; a daughter, Anna Gregorich, Lucerne; and a sister, Barbara A. Cory, Houston, Texas.

Private services will be held at a later date. Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, is handling arrangements.

**Charles 'Chuck' W. Heeter**

Oct. 23, 1932-July 29, 2007

Charles "Chuck" W. HEETER, 74, of 1100 Park Road, Rochester, passed away at 3:08 a.m. Sunday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was born on Oct. 23, 1932, in Rochester, the son of Darwin Dwight and Edythe (Clevenger) Heeter. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during the Korean War.

Mr. Heeter worked at Fansler Lumber in Rochester and was a member of the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

Survivors include his sisters, Joan Atkinson, Rochester, and Mary Gene Groves, Logansport; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Alan Heeter and Bud Heeter; and sisters, Margery Ellis, Lenora Sayger and Lucy Lane.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be in the Athens Cemetery, Athens, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may call from noon until the time of the funeral at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmerman-bros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmerman-bros@rtcol.com).

**Wayne Lee Routt**

June 25, 1956-July 25, 2007

Wayne Lee ROUTT, 51, of 3705 W. 1150 North, Macy, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at his home surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on June 25, 1956, in Wabash, the son of John and Betty (Eggert) Routt.

Wayne held various jobs in the area, but most recently worked for Deardorff Farm. He enjoyed farming, skiing, travel, spending time with his friends, but especially enjoyed the tranquility of his property.

Survivors include his parents, John and Betty Routt, Peru; a brother, Dan and wife Janice Routt, Fort Wayne; sisters, Pat

Alspaugh, Galena, Ill., Janet and husband Bill Wakefield, Indianapolis, Pam Ranly and friend Dick Biggs, Houston, Texas. He will also be sadly missed by his six nieces and nephews and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Miami County 4-H Community Building, 1029 W. 200 North, Peru. Friends may visit from 1 p.m. until the service time at the community building. Wayne and his family request donations in his honor be made to the North Miami Athletic Boosters, North Miami High School, Denver. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Ethel L. Weltz**

Ethel L. WELTZ, 90, of 108 E. Main St., Burket, died Saturday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include a son, Dean Wallace, of Burket.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

**Rosie C. Hyden**

Rosie C. HYDEN, 69, Burket, died at 1 a.m. today at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

**Rosalie M. Lancaster**

Rosalie M. LANCASTER, 82, of 4512 N. 800 West, Rochester, died at 3 a.m. Monday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Esther K. Spitler**

Esther K. SPITLER, 93, Miller's Merry Manor, 635 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, died at 6:56 a.m. Monday at the nursing home. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

**Rosie B. Hyden**

Rosie B. HYDEN, 69, of 115 W. Broadway St., Burket, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her husband Glen "Mutt" A. Hyden, Burket; a daughter, Sheila Humble, Burket; six sisters, Lexie Stephens, Pierceton, Loretta Risner, Eunice Sammons, Joanna Lafferty, Marcelene Hyden and Linda Martin, all of Kentucky; and three brothers, Curtis Conn, David Conn and Troy Conn, all of Kentucky.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.

**Evelyn Krieg**

Evelyn KRIEG, 91, Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw, formerly of Akron, died at 3:05 a.m. today at the nursing home. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Rosalie M. Lancaster**

Sept. 10, 1924-July 30, 2007

Rosalie LANCASTER, 82, of 4512 N. 800 West, Rochester (Leiters Ford), died at 3 a.m. Monday at home.

Her health was failing for one year.

The daughter of Earl J. and Helen VanKirk Lawson, she was born at their Leiters Ford home. She lived her whole life in that area.

In 1942, she graduated from Leiters Ford High School. She married Robert E. Lancaster on Nov. 24, 1944, in South Bend. He died on July 14, 1998.

She assisted her husband as a secretary for Lancaster Deamer Insurance agency. She retired from Torin in 1971 after working there for 12 years.

She belonged to Leiters Ford United Methodist Church.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and looked forward to their visits.

She is survived by two daughters, Malinda Lancaster, Carlisle, Mass., and Lucretia Webster and husband Greg, Peru; a son, James Lancaster, Uba City, Calif.; five grandsons, Shane and Troy Lancaster, Rob and Ted Webster and Justin Lancaster; two great-grandchildren, Paige and Jake Lancaster; a sister, Eloise Lawson, Rochester; and a brother, John Lawson, Tacoma, Wash. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Greg Lancaster in 1993 and Joseph Lancaster in 1998; and a brother, Albert Lawson in 1998.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Fred Guthrel officiating. Burial will be at Leiters Ford Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from noon until the service Friday. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Francisco A. Perez**

Francisco A. PEREZ, 60, of 1107 Monroe St., Rochester, died at 2 a.m. today at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros., Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Esther K. Spitler**

Esther K. SPITLER, 93, Miller's Merry Manor, 635 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, died Monday at the nursing home.

She has no immediate family survivors.

Her funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Earl Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Thursday, August 2, 2007

**Julie A. Foley**

Julie A. FOLEY, 63, 220 W. Center St., Burket, died Wednesday at home.

Survivors include four daughters, Crystal Ellison, Burket, Sharon Nault, Rochester, Karen Jackson, Burket, and Juanita Foley, Warsaw; a brother, Jimmy Adams, Defiance, Ohio; and three sisters, Alma Adams, Warsaw, Sally Chaney, Paintsville, Ky., and Bonnie Burchett, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

**Evelyn C. Krieg**

Evelyn C. KRIEG, 91, Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw, formerly of Akron, died Wednesday at the nursing home.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Gray, Warsaw; two sons, Steven Krieg, Akron, and Kenton Krieg, Philippines; and a brother, James Harvey, Kuhn, Wyo.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Akron Church of God with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Gloria J. McPeak**

Gloria J. McPEAK, 65, Warsaw, died Wednesday at Mason Health Care.

Survivors include four daughters, Laurel Miller, Warsaw, Roma Terrell, Rochester, Noma McPeak, Warsaw, Daneyell McPeak, Warsaw; two brothers, Larry Miller, Warsaw, and Bobbie Miller, Fayetteville, N.C.; and a sister, Shirley Newman, Palestine.

Her graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, is handling arrangements.

**Francisco 'Javier' Arroyo Perez Sr.**

Dec. 22, 1946-Aug. 1, 2007

Francisco "Javier" (Mexican Cowboy) Arroyo PEREZ Sr., 60, of 1107 Monroe St., Rochester, passed away at 2 a.m. Wednesday at his residence.

He was born on Dec. 22, 1946, in Villa Insurgentes, Zacatecas, Mexico, the son of Camilo and Alejandrina Arroyo Perez. He became a United States citizen on March 27, 1979. On Dec. 22, 1971, in Rochester, he married Melody Shuey. She preceded in death on Jan. 23, 2004.

Mr. Perez worked at Fort Worth Aluminum, Fort Worth, Texas, Kralis Bros., Mentone, and since 1999 at Rochester Metal Products, Rochester. He attended St. Joseph Catholic Church and enjoyed listening to music, woodworking and watching wrestling.

Survivors include his son, Francisco Dwayne Perez Jr., Rochester; companion, Linda Waltz, Rochester; brothers, Dario and wife Carolina Perez, Purdy, Mo., Leonardo Perez, Villa Insurgentes, Zacatecas, Mexico, Rodolfo Perez, Butterfield, Mo., Pablo and wife Martha Perez, Monett, Mo.; sisters, Zenaida and husband Anastacio Gomez, Purdy, Mo., Modesta Perez, Santa Rita, Zacatecas, Mexico, Guadalupe Perez and husband Miguel, Villa Insurgentes, Zacatecas, Mexico. He was preceded in death by his parents.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Citizens Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Friday, August 3, 2007

**Esther K. Spitler**

Esther K. SPITLER, 93, Miller's Merry Manor, 635 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, died Monday at the nursing home.



She has no immediate family survivors.

Her funeral service was at 10 a.m. today at Earl Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation was from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Saturday, August 4, 2007

**Rosalie Lancaster**

Sept. 10, 1924 – July 30, 2007

Rosalie LANCASTER, 82, of 4512 N. 800 West, Rochester (Leiters Ford), died at 3 a.m. Monday at home.

Her health was failing for one year.

The daughter of Earl J. and Helen VanKirk Lawson, she was born at their Leiters Ford home. She lived her whole life in that area.

In 1942, she graduated from Leiters Ford High School. She married Robert E. Lancaster on Nov. 24, 1944, in South Bend. He died on July 14, 1998.

She assisted her husband as a secretary for Lancaster Deamer Insurance agency. She retired from Torin in 1971 after working there for 12 years.

She belonged to Leiters Ford United Methodist Church.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and looked forward to their visits.

She is survived by two daughters, Malinda Lancaster, Carlisle, Mass., and Lucretia Webster and husband Greg, Peru; a son, James Lancaster, Uba City, Calif.; five grandsons Shane and Troy Lancaster, Rob and Ted Webster and Justin Lancaster, two great-grandchildren, Paige and Jake Lancaster; a sister, Eloise Lawson, Rochester, and a brother, John Lawson, Tacoma, Wash. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Greg Lancaster in 1993 and Joseph Lancaster in 1998; and a brother, Albert Lawson in 1998.

Her funeral service was at 2 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with the Rev. Fred Guthrel officiating. Burial was at Leiters Ford Cemetery. Friends visited with the family from noon until the service Friday. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, August 6, 2007

**O. LeRoy Brown**

Sept. 29, 1921-Aug. 4, 2007

O. LeRoy BROWN, 85, Kewanna, passed away at 7:27 a.m. Saturday at Logansport Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

He was born on Sept. 29, 1921, in Rush County, the son of Frank and Mary (Brooks) Brown. On June 6, 1941, in Anderson, he married Ruth McClintock. She preceded him in death on Sept. 18, 1989. On May 15, 1993, in Rochester, he married Audra (Champ) Reed, and she survives.

Mr. Brown worked at Guide Lamp for 11 years and for the Logansport School Corporation for 21 years, retiring in 1983. He was a U.S. Army veteran, who served in the American Theater during World War II at Fort Bliss, Texas, as well as three years with the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a member of New Life Church, Rochester, and enjoyed his children, grandchildren and working in his yard.

Survivors include his wife, Audra Brown, Kewanna; son, Frank and wife Nancy Brown, Rochester; daughters, Connie and husband Jerry Jones, Winamac, Jerilynn and husband Terry Conwell, Rochester, Andrea and husband Tony Natali, Mishawaka; stepson, Rev. Donald and wife Vicki Reed, Elkhart; stepdaughter, Ruth Ann and husband Wayne Butler, Bucyrus, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren; and his brother, Ivan Brown, Lapel. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the New Life Church, Fulton County Road 50 North and U.S. 31, Rochester, with the Rev. Donald Reed officiating. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Life Church. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Kenneth Case**

Kenneth CASE, 44, of 302 S. West St., Akron, died Saturday morning at home. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Tuesday, August 7, 2007

**Kenneth Case**

Kenneth CASE, 44, of 302 S. West St., Akron, died Saturday at home.

He is survived by two daughters, Anna Case, Indianapolis, and April Conley, North Manchester; a son, Shane Lee Case, Winamac; two sisters, Glendeane and Eugenia Case, both of Palestine; and three brothers, Rodney Case, Prestonsburg, Ky., Michael Case, Printer, Ky., and Roy Daniel Case, Palestine.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Free United Baptist Church, Pierceton, with visitation from 2 p.m. Tuesday until the service Wednesday at the church. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

Wednesday, August 8, 2007

**Dale A. Baldwin**

Dale A. BALDWIN, 46, Logansport, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna.

**James Charles Fulcher Jr.**

Nov. 3, 1988-July 28, 2007

James Charles FULCHER Jr., age 18 years, eight months and 25 days, entered into rest July 28 in Omaha, Neb.

He was born in Rochester.

James is survived by his father, James Charles Fulcher, Sr.; his mother, Susan Shortz; sisters, Tiffany and Crystal Fulcher; aunt and uncle, Rachel and John Moore; cousins, Ashley and Sheyanne

Scheffer; and the family he adopted, Floyd, Tessie and Krystle Thompson, Kristine Hunt and Keith Fisher and many friends and coworkers who loved him.

His visitation was from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 1 at Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Cremation followed his visitation.

**Dick J. 'Dizz' Plotner**

Dick. J. "Dizz" PLOTNER, 69, died Tuesday at his Royal Center home. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center.

Thursday, August 9, 2007

**Dale A. Baldwin**

Dale A. BALDWIN, 46, Logansport, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Survivors include three daughters, Danielle N. Jones, Rochester, Patricia A. Baldwin, Elkhart, and Jennifer L. Baldwin, Arizona, and two brothers, James Baldwin, Navarre, Fla., and Gary L. Baldwin, South Bend.

His funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

**Dick J. 'Diz' Plotner**

Sept. 1, 1937-Aug. 6, 2007

Services for Dick J. "Diz" PLOTNER, 69, of Royal Center, will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center.

He died Monday at his residence.

Born Sept. 1, 1937, in Royal Center, he was the son of the late Charles and Marie (Brew) Plotner. He retired from the Pioneer Regional School Corp. in 2003.

Diz attended Royal Center School. He enjoyed going to Harry's Coffee Shop, Royal Center, every morning and he especially enjoyed teasing the kids at school.

Surviving are a sister, Joyce Freels of Rochester; nieces and nephews, Judy Willis of Royal Center, Georgena Bayless of Franklin, Ron Plotner of Lafayette, Deb Rhodes of Logansport, Pam Schmaltz of Royal Center, Vicky Graham of Burnettsville, Jane Threlkeld of Arkansas, Sam Rogers of Winamac, Vere R. Rogers of Headlee, Jerry Winter of Winamac, Michael Kruzick of Texas, Doug Kruzick of Winamac, Mary Ellen Cassel of Winamac, David Snavley of Idaville, Sallie Barnhart of Michigan, Jim Freels of Peru, John Freels of Logansport and Carol Sue Chase of Lafayette. He is also survived by several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers, George, Ronald and Donald Plotner, and three sisters, Polly Kruzick, Phae Snavley and Helen "Toots" Rogers.

Pastor Greig Crowder will officiate the services. Burial will be in Star City West Cemetery, Star City. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Elementary School, P.O. Box 517, Royal Center, IN 46978. Online condolences may be made to the Plotner family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Friday, August 10, 2007

[None]

Saturday, August 11, 2007

[None]

Monday, August 14, 2007

**Scott Hathaway**

June 2, 1955-Aug. 11, 2007

Scott HATHAWAY, age 52, Logansport, died at 8:31 a.m. Saturday in Danville, Ill.

Born in Logansport, he was the son of Donald G. Hathaway and Carlene (Reid) Hathaway. His mother survives in Logansport. Scott graduated from Logansport High School in 1973.

On June 15, 1990, in Logansport, he married Vicky Smith, who also survives.

Scott owned and operated Hathaway Heating & Air Conditioning Company. Previously he was employed at Sears in the home improvement department. He enjoyed running and was a member of the Kennekuk Road Runners. He also enjoyed bike riding, golf, tennis and gardening. Next year's "Howl at the Moon" ultra marathon in Danville, Ill., will be in memory of Scott.

Scott was a wonderful, loving husband and father. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is also survived by daughters, Kiley Nason and her husband Ed, Ashley Hathaway and Carrie Hathaway, all of Logansport; a son, Jack Hathaway, Logansport; brothers, Jack Hathaway and Ted Hathaway and his wife Kelly, all of Logansport; a sister, Dawn Downham and her husband Dave, Logansport; a granddaughter, Kynzie Hathaway; aunts and uncles, Lois and Jim Gwin and Marley and Syndey Hathaway, all of Logansport; his father-in-law, Ed Smith and his wife Jane, Logansport; and a number of cousins, nieces and nephews. His father preceded him in death.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport, with Rev. Gary Lewis officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be placed online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

**Richard J. 'Dick' Lewis**

July 23, 1933-Aug. 10, 2007

Richard J. "Dick" LEWIS, 74, of 406 Charles St., Plymouth, died at 10:30 a.m. Friday in his home of natural causes. Dick was a resident of Plymouth for 37 years, coming from South Bend.

Dick was born on July 23, 1933, in Rochester. He was the son of Joel II and Margaret A. (Henderson) Lewis. He was a graduate of Central High School, South Bend.

On Nov. 15, 1952, Dick and Theresa A. Susanna were married in South Bend.

Dick started Lewis Construction in 1970, when he moved to Plymouth. He built several houses in the area. He then worked for Eisenhour Home Improvements, retiring in June of 2006.

Several homes in Marshall County display his unique woodworking and ceramic tile talents. Dick also took pride in the Native Indiana wood flutes that he made. An avid reader, he also followed Notre Dame football.

Despite his 15-month battle with cancer, he never lost his sense of humor and enjoyed visiting with people he met through business contacts or medical visits.

Dick was a Boy Scout leader in South Bend, where he received their "order of the Arrow."

He is survived by Theresa, his wife of almost 55 years; one son, Richard N. "Rick" and Donna Lewis, West Palm Beach, Fla.; and two daughters, Susanna A. and Art Llovet, Argos, and Elizabeth A. and Brian Mosbey, Granger. Dick is also survived by six grandchildren, Christopher (Brenda) Lewis and Heather (Michael) Anderson of Plymouth; Stephanie (Doug) Heckaman and Adam Llovet of Argos; Eric and Ryan Babendrager of Granger; and three sisters. Great-grandchildren include Ashton and Mia Lewis of Plymouth, Peyton and Micah Heckaman of Argos and Karilynn and Sean Anderson of Plymouth. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and a brother.

Friends will be welcomed by Dick's family to celebrate his life and share their memories from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and after 7 a.m.

Tuesday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. There will be a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. today. A mass of Christian burial will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth, where Dick was a member. Burial will be in St. Michael's cemetery, Plymouth. Contributions in Dick's memory may be made to the American Lung Association, the American Cancer Society or St. Michael's Parish. Messages of condolence to the family may be sent via the funeral home Web site, [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

**Gaylord G. Sowers**

Aug. 21, 1921-Aug. 11, 2007

Gaylord G. SOWERS, 85, of 900 Provident Drive, Warsaw, died at 8:08 p.m. Saturday at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

He was born in Newton County to John and Louella (Montgomery) Sowers. He lived in the Warsaw area most of his life.

On June 7, 1955, he married Marilyn Scoby, and she survives. He retired from Whitley Products.

In addition to this wife, Marilyn Sowers of Warsaw, he is survived by a daughter, Carolyn (Jay Hunt) Sowers of South Whitley; a son, Carl (Laura) Sowers of Warsaw; four grandchildren, Mrs. Nick (Brittany) Denny, Elaine Hunt, Heather Sowers and Branden Sowers; a great-grandson, Garrett Arthur; and a sister, Mrs. Warren (Mary) Simmons of Fulton. He was preceded in death by two sisters.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home, Pierceton, with Pastor Dennis Bollenbacher officiating. Burial will be at South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel. To sign the guestbook or send condolences electronically, go to [www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com](http://www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com).



**Florence M. Thomas**

Florence M. THOMAS, 82, Kewanna, died at 2:43 a.m. today at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel.

Tuesday, August 14, 2007

**George William Carr**

Aug. 27, 1916-July 25, 2007

George William CARR, 90, Burbank, Calif., died at 10:35 p.m. July 25 in Burbank.

He was born in Rochester to Walter Reuben Carr and Mattie Ann Dudgeon. He married Catherine M. Keesey on Aug. 11, 1945, in Logansport. She died Jan. 11, 1992.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served in the Persian Gulf during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion and the Army/Navy Union Garrison 291, of which he was the longest living past national commander. As national commander, George attended the inauguration of President Eisenhower and later met with President Truman in the Oval Office when he signed a bill to benefit veterans.

He worked as a used car sales manager for Gates Chevrolet in South Bend for 19 years, then worked for Associates Financial Services. George also served on the City Council in South Bend.

He was an avid golfer and a member of the St. Joseph Masonic Lodge.

George is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth Bradley and Harriett Bell, both of Rochester; two daughters, Terri Woolley of California and Pam Bammel of Texas; two stepdaughters, Ginger Dorman of Missouri and Shirley Lettenmaier of California; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, Mattie and Rube Carr; his brothers, Deveral, Jay and Lewis Carr; and his sister, Dorothy Wyatt.

His funeral service was at 3 p.m. July 31 at Forest Lawn in Hollywood Hills, Calif. Memorials may be made to the Army/Navy Union or the Diabetes Association.

**Rev. Ray E. Mills**

Rev. Ray E. MILLS, 83, Wesley Manor Retirement Community, Frankfort, died Sunday at home.

Born in Gillett Grove, Iowa, he was the son of Ross and Pearl Bargloff Mills.

On Sept. 17, 1949, he married Ruth Elizabeth Missal. She died March 11, 1995. He married Opal Lathrop on May 24, 1997, and she survives in Frankfort.

He was a United Methodist pastor from 1951 to 1986, when he retired as minister of visitation in Michigan City. Rev. Mills served the following United Methodist churches: North Liberty, 1954-1959; Grace in Rochester, 1959-1964; Gary City, 1964-1967; St. Matthew in Frankfort, 1967-1973; Warsaw First, 1973-1982; Muncie Gethsemane, 1982-1984; and Merrillville, 1984-1986.

He was a member of the North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, a former Kiwanis member, and a member of the Singing Saints. As a Master Gardener, he left prayer gardens for all to enjoy. He enjoyed stamps, traveling and reading. He passionately loved his family and always lived to serve others.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Mark (Maxine) Mills of Logansport, and Beckie E. M. Clawson of Elkhart, two stepdaughters, Doris Winans of Fort Wayne and Dorothy (Russell) May of Lans Downe, Va.; a sister, Fay (George) Lanz of Spencer, Iowa; two brothers, Charles (Thelma) Mills of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, and Kay (Thelma) Mills of Raymore, Mo.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Wesley Manor, Amanda Reid Chapel, with Pastor Lore Blinn Gibson officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, Michigan City, at 2:30 p.m. Central time. Calling will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Genda Funeral Home, 608 N. Main St., Frankfort, and one hour prior to the service at the chapel. Memorials may be made to Good Samaritan Fund of Wesley Manor, Frankfort, or the United Methodist Children's Home of Lebanon. Online condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com).

**Florence M. Thomas**

March 3, 1925-Aug. 13, 2007

Services for Florence M. THOMAS, 82, of Grass Creek, will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Grass Creek United Methodist Church, 7219 S. Indiana 17, Kewanna.

She died at 2:43 a.m. Monday at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Born March 3, 1925, in Logansport, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Alpharetta (Congdon) Ratcliff. She was a 1943 graduate of Logansport High School.

On May 14, 1944, in Belton, Texas, she married Orville Thomas, and he survives.

Mrs. Thomas was a homemaker. She was a member of Grass Creek United Methodist Church and also of the Ladies Aid.

Surviving are her husband, Orville Thomas, Grass Creek; three sons, Wayne O. Thomas (Barbara) of Florida, James W. Thomas (Linda) of Grass Creek and David L. Thomas (Ruth), of Bennett, Colo.; nine grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son; a grandson, James Walter Thomas Jr.; a brother, Carl Ratcliff; and a sister, Elizabeth Ratcliff.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Pastor Jan Moyer will officiate. Burial will be in Grass Creek Cemetery, Kewanna. Memorial contributions may be made to Ladies Aid c/o Grass Creek UMC, 7219 S. State Road 17, Kewanna, IN 46939. Online condolences may be made to the Thomas family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Wednesday, August 15, 2007

**Frank F. Branham**

Frank F. BRANHAM, 81, of 102 Miller Drive, Mentone, died at 11:43 a.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

**Florence E. Polen**

Florence E. POLEN, 101, Logansport, died at 10:32 a.m. Tuesday at Chase Center, Logansport. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel.

**Jack Watson**

Jack WATSON, 72, Liberty Mills, died at 7:19 p.m. Tuesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital emergency room, Warsaw.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Thursday, August 16, 2007

**Frank F. Branham**

Frank F. BRANHAM, 81, of 102 Miller's Drive, Lot 5, Mentone, died Tuesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Branham, Mentone, and a daughter, Pauline Baker, Greenfield, Wis.

There is no funeral or visitation. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is handling arrangements.

**Florence E. (Sims) Polen**

Florence E. (Sims) POLEN, 101, Logansport, died Tuesday at Chase Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Logansport.

Survivors include her daughter, Lois M. Harvey.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today.

**Jack Watson**

Jack WATSON, 72, of 60 N. Fourth St., Liberty Mills, died Tuesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Watson, Liberty Mills; six daughters, Vicki Brown, Cathy Norton, Jaki Correll, Tina Collins, Danniell Hunnicutt and DeDee Evans; a son, Dave Hunnicutt; a sister, Mary Ann Spangle; and a brother, Steve James.

His funeral service will be at 6 P.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with visitation from 4 p.m. until the service.

Friday, August 17, 2007

**Francis D. Zink**

Francis D. ZINK, 84, of 805 Baker St., Plymouth died Thursday at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; two sons, Ron Zink, Rochester, and Rex Zink, Ray, Mich.; a daughter, Cheryll Wyne, Indianapolis, and a brother, Morris Zink, Sough Bend.

His funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Immanuel Methodist Church, Culver, with visitation before the service from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Saturday, August 18, 2007

**Francis D. Zink**

July 14, 1923 - Aug. 16, 2007

PLYMOUTH - Francis D. ZINK, 805 Baker Street, Plymouth, died of natural causes in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, on Thursday at 1:15 a.m.

Born in Argos, the son of Don and Fern Bennett Zink, on July 14, 1923, Francis graduated from Argos High School with the class of 1941.

On May 8, 1948, in Argos, Francis and Joan Neidlinger were married.

He worked in construction all of his life. He was a highway concrete paving superintendent for McMahan- O'Connor Construction in Rochester, for more than 30 years.

Francis loved sports. He was an amateur baseball player in Marshall County and won the MVP trophy in an independent tourney in Plymouth in 1948. He was good enough to get a tryout with the old St. Louis Browns' team. In later years, he played softball and enjoyed the game of golf. He liked to work outside in his yard.

He served as a trustee of the Emmanuel Methodist Church, Culver.

Francis is survived by Joan, his wife of 59 years, and their three children, two sons and a daughter. They are Ron and Mary Zink of Rochester, Rex and Margaret Zink of Ray, Mich., and Cheryll and Gary Wyne, Indianapolis. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive as well, together with a brother, Morris Zink of South Bend. Francis was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Audrey Zink.

The family invites friends to share memories and celebrate the life of Francis at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Funeral services for Francis, officiated by Ron Lewellen of the Emmanuel Methodist Church, Culver, will follow visitation at 7 p.m. on Sunday. Burial will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos, on Monday at 10 a.m. Gifts in Francis' memory may be given to the Emmanuel Methodist Church. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

### **Dennis R. Adams**

Dennis R. ADAMS, 1324 Sunset Drive, Winona Lake, died Friday morning at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Monday, August 20, 2007

### **Dennis R. Adams**

Sept. 30, 1950-Aug. 17, 2007

Dennis R. ADAMS, 56, of 1324 Sunset Drive, Winona Lake, died at 9:15 a.m. Friday at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. He was in failing health for several months.

Born in Rochester, he was the son of Jack Adams Jr. and Aleene Lowry Adams. He graduated from Warsaw High School in 1968.

He married Cindy Smythe on March 27, 1976, in Burket. She survives.

He was a salesman in the automotive industry, most recently working for Automotive Color and Supply and, prior to that, Schrader's Auto Parts, both in Warsaw.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 73 in Warsaw, Moose Lodge No. 1423 in Warsaw, Elks No. 802 in Warsaw, the Kosciusko County Shrine Club, Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, the Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, the Harley Owners Group and the John Purdue Club.

He enjoyed traveling on his motorcycle, NASCAR and street rod cars.

In addition to his wife, Cindy Adams of Winona Lake, he is survived by a daughter, Heather Adams, Lafayette; a sister, Diane and husband Rick Landis, Macy; a brother, Gary and wife Jeni Adams, Akron; and his chocolate Labrador retriever, Keenan.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Ken Locke officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alpha 1 Foundation or the Shriners Hospital for Children. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

### **James Gilliland**

Jan. 31, 1924-Aug. 18, 2007

James GILLILAND, 83, Fort Wayne, died Saturday at his residence.

Born Jan. 31, 1924, in Rochester, he was an electrician for Walsh Electric. He loved his family and enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS Vincennes.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Gilliland of Fort Wayne; son, Jim (Patricia) Gilliland and daughter Joyce (David) Woodcox, both of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Mandy Gleave, Matt Gilliland and Alisha Carlson; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at IOOF Cemetery in Rochester. D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

**Eugenia C. Howard**

Eugenia C. HOWARD, 80, of 419 S. Cherry St., Akron, died Monday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include a son, Larry Howard, Warsaw; six sisters, Alga Cooper, Monroe, Mich., Ossie Coburn, Stroh, Marlene Meadows, Finley, Ohio, Billa Clemons, Lebanon, Ohio, Joyce Conley, South Milford, and Helen Tuttle, Garrett, Ky.; five brothers, Allen Chaffins, Garrett, Ky., Jim Chaffins, Ohio, Danny Chaffins, Auburn, Gary Chaffins, Garrett, Ky., and Herbert Chaffins, Kendallville.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with visitation from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Charles D. Young**

March 26, 1919-Aug, 17, 2007

Charles D. YOUNG, 88, Marion, went home to be with the Lord at 8:30 a.m. Friday at his residence.

He was born in Akron to the late Charles B. and Abbie J. (Smith) Young. He married Evelyn I. Barr; she proceeded in death on Nov. 26, 1997. He then married Charline Ingram Wasson. She survives.

Charles was regional manager for Mid Western United Life Insurance Co. for 41 years. He was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the 101st Airborne. He was a member of the Elks, Moose Lodge and was a 33rd Mason and Shriner for 50 years. He was also a member of the Marion Exchange Club, American Legion and the VFW. Charles attended Grace Community Church and was a member



of the First United Methodist Church for more than 50 years in Marion and Tavares. He loved to fish and hunt and liked to travel.

In addition to his wife, Charline Young of Marion, he is survived by his daughters, Barbara I. (Victor) Devore, Swayzee, Rosilyn K.(Don)Vyhnalek, Fairmount, Janice (Bill) Studinka, Tavares, Fla., and Roselyn M. (Jack) Farley, Fairmount; a son, Charles S. (Mary) Young, Cadillac, Mich.; and two sisters, Zella Bain and Louise Garrick, both of Rochester; 11 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Evelyn; brothers, Floyd and Donald Young; and his sister, Freda Trout.

Memorials may be directed to Cancer Services of Grant County and Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Marion. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

His funeral service was at 1 p.m. Monday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Chapel, Marion, with visitation on Sunday. Dr. Tom Mansbarger officiated. Burial was at Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

Wednesday, August 22, 2007

### **Irma Johnson**

Irma JOHNSON, 69, Grass Creek, passed away early Tuesday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna.

### **Helen M. Davis**

April 11, 1917-Aug. 10, 2007

Helen M. DAVIS, 90, Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Burnettsville, died at 10:50 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, in Bradenton, where she lived the last three years.

She was born in Logansport on Wednesday, April 11, 1917, to James Arnold Clark and Ruby Elizabeth Michael Clark.

Helen graduated from Logansport High School in 1935. After graduating, she was Mr. Baker's private secretary at Bakers Supply Company, Logansport.

On Sept. 29, 1939, in Delphi, she married Merle G. Davis, and he survives in Bradenton, Fla.

Helen was the White County chairperson of the American Heart Association for 20 years, and while their children were in school, she was involved with the Parent-Teacher Association. She was also a 4-H leader for several years.

Helen formerly attended East Lawn United Methodist Church in Idaville. She was also a former member of the Burnettsville Breakfast Club of Burnettsville, Twin Lakes Senior Citizens, AARP Chapter 3244, both of Monticello, and was a member of Monticello's Crystal Chapter Order of Eastern Star for more than 50 years. While she lived in the Burnettsville area, the class of 1935 from Logansport High School would meet at the old Ambers Restaurant every month during the summer. Helen was the first person to be named the White County Volunteer of the Year, an honor sponsored by the Monticello Herald Journal newspaper.

She is also survived by a daughter, Cheryl Ann (Michael) Taulman, Sun Prairie, Wis.; a son, Michael Brent Davis, Lafayette; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by a sister, Marjorie Black, and a grandson, Glen Davis.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Miller-Roscka Funeral Home, Monticello. Burial will be at Davis Cemetery, in rural Burnettsville in Cass County. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

### **Evelyn Baker Hartoin**

Jan. 21, 1924-Aug. 21, 2007

Evelyn Baker HARTOIN, 83, of Macy, died at 5 a.m. Tuesday in her residence.

Born Jan. 21, 1924, in Logansport, she was the daughter of the late Wilbur and Bessie Hopper Wilson. On Oct. 28, 1943, in Logansport, she was married to Donald Baker, who preceded her in

death. She was married June 18, 1966, in Logansport, to Milton Hartoin, who preceded her in death in 1988.

Evelyn retired from the American Red Cross, where she worked as executive secretary for eight years in Fulton County.

She was a member of Nyona & South Mud Lakes Association and the Bridge City Square Dancers club. She enjoyed being around the lake and was an avid bird watcher. She also enjoyed watching and cheering on Notre Dame teams.

Evelyn never met a stranger. The Lord was with her throughout her life, through the good times and the bad, especially as she battled cancer. Her faith and courage was an inspiration to everyone around her.

Surviving are four sons, Richard Baker and his companion, Jane Haugh, Logansport, Larry Baker and his wife Debbie, Walton, Terry Baker and his wife Monica, Nyona Lake, and Donald Baker and his wife Sue, of Carmel; one daughter, Sue Smith and her husband Gary, of Logansport; two brothers, Tim Wilson and his wife Martha, Logansport, and Eugene Wilson and his wife Pam, of Logansport, three sisters, Norma Winters, Walton, May Kumler, Logansport, and Faye Wilson, Logansport; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at Pisgah Cemetery, Logansport, at 10:30 a.m. Thursday with Pastor Jerry Moore officiating. Interment will follow. Contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, is handling arrangements. You may light a candle of hope and sign her guestbook online at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

### **Patricia Ann Mikel**

Patricia Ann MIKEL, 62, of 227 E. High St., Atwood, died Tuesday at home.

Survivors include her husband, James D. Mikel, Etna Green; a daughter, Anita Poyser, Atwood; three sons, Mathew Mikel, Mentone, Mark Mikel, Atwood, and Ben Mikel, Warsaw; a sister, Linda

Hochstetler, Warsaw; and two brothers, Terry Burghduff, Morley, Mich., and Jerry Burghduff, Rome City.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Etna Green, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, and one hour prior to the service Friday at the church.

### **Sharon Sedlacek**

Sharon SEDLACEK, 57, former Rochester resident, passed away Aug. 19, 2007, at St. Luke's Mayo hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

Sharon was the daughter of Ken and Audrey Hartle, Culver, and Don and Laurel Sedlacek, Coldwater, Mich.

Survivors include two daughters, Tambra Mitchell, Orlando, Fla., and Ashley Hoffman, Hope Sound, Fla.; two grandchildren, Anthony McBride, Hope Sound, and Olivia Mitchell, Orlando; four sisters, Suellen Sedlacek, Bremen, Sandra Hood, Culver, Stephanie (Scott) Bilby, Rochester, and Shelley (Joe) Sheppard; one brother, Stacey (Lisa) Hartle, Culver; two stepbrothers, Kenny and Kerry Hartle, Royal Center. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Memorial services will be Saturday in Jacksonville. Flowers or other messages of condolence can be sent to 8533 Walden Road, Jacksonville, FL 32244.

Thursday, August 23, 2007

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Friday, August 24, 2007

### **Lynn M. Leffert**

Lynn M. LEFFERT, 62, Warsaw, formerly of Argos, died this morning at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Saturday, August 25, 2007

**Cecil L. Platt**

Jan. 19, 1915-Aug. 23, 2007

Cecil L. PLATT, 92, died Thursday, Aug. 23, at Parkwood Health Care in Lebanon. He formerly lived in Lafayette, Rochester and Columbus.

Born Jan. 19, 1915, in Stockwell, he graduated from Stockwell High School in 1933. He was the son of the late Quincy Q. and Cora L. Cart Platt.

Mr. Platt was a metallurgist, professional photographer and entrepreneur.

He married Bernadine V. DeHahn on Sept. 10, 1933. She preceded him in death on Aug. 23, 2002.

Mr. Platt was a member of First Baptist Church in Rochester, First Christian Church in Columbus and the American Society of Metallurgists.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Platt of Columbus, and Stephen Platt (Charlotte) of St. Louis, Mo.

Friends may call at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel, 400 Twyckenham Blvd., from 1 p.m. Monday until the service there at 2 p.m. Monday. Interment will be at St. Boniface Cemetery. Also surviving are four grandchildren. [www.soller-baker.com](http://www.soller-baker.com)

**Margaret Wakeland**

Margaret WAKELAND, 81, died Friday, Aug. 24, at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Monday, August 27, 2007

**Lynn M. Leffert**

Sept. 3, 1944-Aug. 24, 2007

Lynn M. LEFFERT, 62, of 619 W. Center St., Warsaw, formerly of Argos, died at 4:20 a.m. Friday at Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care System, Fort Wayne.

Born in Fulton County, he was the son of Leon M. Leffert and Jeanette M. McGriff Leffert. He graduated from Argos High School in 1962, when he was also awarded the Indiana FFA Star Farmer award.

A cattle and grain farmer in Marshall County, he married Cheri Davis in Argos. He was a past member of the Marshall County Fair Board and Fair Council. Members of the American Hereford Cattle Association, his family raised prize-winning cattle north of Argos for years, showing them at many venues including the state fair and selling them for show.

A U.S. Army Specialist E5 Engineer, he served in Vietnam. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion post in Argos and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Plymouth.

He was also a member of the National Rifle Association. He loved to keep track of all of his family and their achievements.

Survivors include the mother of his four children, Cheri Riese, Elkhart; a daughter, Leslie Leffert, Elkhart; three sons, Lee M. Leffert and wife Carol, Culver, Christopher L. Leffert, stationed with the Navy in Hawaii, and Nicholas A. Leffert, stationed with the Army in Alaska; and three grandchildren, Dean Michael Leffert, Trevor Leffert and Katie Leffert. He was preceded in death by his brother, Anthony Leffert, on Nov. 29, 1999.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos, where military graveside rites will be conducted by the American Legion and VFW. Memorials may be made to the Marshall County 4-H Fair Association.

**Lyman Leroy 'Rud' Mongosa**

Oct. 15, 1936-Aug. 26, 2007

Lyman Leroy "Rud" MONGOSA, 70, Denver, passed away at 1:20 p.m. Sunday at his residence.

Born Oct. 15, 1936, in Miami County, he was the son of Lyman Vance and Eathel Fay Walker Mongosa. On Dec. 8, 1956, he married Juel Kay Lesley at the home of the late Rev. C. F. Golden, near Chili, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 9, 2001.

He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Mexico, and a former member of the Denver Saddle Club. He enjoyed saddle and pulling horses, coon hunting, Indiana basketball and farming.

He is survived by three daughters, Juel Ammerman and her husband Fred Ammerman Jr., Peru, Holly Hausse and her husband Les, Baton Rouge, La., and Katie Rudd and her husband Bernard, Denver; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; three brothers, Delmar, Henry and Joe Mongosa, all of Macy; four sisters, Eclista Birner, Peru, Doris Harshman, Galveston, Carolyn Knauff and Helen Alexander, both of Denver. One daughter, Brenda Fay Mongosa, and one grandson, Leroy Ammerman, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with Pastor Bill Cook officiating. Friends may call from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Robert Earl Seidner**

Robert Earl SEIDNER, 79, Winston, Ore., formerly of Rochester, died Aug. 20 in a Eugene, Ore., hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria, Winston, Ore.; children, Terry Williams, Cottonwood, Calif., Richard Hursey, Redding, Calif., Edna Potter, Winston, Jim Styir, Shasta Lake City, Calif., Jerry Seidner, Traverse City, Mich.; two brothers, Gene Seidner and Bill Willard, Rochester; and four sisters, Louise Willard Skidmore Vernon, Rochester, Wilmajean Willard Tulley, Macy, Patsy Willard Taylor, Albuquerque, N.M., Marlene Willard Clark, Soap Lake, Wash.

**Margaret L. Wakeland**

March 9, 1926-Aug. 24, 2007

Margaret L. WAKELAND, 81, of 510 Clay St., Rochester, died at 5:15 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, due to a short illness.

Born in Logansport, she was the daughter of John B. and Elizabeth Knox Wermes. On Aug. 31, 1946, she married Harold Keith Wakeland in Logansport. He preceded her in death on Jan. 21, 2001. She lived in Rochester since 1946, when she moved from Logansport.

A homemaker, she worked for and retired from Snyder's Jewelry Store, Rochester. She had also worked at the Colonial and the Moose.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester.

She was a diehard Cubs Fan, an avid bowler and a member of the 225 club. She golfed and enjoyed playing bingo and fishing.

Survivors include a daughter, Elaine Marie Wakeland, Waynesboro, Tenn.; three sons, Bruce E. Wakeland and wife Jane, Culver, Neal K. Wakeland and wife Keri, Rochester, Daniel E. Wakeland and wife Janet, Grandview, Texas; seven grandchildren, George Brownfield, Christine Chaffin, Rebecca Brownfield, Jennifer Putman, Nicole Wakeland, Keith Wakeland and Hailly Wakeland; five great-grandchildren, Ryan and Erin Brownfield, Marcella and Marina Chaffin and Akasha Putman; and two sisters, Marietta Shirley, Albuquerque, N.M., and Joan Rusk and husband Lewis, Lafayette. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and three brothers, Eugene, Leonard and Harold Wermes.

Her mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1310 Main St., Rochester, with Father Joseph Jacob officiating. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. A prayer vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).



Tuesday, August 28, 2007

**Kenneth D. Miller**

Kenneth D. MILLER, 67, Royal Center, died Sunday at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Anita Miller, Royal Center; six daughters, Sandy Feltis, Teresa Slusser, Ardell Hettinger, Susan Harrison, all of Logansport, Terri Altman, Monticello, and Kenda Guy, Logansport; and a brother, Don Miller, Lake Cicott.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzer Funeral Home, Royal Center, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, August 29, 2007

**Hattie Belle Holloway**

Hattie Belle HOLLOWAY, 94, of Taneyville, Mo., formerly of Rochester, died Monday at Ozark Riverview Manor, Ozark, Mo.

Survivors include a son, John Holloway, Elkhart, and a daughter, Barbara Hittle, Taneyville, Mo.

Her memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Kisse-Schofield-Eakins Funeral Home Chapel, Forsyth, Mo.

**Robert E. Hayes**

Robert E. HAYES, 86, Rochester, died Tuesday at his residence.

Survivors include three daughters, Melody Sue Schoff, Rochester, Carolyn Rosenbaum, Kingsford Heights, Carol Brown, LaPorte; two sons, Mitchell Hayes, Rochester, and David Hayes, Granger; a brother, Charles Hayes, Georgia; and four sisters, Marjorie L. Carnine, Fairland, Maxine Fouts, St. Cloud, Fla., Carol Keck, North Salem, and Janet Jones, Indianapolis.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Haverstock Funeral Home, LaPorte, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9:30 a.m. until the service Saturday.

**Eugene Spangler**

Eugene SPANGLER, 86, of 2657 E. 900 South, Bunker Hill, died Monday at home.

Survivors include five children, Robert Spangler, Bluffton, Barbara Deeds, Waterville, Ohio, Kenneth Spangler, Bunker Hill, Joyce Kline, Rochester, and Karen Wideman, Macy; sisters, Norma Lamb, Kokomo, and June Troyer, Peru; and a brother, Charles Spangler, Greentown.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Kokomo Zion United Methodist Church with visitation from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the church and one hour prior to the service Thursday. Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, is handling arrangements.

Thursday, August 30, 2007

[None]

Friday, August 31, 2007

**Arvilla Whetstone**

Arvilla WHETSTONE, 92, Kenilworth Nursing Home, Sebring, Fla., formerly of Tippecanoe, died at 12:20 a.m. Thursday at the nursing home. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Saturday, September 1, 2007

**Robert E. Hayes**

July 28, 1921-Aug. 28, 2007

Robert E. HAYES, 86, Rochester, formerly of LaPorte, died at 3 a.m. Tuesday at home.

He lived many years in Granger and seven years in Rochester after moving from LaPorte.

Born in Ladoga, he was the son of Leonard and Clella (Apple) Hayes.

On Dec. 18, 1941, he married Frances Windmiller in Covington. She preceded him in death on Dec. 19, 1991.

He worked at Bendix Corp. for 25 years before going to Allis Chalmers, where he was a quality assurance supervisor. After 13 years there, he retired in 1983.

He was a staff sergeant and master cook in the U.S. Army and Air Force during World War II. He was decorated with four Bronze Stars. He was a past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1176, South Bend.

A Boy Scout leader and foster parent, he loved to read, spend time outdoors and watch birds around his bird feeder. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by three daughters, Melody Sue (Charles) Schoff of Rochester, Carolyn Rosenbaum of Kingsford Heights, and Carol Brown of LaPorte; two sons, Mitchell (LaVada) Hayes of Rochester, David (Cindy) Hayes of Granger; a brother, Charles Hayes of Georgia; four sisters, Marjorie L. Carnine of Fairland, Maxine Fouts of St. Cloud, Fla., Carol Keck of North Salem, and Janet Jones of Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Visitation is from 9:30 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. funeral service today at Haverstock Funeral Home Inc., 602 Maple Ave., LaPorte, with the Rev. Ransom Ebersole officiating. Visitation was also from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. Burial will be at Pine Lake Cemetery, LaPorte. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975.

### **Jordan Cole Horn**

May 31, 1995-Aug. 30, 2007

Jordan Cole HORN, 12, of 3408 S. 1000 East, Akron, died at 7:52 p.m. Thursday due to injuries resulting from a motor vehicle accident at Fulton County Roads 225 South and 175 East near Akron.

Born in Rochester, he was the son of Tim and Gerri Cole Horn. He lived in the Akron and Rochester communities.

A sixth-grader at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School, Akron, he was a wrestler and enjoyed skateboarding. He was interested in motors and engines and loved to ride go-karts, mini bikes, the garden tractor and the John Deere Gator.

He attended Rochester Church of God.

He is survived by his mother, Gerri Ruiz, Akron; his father, Tim Horn and companion Kay Dulin of Rochester; four brothers, Kyle Horn of Akron, Travis Horn and wife Kristin of Rochester, Ty Horn of San Diego, Calif., and Rodnie Stone of Peru; his maternal grandparents, Patricia Cole of Denver and Monty and Janni Barnett of Crawfordsville; his paternal grandparents, Maurice and Janet Horn of Rochester. Several aunts, uncles and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, George "Dick" Cole.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Larry Pyeatt officiating. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may visit with the family 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 Jordan Horn Scholarship Fund for Tippecanoe Valley wrestlers. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Neil Clarke Simpson**

Neil Clarke SIMPSON, age 83, passed peacefully on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007, in Burien, Wash.

He was born in South Bend to Henry and Voy (Bailey) Simpson.

Neil is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Eva; sons, Darryl Simpson (Pamela) and Brett Simpson (Denise); daughter, Ronda Andrews (Gary); grandchildren, Robert Andrews (Amy), Phillip Andrews (Aubrey), Michelle Simpson (Jason) and Eric Simpson; great-grandchildren, Trenton Simpson, Kennedy Andrews and Kaylee Michels; sisters, Barbara Davidson and Leda Harlan; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his

parents; brothers, Richard, Ronald and Deane; sisters, Shirley Barkman, Betty Fay and Nelda Willcox; and grandson, Phillip G. Simpson.

Neil retired as a quality assurance supervisor in 1986 after 33 years of employment with Boeing.

Committal and military honors will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, Wash. The family has entrusted arrangements to Bonney-Watson Washington Memorial, 16445 International Blvd., SeaTac, WA. (206) 242-1787. Please sign the guestbook at [www.bonneywatson.com](http://www.bonneywatson.com).

### **Donald N. Emerick**

Donald N. EMERICK, 68, South Bend, died on Friday, Aug. 31, 2007, at home.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma J. "Susie" (Pickens); daughter, Ginger L. Emerick of Rochester; sons, Keith L. Emerick of Kokomo, Michael R. Emerick of Rockford, Ill., Neal W. Emerik of South Bend; eight grandchildren; a sister, Carol L. McMillan of Cleveland, Tenn.; and a brother, James L. Emerick of Mishawaka.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 at Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Drive, South Bend, where friends may visit one hour before services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Monday, September 3, 2007

[No Paper – Holiday]

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

### **Monna Roselyn Bennett**

Monna Roselyn BENNETT, 93, Portland, Ore., formerly of Warsaw, died Sunday at Providence Hospital in Portland.

She was born in Kosciusko County near Mentone and Akron.

There are no immediate family survivors.

A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Mentone Cemetery, Mentone. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is handling arrangements.

### **Ben Floyd Fleck**

Oct. 14, 1933-Sept. 2, 2007

Ben Floyd FLECK, 73, Hickory Creek of Rochester, 340 E. 18th St., formerly of Orlando, Fla., and Akron, died at 12:01 a.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in North Manchester, he was the son of Floyd W. and Daisy L. Brooks Fleck. He attended Akron High School.

He worked at General Tire, Wabash, and while living in Orlando, he worked as a security guard at Florida State University. He also worked at Delaughter Mortuary, North Manchester, and Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

He was an avid hunter and loved to play euchre. He also enjoyed going to dog races. He loved to play croquet and always had to have the maroon mallet and ball.

He is survived by four daughters, Deborah Babcock, Raleigh, N.C., Cheryl A. McCullough, Akron, Linda and husband Frank Kamp, Rochester, and Kelly Banter, North Manchester; three sons, Steve Fleck, Macy, Tim Fleck and fiancée Kelly Strahlem, Akron, and Jeffery Allen Banter, North Manchester; a sister, Marcille and husband George McGlennen, Clarksville, Ga.; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Pauline M. Fleck.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Steve Fleck and Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

**Patricia A. Gumble**

Patricia A. GUMBLE, 71, formerly of 300 E. Fourth St., Rochester, died at 6:20 a.m. Monday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

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### **William 'Linc' Hunter**

Sept. 15, 1919-Sept. 3, 2007

William "Linc" HUNTER, 87, rural Wabash, formerly of Akron, died at 7:55 a.m. Monday at Wabash County Hospital Skilled Care, Wabash. He was hospitalized for three weeks.

Born in Miami County, he was the son of William and Marie Lukens Hunter. On April 27, 1946, he married Betty A. Floor, and she survives.

A veteran, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years. His current lodge membership was with Lincoln Lodge, Macy.

In addition to his wife, Betty A. Hunter of Wabash, he is also survived by a son, Don Hunter and his wife Mary, Anderson; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Ellen and Alice. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Debra Jo, who died in 1978.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery, Akron, where military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Rochester. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the service Thursday at the funeral home. Instead of flowers, donations may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

### **Arvilla Whetstone**

Arvilla WHETSTONE, 92, Sebring, Fla., formerly of Tippecanoe, died Thursday at Kenilworth Care & Rehab Center, Sebring.

Survivors include three daughters, Joan Eiser, Mentone, Joy Shonk, Sebring, Fla., and Jewel Wood, Tippecanoe; and a son, Dan Whetstone, Goshen.



Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

**Patricia A. Ginn Gumble**

Patricia A. Ginn GUMBLE, 71, formerly of 300 E. Fourth St., Rochester, died Monday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Survivors include a son, Michael Barnacastle, Pearce, Ariz., and daughters, Jessica Barnacastle, Tubac, Ariz., and Jennifer Barnacastle, Tucson, Ariz.

No service or visitation will take place. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, September 6, 2007

**Conne R. Daine**

Dec. 29, 1949-Sept. 3, 2007

Conne R. DAINE, 57, Peru, died at 7:05 a.m. Monday at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo.

Born in Rochester, she was the daughter of Cleotis and Ruth (Groninger) Daine. She was married to Steven Swantner and he preceded her in death in 1972.

She worked as a print press operator at Sir Speedy Printing Center, Kokomo, and also was formerly employed by Millner Printing in Kokomo and American Stationery in Peru.

She is survived by a daughter, Dawn R. Buman and husband Chip, and three grandchildren, Sierra C. Swantner, Zoey M. Arrick and Blayklee S. Buman, all of Peru. Her brothers, Kerry Daine of Rochester and Larry Daine and wife Jennifer of Macy, also survive. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Mark Daine.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Dooley Swantner

officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Cecil R. Hood**

Aug. 23, 1928-Sept. 3, 2007

Cecil R. HOOD, 79, of Kewanna, passed away Monday at Center for Hospice, South Bend.

Born Aug. 23, 1928, in Pulaski County, he was the son of the late George C. and Sarah E. (Hahn) Hood. He was a 1946 graduate of Star City High School and a veteran of the United States Army.

He was a motor home driver for many years and was also formerly employed by Kewanna Metal Specialties, Kewanna. Cecil was a member of the NRA.

Survivors include two sisters, Gertrude J. Spoor, Culver, and Ruth J. DePoy (George), Plymouth; he is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth K. Hood and Jay L. Hood, and a niece and a nephew.

Cecil's wish was for his body to be donated to the Indiana University Anatomical Education Program, after which his ashes will be scattered in the Atlantic Ocean off Charleston, S.C.

Memorials may be made to Center for Hospice, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637. Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the Hood family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**Wendell D. Lewark**

Wendell D. LEWARK, 81, of 660 Forest Place, Apt. 15, Culver, died Monday at home.

Survivors include a sister, Mildred McQueen, and a brother, Paul Lewark, both of Fort Wayne.

There is no visitation. A memorial service will be planned later. Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is handling arrangements.

Friday, September 7, 2007

**John Hyatt**

John HYATT, 71, Fruitland Park, Fla., died at 3:40 p.m. Wednesday at Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando, Fla. His wife, Norma Swihart Hammond Hyatt, is formerly of Akron.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Saturday, September 8, 2007

[None]

Monday, September 10, 2007

**Richard H. 'Rick' Beaulieu**

Richard H. "Rick" BEAULIEU, Rochester, died at 12:08 p.m. Saturday at Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio. Arrangements are pending at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport.

**Carol S. Brazo**

Jan. 23, 1943-Sept. 8, 2007

Carol S. BRAZO, 64, of 208 N. Broadway St., Mentone, died at 6:48 p.m. Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in South Bend, she was the daughter of Marion and Fern Adams Carnes. She married Jim A. Brazo on Oct. 22, 1964, in Munich, Germany. He survives in Mentone. They were both from the Niles, Mich., area.

A registered nurse, she most recently worked for Hope Hospice. She received her nurse's training in Cook County, Ill., and earned a bachelor's degree from Purdue University. She enjoyed caring for people through the hospice work she had done.

She was a member of Mentone United Methodist Church. She loved to paint, knit, sew and make baskets. She was a great nurse and homemaker.

She is also survived by a daughter, Connie and husband Tom Simons, Rochester; three sons, Greg Brazo and wife Shannon, Burket, Nathan Brazo and wife Rachel, Indianapolis, and Ben Brazo, Claypool; four granddaughters, ShaNell, Alexis and Morgan Brazo and Allison Ulrey; and a sister, Michelle Heibner, Saline, Mich.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Les Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery, Mentone. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Mentone United Methodist Church.

### **Patrick F. McLochlin**

Patrick F. McLOCHLIN, 46, of 319 E. 14th St., No. 1, Rochester, died at 12:58 a.m. today at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Jimmy Allen Miller**

Jimmy Allen "Jim" MILLER, 64, Peru, died Friday while walking his dogs at Mississinewa Reservoir.

Survivors include two sons, Mark Miller of Logansport and Ken Miller of Peru; and two sisters, Susan Bolin of Logansport and Linda Browning of Peru.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Skinner Worship Chapel. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

### **Barbara Ann Springer Upp**

Oct. 23, 1942-Sept. 9, 2007

Barbara Ann Springer UPP, 64, of 320 Madison St., Rochester, died at 12:05 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Constantine, Mich., she was the daughter of Johnie Springer and Ella Springer Wallace. In 1947, when she was 5, she moved to Rochester from Massachusetts. She graduated from Rochester High School in 1960.

She graduated from the House of James Beauty College in 1961.

On June 9, 1968, she married David Upp in Leiters Ford.

She was employed by Superior Sample for 18 years.

A member of the Busy Belles Home Ec Club, she was a basket maker and enjoyed collecting baskets, sewing and reading mysteries.

In addition to her husband, who survives at home, she is survived by a son, Jerry Upp, Rochester; a sister, Kathie Adams and husband Kevin, Rochester; a brother, Charles Wallace and wife Anna, Lafayette; a sister-in-law, Connie Wallace, San Diego, Calif.; lifelong friend, Vernellee Reffitt, Rochester; and nieces and nephews, Shelby, Joe and Chris Wallace, Kelsie and Kallie Adams, and Mike and Jennifer Wallace. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Clifton "Butch" Wallace, in 2005.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, Fulton County Historical Society or Fulton County Transpo. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, has been entrusted with her arrangements. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

**John Harmon 'Jack' Hyatt**

Sept. 13, 1935-Sept. 5, 2007

John Harmon "Jack" HYATT, 71, of 36 Harbor Oak Drive, Fruitland Park, Fla., died at 3:40 p.m. Wednesday at Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando, Fla.

Born in Three Rivers, Mich., he was the son of John Russell Hyatt Jr. and Juanita Herman Higgins. He graduated from North Miami High School in Miami, Fla.

He married Norma L. Swihart Hammond on Sept. 23, 2000, at Akron United Methodist Church, Akron.

He retired from the Miami Fire Department and was a driver for Phillips Buick, Leesburg, Fla.

He was a member of the American Legion, National Rifle Association and Florida Army National Guard.

In addition to his wife, former Akron resident Norma Hyatt, who survives in Fruitland Park, he is survived by two daughters, Bonnie Frye of Bristol and Laurie Hyatt; a stepdaughter, Monica Collings of Akron; a stepson, Terry Hammond and wife Rachel, Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; a sister, Janice Trott of Griffin, Ga.; and a brother, Rick Karr of Jackson, Ga.

His funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with visitation from 4 p.m. until the service Wednesday. Pastor Terry Canfield will officiate. A private family graveside service will be Thursday at Riverside Cemetery, Three Rivers, Mich. Memorials may be made to the Christian Children's Fund.

### **Patrick F. McLochlin**

July 11, 1961-Sept. 10, 2007

Patrick F. McLOCHLIN, 46, of 319 E. 14th St., No.1, Rochester, passed away at 12:58 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born on July 11, 1961, in Rochester, the son of Francis Patrick and Marquitta (Darr) McLochlin.

Mr. McLochlin worked as an independent truck driver. He was an avid fan of Notre Dame football, Indianapolis Colts football and NASCAR. He also enjoyed spending time with his two bulldogs, Jack and Charlie.

Survivors include his sons, Kyle McLochlin and fiancée Meghan Mitchell, Rochester, and Jason McLochlin, Rochester; mother, Marquitta McLochlin, Rochester; longtime companion, Sheila Sherman, Rochester; sister, Connie Scharnhorst, Rochester; half brother, Ronnie McLochlin, Logansport; stepchildren, Josh Sanderson, South Carolina, and Stephanie Sanderson, Rochester; aunts, Marilyn and husband Paul Kiesling, Punta Gorda, Fla., and Madeline Bryant, Rochester; and sister-in-law, Beth Foster, Rochester; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in

death by his father; grandparents; brother, Tom Foster; half brother, Donnie McLochlin; and brother-in-law, Rick Scharnhorst.

His funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Rod Ruberg officiating. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Esther L. Meade**

Esther L. MEADE, 70, of 4298 E. Mallard, Palestine (Mentone), died at 1:09 a.m. today at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

**Gladys M. Neterer**

Gladys M. NETERER, 87, of 400 W. Seventh St., North Manchester, died Friday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

There are no immediate family survivors.

Her funeral service will be at 1 pm. today at Grace Lutheran Church, Elkhart, with visitation one hour prior. Waterman Westbrook Clouse Funeral Home, Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

**Richard H. 'Rick' Beaulieu**

Feb. 3, 1949-Sept. 8, 2007

Richard H. "Rick" BEAULIEU, age 58, Rochester, formerly of Logansport, died at 12:08 p.m. Saturday at Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio.

Born in Logansport, he was the son of Hudon and Caroline (Wright) Beaulieu.

On Dec. 23, 1971, in Logansport, he married Patricia L. "Trish" Riemenschneider, who survives.

Rick was a 1967 graduate of Logansport High School and graduated from Purdue University's School of Pharmacy in 1978. He had also attended Ball State University, where he played varsity football. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Rick had been employed as the director of pharmacy at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. He had also been employed at St. Joseph's Hospital, Kokomo.

An Eagle Scout, Rick was a member of the Rochester Eagles, Elks, Moose and the American Legion.

He enjoyed golfing, football, bowling, boating and fishing. He loved the water and being near the lake. He especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends and adored his granddaughter.

Also surviving are a son, Dr. Brittin A. "Britt" Beaulieu and his fiancée, Michal LaSpina, New Haven; a daughter, Erin E. Marden and husband, Joshua, Rochester; granddaughter, Lilah Jane Marden; nieces and nephews, Bill and Kelly Riemenschneider, Indianapolis, and Chelsea Riemenschneider, Logansport; a great-niece and great-nephew, Alexa and Drew Riemenschneider; and his sisters-in-law and their husbands, Julie and Jeffrey Green, Kewanna, and Randi and Mike Howington, Lakeland, Fla. He was preceded in death by his brother, Allen Beaulieu; brother-in-law, Mark Riemenschneider; and his mother-in-law, Barbara Riemenschneider.

A service conducted by his family and friends will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport, with visitation from 3 p.m. until the service. Burial will be private. On Saturday, Sept. 22, a celebration of life and golf benefit will be at the Rochester Elks Lodge, 2506 Country Club Drive South, Rochester. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, P.O. Box 621, Rochester, IN 46975. Condolences may be placed online at [kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://kroegerfuneralhome.com) or <http://richard-beaulieu.memory-of.com>.



**Joe R. Maze**

Joe R. MAZE, 84, of 340 W. Plum St., Argos, died Tuesday at home.

Survivors include his wife, Dona Maze, Argos, and two sons, Terry Maze, Parker, Colo., and Jerry Alan Maze, Madison, Wis.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service.

**Esther Louise Meade**

Esther Louise MEADE, 70, of 4298 E. Mallard Road, Palestine, died Tuesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include her husband, Bennie R. Meade, Palestine; a daughter, Brenda Engle, Claypool; and a son, John Meade, North Webster.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

**Linda C. 'Bird' Patrick**

Oct. 21, 1945-Sept. 11, 2007

Linda C. "Bird" PATRICK, 61, Sidney, died at 1:55 a.m. Tuesday at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

Born in Rochester, she was the daughter of Kenneth and Martha (Ray) Starkweather. After living in Rochester for most of her formative years, she moved to North Manchester before her senior year of high school. She graduated from Manchester High School with the class of 1963 and attended two years of cosmetology school.

She married Menifee "Dick" Patrick on Aug. 11, 1969, and he survives. She was a homemaker.

Also surviving are her sons, Chris (Dawn) Patrick, North Manchester, Randy (Tracey) Patrick, Warsaw, Rick Patrick, North Manchester, and Mike Patrick, North Webster; a brother, Roy (Vicki) Starkweather, North Manchester; sisters, Dorothy (Ralph) Howard, Portage, and Sandy Singleton, North Manchester; 14 grandchildren

and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a brother and her parents.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will be at Sidney Cemetery, Sidney. Calling hours are from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46209-7109 or Pleasant Grove Sonlight Pre-school, 2943 E. 400 S., Warsaw, IN 46580. Condolences may be e-mailed to the Patrick family at [delaughtermckee.com](http://delaughtermckee.com).

**Sgt. Nicholas 'Nick' James Patterson**

Sgt. Nicholas "Nick" James PATTERSON, 24, formerly of Rochester, died Monday in Baghdad, Iraq. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron.

**Betty Jean Slade**

Betty Jean SLADE, 78, Life Care Center, Rochester, died at 6:10 p.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, September 13, 2007

**Herminia Bustamante**

June 17, 1931-Sept. 11, 2007

Herminia R. "Minnie" BUSTAMANTE, age 76, of 4339 Indiana 25 North, Rochester, passed away at 4:12 p.m. on Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester.

Minnie was born on June 17, 1931, in Gonzales, Texas, to Modesto and Juanita (Molinia) Rivera. On June 14, 1947, Minnie married Arthur J. Bustamante. They were residents of the Plymouth area for 28 years, before moving to the Rochester area three years ago.

Minnie was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rochester.

Minnie is survived by her loving husband, Arthur J. Bustamante of Rochester; their sons, Al and Barb Bustamante of Plymouth and Arthur J. Bustamante Jr. of Plymouth; their daughters, Anne and Frank Murrillo of Houston, Texas, and Annette Zaragoza of Houston; Minnie's brother, Alex Rivera of California; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Minnie will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, with cremation to follow. A time of visiting and sharing memories with the Bustamante family will be from 11 a.m. until the service Friday at Van Gilder Funeral Home. Memorial contributions, in Minnie's name, may be made to the donor's choice. Friends may sign the guestbook and share memories with the Bustamante family at [www.vangilderfuneralhome.com](http://www.vangilderfuneralhome.com).

### **James F. Pautsch**

James F. PAUTSCH, 75, of 1420 Jefferson St., No. 3, Rochester, died at 6:52 p.m. Wednesday at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Betty Jean Slade**

Dec. 28, 1928-Sept. 11, 2007

Betty Jean SLADE, 78, Life Care Center, Rochester, passed away at 6:10 p.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center.

She was born on Dec. 28, 1928, in Louisville, Ky., the daughter of Chester and Menettie (Hundley) Ferguson. She married Herbert Slade on March 11, 1950, in Shelbyville, Ky. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Slade retired in 1993 from the University of Kentucky, where she worked in the registrar's office. In 2001, she moved from Lexington, Ky., to Rochester. She was a member of the First Christian

Church, Rochester, and enjoyed cross stitching, knitting and crocheting.

Survivors include her son, Rev. Woody and wife Barbara Slade, Rochester; grandson, Mark and wife Lisa Slade, Chesterton; great-granddaughter, Kristen Slade, Chesterton. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Charles Ferguson in 1988.

A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial and graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, Ky. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church-Week of Compassion. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Friday, September 14, 2007

### **Donald L. Hudkins**

Mr. Donald L. "Don" HUDKINS, 79, Sebastian, Fla., died Sept. 12, 2007, at the VNA Hospice House in Vero Beach, Fla.

He was born in Fulton County and lived in Sebastian for 18 years after moving from Plainfield.

Mr. Hudkins was a superintendent for the Indiana Department of Corrections. He was a graduate of Tri-State College in Angola. He attended Concordia Lutheran Church, Barefoot Bay, Fla., was a member of the Elks, a veteran of World War II who served in the U.S. Navy, a member of the VFW and the Studebaker Club.

Survivors include his son, Michael L. Hudkins, Orlando, Fla.; daughter, Renee M. Gunter, Sebastian, Fla.; brothers, Richard Hudkins, George Hudkins, John Hudkins and Virgil Hudkins, all of Rochester; sister, Mary Ellen George, Kimberling City, Mo.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Julia "Judy" Hudkins.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Strunk Funeral Home, Sebastian, Fla. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Grant

Kilps officiating. Interment will follow at Sebastian Cemetery, Sebastian, Fla.

**James F. Pautsch**

Aug. 27, 1932-Sept. 12, 2007

James F. PAUTSCH, 75, of 1420 Jefferson St., died on Sept. 12, 2007, in Fort Wayne.

James Frederick Pautsch was born Aug. 27, 1932, in Denison, Iowa, to Ida M. (Kusel) and Bernhardt J. Pautsch. A graduate of Des Moines Tech, he attended Iowa State University. During the Korean conflict, he served in the U.S. Army. He was retired from McMahan-O'Connor and Phend & Brown construction companies.

Mr. Pautsch was married on July 2, 1966, to Martha Jane Mallers in Bluffton.

He is survived by two sons, Bernard James (Brooke) of Tallahassee, Fla., and Michael Mallers Pautsch of Carmel. He also leaves two granddaughters, Katelyn Elizabeth and Shelby Brooks Pautsch and a grandson, Bryce Jameson Pautsch, all of Tallahassee, Fla. A sister, Marie Potter (Clarke) of Louisville, Ky., also survives. Three sisters, Margaret Shelton, Helen Taylor and Dorothy Pautsch, and a brother, Bernhardt R.E. Pautsch, preceded him in death.

James attended St. John Lutheran Church, Rochester.

There will be no funeral or visitation. Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Foundation. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Saturday, September 15, 2007

[None]

Monday, September 17, 2007

**Sgt. Nicholas 'Nick' James Patterson**

Feb. 26, 1983-Sept. 10, 2007

Sgt. Nicholas "Nick" James PATTERSON, 24, beloved husband, father, brother and son passed away Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, in Iraq, serving his country.

He came to this world full of life on Feb. 26, 1983. He attended Rochester High School where he was a vital part of the baseball and basketball programs. He was blessed to become a father to a beautiful son, Reilley Nicholas Caden Patterson, whom he adored. He married his long time love and high school sweetheart, the former Jayme Saner of Akron, on Dec. 27, 2006. They dreamed of a long and loving marriage.

Sgt. Nicholas "Nick" Patterson joined the Army on May 18, 2004. After basic training, Sgt. Patterson was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, where he served with 3-505th Parachute Infantry Battalion and 1-73 Cavalry. Sgt. Patterson deployed as a member of C Troop 1-73 Cavalry as a scout in support of Hurricane Katrina and deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sgt. Patterson's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, two Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Ribbon, Iraqi Campaign Medal, The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, The Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Parachutist's Badge.

Nick is survived by his loving wife, Jayme (Saner) Patterson and his son, Reilley, both of Fayetteville, N.C.; his father and stepmother James and Virginia Patterson of Rochester; his mother and stepfather Jane and Scott Holmes of Warsaw; a stepbrother, Kyle McLochlin of Rochester; and a sister, Tai (Patterson) Johnson of Mishawaka. Nick is also survived by his grandparents, Charles and Mollie Patterson, Sebring, Fla., and Larry Holmes, Alma, Mich., and Betty Hewett, Mishawaka. Also surviving are his "brothers" of 1-325 C-Troop with whom he took great pride in serving next to. He was

preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Harold and Kathryn Hoge and Mildred Holmes.

Viewing for Sgt. Patterson will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at the Rochester High School gymnasium. Services honoring Nick's life, including full Military Honors, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, also at the Rochester High School gymnasium. A private, family burial will be held at the Akron Cemetery following the service.

A trust fund has been established at the 1st Source Bank of Rochester for his son. Memorials may be sent in care of Reilley Patterson Trust Fund to any 1st Source Bank location. Envelopes will be available at the visitation and funeral services. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, Ind.

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

**David R. Day**

David R. DAY, 48, 529 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, died at 4:22 p.m. Monday at Pulaski County Road 600 West and Indiana 14 as the result of a vehicle accident. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

**Allen B. Chesser Sr.**

Oct. 5, 1927-Sept. 16, 2007

Allen B. CHESSER Sr., 79, of Culver passed away at 1:25 p.m. Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

Allen was born on Oct. 5, 1927, in Wheeling, W.Va., one of three children born to Arnold and Laura (Winter) Chesser.

Allen joined the U.S. Army at the age of 16, proudly serving his country during the Occupational Forces and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He earned many awards and decorations for meritorious service to his country. While serving overseas, Allen fell in love and

married Katharina Preywisch on Aug. 20, 1952, in Straubing, West Germany. They were blessed with two children.

After 26 years of service as a Command Sergeant Major, Allen retired from the Army. He worked for Young Door Co. in Plymouth and later retired after many years as office manager.

Allen loved hunting and fishing and was a member of the Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919 of Culver and the Collins-Tasch American Legion Post 399 of Monterey.

Allen is survived by his daughter, Frances Bowers of Flatrock, N.C.; his son, Allen (Mary) Chesser Jr. of Culver; granddaughter Emily (Andrew) Schouten of Rochester, and grandsons, Alex (Janel) Chesser of Otterbein, and Carl Chesser of Kansas City, Mo.

Friends may join the family in remembering and celebrating Allen's life from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Rev. Henry Sprunger will officiate funeral services at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com).

### **David R. Day**

April 26, 1959-Sept. 17, 2007

David Roy DAY, 48, of 529 E. 13th St., Rochester, died at 4:22 p.m. Tuesday in a single motor vehicle accident at Indiana 14 and Pulaski County Road 600 West.

He was born in Rochester to Bower "Sie" and Roseleen Robins Day and lived most of his life in Fulton and Miami counties.

David Roy Day graduated from North Miami High School, then followed his dream to be a heavy equipment operator, which he did for 28 years. He began his career with McMahan-O'Connor Construction Company, now known as E & B Paving. David embraced each day with enthusiasm being with his buddies, driving the heavy equipment and enjoying the warmth of summer. He was a member of Teamster's Union No. 364 and Labor Union No. 274.

On Feb. 14, 1997, in Rochester, he married Mona L. Dennis. She preceded him in death on Sept. 13, 2003.



An avid NASCAR fan, David followed Sterling Marlin. When autumn arrived, he donned his green and gold and cheered hard for the Green Bay Packers.

David was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 852 of Rochester and of the former Macy United Methodist Church.

His favorite means of relaxation were fishing and mushroom hunting each spring.

As a loyal son and brother, he will be remembered for his twinkling eyes, jolly laugh and sense of humor. He adored his children and family and cherished the time he shared with his fiancée.

He is survived by his fiancée, Lori Fuentes and family; his daughter, Tiphany N. Day; his son, Aaron Day; his mother, Roseleen Day, Macy; his sister, Sianna Deeds and husband Jerry, Macy; and three brothers, Myron "Bud" Day and wife Barbara, Chili, Rex Day, Dothan, Ala., and Robin Day and wife Pamela, Rochester. He was also preceded in death by his father, Sie, in December 1979; his sister-in-law, Pat Day, in February 2005; and his brother, Raymond Day, in July 2006.

A funeral service for David Roy Day will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the David R. Day Children Trust Fund or to the Fulton County Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Thursday, September 20, 2007

### **Grace Waechter**

Longtime school teacher Grace WAECHTER, 99, of 111 E. Walnut St., Akron, died at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday at home.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Akron United Methodist Church, followed by the funeral service. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

Friday, September 21, 2007

**Joan E. Blacketor**

Joan E. BLACKETOR, 87, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died at 6:47 a.m. today at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**William Hollis 'Billy' Clutter**

William Hollis "Billy" CLUTTER, 56, Colfax, Iowa, died Aug. 15 at home.

Survivors include two brothers, John Clutter, Libertyville, Ill., and Jay Clutter, North Webster; and a sister, Joyce Logan, Pacific Grove, Calif.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the family plot in Mentone Cemetery, Mentone. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is handling arrangements.

**Grace Waechter**

Oct. 8, 1907-Sept. 19, 2007

Crystal Grace WAECHTER, 99, of 111 E. Walnut St., Akron, died at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at her residence.

Born in Miami County, the second of Elmer and Glee Butt Fites' eight children, she attended Frog Pond grade school and Gilead High School before graduating from Deedsville High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Manchester College in 1929 and later attended Butler and Ball State universities.

She married Walter D. Waechter on Nov. 30, 1933, at the Ebenezer Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on June 25, 1981.

She retired in 1970 after a 34-year career as a teacher of Latin, English and mathematics at Gilead, Shippshewana and Akron high schools, but continued to tutor students at home for many years after that. She delighted in attending class reunions, attending her last one in 2005 at the age of 97.

A 74-year member of the Akron United Methodist Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher, president of the board of trustees and secretary of the memorial fund, she also served on the Akron Library Board and was a charter member of the Amicus Club. She belonged to the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's sorority, the Akron Women's Club, the Jolliette and Martez clubs. She and her husband were life members of the euchre club. As a member of the Fulton County Community Foundation, she established the Walter D. Waechter and Grace C. Fites Waechter and Family Fund to support the Akron Cemetery Association and the Akron Carnegie Public Library.

She spent her retirement years in her home of 73 years, enjoying bridge, euchre, crocheting, afghan making, quilting and visiting friends and neighbors. Nothing made her happier than to receive a letter from one of her former students.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Dean Rager, Plymouth; a granddaughter, Christa McKinney Smith; three stepgrandchildren, Pam McFarland, Rene Rosen and Del Rager; five stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters, Evelyn Schipper, Akron, and Mary Weirick, Mexico. Preceding her in death were her husband; parents; three brothers, Ralph, Paul and Jim Fites; two sisters, Ruth Bammerlin and Normaleen Wagner; a son-in-law, 1st Lt. Neil B. McKinney, a member of the U.S. Air Force who died in Vietnam; and a stepgranddaughter, Judy Rager.

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Akron United Methodist Church, Akron, with Pastor Karen Ottjes officiating. Visitation will be at the church from 10 a.m. until the service at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery. Memorials to the Walter D. Waechter and Grace C. Waechter Family Fund can be made to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 800 Main St., Rochester, Ind., or to Akron United Methodist Church. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is in charge of arrangements.

Saturday, September 22, 2007

**Joan 'Jo' Myers Blacketor**

July 6, 1920-Sept. 21, 2007

Joan "Jo" Myers BLACKETOR, 87, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died at 6:47 a.m. Friday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born in Rochester to Ray and Arline Lowman Myers, she graduated from Rochester High School in 1939.

On Oct. 25, 1947, in Elkhart, she married Otto H. Blacketor, who preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 1984.

Jo moved to Allen Park, Mich., in 1950 and returned to Rochester in 1975.

She was a clerk at the Boston Store and the Rochester Newsstand. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Rochester.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed homestyle cooking and being a homemaker.

Survivors include her brother, John W. "Bill" Myers and wife Ramona of Rochester; nieces, Linda Kay Reno and husband Lee of Indianapolis and Raynee Myers of Rochester; a nephew, Jon Myers of Rochester; and a brother-in-law, Paul Davis of Rochester. She is also survived by great-nieces and great-nephews and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers, Jacob Myers and James "Bud" Myers.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Rochester IOOF Cemetery with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Food Pantry. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, September 24, 2007

**George E. Garner Sr.**

George E. GARNER Sr., 78, of 19640 Maple Road, Argos, died at 5:27 p.m. Saturday at home. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

**Stephen B. Creviston**

June 16, 1950-Sept. 23, 2007

Stephen B. CREVISTON, 57, Royal Center, formerly of Rochester, passed away Sunday at his residence.

Born June 16, 1950, in Warsaw, he was the son of the late Auldo D. and Mary E. (Smith) Creviston.

Stephen was formerly employed at Rochester Iron and Metal and Cass County Recycling Co. He enjoyed auctions, fishing, camping, playing cards and talking on his CB radio. He was also a former member of Eagles Lodge No. 323, Logansport.

Survivors include his wife, Debora M. Creviston; a son, Darrell B. Creviston and his fiancée Valri Pitner; a daughter, Jennifer Boller (Kevin), all of Royal Center; five sisters, June Smith, Goshen, Ruth Grimm (Randy) Rochester, Donna Grimm (Richard), Rochester, Mary Ulery (Don), Logansport, and Helen Treece (Tony), Columbia City; a grandson, Kaleb Boller; and three stepgrandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Darrell Creviston, and two sisters, Mona Creviston and Barb Burkholder.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel. There will be no service. Memorials may be made to the Creviston family in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the Creviston family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**George Emerson Garner Sr.**

George Emerson GARNER Sr., 78, of 19640 Maple Road, Argos, died Saturday at home.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancee Mikel, Kimmell, Connie Smith, Ripley, N.Y., and Becky Thomburg-Abair, Plymouth; two sons, George Garner Jr., Willis, Texas, and James Garner, Monterey; two sisters, Wilma Stevenson, Knox, and Elizabeth Cox, South Bend; and three brothers, Paul Beaver, Culver, Bill Beaver, Koontz Lake, and Bob Beaver of Illinois.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

[None]

Thursday, September 27, 2007

[None]

Friday, September 28, 2007

**Joan Bunn**

Joan BUNN, 88, of 1098 Dogwood Drive, Rochester, died at 4:50 p.m. Thursday at Hickory Creek of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Jack R. Denton**

Jack R. DENTON, 67, of 631 Madison St., Rochester, died at 5:05 a.m. today at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Shari S. (Harris) Klingshirn**

Shari S. (Harris) KLINGSHIRN, 50, of 9462 N. Indiana 19, Lot 40, Etna Green, died Wednesday at home.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Klingshirn; daughter, Shannon Smith, Athens; a brother, Marvin Harris, Arkansas; sisters, Pam Prater, Rochester, and Beth Whetstone, Peru.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee.

**Terry A. Smoker**

June 20, 1952-Sept. 20, 2007

Terry A. SMOKER, 55, Ocala, Fla., died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, at Prestige Manor in Belleview, Fla.

A native of Akron, he moved to the Ocala area in 1961. He proudly served with the 351st Military Police Company. He was a sales rep for Gale Insulation and enjoyed fishing, hunting and playing cards. Mr. Smoker was a member of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Ocala.

His survivors include his wife, Joyce; daughter, Marlana (Matt) Tabacchi; son, Jason Smoker, all of Ocala; parents, Ernest (Esther) Smoker, Wabash, and Frances Smith, Belleview; sisters, Shelby (Cliff) Wogomon, Syracuse, and Phyllis (Emory) Smith, Ocala; brothers, Ernie (GeNelle) Smoker and Eddie (Lottie) Smoker, all of Rochester, Richard (Janice) Smoker, Lawrenceburg, Jim (Joanie) Smoker, Puyallup, Wash., and Dennis Smoker, Belleview; and grandsons, Owen and Wyatt Tabacchi. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Robert K. Smith.

A funeral mass was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church with Father Phil Egetto officiating. Interment followed in Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens. Visitation was from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday with a rosary service at 6 p.m. at Hiers Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Blessed Trinity Catholic School.

**Dixie Summe**

Dixie SUMME, 65, 11107 E. Indiana 14, Akron, died at 5 a.m. today at home. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Saturday, September 29, 2007

**Joan H. Bunn**

July 10, 1919-Sept. 27, 2007

Joan H. BUNN died peacefully of natural causes on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2007. She resided at Hickory Creek in Rochester, Ind., since May of 2005.

Joan was born to Harley Hudson and Emma Francis Preiser Haggerty in Marion, Ind., on July 10, 1919. In 1941, Joan married Russell T. "Bud" Wade. Joan and Bud parented two children, Linda Lee and Wayne Allen. Bud was taken prematurely from her when he died in 1949. In 1951, Joan married Howard W. Bunn. Joan and Howard parented two children, Wendy Jo and John Timothy. Howard also died prematurely, having passed in 1956. Joan never remarried.

Joan was co-owner and an operator of Heisler's Drug Store in Rochester. She was elected to serve as Fulton County Treasurer from 1974 until 1982. She worked at C&W Fabricating from 1983 until her retirement in 1991.

Joan was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She dedicated her life to raising her children and showering her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with love. She was loved and will be missed.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; four sisters, Mildred Burkett, Louise Miller, Jean Walters Lewis and Mary Katherine Haggerty; one brother, Roy Haggerty; and one great-granddaughter, Rae Ann Shafer.

Joan is survived by her four children and their spouses: Linda and Les Shultz, Decatur, Ind.; Allen and Marilyn Wade, Rochester, Ind.; Wendy and Paul Shirley, Albuquerque, N.M.; and John "Tim" and Susan Bunn, Granbury, Texas. Survivors also include nine



grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Joan was blessed to have a special friend and wonderful roommate, Mary Beth Carroll at Hickory Creek. She was also well cared for and loved by the amazing staff at Hickory Creek.

A celebration of the life of Joan H. Bunn will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Good Family Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Mundt officiating. Friends may visit with Joan's family from noon to 2 p.m.

Her family requests that those desiring to make donations please direct their contributions in her name to Hickory Creek of Rochester, or Hope Hospice Inc. of Fulton County. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Dixie Lee Summe**

Feb. 5, 1942-Sept. 28, 2007

Dixie Lee SUMME, 65, of 11107 E. Indiana 14, Akron, died at 5 a.m. Friday at home. She was ill since August.

Born in Mentone, she was the daughter of Dwayne Bergstrom and Lois Whetstone. On March 19, 1960, in Grand Rapids, Mich., she married Michael L. Summe, who died April 16, 2003.

A homemaker, she was a member of Silver Creek Church of God, Silver Lake. She also belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star, Macy. She was an advanced EMT in Akron for several years and ran a deer check-in site at her home for several years. She was known for her green thumb, her pies and her humanitarianism.

Survivors include two daughters, Michelle and husband Todd Cooksey, Akron, and Melissa and husband Vic Keifer, Akron; two sons, Mitchell and wife Senita Summe, Warsaw, and Duke and wife Audrey Summe, Mentone; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Bea and husband Gene Hughes, Mentone, and Patty and husband Dennis Greenwald, Woodbury, Minn. Preceding her in death with her husband and parents was her stepfather, Pat Walsh.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Silver Creek Church of God, 6504 W. 1300 North, Silver Lake, with Pastor Thomas Craig and Pastor Larry Howard officiating. A private family urn burial will be at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake. Friends may visit with the family from 6 p.m. until the 7 p.m. service Monday. Memorials may be made to Silver Creek Church of God or Kosciusko County Hospice. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is in charge of arrangements.

Monday, October 1, 2007

**Charles C. Boardman**

Aug. 8, 1919-Sept. 29, 2007

Charles C. BOARDMAN, 88, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died at 12:35 p.m. Saturday at Parkwood Health Care Center, Lebanon, after suffering from an infection.

Born in Higdon, Ark., he was the son of Charlie and Lena Merker Boardman.

On Dec. 16, 1945, in Remington, he married Eileen D. Carlile.

During World War II, he served on the Navy carrier USS Kersarge in the Pacific and Atlantic theaters. He was an aviation ordnance maintenance 2nd class for six years.

He moved from Urbana to the Rochester area in 1959.

After retiring from dairy farming, he worked at Rochester Middle School in the custodial department for 12 years.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 47 and the Rochester Swinging Dudes, all of Rochester. He was also a member of the Pure Bred Breeders Association of Fulton County and served as its treasurer for five years.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen D. Boardman, at home; four daughters, Diane K. Boardman, Lebanon, Janet S. Gouldsmith and husband Donald, Clayton, Carol J. Mann and husband James, Martinsville, and Karen A. Marosz, Holland, Mich.; three

granddaughters and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, three sisters and three brothers.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Maurice Grindle. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, where LeRoy Shelton American Legion No. 36 and Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 1343 will conduct military graveside rites. Friends may visit with the family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the funeral home. Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 47 will conduct a 7:30 p.m. service Tuesday. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Madge L. Milliser**

July 13, 1912-Sept. 29, 2007

Madge L. MILLISER, 95, of 340 E. 18th St., Rochester, passed away at 8:45 p.m. Saturday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

She was born on July 13, 1912, in Fulton County, the daughter of Fred and Nettie (Lowe) Carr. She married Dale A. "Steve" Milliser on Jan. 31, 1947, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2003.

Mrs. Milliser worked for the Fulton County Treasurer's Office, the former Berkway Supermarket and the Five & Dime Store of Rochester. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include two sons, John and wife Linda Milliser, Rochester, and Phil and wife Kelsa Carr, Rochester; four grandchildren, Greg and wife Teri Carr, Rochester, Greta and husband Ron Lynch, Rochester, Amy and husband Gavin Miller, Goshen, Andrea and husband Brett Berndt, Rochester; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brothers, Westel Carr and Clarence Carr, and sisters, Clarabelle Rockwell, Ruth Newell, Ida Catherine Cutshaw and half sister, Louise Drudge.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, with Pastor Buck Padilla officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or Hope Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

**Blanche J. Collins**

Oct. 8, 1921 – Sept. 10, 2007

Blanche J. COLLINS 85, of Navarre, Fla., formerly of Kewanna, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at her residence.

Born on Oct. 8, 1921, in Royal Center, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Elsie (Hicks) Gidley.

She was a member of Kewanna United Methodist Church and a former member of the Order of Eastern Star, Kewanna, and the Elkettes of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and she had been active in Cub Scouts and other civic activities. Blanche also organized the Learning Lab at Chesterfield Marlborough Technical College, Cheraw, S.C., and for approximately four years taught students to qualify for college or to attain a GED.

She was a 1939 graduate of Kewanna High School and a homemaker who was an expert in needlepoint, ceramics and macramé.

Survivors include her husband, James A. Collins, Navarre, Fla.; a son, K. Max Collins, Fredericksburg, Va.; a daughter, Mary Ellen Collins Hudkins, Pensacola, Fla., and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Larry, and twin daughters.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct., 6 at Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna, with the Rev. Stephen L. McPeck officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Harrison Metzger Funeral Homes,

Kewanna Chapel, is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the Collins family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

**Shirley JoAnn Trapp**

Aug. 14, 1936-Oct. 3, 2007

Shirley JoAnn TRAPP, 71, of 2047 E. 200 North, Rochester, died at 4:45 a.m. today at her residence.

The daughter of John and Mable Bailey Young, she married Meredith "Butch" Trapp on June 16, 1984, in Carroll County. She lived here seven years after moving from Carroll County.

A homemaker, she had worked at Ristance in Argos, a bank in Culver and Kroger in Rochester. She retired from DaimlerChrysler after 11 years.

She was a member of First Church of God, Rochester, and Farm Bureau.

She played bunco, enjoyed sewing and collecting dolls. She cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Meredith "Butch" Trapp, at home; a daughter, Dawn Mann and husband David, Plymouth; two sons, Jeff Mishler and wife Barb, Avon, and Kurt Mishler, Culver; 10 grandchildren, Charity, Emily, Jill, Aaron, Raena, Dana, Josh, Dennis, Sarah and Harrison; a sister, Norma Braden, Rochester; two brothers, Dick Nilson and wife Lois, Twelve Mile, and Stephen Olinger and wife Betty, Nappanee; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Jim Young and Ronnie Young.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Larry Dodge officiating. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Liver Foundation and the Crippled Children's Foundation. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Thursday, October 4, 2007

**John E. Eshelman**

John E. ESHELMAN, 77, of 1346 Park Road, Rochester, died at 7:06 a.m. today at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, October 5, 2007

**John E. Eshelman**

Oct. 22, 1929-Oct. 4, 2007

John E. ESHELMAN, 77, of 1346 Park Road, Rochester, died at 7:06 a.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Born in Fulton County, he was the son of Albert and M. Armilda Reese Eshelman. He was a lifetime Rochester resident.

John was an alumnus of Rochester High School Class of 1947. Soon after he graduated, he served our country in Korea with the United States Army. As a member of our army, he was bestowed with many honors and decorations including his Purple Heart for being wounded in action, granted him 47 years later. Other medals included the Korean War Medal, Army Good Conduct, United Nations Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

He married Anita Keith on Jan. 10, 1954, at Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church, Rochester.

With a high energy level and drive, John enjoyed a variety of service occupations. He began his career at the Morris Grocery, then the IGA store owned by Myron Berkheiser. From 1957-1969, Johnny work with one of his best friends, Junior Good, at the former Foster & Good Funeral Home. After a brief stint as an agent with The Prudential, he worked for the Sealed Power Corporation and retired after 25 years on June 28, 1993.

Even after retirement, Johnny never let the dust settle beneath him. He took pleasure in driving for Mike Anderson Automotive Group and the Fulton County Disabled Veterans Van.

As an outdoorsman, John embraced nature, feeding a variety of Indiana native birds and observing the flight of the hummingbirds. He relaxed as he fished for blue gill at Tom Wilson's pond. John established a family tradition of planting and harvesting a vegetable garden annually. He shared his delicious produce with family, neighbors and best friends. While cruising down Park Road, John's lawn was always manicured to perfection.

Johnny is a 50-year member of the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

John was a devoted husband, and dedicated father and grandfather. His legacy will live on through his children and grandchildren. The very best of times life offered were spent with his loving family, enjoying the simple things in life.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Eshelman, at home; five children, James A. Eshelman, Los Angeles, Calif., Dennis K. Eshelman and wife Frances, Peru, Karen Eshelman and friend Mark Piercefield, Indianapolis, Brian A. Eshelman and wife E-Fon, Houston, Texas, and Brett D. Eshelman and wife Peggy, Peru; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Frances Carlson and husband Myron, Valparaiso, and Jeanette Geiselman, Culver; and a brother, Leroy Eshelman and wife Doris, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his mother in 2003 and his father in 1973.

A celebration of the life of Mr. John "Johnny" Eshelman, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon at Good Family Funeral Home. Pastor Woody Slade will officiate. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, where military graveside rites will be accorded by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may visit with his family on Saturday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. until the hour of the service. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Olive 'Joan' Overmyer**

Olive "Joan" OVERMYER, 80, 300 E. Fourth St., Rochester, died at 8:05 a.m. today at Hickory Creek of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, October 6, 2007

**Jean M. Bowen Begley**

July 16, 1942 – Oct. 4, 2007

Jean M. Bowen BEGLEY, 65, Logansport, died at 4:21 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

She was born in Fulton County to Merl Kistler and Maxine Rans. Jean graduated from Fulton High School in 1961.

On May 29, 1993, she married Ed Begley in Logansport.

She retired from Wilsons Foods.

She enjoyed babysitting and all her children loved here as much as she loved them. Jean also enjoyed cooking and shopping with her best friend, Judy.

Survivors include her husband, Ed Begley, Logansport; a son, Michael D. Bowen, Logansport; a daughter, Kristine Brantley and husband Mike, Galveston; a brother, Joe Kistler and wife Sandy, Camden; a granddaughter, Trista Hyden and husband Andy, Logansport; grandsons, Brian Bowen of Logansport, Caleb Bowen of Royal Center, Blake Brantley of Galveston; a granddaughter, Britteny Brantley, Galveston; and a great-grandson, Kolby Hayden, Logansport. Her brother, Howard "Bud" Kistler, preceded in death.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Richard Kistler officiating. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children.



**Olive “Joan” Overmyer**

Aug. 31, 1927 – Oct. 5, 2007

Olive “Joan” OVERMYER, 80, 300 E. Fourth St., Rochester died at 8:05 a.m. Friday at Hickory Creek, Rochester.

She was born in Fulton County to Chester and Ruth Irene Aughinbaugh Overmyer. Jean graduated from Richland Center High School in 1945.

Survivors include a sister, Virginia Rosenbury, Rochester; two brothers, Donald Overmyer and wife Marjorie, Culver; Ronald Overmyer and wife Bonnie, Rochester, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and an infant brother, Lewis Overmyer.

She had been a bookkeeper, a receptionist and worked at factory jobs.

She enjoyed flower gardening, and had been a member of the Methodist Church.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. David Hogsett officiating. Burial will be at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of ones choice, or to Fulton County Cancer Fund.

Monday, October 8, 2007

**Yvonne Campbell**

Yvonne CAMPBELL, 84, of 1032 Clubhouse Court, No. 4, Carmel, died Saturday at St. Vincent's Elizabeth Ann Seton Specialty Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Jack Devon Maus**

Jack Devon MAUS, 80, Peru, and formerly of Denver, died Saturday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He has no immediate family survivors.

His funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

**Alfred William Hetzner**

Alfred William HETZNER, 68, Denver, died Sunday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Lou Amato Hetzner; a son, Allen Guinn Hetzner, Denver; a brother, John Paul Hetzner, Kokomo; and a sister, Minnie Leona Slusser, Denver.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

**Yvonne Campbell**

Yvonne CAMPBELL, 84, of 1032 Clubhouse Court, No. 4, Carmel, died Saturday at St. Vincent's Elizabeth Ann Seton Specialty Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include two sons, Terry Braden, and James Campbell of Carmel.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour before the service. Burial will be at Leiters Ford Cemetery.

**Paul Davidson**

Paul DAVIDSON, 90, of 4784 W. 750 North, Leiters Ford, died at 11:31 a.m. Monday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

**Clyde Earl Castleman**

Clyde Earl CASTLEMAN, 96, of 2727 N. 400 West, Rochester, died at 1:05 a.m. today at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Paul 'Red' Davidson**

Aug. 8, 1917-Oct. 8, 2007

Paul "Red" DAVIDSON, 90, of 4784 W. 750 North, Leiters Ford, died at noon Monday at home.

Born in Leiters Ford, he was the son of Thomas M. and Laura B. McIntyre Davidson. He lived his life in Fulton County except for 10 years.

He graduated from Leiters Ford High School in 1935, where he enjoyed baseball, basketball and tennis.

A veteran, he served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945.

Paul married Rosemary Ault on Dec. 3, 1950, in Rochester. They wintered in Florida for 17 years after his retirement. He enjoyed fishing in Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River.

He was the postmaster at the Leiters Ford Post Office for 31 years. He was a lifetime member of Leiters Ford United Methodist Church.

He was the Worshipful Master of the Kewanna Lodge, F. &A.M. Lodge No. 79, now of Rochester, and was also the Most Wise Master of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, the Rose Croy Chapter of South Bend. He was also a Scoutmaster in Leiters Ford.

A poet, Paul shared his poems with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Davidson, at home; two daughters, Laura J. Davidson and companion Nora Skolnick, Braintree, Vt., and Paula L. Richardson and husband Jerry, Leesburg; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jack Andrew "Andy" Davidson; an infant daughter, Judith A. Davidson; six sisters; and three brothers.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Leiters Ford United Methodist Church with the Rev. Karen K. Rhoades Welling and Pastor Fred Stayton officiating. Burial will be at Leiters Ford Cemetery, where military graveside rites will be conducted by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be made to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. Arrangements have been entrusted to Good Family Funeral Home,

Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Thursday, October 11, 2007

**Clyde Earl 'Bud' Castleman**

Dec. 28, 1910-Oct. 10, 2007

Clyde Earl "Bud" CASTLEMAN, 96, of 2727 N. 400 West, Rochester, died at 1:05 a.m. Wednesday at home.

Bud led an interesting and remarkable life that spanned nearly a century. He was born in Fulton County to Loyd Y. and Ruth Mathias Castleman and lived here all his life. He attended Burton and Rochester schools. On May 16, 1931, in Rochester, at age 21, he secretly married the love of his life, Clarice Carmen Good. This secret was kept nearly a week when it surfaced, and family and friends treated Bud and his new bride to a bell ringing shower. She preceded him in death on April 12, 1982.

As a lifetime resident of the Burton Community, Bud continued the tradition set forth by his father, Loyd - planting and harvesting soybeans, wheat, corn, hay and straw. He also raised a fine herd of sheep, pigs and dairy cows. In addition to his agricultural operations, Bud represented the MiGro seed corn company.

As an industrious and ambitious man, Mr. Castleman was instrumental in the building of many of Fulton County's first roads west of Rochester. This was accomplished by utilizing horse power and gravel. One popular western artery, now known as 100 North or West Sixth Street, was originally a gravel-covered road built with the efforts of Bud.

The Burton Church and Fulton County 4-H were important to Bud and his family. He also served the Burton Schools as a bus driver, hauling students to school in the first half of the 1900s. One of Bud's favorite sports was baseball. He pitched for the Burton community baseball team. Soon after television was invented, Bud's family owned one of the first in the community. Many pleasant memories were

made as family and friends together marveled at the newfound technology.

Bud enjoyed all levels of politics, especially the grassroots level. He served the original Precinct 5 (Burton community) as precinct committeeman for a number of years. He is remembered as a spirited, staunch supporter and generous contributor to the Democrat Party. Bud was known as the go-to man for those with beginning political aspirations seeking wisdom and campaign strategy. It was with great pride that during his lifetime he exercised his civic responsibility casting his ballot in every election since becoming eligible to vote.

He is survived by a daughter, Bonnie Overmyer and husband Ronnie, Rochester; a son, Loyd "Jack" Castleman and wife Anita, Rochester; five grandchildren, Steve Overmyer, Allen Castleman and wife Sandy, Kurt Castleman and wife Lisa, Carmen Castleman Henninger and husband Brian, and Angela Castleman Alber and husband Nathan; 16 great-grandchildren, Dustin Overmyer and wife Robin, Brian Harris, Leslie Harris, Lonnie Harris, Daniel Harris, Dustin St. John, Garret Henninger, Maddy Henninger, Brody Alber, Riley Alber, Francis Alber, Amber Calvert, Aaron VanSpeybroeck, Cearra Castleman, Seth Castleman and Emily Castleman; four great-great-grandchildren, Gage Michael Calvert, Alexis VanSpeybroeck, Samantha Krater, Jacqueline Krater; a brother-in-law, Glen Cleland, Rochester; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was also preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Katherine at the age of 13 and Donna in 2004.

The family of Bud Castleman would like to express their gratitude to his caretakers, Tammy, Sandy, Shirley and Deanna, the staff of Hope Hospice and Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Baker and family, for their kindness and excellent care and looking after our Dad and Grandfather.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Clyde Earl "Bud" Castleman, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, Oct. 13, 2007, at the Good Family Funeral Home. Rev. Junior Bose will officiate. Friends may visit with his family on Friday, Oct. 12, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on

Saturday from 9 a.m. until the service. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Hope Hospice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Ralph E. DePoy**

Dec. 19, 1919-Oct. 10, 2007

Ralph E. DePOY, 87, Rochester, passed away at 8:19 p.m. Wednesday at Memorial Hospital in Logansport.

He was born on Dec. 19, 1919, in Thornhope, the son of Henry and Etta (Shellhart) DePoy. On March 1, 1941, in Fulton, he married Pauline M. Eber. She preceded him in death on Jan. 20, 2001.

Mr. DePoy retired from the Indiana State Highway Department. He was a member of the Rochester First Assembly of God Church and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, who served with the 38th Division in the Philippines.

Survivors include his sons, Kenneth and wife Judy DePoy, Rochester, and Gerald and wife Barbara DePoy, Rochester; a daughter, Sandra and husband Junior Cohagen, Kewanna; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jane and husband Eugene Foley, Rochester. He was preceded in death by eight brothers and two sisters.

His funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Salem Cemetery, northwest of Fulton. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Anthony Fredrick Plothow III**

Oct. 31, 1931-Oct. 8, 2007

PLYMOUTH - Anthony Fredrick "Fritz" PLOTHOW III, of Leiters Ford, formerly of Plymouth, died, following a brief illness, at 9:05 p.m. on Monday in Community North Hospital, Indianapolis. His loving wife and four children were by his side.

Fritz was a little over three weeks shy of his 76th birthday.

Born on Oct. 31, 1931, in Peru, he was the son of Anthony Fredrick Plothow Jr. and Wilma LaVon Henry Plothow.

He graduated with the class of 1949 from Bunker Hill High School and the Pharmacy School of Purdue University. He also was a graduate of the 1957 class of the University of Chicago-School of Medicine.

Fritz served in the United States Army in World War II as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps.

On Sept. 21, 1963, Fritz and Patricia L. McIntosh were married in Leiters Ford.

Fritz worked for Pitman-Moore Pharmaceuticals in Chicago and then for Dow Chemical Co. He was a pharmacist his entire career, working in the Plymouth area for 20 years. He retired in 1994.

An avid sports fan, he followed Purdue University, the Chicago Bears and Cubs and, his all-time favorite teams, the Plymouth Rockies and Pilgrims.

Fritz was a lifetime member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Fritz and Pat were sealed for eternity in the Washington, D.C., Temple in September of 1982.

Fritz is survived by his loving wife of 44 years and their four children: Anthony F. (Carin) Plothow IV, Plymouth; Karen C. (Howard) Menser, Crestwood, Ky.; Tracey E. (Ken) O'Dell, Noblesville; and Edward A. "Alex" (Janna) Plothow, also of Noblesville.

Seventeen grandchildren also survive. They are Karen and Howard's two children, Whitney and Keith; Tony and Carin's children, Allie, Heather, Tyler, Andria, Haley, Reagan, Audie and Annie; Tracey and Ken's children, Jared, Jamen, Jordan, Ashtin and MaKenna; and Alex and Janna's children, Skylar and Jace.

Two great-grandchildren survive as well. They are Nevaeh and Paige.

Three brothers, Roger, Richard and Steven Plothow of Utah survive, together with two sisters, Wanda Mosser of California and

Susie Werner of Utah. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents and by a daughter, Jennifer Lynn Plohow, who died on Nov. 15, 1965. His in-laws, Woodie and Wilma McGlothin, also preceded Fritz in death.

Friends are invited by Fritz's family to share memories and celebrate his life on Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, in the funeral home. Howard Menser, Fritz's son-in-law, will preside over the service. Interment will be in the Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery, Leiters Ford.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be given in Fritz's memory to the Tracey Plohow O'Dell Pancreas Transplant Fund, c/o Lake City Bank, Plymouth. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

Friday, October 12, 2007

### **Marjory Raymer**

Marjory RAYMER, 87, died at 3:45 a.m. today at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, October 13, 2007

### **Alice M. Mikesell**

Alice M. MIKESELL, 91, 611 School St., Culver, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Survivors include a son, Donald W. Mikesell, Muncie, and a daughter Janet Lowe, Rochester.

Funeral services will be at a later date.



**Marjory Thomas Raymer**

April 25, 1920 - Oct. 12, 2007

Marjory Thomas RAYMER, 87, formerly of Rochester, died at 3:45 a.m. Friday at Millers Merry Manor, Culver.

She was born in Sheldon Wisconsin to John H. and Beatrice Beck Johnson.

Survivors include two sons-in-law, Marco C. Zanadrea of Clinton, In.; John Large of Culver, In.; four granddaughters; Tomi Brock and husband Ron of Rochester, Mitzi Burton and husband Craig of Rochester, Lauren Large of Culver and Alisha Large of Culver, one grandson; Derrick Brewer of Rochester, four great grandchildren; Evan and Ivy Brock of Rochester, Abby and Katie Burton of Rochester; three sisters; Jenny Bryant, of Rochester, Mary Wagoner, of North Manchester, and Mable Butler, of Elkhart.

She was married Feb. 19, 1938 in Fulton County to Floyd Thomas who preceded her in death Jan. 2, 1971. She remarried Nov. 4, 1977 to Charles R. Raymer, in Rochester who preceded her in death, Jan. 31, 1987. She was also preceded in death by her parents, husbands, two daughters; Donnna Zandrea on July 29, 1994, and Rebecca Large on June 26, 2007.

She was a homemaker and worked at Switches of Leiters Ford.

Marjory enjoyed crocheting rugs, quilting blankets for her family, and sewing clothing for herself. She also was an avid flower gardener, with roses being her favorite flower.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Good Family Funeral Home, with Rev. Brian Sewell officiating. Her burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the services in the funeral home on Monday. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, October 15, 2007

**Imogene B. Leedy**

Sept. 2, 1921-Oct. 12, 2007

Imogene B. LEEDY, 86, of 709 E. 700 North, Rochester, died at 6:51 p.m. Friday at home.

The daughter of Howard and Nellie Overmyer Anderson, she married Donald M. Leedy on May 5, 1940, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on Sept. 21, 1983.

A homemaker, she enjoyed vegetable gardening and had a variety of flowers too. Her home was always decorated for the seasons of the year. An avid bird watcher, she could identify birds by their calls. She enjoyed a game of euchre and her canasta club. Her molasses cookies will be remembered by family and friends.

She was a volunteer at the Fulton County Historical Society and a member of the Woodlawn Women's Auxiliary. She was also active in the United Methodist Women's group. She supported Richland Center United Methodist Church and was spiritually-minded.

She found great beauty and humor in all things.

Survivors include a son, James A. Leedy, Hammond; a daughter-in-law, Jenette Leedy, Palos Hills, Ill.; three grandchildren, Jennifer Jenine and Jer; and three great-grandchildren, Jacob, Ema and Juliana. Nieces and nephews also survive. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jerald L. Leedy; a sister, Marcille A. Nigro; and a brother, William Anderson.

Private family services will be held Wednesday. Burial will be at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. Arrangements are by Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**James Ryan Mays**

James Ryan MAYS, 21, died Saturday, due to injuries from a motor vehicle accident.

Survivors include his parents, Jim and Kim Mays, Columbia City; sister, Tricia Mays, Scotland, Ind., and grandparents Bill and Betty Vance, Rochester.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

### **Sharon A. McLochlin**

Sharon A. McLOCHLIN, 62, Logansport, died Friday at St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana in Indianapolis. She was a former executive director of Girl Scouts of Tribal Trails Council.

Surviving are four daughters, Mindy Hooker, Logansport, Deborah Riley, Mattoon, Ill., Melissa Schneider, Fort Wayne, and Lisa Harris, Stafford, Va., and a brother, Robert W. Brown, Logansport.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with visitation from 5 p.m. until the service.

### **Karen Merley Wilson**

March 7, 1949-Oct. 14, 2007

Karen Merley WILSON, 58, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday at the Chase Center, Logansport, where she lived. Her health was failing for 3 1/2 years.

Born in Rochester, she was the daughter of Ted and Letha Mae Newcomer Merley. She graduated from North Miami High School in 1968. She moved to Logansport from Rochester in February 2004.

She was first married to William Fisher. She later married Michael Wilson in June 1984 in Kentucky.

She worked at Torin Manufacturing, now Lau Industries, for 31 years. She was a former member of Macy United Methodist Church and the union affiliated with Lau Industries.

She enjoyed knitting baby afghans and lap robes. She also liked to do word search puzzles and read books. She played bingo three times per week. Her favorite color was purple.

She is survived by three sons, Todd Fisher and friend Stephanie Cole of Winamac, Michael Wilson and companion Elizabeth Marsh, Logansport, and David Andrew "Andy" Wilson and wife Ashley, Logansport; four grandchildren, Autumn and Brayden Wilson, Logansport, and Allayna and David Andrew Wilson Jr., Kokomo; and two sisters. Suzan Fincher and husband Lowell, Macy, and Cheryl Merley, Akron. Her parents preceded her in death.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Gideons International. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

### **Paul 'Red' Davidson**

Memorials for Paul "Red" DAVIDSON, 90, Leiters Ford, who died Oct. 8, may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

### **James Ryan Mays**

Sept. 30, 1986-Oct. 13, 2007

James Ryan MAYS, age 21, died at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, due to injuries from a motor vehicle accident.

Ryan was a 2005 graduate of Columbia City High School and was employed with Da-Lite Screen in Warsaw. He was previously a landscaper with Ground Effects landscaping.

He attended Community of Hope Church. Ryan, as he was known to everyone, enjoyed drawing and listening to his favorite music.

Survivors include his parents, Jim and Kim Mays of Columbia City; a sister, Tricia Mays (Tracy Drew) of Scotland; and grandparents, Pat and Les Bills of Columbia City and Bill and Betty Vance of Rochester. He also leaves behind his girlfriend, Kellie Martin, of Fort Wayne, and of Rochester, an aunt, Brenda Vance, and

cousin, Amanda Vance-Gruss and her husband, David, and their daughter, Molly.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, with visitation one hour prior at the funeral home with Pastor Dan Gregory of Community of Hope Church officiating. A committal service will follow at South Park Cemetery. Memorial bequests may be given in Ryan's memory to the Whitley County Humane Society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences, sign the family guest register book or light a memorial candle, log onto [www.demoneygrimes.com](http://www.demoneygrimes.com).

**Ollie Maude Lucille Pickens**

Sept. 15, 1920-Oct. 14, 2007

Ollie Maude Lucille PICKENS, 87, of Wilson Drive, Dowagiac, Mich., passed away Oct. 14, 2007, at Riveridge Manor in Niles, Mich.

Ollie was born to the late John and Myrtle (Brombly) Smith on Sept. 15, 1920, in Macy.

After finishing high school, Ollie married Orville R. Pickens at a ceremony in Peru on Nov. 22, 1938. Preceding Ollie in death were her parents and her husband, Orville.

She is survived by her two daughters, Connie (Carl) Yeager of Dowagiac and Isabel Dooley of Elkhart; a son, Kenneth Pickens of Niles; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; hosts of great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Dale Smith of Far West, Utah.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, at Bruce Lake Cemetery, Kewanna. Those wishing to make a memorial donation in lieu of flowers may do so to Easter Seals, Attn: Online Giving Coordinator, 230 West Monroe, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60606. Condolences for the family may be left at [www.brownfuneralhomeniles.com](http://www.brownfuneralhomeniles.com). Services have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home, Niles.

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

**Jack Denton**

Nov. 27, 1939 – Sept. 28, 2007

Jack DENTON, 67, of 631 Madison St., Rochester, died at 5:05 a.m. Sept. 28 at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born in Rochester, he was the son of Herman “mike” and Dessie Zimpleman Denton. He attended elementary school and Manitou Training Center. Jack lived most of his life in the Rochester community and was well known here. He was always willing to do anything he was asked to do, with a smile on his face. He was often seen around town on his bicycle.

He worked at the former Main Street Tavern, Chamberlin’s Tavern, Guido’s and was a bus boy at the old and new Colonial Hotel. Later, he worked at the Dug Out and the Main Street Grille.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge, LeRoy Shelton American Legion and a 37-year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, all of Rochester.

Survivors include three sisters, his twin, Julia Wagner of Green Bay, Wis., Virginia “Sis” Heady of Rochester, and June Ann Carson, Everett, Wash.; a brother, Bob Denton, Kewanna; and nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Bill, Jim and Joe Denton, and a sister, Irma Deckard.

His memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with Ted Denton as speaker. At Jack’s request, his body was donated to the Indiana University School of Medicine for anatomy and cell biology research. The family requests “NO FLOWERS” and that any memorials be made to Manitou Training Center of Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Carol S. Macy**

Carol S. MACY, 61, of 2614 Southway 31, Rochester, died at 12:55 a.m. today at home. Her funeral service will be at 1 pm. Friday

at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday. Burial will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery, southeast of Rochester.

**David G. Bowser**

David G. BOWSER, 77, of 307 W. Jackson St., Mentone, died at 3:10 a.m. today at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

**Charles Merrill Stevens**

Charles M. STEVENS, 85, formerly of Rochester, died Saturday in Elkhart.

Surviving are children, Carol Jeffries of Mishawaka, Martha Kirsch of Noblesville, Robert "Bob" M. Stevens of Granger, Maxine Carr and Sally Cole, both of Leesburg, and Paul Genstler of Carmel, Calif.; a sister, Hazel Graham of Crossville, Tenn.; a brothers, John Wesley Stevens of Elkhart and Ernest Stevens of North Carolina.

Funeral services will be 5 p.m. Friday in Palmer Funeral Home – River Park, South Bend, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Thursday, October 18, 2007

**David G. Bowser**

April 1, 1930-Oct. 17, 2007

David G. BOWSER, 77, of 307 W. Jackson St., Mentone, died at 3:10 a.m. Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, after a brief illness.

Born in Mentone to Edward and Opal Marquess Bowser, he was a lifetime Mentone area resident. In 1948, he graduated from Mentone High School, where he played basketball and baseball.

He married Eileen R. Kercher on June 12, 1948, at Mentone United Methodist Church and she survives at home.

He was a meat cutter for L & B Market, Mentone, in the earlier years and had worked at Midwest Spring in Mentone.

A member of Mentone United Methodist Church, he belonged to the Mentone Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years and was a longtime Mentone Lions Club member.

He was a lifetime Chicago Cubs fan. He did a lot of genealogy and loved U.S. history and gardening.

In addition to his wife, Eileen Bowser, he is survived by a daughter, Amy and husband Ryan Williams, Leesburg, Va.; two sons, Rex Bowser and wife Kathy, Chandler, Ariz., and Reid Bowser and wife Betty, Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Melea and Brittany Williams, Jarrod, Justin, Matthew and Kasey Bowser; four great-grandchildren, Taylor and Payton Bowser, Simon Bowser and Wyatt Gibbs; and three sisters, Phyllis Alber, Rochester, Rebecca and husband Larry Stavedahl, Mentone, and Margaret Bruner, Warsaw. He was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Flory, and four brothers, Earl DeVerl, Carl and Wayne Bowser.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Doris Smith of Mentone United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday followed by a masonic lodge service. Memorials may be made to Mentone United Methodist Church.

### **Elmer J. Gross**

Elmer J. GROSS, 68, Peru, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Ann Sullivan Gross; two sons, Gary J. Gross, Tennessee, and Rodney L. Gross, Indianapolis; two sisters, Pauline Smith, South Carolina, and Jean Shay, Delphi; and two brothers, Paul Edward Gross, Peru, and Raymond Charles Gross, California.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, Peru, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.



**Carol S. Macy**

Nov. 29, 1945-Sept. 17, 2007

Carol S. MACY, 61, of 2614 Southway 31, Rochester, died at 12:55 a.m. Wednesday at home.

Born in Fulton, she was the daughter of Randall and Gertrude L. Michael McCroskey. She graduated from North Caston High School in 1963.

On Jan. 7, 1964, she married Robert Macy in Fulton and he survives.

She and her husband co-owned Van Duyne Pre-Cast Concrete Co., Rochester, and she was the secretary. She had also worked at the former Farmers and Merchants Bank of Rochester.

She enjoyed antiques, glassware, her cats and attending estate sales.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a sister, Margaret Ditto of Kendallville; a niece, Kim and husband Neal Stalhiem, Anderson; and a nephew, Todd Ditto and wife Angel of Kendallville. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Richard Dean officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery, southeast of Rochester. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

**Jean Pritchard**

Jean PRITCHARD, 79, of 102 Millers Drive, Mentone, died at 6:44 p.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

**Esther Lois Reed**

Esther Lois (Bolinger) REED passed away in her home, 305 Marigold Court, Plymouth, at 11:20 a.m. on Oct. 17, 2007, 16 months after her diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. She fought courageously and

without complaint, ending her battle while in the loving care of her family.

Born Nov. 23, 1927, in Blue Island, Ill., Esther moved with her family to Argos in 1936, graduated from Argos High School in 1945, and lived in Marshall County thereafter. She was preceded in death by her parents, O. Earl and Lois E. (Oyler) Bolinger, brother Ora R. Bolinger (World War II) and oldest son, Phil Earl Reed on March 20, 1990.

Esther was married to James Roy Reed on June 5, 1949, in the Walnut Church of the Brethren.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Roy. Six children also survive. They are: Gloria F. (Kevin) Nelson, Indianapolis; Michael L. (Stacie) Reed, Plymouth; Donald R. (Vickie) Reed, Argos; Marlin K. (Tari) Reed, Plymouth; Mark A. Reed, South Bend; Robert E. (Cindy) Reed, Indianapolis; a sister Doris (Robert) Kingsafer at South Bend; and a brother Edward H. (Peg) Bolinger at Wheaton, Ill. Also surviving are eight grandchildren: Stephen Nelson, John (Adrian) Reed, Gina (Robert) McMillen, Andrew Nelson, Ryan Reed, Jennifer (Frank) Wills, Clint (Leslie) Reed and Matthew Reed.

She was also great-grandmother to Lilianna and Dayton, stepgrandmother to Kyle, Ryan and Maicee and three stepgreat-grandchildren and Aunt Esther to many nieces and nephews.

After obtaining an associate's degree in business from Manchester College, Esther worked as a legal secretary for the State Exchange Bank. She retired in 1986, as secretary to the president of the Culver State Exchange Bank. Esther then worked in the office for A Homestead Shoppe in LaPaz for 18 years, retiring in October 2006 when her illness made it difficult to continue. Esther served on the Union-North United School Board for eight years.

Roy and Esther enjoyed many years together traveling, driving through the country and dining out.

Esther was an avid reader, always willing to share her many books. She enjoyed the many flowers and birds in their yard. She was an excellent cook, known by many for her chocolate chip cookies.

She will be remembered as a devoted wife, loving mother, sister and aunt, a special friend, mentor and example of faith, courage and quiet strength to many.

Friends may visit with the family from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to the 2 p.m. services at the Walnut Church of the Brethren in Argos on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007. Pastor Robert "Bob" Rice will preside. Burial will follow at the Walnut Church of the Brethren in Argos. Memorial contributions may be made to the Philip E. Reed Scholarship Fund c/o the LaPaz Lions Club, the Marshall County Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site, [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

Friday, October 19, 2007

### **Jean Pritchard**

Jean PRITCHARD, 79, of 102 Miller's Drive, Mentone, died Wednesday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include two daughters, Jacque Bradley, Mentone, and Jeri Hoskins, Warsaw; two sons, Jeff Pritchard, Winona Lake, and Tom Rosen, Savannah, Ga.; two sisters, Barb Ross, Mentone, and Janet Brooks, Bourbon; and a brother, Richard King, Warsaw.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday.

### **Bonnie Bast**

Bonnie BAST, 83, Torrance, Calif., passed away Sept. 12 at the Harbor City hospital.

She was born in Rochester to the late Velma Daulton Vigus and Dee Sheets.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Bast, of Torrance, Calif., two daughters and a son. She was preceded in death by a daughter, a son, and two sisters, Billie June and Mary Lou.

Burial was at the Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach, Calif.

**William Robert Smith**

William Robert SMITH, 68, of 404 Indiana St., Argos, died at 2:10 p.m. Thursday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Myrtle Young**

Myrtle YOUNG, 85, of 1271 14 B Road, Bourbon, died at 5 p.m. Thursday at home. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Saturday, October 20, 2007

**Myrtle L. Young**

Myrtle L. YOUNG, 82, of 1271 14B Road, Bourbon, died Thursday at home.

Survivors include two daughters, Cheryl Ramer, Goshen, and Faith Shambaugh, Warsaw; two sons, Glenn Young, Nappanee, and Doyle Young, Bourbon; three sisters, Marg Overlander, Knox, Katherine Alexander, Goshen, and Emma Ernest, Goshen; two brothers, Douglas Rensberger, Nappanee, and Willie Rensberger, Warsaw.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Bourbon Bible church, Bourbon, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Monday, October 22, 2007

**Phyllis Lavelli Mars**

Phyllis Lavelli MARS, 87, 1412 Ingram Drive, Sun City Center, Fla., formerly of Culver, died at 10:48 p.m. Wednesday at home.

Survivors include her husband, John R. Mars, at home; sons Anthony Mars, Orlando, Fla., and Dr. J. Peter Mars, of Boulder, Colo.; sisters Doris Duff and Virginia Lovett, New Hampshire. Her funeral service is at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Culver Academies Memorial Chapel. There will be no visitation.

**William R. 'Bob' Smith Jr.**

Dec. 16, 1938-Oct. 18, 2007

William R. "Bob" SMITH Jr., 68, 404 Indiana Ave., Argos, went home to be with his Lord on Oct. 18, 2007, at 2:10 p.m. at Life Care Center of Rochester after two years of illness.

He was born Dec. 16, 1938, in North Judson to William R. and Gertrude Armentrout Smith. He married Dorothy M. McGriff on Sept. 14, 1958, in Plymouth at the Assembly of God Church.

He lived in the Argos community for 31 years. He worked in quality control for Newmar in Nappanee and retired in 2000. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Macon from 1956 to 1959 and in the naval reserve until 1962. He was a member of the American Rabbit Breeders Association.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy M. Smith, Argos; one daughter, Patricia (Dallas) Richardson, Mentone; one son, Robert (Ginger) Smith of Knox; 11 grandchildren, Jessica, Leah, Susannah, Cassia, Anna, Rebekah, Charissa, Noah, Isaiah Richardson of Mentone, and William and Andrew Smith of Knox; his mother, Gertrude (David) Joseph, of Plymouth; and two brothers, Richard (Joyce) Smith, Holiday Island, Ark., and David (Linda) Smith, Loogootee. He was preceded in death by his father and a grandson, Noah Ross Richardson.

Friends may visit with the family from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Doug Jividen, Plymouth Baptist Church, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-](mailto:memorials@earl-)

grossmanfuneral.com. Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Pauline Johnson**

Pauline JOHNSON, 91, 3618 Manitou Park Road, Rochester, died at 10:55 p.m. Friday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

**Esther M. Shoemaker**

Ester M. Fanning SHOEMAKER, 94, died at 7:32 p.m. Saturday at Del Amo Gardens Convalescent Hospital, Torrance, Calif. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Robert Zeller**

Robert ZELLER, 83, formerly of Rochester and Schererville, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

**Pauline Anna Johnson**

Oct. 22, 1916-Oct. 19, 2007

Pauline Anna JOHNSON, 90, Rochester, and formerly of Cass City, Mich., died Friday, Oct. 19, at home.

She was born Oct. 22, 1916, in Cass City to Stephen and Beatrice (Hartwick) Dodge. She married James R. "Doc" Johnson on Nov. 6, 1938, in Angola. He died June 24, 1997.

Pauline graduated from Cass City High School and was active in the community orchestra. She was employed many years in the health care field. Pauline loved sewing, quilting, baking and playing the piano. The most important thing in Pauline's life was her family. She loved the holidays with all the kids home.

Pauline is survived by her children: James R. (Mary) Johnson Jr., of Elkhart; Anna M. (Robert) Bozzo, Rochester; grandchildren Timothy (Deadra) Johnson, Elkhart; Randy (Jennifer) Johnson,

Elkhart, A.J. Bozzo, Rochester, Geoffrey (Michelle) Johnson, Elkhart, Elizabeth Johnson, Royal Oak; 10 great-grandchildren; friend and caregiver, Cathy Crist.

Her funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, in Novesta Church of Christ with Chuck Emmert officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Pallbearers for Mrs. Johnson: Timothy Johnson, Randy Johnson, Geoffrey Johnson, Timmy Johnson, A.J. Bozzo and Dick Darling.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, 420 Main St., P.O. Box 621, Rochester, 46975. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com). Visitation is 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, and 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Novesta Church of Christ. Arrangements are by Kranz Funeral Home.

### **Maude I. Nutt**

Maude I. NUTT, 91, 300 W. Fourth St., died at 8:28 a.m. today at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Robert 'Bob' L. Zeller**

July 14, 1924-Oct. 21, 2007

Robert "Bob" L. ZELLER, 83, formerly of 926 Wabash Ave., died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday at Life Care Center, Rochester. He had been failing in health for two years.

Born July 14, 1924, in Rochester to Robert and Audrey Wood Zeller, he lived his entire life in the Rochester community. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1942. On Aug. 27, 1949, in Rochester, he married Faye D. Pontius, who preceded him in death on Dec. 21, 2001.

He was the assistant postmaster at the Rochester Post Office until retiring in 1981. He was a member of First Baptist Church, where he was very active, serving as a deacon, on the financial committee and assisting in recording services. He was a member of Moose Lodge No. 1107 and Elks No. 2120. He was a U.S. Army Air

Corps veteran, serving during World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Survivors include one son, Don and wife Laura, Schererville; three granddaughters, Beth Kennedy and husband Chris, Griffith; Amy Gomez and husband Jason, Camp Lejeune, N.C., Kimberly Zeller, Schererville; two great-grandchildren, Emilee and Josh Kennedy, Griffith; a sister-in-law, Marjorie Zeller, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and two brothers, Jim and Lester Zeller.

His funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial will be in Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service on Thursday in the funeral home. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

**Maude I. Nutt**

Aug. 19, 1916-Oct. 23, 2007

Maude I. NUTT, 91, 300 W. Fourth St., No. 5A, died at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday at her residence.

She had been ill several years and received hospice care for four months.

Born Aug. 19, 1916, in Miami County to Elmer E. and Effie Moore Cox, she married Delbert L. Nutt on Nov. 22, 1942, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on Sept. 2, 1995. She lived most of her life in Fulton County, moving from Miami County.

Maude was a homemaker and worked at Hart Schaffner & Marx Corp., Rochester, from the day it opened to the day it closed. She was a 45-year member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church and also



served several years on the Fulton County Mental Health Association Board. She was a member of the Hart's Retiree Club, an honorary member of Talma Lions Club and was a breast cancer survivor.

Survivors include: one daughter, Gloria Knox, Rochester; eight grandchildren, Daniel J. Miller, Rochester, Thomas J. Miller, New Albany, Angel Miller Skidmore and husband Travis, Rochester, Pamela Daulton and husband David, Rochester, and Sandy, Carol, Lee Ann and Teresa Snyder, all of California; seven great-grandchildren, Deby Skidmore Gauthier, Lincoln, Neb., T.J. Miller, stationed in Iraq with the U.S. Army, Catherine Skidmore, Minneapolis, Minn., Krystle Daulton Luhnnow, Selly Skidmore, Krystopher Daulton and Dan Miller Jr., all of Rochester; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son, James Snyder; five sisters, Gladys Hisey, Pearl Wiggins, Ruth Detrick and, in their infancy, June and Myrtle; and by three brothers, Guy, Ralph and Edward.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Reichter Cemetery, northeast of Rochester, with Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Thursday, October 25, 2007

### **Kathie A. Johnson**

Kathie Ann JOHNSON, 47, 496 S. Indiana 14, Akron, died at 3:40 a.m. today at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

### **Irene Secor**

Irene SECOR, 92, Akron, died at 1:25 p.m. Wednesday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester. Funeral arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Carter S. Winn**

Carter S. WINN, 32, Winamac, died at his residence Tuesday. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel.

**Esther Shoemaker**

Esther M. Fanning SHOEMAKER, 94, Redondo Beach, Calif., formerly of Mentone, died at 7:32 p.m. Oct. 20 at Del Amo Gardens Convalescent Hospital, Torrance, Calif.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherry Ellsasser, Lubbock, Texas; and Sue Kammer, Bonita Springs, Fla.; two sons, Joe Shoemaker, South Whitley, and Howard Shoemaker, Redondo Beach.

Visitation is 11:30 a.m. to noon Friday at Walnut Church of the Brethren Cemetery, 19056 Gumwood Road, Argos. Her funeral service will be graveside at the church at noon Friday.

Friday, October 26, 2007

**Carter S. Winn**

May 22, 1975-Oct. 23, 2007

Services for Carter S. WINN, 32, of Winamac will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel.

He died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at his residence.

Born May 22, 1975, in Logansport, Indiana, he was the son of Gary L. Winn and Connie S. (Dolph) Donato-Fitz. They survive.

Carter was a 1993 graduate of Pioneer High School. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 2580, Moose Lodge No. 2513, both of Winamac, and the AMVETS Post No. 91 of Monticello. Carter enjoyed karaoke and dancing.

Carter had been a welder at the Braun Corporation, Winamac, for 14 years.

Surviving are his father, Gary L. Winn of Winamac; mother, Connie S. Donato-Fitz (Jerry "Tony") of Monon; brother, Steven L. Winn (Betty) of Winamac; brother, Jason D. Winn (Marie) of Star

City; and twin brother, Cory J. Winn (Brandi) of Rochester; nieces, Crystal and Ashley Winn; and nephews, Cody, Braxton, Cooper and Ryan Winn. Carter is also survived by many friends.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Dean and Marie Winn and maternal grandparents, Leo "Dick" and Lela Dolph.

Burial will be at Bell Center Cemetery, Idaville, Indiana.

Friends may call from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Royal Center, Ind...

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 2580, P.O. Box 129, Winamac, IN 46996, in care of Carter S. Winn Scholarship Fund.

Online condolences may be made to the Winn family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

### **Irene E. Secor**

Dec. 8, 1914-Oct. 24, 2007

Irene E. SECOR, 92, 213 N. Mishawaka St., Akron, died at 1:25 p.m. Wednesday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Born Dec. 8, 1914, in Miami County to Wesley and Bertha Dukes Bowen, she married Daniel Secor on June 28, 1936, in Rochester. He passed away Oct. 13, 1966.

She had been a business manager at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester, retiring after 27 years there. She was a member of Akron United Methodist Church and the Amicus Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen and husband Larry Fawcett, North Manchester, and Janice and husband William Brown, Zionsville; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Irene was the youngest of seven children, two brothers and four sisters, all of whom preceded her in death.

Her funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Karen Ottjes officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home. Memorial

donations may be made to Akron United Methodist Church or The American Cancer Society.

Saturday, October 27, 2007

[None]

Monday, October 29, 2007

**Robert C. Artis**

Robert C. ARTIS, 49, of 8855 S. Lincoln St., Monterey, died Oct. 21 in Monterey.

Survivors include two daughters, Dawn Hailey, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Shavon Hailey, and five sisters, Cassandra Artis, Rose Artis, Brooklyn, N.Y., Dawn Ahee, Brooklyn, N.Y., Cathy Irby, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Annquinette Holms, Orangeburg, S.C.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at First Baptist Church of Kings Lake. There is no visitation. Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is handling arrangements.

**Jack Cover**

Jack COVER, 80, Rochester, died at 1:09 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Marvin P. Gagnon**

Aug. 2, 1933-Oct. 27, 2007

Marvin P. GAGNON, 74, of 310 E. Rochester St., Akron, died at 3:25 p.m. Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a short illness.

Born in Wabash County, he was the son of Floyd and Faye Crist Gagnon. A 1951 graduate of Akron High School, he married Violet M. Sitts on June 26, 1954, in Akron, and she survives.

He started working at Bahney Chevrolet in Akron at age 16. In 1974, he became co-owner and in 1979, it became Gagnon Chevrolet. His family also joined the business, which continues today.

He attended Akron Church of God, where he served on the board.

A very active community leader, he loved Akron. He was the secretary of the Akron Lions Club and was a past president. He was also a member and past president of the Akron Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Akron Fourth of July Committee and was a past Fourth of July parade marshal. He received several recognition awards from Chevrolet over the years. He was a member of the Toastmasters Club in Rochester and was involved with Akron EMS for 12 years. He enjoyed stock car racing and NASCAR. His favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt.

In addition to his wife, Violet Gagnon of Akron, he is survived by a daughter, Kathy and husband Craig Ammerman, Akron; three sons, John and wife Lesa Gagnon, Akron, Robert and wife Pamela Gagnon, Rochester, and Terry and wife Sandy Gagnon, Akron; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter and a brother, Marion Gagnon.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Akron Church of God, 301 S. West St., Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield and Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Roann Community Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Memorials may be made to Akron Lions Club or Akron Church of God.

### **Wyatt Alexander Kegarise**

Aug. 3, 2007-Oct. 26, 2007

Wyatt Alexander KEGARISE, age 2 months and 23 days, of 6461 N. 150 West, Rochester, passed on into the arms of the Lord at 10:25 a.m. Friday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a sudden illness.

He was born Aug. 3, 2007, in Warsaw, the son of John D. and Shannon V. Overmyer Kegarise.

Although his life was short, he affected many through the generous donation of his organs to other children in need all across the United States. From Miami to Dallas to Denver and San Francisco, his unselfish donation has helped to heal and give hope to other families in despair and need.

He is survived by his parents; two sisters, Morgan A. and Lindsay A. Kegarise, at home; maternal grandparents, Dale and Faye Overmyer, Rochester; paternal grandparents, Donald and Kathy Kegarise, Kewanna; maternal aunts, Christine McMinn and husband Scott, Russiaville, and Angela Overmyer, Rochester; a maternal uncle, Philip Overmyer and wife Pam, Rochester; paternal aunts, Aryn Freels and husband Clayton, Royal Center, and Andra Kegarise, Kewanna. Also surviving are cousins, Allison and Austin McMinn, Russiaville; Madison White, Kewanna, and Olivia Freels, Royal Center. Numerous great-aunts and great-uncles survive.

A celebration of Wyatt's life will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Riverview Community Church, 3780 Indiana 110, near Talma, with the Rev. Rod Ruberg officiating. Interment will be at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery, northwest of Rochester. Friends may call at the church from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be made to the Riverview Community Church - Kegarise Fund. Arrangements are entrusted to Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Electronic condolences may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Judge Gene B. Lee**

Judge Gene B. LEE, 83, of 1817 Deer Trail, Warsaw, died at 1:27 p.m. Thursday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee of Warsaw, and four children.

A graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, he served as Kosciusko Circuit Court Judge from 1963 to 1979 and was appointed

to the federal bench as a U.S. magistrate in 1979. He was an officer and member of Republican committees in Kosciusko County and the Second District. He was a delegate to the Republican State Convention nine times and an alternate to the Republican National Convention in 1952.

His memberships included the Free and Accepted Masons, Warsaw Lodge No. 73, and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Calling hours will be two hours prior to the service. A memorial service will be held by the Kosciusko County Bar Association on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Kosciusko County Justice Building, Warsaw.

### **Sally Leininger**

Sally LEININGER, 69, of 300 W. Fourth St., Rochester, died at 2:20 a.m. Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Jack Allen Zeek**

Jack Allen ZEEK, 84, Royal Center, died Saturday at the Chase Center, Logansport.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary June McIntire and Norma J. Howard, both of Royal Center, Rebecca J. Johnson, Ohio, and Jackie Cain, Logansport, and five sisters, Edith Nichols, Buffalo, Marion Benson, Logansport, Mary Lou Ezra, Winamac, Midge Maddox, Buffalo, and Zelma Ross, Logansport.

His funeral service will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center, with visitation from 2 p.m. until the service.

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

**Jack Cover**

Feb. 25, 1927-Oct. 28, 2007

Jack COVER, 80, of 1113 Hill St., Rochester, passed away at 1:09 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born on Feb. 25, 1927, in Denver, the son of Ralph E. and Hildur H. (Ogren) Cover. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theater and in the Korean War with the U.S. Air Force 61st Airborne Troop Glider Squadron.

Mr. Cover retired from Square D in Peru. He was a member of the Rochester American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Moose Lodge and the Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed playing golf and fishing.

Survivors include his daughter, Gloria Jean and husband Don Mitchell, Franklin; grandchildren, Mindy and husband Jon Belton, Franklin, and Christy and Josh Gregory, Whiteland; great-grandchildren, Morgan and Aurora Belton, Whiteland; sisters, Betty Klampe, Waseca, Wis., Alice Hively, Rochester, and Miriam Gordon, Rochester; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Denny Dean Mitchell; and brothers, Harvey Cover and Palmer "Punk" Cover.

No visitation or funeral services will be observed. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Jacquelin Jefferies**

Jacquelin JEFFERIES, 76, of 3465 18B Road, Tippecanoe, died at 7:30 p.m. Monday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Kathie Ann Johnson**

Kathie Ann JOHNSON, 47, of 496 S. Indiana 14, Akron, died Thursday at home.



Survivors include her parents, Roy and Carolyn Sedrel, Crossville, Tenn.; two daughters, Alena Miller, Warsaw, and Jonna Reffitt, South Carolina; and a half sister, Bracha Elliot, Sunnyvale, Calif.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 10 at Olive Branch Church of God, Roann.

### **Sally Leininger**

Aug. 9, 1938-Oct. 28, 2007

Sally A. LEININGER, 69, of 300 E. Fourth St., Rochester, died at 2:20 a.m. Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she was a patient since Oct. 12. She was in failing health for three years.

Born Aug. 9, 1938, in Springfield, Ill., she was the daughter of William Alfred and Helen McNamara Smith. She lived most of her life in the Akron and Rochester communities, except 15 years when she lived in Fort Wayne and Auburn.

She married Larry Sylvester Leininger in March 1959.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, she retired from Emro Marketing - Speedway gas station.

She loved her children, grandchildren and her cats.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Williams and husband Sam, Judi Alderfer and husband Richard, Penny Simpson and husband Doug, all of Rochester; two sons, Mike Leininger, Paducah, Ky., and Bill Leininger and wife Tish, Akron; 11 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Lila Rose, age 6 months.

Her funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service Thursday at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**June Welling**

June WELLING, 81, Leiters Ford, died this morning at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

**Jacquelin Jefferies**

April 11, 1931-Oct. 29, 2007

Jacqueline JEFFERIES, 76, of 3465 18 B Road, Tippecanoe, died at 7:30 p.m. Monday at home. She was ill for 2 1/2 years.

Born in Indianapolis to Roscoe and Elnora Sampson Hinkle, she graduated from Rochester High School in 1949.

On Nov. 28, 1954, in Rochester, she married Harold Jefferies, who survives.

She lived in Tippecanoe for 54 years after moving from Rochester.

A homemaker, she retired from Wire Craft. She enjoyed flower gardening, reading, using her computer and e-mailing her friends.

She is also survived by a daughter, Jody Luke and husband Michael of Goshen; two grandchildren, Jason and Kelly Luke of Goshen; a sister, Janith Kay Williams of Nacogdoches, Texas; her mother-in-law, Arlene Jefferies of South Bend; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Jeri Jefferies; and a brother.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Robert Jarboe officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice Inc., P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581, or the American Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Judith E. Thomas**

Judith E. THOMAS, 67, of 1154 S. 1450 East, Akron, died at 11:46 p.m. Tuesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**La June Welling**

Oct. 27, 1926-Oct. 30, 2007

La June WELLING, 81, of Main Street, Leiters Ford, died at 8:10 a.m. Tuesday at home.

Born in DeLong, she was the daughter of Cleve and Pearl Bunnell Kline. She lived most of her life in Leiters Ford.

On Sept. 30, 1951, in Leiters Ford, she married M. Leon Welling, who preceded her in death in 1988.

A homemaker, she worked at the former Wiles Department Store. A lifetime member of Leiters Ford United Methodist Church, she worked as its secretary for 30 years. She belonged to the former NBC Club.

Survivors include a son, Craig Brian Welling, Elkhart; a daughter-in-law, Debra Welling-Adams; four grandchildren, Blair Kimble Welling, Elkhart, Whitney Michelle Welling, Holly Anna Adams, James T. Adams, all of Plymouth; a great-grandchild; and four sisters, Dorothy Talbott, Monterey, Wilhelmine "Martha" Ginther of Washington, Bernice Hartz, Leiters Ford, and Frances Bowersox, South Bend. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Todd Welling, in 1992; a grandson, Evan Christopher Welling, in 1987; two sisters, Betty Stayton and Margaret Corbin; and a brother, Robert Kline.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Leiters Ford United Methodist Church with the Rev. Karen K. Rhoades Welling and the Rev. Fred Stayton officiating. Burial will be at Leiters Ford Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to the service at the church. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Thursday, November 1, 2007

### **Worth Martin Haney**

April 12, 1978-Oct. 29, 2007

Worth Martin HANEY of Akron, Indiana, the 29-year-old son of Robert Haney (Warsaw, Indiana) and Kathleen Haney (Barnum, Minnesota), gave his life helping a woman and baby, victims of a rollover on I-65 in Louisville, Kentucky, Monday, October 29, 2007.

"A hero." "A Good Samaritan." So described in the Louisville media and by those who left comments in the Courier-Journal newspaper. His family, wife Jamie (nee Hawk from Grand Rapids, Minnesota), nearly 9-year-old daughter Brianna, and 7-year-old son Dominick, knew he was that and more.

Born April 12, 1978, in Goshen, Indiana, Worth was spoiled by his older siblings, Tammi (Ted Parker - Silver Lake, Indiana), Robin (Denver, Colorado), Scott (Jessica Vitale - South Bend, Indiana), and Ron (Mishawaka, Indiana).

Extremely bright, Worth sailed through Indiana schools in Mishawaka, South Bend, and Rochester, and Minnesota schools in Coleraine, Grand Rapids, and Moose Lake where he was graduated in 1996 having never turned in a lick of homework much to the consternation of his parent and teachers! (Don't try that at home!) He then pursued a career in respiratory therapy until his compassion for people made the daily situations he saw impossible to bear.

Though residing in Minnesota since 1987, he always considered Indiana to be his home. In 2005 he moved his own family to Silver Lake, Indiana, where he continued as a professional, licensed big rig handler. June 2007 he and his family firmly settled in their own home in Akron, Indiana, which was also home to many relatives on his father's side.

So it was October 29, 2007, found him southbound to Florida on I-65 in Louisville when a few minutes before 1:00 p.m. he witnessed a northbound car hit the median and flip. He pulled off, stopped, and taking extreme safety precautions ran back until he was

directly opposite the crash site before ensuring he had plenty of time to cross the 4 traffic lanes to reach the mother and child.

Unbeknownst to him, however, an oncoming vehicle, was on track to blindside him.

Worth Martin Haney, faithful to his God, Jehovah, was pronounced dead at 4:00 p.m. in Louisville, Kentucky.

Worth is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews on both parents' sides, in addition to numerous friends throughout the United States.

A Memorial talk will be given at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses - 1563 North State Road 25 - Rochester, Indiana, at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2007.

### **Judith E. Thomas**

Judith E. THOMAS, 67, of 1154 S. 1450 East, (Rock Lake), Akron, died Tuesday at home.

Survivors include a daughter, Judith L. Hackworth, and two sons, William L. Cunningham and Thomas Cunningham, all of Akron; and a sister, Janice Armstrong, Alexandria.

Her funeral service will be at noon Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the service.

### **Harvey Nickel**

Harvey NICKEL, 83, of 1149 W. Sixth St., Rochester, died at 8:20 a.m. today at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, November 2, 2007

### **Harvey A. Nickell**

Nov. 15, 1924-Nov. 1, 2007

Harvey A. NICKELL, 82, of 1149 W. Sixth St., Rochester, died at 8:20 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Life Care Center, Rochester. His health was failing for two years.

Born in Fulton County, he was the son of James and Minnie Ward Nickell. He lived his entire life in this community.

He married Vandetta P. Melton on Aug. 31, 1946, in Rochester. She died on Aug. 28, 1995.

A U.S. Navy veteran, he worked as a supervisor at Torx for 37 years.

He belonged to First Christian Church and Pheasants Forever and had been a member of LeRoy Shelton American Legion, Moose Lodge and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Harvey enjoyed many outdoor activities. As an American sportsman, he hunted in the backwoods of Ontario, Canada, once bagging a 1,800-pound cow moose. Harvey's most productive visit to Canada netted 13 deer, a moose and two black bears, all of this with the collaborative efforts of his hunting buddies. He also enjoyed deep sea fishing off the California coast.

As an avid NFL fan, Harvey attended two Super Bowls, in Miami and San Francisco.

He is survived by two sons, Richard L. Nickell and Ronald L. Nickell and wife Tina, all of Rochester; a daughter-in-law, Shirley Nickell, Port Charlotte, Fla.; five grandchildren, Brandon Nickell, Melissa and Alisha Nickell, James and Chad Ullery of Port Charlotte, Fla.; great-grandchildren, Kelsy, Destiney, Chevy Lee, Randi, Garrett, Codi, Makayla, Arianna, Alexis, Laney and Caden; great-great-grandson, Matthew; a sister, Helen Kelly, Rochester; and a brother, B. R. Nickell, Logansport. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; a sister, Irene Hunter; and three brothers, Ward Nickell, Elwood Pieratt and Omar Pieratt.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery, with military graveside rites by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Saturday. Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or the

Alzheimer's Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Saturday, November 3, 2007

**James Kenneth Hooks**

Oct. 13, 1952-November 2, 2007

James Kenneth HOOKS, 55, of 407 E. rural Street, Akron, and long time resident of Argos, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He was born on October 13, 1952 in Rochester, the son of Junior and Rosa Lee (Cole) Hooks. He was a 1971 graduate of Akron High School.

He had worked as a Tool & Die Maker at Biomet in Warsaw. He had also worked at Fulton Industries and Kroger in Rochester. He had attended Athens United Methodist Church and enjoyed NASCAR, restoring cars and walking and greeting people with "Fun, Fun, Fun" in Akron. Survivors include his son, Christopher and wife Kelli Hooks, Rochester; grandchildren Carter and Kyndal Hooks, Rochester; sister Brenda Harrell, Athens; nieces Tammy and husband Bill Utter, Akron and Melissa Artist, Rochester; great niece and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 4-5 pm. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be at a later date at Athens Cemetery, Athens. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Berne O. Jones**

January 23, 1915-November 1, 2007

Berne O. JONES, 92, Argos, formerly of Macy, passed away at 6:07 p.m. on Thursday at his residence.

Born January 23, 1915 in Wabash County, he was the son of Oliver and Georgia Eckelbarger Jones.

On October 14, 1939 he was married to Mildred A. Mathias, and she survives.

Survivors include one daughter, Marvis A. Morgan and her husband Jim, Argos; four sons, Berne L. Jones and his wife Holly, Kooskia, Idaho; Glen E. Jones and his wife Chris, Rochester; Dale L. Jones and his wife Sherry, Oxford; and Carl D. "Pete" Jones and his wife Ladeana, Peru; 13 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and 4 step grandchildren.

A brother, Francis Bernell "Shorty" Jones, preceded his in death.

He retired from Norfolk and Western having worked most of his railroad career for the Nickel Plate Railroad.

Mr. Jones was a member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Argos American Legion, Rochester O.F.S. No. 70, and the Lincoln Masonic Lodge No. 523, Macy and the North Miami Sheep Breeders Association. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Occupied Japan during World War II.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday at McClain Funeral Home with Pastor Wayne Balmer officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Friends may call from 3-7:00 on Sunday at the funeral home where a Masonic Service will be held at 7:00.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

Monday, November 5, 2007

**John J. 'Jeff' Brubaker**

John J. "Jeff" BRUBAKER, 56, of 109 Clayton St., Rochester, died at 12:05 p.m. Saturday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.



**Frederick L. Butcher**

Frederick "Fred" L. BUTCHER, 81, Denver, died at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. Arrangements are pending.

**James Kenneth Hooks**

Oct. 13, 1952—Nov. 2, 2007

James Kenneth HOOKS 55, of 407 E. Rural St., Akron, and longtime resident of Argos, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1952, in Rochester, the son of Junior and Rosa Lee (Cole) Hooks. He was a 1971 graduate of Akron High School.

He worked as a tool and die maker at Biomet in Warsaw. He also worked at Fulton Industries and Kroger in Rochester. He attended Athens United Methodist Church and enjoyed NASCAR, restoring cars and walking and greeting people with "Fun, Fun, Fun" in Akron.

Survivors include his son, Christopher and wife Kelli Hooks, Rochester; grandchildren, Carter and Kyndal Hooks, Rochester; sister, Brenda Harrell, Athens; nieces, Tammy and husband Bill Utter, Akron, and Melissa Artist, Rochester; great-niece and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be at a later date at Athens Cemetery, Athens. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com)

**Frances Mummert**

Frances MUMMERT, 91, longtime Rochester resident, passed away at 7:02 p.m. Sunday at the Peabody Retirement Home, North Manchester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with funeral services scheduled for Wednesday.

**Richard B. 'Dick' Overfield Sr.**

Jan. 28, 1920—Nov. 3, 2007

MUNCIE – Richard B. “Dick” OVERFIELD Sr. was called home to be with his Lord Saturday, living 87 years on earth and is alive with Christ forever.

He was born Jan. 28, 1920, in Lexington, Ky., the son of Gilbert H and Lena (Barbee) Overfield.

Richard graduated from Independence High School in Independence, Kansas. He was a nationally recognized sprinter, earning state champion honors in both the 100- and 220-yard dashes between the years of 1937 and 1938. He attended the University of Kansas, before moving to Compton, Calif., to attend Compton Junior College.

In 1941, Mr. Overfield entered the United States Air Force, where he served for eight years. Captain Overfield was a C-47 pilot and was in the 93<sup>rd</sup> Troop Carrier Group Squadron, which was one of the first groups to drop paratroopers into Normandy on D-Day in June of 1944. Dick was an honorary Columbian Air Force pilot in 1946 and was selected to fly Columbian President Ospina Perez around the country. He also taught Air Force pilots how to fly C-47s before his discharge from service in 1950.

Mr. Overfield acquired Hardesty Moving Company in 1968 and served as president until his death.

Richard was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at Kansas University and the Kiwanis Club. He was baptized in 1920 and confirmed in 1932 as a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Survivors include two sons, Richard B. “Rick” Overfield Jr. (wife-Marcia), Dover, and Travis Overfield (wife-Linda), Muncie; two daughters, Janet Spencer (husband-Mark), Rochester, and Tracy Osborne (husband-Bill), Muncie; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Joyce L. Overfield, and his parents.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church with Rev. Kevin Karner officiating. Burial will be in the

Garden of Memory Cemetery, north of Muncie, at a later date. Friends may call at the Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. today or one hour prior to service time at the church. Memorials may be directed to the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 610 N. Reserve St., Muncie, IN 47303.

Online condolences may be directed to [www.meeksmortuary.com](http://www.meeksmortuary.com).

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

**John Jeffery Brubaker**

Aug. 18, 1951-Nov. 3, 2007

John Jeffery BRUBAKER, 56, of 109 Clayton St. Rochester, passed away Saturday at 12:11 p.m. at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, after a sudden and unexpected fight with pancreatic cancer.

Known to most as "Jeff," he was born Aug. 18, 1951, to Geneva Mae Sloop and John Patrick Brubaker in Rochester. He was a 1969 graduate of Rochester High School, a member of the American Legion Post 76, and a lifetime member of the VFW Father's Auxiliary.

Following in his father's military path with the United States Army, Jeff chose to be a member of the United States Marine Corps until January 1971, when he was given an honorable discharge due to health concerns.

After returning, he met and married Suzanne Silberman in 1974 and together had their daughter, Michelle (Brubaker) Herrell, in June 1975. They later divorced in 1978.

He then met his current wife, Kay Creviston, in 1985, and they were joined in marriage in 1993. She survives.

Jeff spent many years working in printing, concrete construction, as well as working as a cashier at Pak-A-Sak and Paradise Auto & Truck Plaza. He enjoyed being a cashier at Paradise Plaza for the past five years and had his last shift on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007.

A man of few words, he was always quick to lend a helping hand where needed. He enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and grandchildren. Jeff also loved the outdoors, including fishing and hunting, and had a genuine love for music.

Along with his wife, Kay, survivors include four children, Michelle Herrell and husband Scott, Julie Shafer and husband Shanan, Kendra Fuentes and husband Ray, all of Rochester, and Don Creviston and wife Crystal, Leiters Ford. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, Travis and Jeffrey Herrell, Marcus and Kayleigh Williams, Skyler Creviston, Ember, Ebony, Raven and Quincy Lambert, Ashley Creviston, all of Rochester, and Kennedy Creviston, Leiters Ford. He was preceded in death and now joins his grandparents, Robert and Marie Gamble; his parents, John Pat and Geneva Brubaker; and his sister, Teresa Brubaker.

Friends may visit with the family from 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. funeral service Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. The Manitou VFW and the LeRoy Shelton American Legion, both of Rochester, will conduct military rites. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Michelle Herrell, in care of Good Family Funeral Home to help cover medical and funeral expenses. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Frederick 'Fred' L. Butcher**

Oct. 8, 1926-Nov. 4, 2007

Frederick "Fred" L. BUTCHER, 81, of 6671 Eel River Road North, Denver, passed away at 6:45 p.m. Sunday at Howard Regional Health System Hospital, Kokomo.

He was born on Oct. 8, 1926, in Kokomo, the son of John and Leora Jeanette (Worden) Butcher. He was married May 28, 1949, to Dolores Study and she survives.

He worked as a carpenter for more than 35 years and for McMahan-O'Connor Construction Co., Rochester.

He attended Denver Baptist Church. He loved to do woodworking and gardening. His family meant the world to him.

Survivors include daughters, Pamela Raderstorf, Peru, and Kathy Briney and husband Jim, Rochester; two grandsons, Leif Raderstorf of Bremen and Tony Briney of Rochester; two granddaughters, Tobi Lewis of Columbus and Jami Conliff of Rochester; and seven great-grandchildren. He also is survived by three brothers, Robert Butcher and wife Thelma of Denver, Ronnie Butcher and wife Linda of Denver and David Butcher and wife Debbie of Peru, and a sister, Charlotte Hoff and husband Ronald of Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, John; and two sisters, Martha and Genevieve.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Stephen Bates officiating. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Butcher family.

### **Frances Mummert**

July 6, 1916-Nov. 4, 2007

Frances MUMMERT, 91, Peabody Retirement Home, North Manchester, and longtime Rochester resident, passed away at 7:02 p.m. Sunday at the Peabody Retirement Home, North Manchester.

She was born on July 6, 1916, in Bourbon, the daughter of Frank and Chloe Ann (Beck) Wood. On April 11, 1947, in Great Falls, Montana, she married C.R. "Jack" Mummert. He preceded her in death on Oct. 31, 2001.

Mrs. Mummert retired from Topps Industries in Rochester and had been a homemaker. She was a Fort Wayne International Business College graduate and had attended Trinity United Methodist Church and First Christian Church of Rochester.

Survivors include her daughters, Prudi and husband Jack Hott, Rochester, and Chloe Ann Jones and friend Frank Choate, Rochester; grandchildren, Mark and wife Jennifer Hott, Rochester, Bart Hott, Indianapolis, Jace Q. Yates, South Carolina; great-grandchild, Carley

Hott, Rochester; close friends, Franklin and wife Christine Choate, Akron, Ohio, and Cara Beth Choate, Lafayette. She was preceded in death by her three sisters and one brother.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Summit Chapel Cemetery near Bourbon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Public Library. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Jack C. Severns**

Sept. 16, 1924-Nov. 5, 2007

Jack C. SEVERN, 83, of 3269 E. 300 South, Rochester, passed away at 1:50 p.m. Monday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

He was born on Sept. 16, 1924, in Rochester, the son of Harvey Deloise and Mabel (Oliver) Severns. On April 5, 1953, in Rochester, he married LuEdith M. Baker and she survives.

Mr. Severns was a farmer and a U.S. Army veteran, who served in the European theater during World War II. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Farm Bureau.

Survivors include his sons, Daniel and wife Rita Severs, Akron, Terrance "Terry" and wife Lorraine Severns, Rochester, and Gary and wife Janet Severns, Rochester; daughter Linda and husband Ned Heighway, Akron; brother, Benjamin and wife Betty Severns, Athens; 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dean Severns; aunt, Kate Ziesenhene; two sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law.

His graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, with the Rev. Butch Troke officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts of Rochester. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, where an Odd Fellows Lodge memorial service will be

conducted at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Orville 'Arkie' Vaughn**

Orville "Arkie" VAUGHN, 77, of 1863 W. Olson Road, Rochester died at 1:11 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Henry Lee Yike Sr.**

Henry Lee YIKE Sr., 76, Logansport, died Sunday at home. He graduated from Fulton High School.

Survivors include two daughters, Anna M. Hileman, Logansport, and Judy Yike, Terre Haute; and two sons, Ronald Yike and Butch Yike, both of Logansport.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 am. Wednesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

### **Alvin Lee Fry**

Nov. 5, 1918-Nov. 6, 2007

Alvin Lee FRY, 89, Logansport, died at 4:05 p.m. Tuesday at home.

Born in Fulton, he was the son of Dorcie and Verna Gault Fry. He married Willmira Dewitt on April 25, 1936, in Royal Center. She preceded him in death on Dec. 29, 1987.

He retired from Rockwell International. He was a member of Riverview Wesleyan Church, where he had taught Sunday School and served on the church board.

Survivors include four daughters, Nada Rouch, Logansport, Joyce Rentschler and husband Phil, Macy, Mary L. "Bonnie" Hile and husband Vernon, Logansport, and Juanita J. Stanton and husband

Paul, Walton; a son, Alvin Fry Jr., and wife Sandra, Kewanna; a sister, Virginia Dodrill and husband John, Knightstown; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, three grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, two sisters, five brothers and a son-in-law.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Brooks Sayer officiating. Burial will be at Bell Center Cemetery, Bell Center, with full military graveside rites. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Riverview Wesleyan Church.

**Orville 'Arkie' Vaughn Jr.**

Dec. 25, 1929-Nov. 5, 2007

Orville "Arkie" VAUGHN Jr. 77, of 1863 W. Olson Road, Rochester, passed away at 1:11 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born on Dec. 25, 1929, in Wilson, Ark., the son of Orval G. and Maude L. (Cannon) Vaughn Sr. On July 10, 1960, in Greentown, he married Charlene J. Nuell and she survives.

Mr. Vaughn was a veteran of the Korean War and had worked as a butcher and painter for many years. He was a member of the VFW and enjoyed fishing, hunting, country music and spending time with his grandkids.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Vaughn, Rochester; sons, Todd Vaughn, Michigan City, Trent Vaughn and companion Missy Reed, Rochester; daughters, Jacqueline D. Lewis, Rochester, Kim and husband Bill Rogers, Rochester, Mara and husband Brian Miles, Driver, Ark.; grandchildren, Alonda Fansler, Travis Kiggins, Tiffany Lewis, Kristle Pegler, Elizabeth Butcher, Maci Polk, Todd Vaughn Jr., Justin Tate, Adrian Vaughn, Jeremy Fansler, Stacey Wilson, Donnie Rogers; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Jolly Vaughn, Rochester, Ted Vaughn, Rochester, Billy Vaughn, Wilson, Ark., Gary Vaughn, Wilson, Ark.; sisters, Lavern Davison, Osceola, Ark., Peggy



Webb, Osceola, Ark., Carol McIntosh, Jonesboro, Ark., Linda Dawson, Osceola, Ark., Deverlean Wheaton, Puget Sound, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Tommy D. Lewis; brothers, Clarence Medlin, Winston Vaughn, Jerry Vaughn; and daughter-in-law, Stacy Vaughn.

His funeral service will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Orville Vaughn Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Thursday, November 8, 2007

**Kathie Ann Johnson**

April 6, 1960-Oct. 25, 2007

Kathie Ann JOHNSON, 47, of 496 South Indiana 14, Akron, died at 3:40 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at her residence.

Born in Atlanta, Ga., she was the daughter of Roy and Carolyn Sterrett Sedrel. She was a horse and nature lover.

Survivors include her parents, Roy and Carolyn Sedrel, Crossville, Tenn.; two daughters, Alena Miller, Warsaw, and Jonna Reffitt, South Carolina; two grandsons, Keith and Colton; a stepsister, Lynnea Donai, Ava, N.Y.; a stepbrother, Steven Sedrel, Reno, Nev.; a half sister, Bracha Elliot, Sunnyvale, Calif.; and her best bud, Diane Poyser, Fulton.

A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Olive Branch Church of God, 4581 E. 1200 North, Roann, with Pastor Lowell Burrus officiating. Memorials may be made to Olive Branch Church of God. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

**Geraldine Murhling**

Geraldine MURHLING, 98, of 501 S. Smith St., Kewanna, died at 8 a.m. today at Hickory Creek of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, November 9, 2007

**Phillip Blaine ‘Whitey’ Hurlburt Sr.**

Phillip Blaine “Whitey” HURLBURT Sr., 75 Lake Bruce, died at 7 a.m. Thursday at home. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna.

**Robert W. Senff**

Robert W. SENFF, 46, Warsaw, died Thursday afternoon at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Saturday, November 10, 2007

**Phillip Blaine ‘Whitey’ Hurlburt Sr.**

April 30, 1932-Nov. 8, 2007

Memorial services for Phillip Blaine “Whitey” HURLBURT Sr., 75, of Lake Bruce, will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel.

He died at 7 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

Born April 30, 1932, in Kewanna, he was the son of the late Lovell J. and Francis C. (Enge) Hurlburt.

Whitey was a member of the Northeast Indiana District Council of Carpenters Local No. 615. He also was an avid fisherman and enjoyed going to the river boat casinos.

He was a carpenter before retiring in 1994 from DeJager Construction Company, Grand Rapids, Mich. He also formerly owned and operated Whitey’s Bait Shop at Lake Bruce.

Surviving are a son, Phillip B. Hurlburt Jr. of Lake Bruce; two daughters, Tammy J. Smyth (Gregory) of Sharpsville and Sherrill L. Maggart (David) of Noblesville; a stepson, Steven C. Bedwell of Peru; twin brother, Kenneth Wayne Hurlburt (Elizabeth) of Thornhope; brother Chester L. “Son” Hurlburt (Ida) of San Angelo, Texas; two sisters, Catherine Wright of Logansport and Patricia Branson (Carl) of Griffith; five grandchildren, Melody Barrows

(Nick), Allison "PeeWee" Roop (Adam), Carla Hurlburt (Jim Emerson), Adam and Andrew Bedwell; three step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, Clifford Lane Jr., Kerstynn, Kimberly, and Cole Lane, Trenton Hershey, Owen and Garrett Roop and Ryley Emerson; two step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pastor Mark E. Pilger will officiate at the services. Inurnment will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lake Bruce, at a later date. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home 123 E. Main St., Kewanna. Memorial contributions may be made to Pulaski Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 279, Winamac, IN 46996. Online condolences may be made to the Hurlburt family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

### **Kathie Ann Johnson**

The funeral service for Kathie Ann JOHNSON, 47, of 496 South Indiana 14, Akron, who died Oct. 25, will be at 2 p.m. today at Olive Branch Church of God, 4581 E. 1200 North, Roann, not Sunday, as earlier published. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

### **Geraldine 'Dean' Robinson Murhling**

Geraldine "Dean" Robinson MURHLING, 98, of 501 S. Smith St., Kewanna, died Thursday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Survivors include two sons, Edward E. Murhling, Kewanna, and Larry L. Murhling, Rochester, and two brothers, Letcher "Bun" Robinson, Brownsburg, and William Robinson, Milford.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service.

### **Robert W. Senff**

Robert W. SENFF, 46, of 420 North Roosevelt Street, Warsaw, died Thursday, Nov. 8 at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include wife JoEllen Hyde; one daughter, Tasha Blad of South Bend; four sisters, Leslie Morrow of Akron, Rhonda Sharbini of Aurora, Colorado, Jennifer Senff of Marshall, Illinois, and Sonya Tener of Bremen; three brothers, Tracey Quier of Claypool, Dean Quier of Mentone and Chris Senff of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday.

### **Thelma M. Gates**

Thelma M. GATES, 86, of 904 South Lake Street, Warsaw died Friday, Nov. 9 at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Survivors include three sons, Ronald Gates and Larry Gates both of Warsaw and Harold Gates of Bourbon. One brother, Jacob McClone Jr. of Mentone

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Funeral Home, Mentone. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Monday, November 12, 2007

### **Willodean Brown**

Willodean BROWN, 88, of 700 W. Sixth St., Rochester, died at 7 p.m. Sunday at home.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

### **Edgar Marion DeWitt**

Edgar Marion DeWITT, age 77, Lafayette, died in his residence after battling lung cancer since 2006. He was a resident of that area since 1959.

Edgar was born in Royal Center, on Dec. 26, 1929, to the late Leo Virgil and Laura Fern Schlegelmilch DeWitt.

He graduated from Richland Center High School in 1948.

He married Imogene Ruth Hartle on April 24, 1949, and she preceded him on Dec. 24, 2002. Edgar worked construction through the Labors Union Local 274 and retired after 51 years in 1990. He also retired as a full-time security guard from Jefferson High School at the same time. He previously worked the assembly line building Studebakers for six years. He enjoyed collecting old cars and still owned a '29 Chevrolet that he enjoyed working on.

Surviving are three sons, Charles "Chuck" V. (wife Aleshcha) DeWitt of Plymouth, Lawrence "Larry" E. (wife Cheita) DeWitt and David "Dave" B. DeWitt (companion Lori Louks), and a daughter, Jeanie German (companion Roy Moore), all of Lafayette; two sisters, Juanita Chapman of Royal Center and Anita Cooper of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a brother, Daniel "Dan" (wife Mary Lou) DeWitt of Rochester.

Friends may call two hours prior to the 2 p.m. service Tuesday at Hippensteel Funeral Home with Pastor Doug Jividen of Plymouth Baptist Church officiating and interment to follow at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. Surviving are 15 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Delbert DeWitt, and a sister, Bonita DeWitt. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Share memories and condolences online at [Hippensteelfuneralhome.com](http://Hippensteelfuneralhome.com).

### **Herman D. Holloway**

Herman D. HOLLOWAY, 98, Rochester, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Geraldine 'Dean' Robinson Murhling**

Sept. 20, 1909-Nov. 8, 2007

Geraldine "Dean" Robinson MURHLING, 98, of 501 S. Smith St., Kewanna, died at 7:50 a.m. Thursday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Born in Delong, she was the daughter of Letcher A. and Nora Deck Robinson. She graduated from Leiters Ford High School in 1927.

She lived in Kewanna since 1941, when she moved from Delong.

On June 8, 1929, she married Everett Vermont Murhling in Rochester. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1998.

A homemaker, she enjoyed crocheting afghans. She was a member of Kewanna United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Edward E. Murhling, Kewanna, and Larry L. Murhling and wife Kay, Rochester; six grandchildren, Bill Murhling and wife Julie, Fishers, Amy Wilson and husband Damon, Indianapolis, Robert Clyde and wife Barb, Kewanna, Michael Clyde and wife Carol, Lavonia, Ga., Gwen Hott and husband Joe, Kewanna, and Nancy Luketich and husband Pete, Hammond; 12 great-grandchildren, David, Nicholas, Anna and Katie Murhling, Jarrod and Wesley Hickle, Carrie Fairchild, Christy Deweese, Jeff and Teresa Hott, Ian and Sara Luketich; and two brothers, Letcher "Bun" Robinson, Brownsburg, and William Robinson and wife Dorothy, Milford. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Violet Clyde, on Oct. 2, 1986; and four sisters, Avanelle Brockway, Madonna Kelly, Thelma Feece and Olive Robinson.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Steven McPeek officiating. Burial will be at Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Kewanna United Methodist Church. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Justine Neuendorf**

Justine NEUENDORF, 94, Madison, Wis., formerly of Akron, died Friday at Rush-Copley Hospital, Aurora, Ill.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Widrick, Geneva, Ill.

Her funeral service will be at noon Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with visitation two hours prior to the service. Additional visitation will be Tuesday at Malone Funeral Home, Geneva, Ill.

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

**Willodean Brown**

June 6, 1919 - Nov. 11, 2007

Willodean BROWN, 88, of 700 W. Sixth St., Rochester, died at 7 p.m. Sunday at home.

She lived in Fulton County her whole life. On June 22, 1938, she married Robert Brown and they were married 69 years.

She was a homemaker and member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, where she played the organ for 40 years and was a Sunday School teacher.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Brown; a son, Gerald "Jerry" Brown and wife Cheryl, Rochester; grandchildren, Jennifer Utter and husband Randy, Rochester, Julie Brown, Rochester, Paul Brown, Jacksonville, Fla., Ralph Brown, Rochester, Robert Brown and wife Trish, Newman, Ga., Denise Clayton, Lafayette, Susan Bushman, Delphi, Gretchen Roy and husband Bill, Monticello; 17 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Virgil Wagoner and wife Norma, Rochester, Cletis Wagoner and wife Beverly, Leiters Ford, and Cleon Wagoner, Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Dennis Brown; and a brother, Cleo Wagoner.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 1010 W. Ninth St., Rochester, with the Rev. Leonard Uhrich, the Rev. Alan Lickfeldt, and the Rev. George Shoemaker officiating. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to

Hillcrest Baptist Church, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Herman D. Holloway**

Sept. 12, 1909-Nov. 11, 2007

Herman D. HOLLOWAY, 98, of 568 W. Indiana 25, Mentone, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born near Athens to Charles and Rettie Bryant Holloway, he was one of 10 children. He lived in the Talma community most of his life.

On Sept. 23, 1940, in Mentone, he married Marie Fisk. She preceded him in death in 1991.

He worked for the Indiana State Highway Department, Kosciusko County District.

He attended Talma Christian Church. He was a coon hunter and a trapper and liked to fish.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Vigar and husband Jim, Madera, Calif.; two sons, Paul Holloway and wife Sharon, Rochester, and Mike Holloway and wife Barbara, Mentone; grandchildren, Thomas P. Holloway and wife Christa, Jason Holloway and wife Tracy, Teresa Fox and husband Guy, Mike Holloway Jr. and wife Tracy, Mitchell Holloway and wife Michelle, Mason Holloway, Ginger Caswell, Shelli Freeman and husband Dan; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents and nine brothers and sisters.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Rod Ruberg officiating. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).



**Alice M. Mikesell**

Oct. 24, 1915-Oct. 11, 2007

Alice M. MIKESELL, 91, Culver, passed away at 4:17 p.m. on Oct. 11 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Alice was born on Oct. 24, 1915, in Toledo, Ohio, to Arthur and Minnie (Thayer) Handy. On Oct 6, 1934, she married Donald E. Mikesell in Plymouth. Mr. Mikesell preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 1984. Her son, Robert, also preceded her in death in July 2001.

A longtime resident of Culver, Alice worked as a cook for several years at the State Exchange Bank in Culver. She also worked as a cook for Schori's and Price's restaurants in Plymouth. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, Moose Lodge and local VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Alice was well known throughout Culver as the lady who often baked dozens of pies in a weekend and loved to decorate her home for the different holidays. She loved to bake and share homemade pies, apple dumplings and tea cakes with family, friends and neighbors. She was a very caring, giving person who enjoyed sharing her life with others, especially on a dance floor. For many years, her address on School Street provided the neighborhood with a beautiful array of flowers that bloomed from early spring to fall.

Alice is survived by her daughter, Janet Lowe of Rochester; son, Donald W. (Carolann) Mikesell of Muncie; grandchildren, Greg (Donna) Lowe of Rochester, Pam Lowe of Rochester, Jeff (Cynda) Lowe of Indianapolis, Todd (Anne) Mikesell of Golden, Colo., and Kristen (Joe) Mattoni of Seattle, Wash.; and great-grandchildren, Ashley and Austin Lowe of Rochester, Conner Lowe of Indianapolis, and Katie, Blaire and Jack Mikesell of Golden, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one son, three sisters, and three brothers.

Rev. Bryan Siefert will officiate memorial services at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with a short visitation beginning at 1 p.m. Memorials may be given to Culver-Union Township Fire Department, the Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919 Ladies Auxiliary, or a charity of the donor's choice and may be

sent to Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, 104 E Lakeshore Drive, Culver, IN 46511. Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com).

**Opal P. Minars**

Opal P. MINARS, 95, of 3829 Spann Ave., Indianapolis, formerly of Akron, died Monday at Community Hospital East, Indianapolis.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Thornburgh, and a sister, Wilda York, both of Indianapolis.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation is private.

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

**Otto R. Edwards**

Aug. 4, 1917-Nov. 12, 2007

Otto R. EDWARDS, 90, Peru, died at 12:15 p.m. Monday at Hickory Creek of Peru.

Born in Peru, he was the son of Lesley and Burnice Hopper Edwards. He graduated from Peru High School in 1935. On Oct. 10, 1939, he married Mary E. Rinker, and she survives.

A retired C & O Railroad conductor, he was also a conductor on the Amtrak railroad. He was a life member of the Moose Lodge, Coon Hunters Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Peru Maennerchor and a member of the Sons of American Legion, Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Eastern Woodland Carvers, United Transportation Union and the Voyager Club of the Knights of Columbus. He also belonged to the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, Murat Temple Shrine Club of Indianapolis and the Logansport Shrine Club.

He is also survived by two sons, Kenneth Edwards and wife Sharon and Otto A. Edwards and wife Janice, all of Peru; six grandkids, Missy Ward and husband Michael, Kenny Edwards and wife Karen, Rochelle Gartland and husband Frank, Betsy Wolfe and

husband Chris, Erica Gocke and husband Tom and Jessica Chandler and husband Lee; and 11 great-grandchildren.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty and the Rev. George Dinkel officiating. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. today with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. Burial will be at Santa Fe Cemetery in Miami County.

### **Mary M. Good**

March 13, 1924-Nov. 13, 2007

Mary M. GOOD, 83, of 6168 N. 640 East, Monterey, died at 9:19 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following a short illness.

Born in Chicago, Ill., she was the daughter of William and Anna Bochausen Sparks. A 1942 graduate of San Pierre High School, she lived in the Monterey community for the past 50 years after moving from Lawton.

On April 25, 1953, in San Pierre, she married Donald Owen Good. They were married 54 years when he preceded her in death on June 26, 2007.

A homemaker, she was also the business manager, co-founder and co-owner of Good Oil Company, Winamac.

She was a member of Monterey United Methodist Church and the Monterey Birthday Club. She was a Cadet Girl Scout leader and a devoted grandmother.

Survivors include two daughters, Dixie Good, Rochester, and Debbie Machamer and husband Patrick, Winamac; two sons, Don Good and wife Margaret and Dean Good and wife Gwen, all of Monterey; 10 grandchildren, Josh and Kyle Sefchek, Holly, Alyssa, Lindsey and Caitlin Machamer, Erin Good, Weston and Wyatt Good, and Nikki Earp and husband Ross; a brother, Chester Sparks; and two sisters-in-law, Onda Good of North Manchester and Pauline Good of Monterey. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Monterey United Methodist Church with the Rev. Karen K. Rhoades Welling

officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Monterey. Friends may visit with the family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Don & Mary Good Scholarship Fund or Monterey United Methodist Church. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Thursday, November 15, 2007

[None]

Friday, November 16, 2007

**Elba 'E. W.' Maynard**

Elba "E. W." MAYNARD, 41, of 1208 Elm St., Rochester, died at 4:52 a.m. today on Fort Wayne Road east of County Road 650 East.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, November 17, 2007

**Elba 'E. W.' Maynard**

Dec. 21, 1965-Nov. 16, 2007

Elba "E. W." MAYNARD, 41, died at 4:52 a.m. Friday on Ft. Wayne Rd., east of 650 E., Rochester.

Born in Hillsdale Mich. He was the son of Charles and Joyce Justice Maynard. He graduated from North Miami High School in 1985, where he played football and wrestled, lettering in both sports. He is survived by his wife Teresa Noftsgger, who he married on Sept. 24, 1988, in Roann.

He was a welder for Par-Kan of Silver Lake for 16 years. "E.W." was a very active member of the Antioch Baptist Church of Rochester, where he served as a trustee and was also attending Faith Bible Institute, and the Reformers Unanimous Program, all part of the

Antioch Baptist Church. He loved to fish, hunt and work on Chevys. He cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren and stepchildren. He was a mentor to his nephews. He could fabricate anything, from tree-stands to go-carts, using steel and wood.

He is also survived by a daughter: Julia Langley, of Rochester; two sons, Justin Langley and wife Charlene and Jonathon Langley and wife Hallee, all of Rochester; three sisters, Kelly Hammond Woodward of Okla., Samantha "Sammy" Krober of Okla. And Shelly Burris of Kendallville; a brother, Eric Marsh of Middlebury; two step-sisters, Terry and Darlene of Calif.; three grandchildren, Tyler, TeiJay, and Ela Reese all of Rochester; his father, Charles Maynard; and step-father Carl Good of North Manchester.

He was preceded in death by his mother Joyce Good.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Jerry Pitman officiating. Burial will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Monday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Reformers Unanimous Inc., or the Indiana School for Deaf, envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, November 19, 2007

**James Michael Bellamy**

Dec. 29, 1950-Nov. 18, 2007

James Michael BELLAMY, 56, of 3724 E. 200 North, Rochester, passed away at 12:17 a.m. Sunday at his residence.

Mike was born on Dec. 29, 1950, in Lothair, Ky., the son of Estel and Ethel (Hicks) Bellamy. He moved to Mentone with his family in 1962. He moved to Rochester in 1976. On July 18, 2003, in Rochester, he married Wilma de Abreu Lima. This marriage begins a beautiful love story, even though it was a short one. Wilma was

teaching him to speak Portuguese, which he learned quickly. When he watched Brazilian TV, he could understand almost everything.

Mike had worked for Spartech in Warsaw, Indiana, until 2005. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, golfing, writing poetry, singing karaoke, and being a good-hearted person to all his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Bellamy, Rochester; brothers, David and wife Rosemary Bellamy, Rochester, Glen and wife Barbara Bellamy, Warsaw, John and wife Susan Bellamy, Warsaw; sisters, Toby Ann Zimmerman, Rochester, Martha and husband Eddy O'Hern, Bon Aire, Ga., Ruth Fulton, Inwood, Mildred and husband Lacy Francis, Palestine; stepson, Juan Antonio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; stepdaughter, Paula, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; aunt, Lena Heintzleman, Pierceton; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather, Alabama Jackson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and/or Hope Hospice. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Elium E. Gault**

March 9, 1922-Nov. 15, 2007

Elium E. GAULT, Hazlet, N.J., died Nov. 15, 2007, at his home. Born in Midland County, Mich., to John Merrit and Katy Small Gault, he married Donna Belle Heltzel on May 23, 1943. She preceded him in death on July 7, 2001.

Elium was a 1940 graduate of Grass Creek High School. He served in the United States Army in World War II.

Survivors include two sons, Jim and wife Loma, Hazlet, N.J., and Albert, Watertown, N.Y.; one daughter, Patti Muset, Browns Mills, N.J.; three grandchildren, Keith Muset, Kevin Muset and Kimberly Muset, Browns Mills, N.J.; two sisters, Nellie and husband

Robert McGrew, Fulton, and Donna and husband Paul Reffett, LaGrange; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Anna Champ, Essie Siders, Bessie Kirk and Vivvian Otto, and by five brothers, John Lee Gault, Vernell Gault, George Gault, Lloyd Gault and Earl Gault.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

**William D. Tremper Jr.**

Feb. 25, 1926-Nov. 14, 2007

William D. TREMPER Jr., 81, Connersville, died unexpectedly at his home Wednesday.

He was born Feb. 25, 1926, in Connersville, one of seven children of William D. and Esther Fattig Tremper, and lived there all his life.

A graduate of Harrisburg High School in 1944, upon graduation, he entered the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Bergen in the Pacific Theatre. Following his discharge, he returned to Connersville and was married there on Feb. 25, 1949, to Lois L. Voorhees. Mrs. Tremper died April 20, 1999.

He was employed by American Kitchens and later Design & Manufacturing as a shipping supervisor. He retired in 1987.

He was a member of Eastside United Methodist Church, Warren Lodge No. 15, F. & A.M., the Murat Temple, the AMVETS, VFW, American Legion and the Whitewater Valley Wood Carvers. Active in the Democrat Party, he served for many years as Democrat County Chairman. Bill had also been a Boy Scout leader and was active in many other community affairs, including doing volunteer work for the Fayette County School Corp.

Survivors include a son, William David Tremper III, King George, Va.; a daughter, Leanne Schaller and husband Stephen, Rochester; five grandchildren, Billy Tremper, Amy Elliott, Katie Schaller, Sarah Schaller and Tiffany Tremper; two sisters, Frances Hankins and husband Bob, Bloomington, and Elizabeth Pearson, Connersville; a brother, Raymond Tremper, Indianapolis; and a number of nieces, nephews and many lifelong friends.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Leda Muriel Barry and Jeanie Tremper, and a brother, Jimmy Tremper.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Malcolm Green at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home, where friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today. Warren Lodge will conduct Masonic memorial services at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial, with military rites conducted by the Fayette County Veterans Council, will be in Dale Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made at the funeral home to Shriners Hospital for Children or to the charity of the donor's choice. Friends may visit any time online at millermosterrobbins.com.

### **Betty J. Urbin**

April 3, 1927-Nov. 18, 2007

Betty J. URBIN, 80, 7660 S. Indiana 25, Fulton, passed away at 5:35 p.m. Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

She was born on April 3, 1927, in Kewanna, the daughter of Ned and Retha (Irvan) Warfield. On Oct. 26, 1947, in Logansport, she married Gerald Urbin and he survives. Mrs. Urbin was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald Urbin, Fulton; daughters, Madge and husband Phil Smitley, Bunker Hill, Alma and husband Ted Halterman, Rochester, Gail Urbin and companion John Kelley, Rochester, Nanette and husband Dennis Stark, Winamac; sons, Ned and wife Eunice Urbin, Kewanna, Larry and wife Brenda Urbin, Kewanna, Rex and wife Glenda Urbin, Kewanna, Dale and wife Annette Urbin, Logansport, Brian and wife Tammy Urbin, Troy, Texas; sisters, Loma Lou Collins, Kewanna, Charlotte Mae Robbins, Kewanna; 37 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one grandchild, two great-grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, with the Rev. Kenneth Cole officiating. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, is handling arrangements.



Tuesday, November 20, 2007

**Ellyn Joan Atkinson**

Nov. 4, 1925-Nov. 19, 2007

Ellyn Joan ATKINSON, 82, 9032 W. 400 North, Rochester, passed away at 11:44 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She was born on Nov. 4, 1925, in Fulton County, the daughter of Darwin Dwight and Edith (Clevenger) Heeter. On June 4, 1949, in Rochester, she married Wayne R. Atkinson. He preceded her in death on June 26, 1996.

Mrs. Atkinson was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon, was a member of the Moose Lodge and on the Rochester City Council. She enjoyed playing bridge with her friends and golfing.

Survivors include her sons, Tom Atkinson, Rochester, and Mike and wife Phyllis Atkinson, Willis, Texas; daughter, Pat Cunningham, Detroit, Mich.; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Gene Groves, Logansport; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Bud, Alan and Charles Heeter, sisters, Margery Ellis, Lenora Sayger and Lucy Lane, and her parents.

Private services and burial will take place. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

**Shirley Fulton**

Shirley FULTON, 73, of 410 Clay St., died at 3 a.m. today at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**James D. Mikel**

James D. MIKEL, 63, of 227 E. High St., Atwood, died at 5:58 a.m. Tuesday at home.

Survivors include a daughter, Anita Poyser, Atwood; three sons, Mathew A. Mikel, Mentone, Mark A. Mikel, Atwood, and Ben Mikel, Warsaw; and six brothers, Steven Mikel, Farmington Hills, Mich., Timothy Mikel, Warsaw, Thomas Mikel, David Mikel, Joseph Mikel and Seth Mikel, all of Etna Green.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Etna Green. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, and one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

### **Charles R. 'Bob' Miller**

Charles R. "Bob" MILLER, 63, of 5284 W. Warren Ave., (Diamond Lake), Silver Lake, was found dead Monday at his home.

Survivors include three sons, James Miller, Warsaw, and Lee and Shane Miller of Silver Lake.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

Thursday, November 22, 2007

[No Paper – Holiday]

Friday, November 23, 2007

### **Shirley N. Fulton**

Jan. 26, 1934-Nov. 21, 2007

Shirley N. FULTON, 73, of 410 Clay St., Rochester, died at 3 a.m. Wednesday at home.

She was born in Syracuse, the daughter of Floyd and Iva Pearl Rarig Reed. She moved from Syracuse to Rochester 56 years ago.

On June 20, 1950, she married Arthur L. "Louis" Fulton in Claypool. He preceded her in death on Aug. 10, 1990.

She was employed by Torin Corp., for 17 years, and worked at the Elks Golf Course, Ribordy Drug Store, Gaerte Engines, Vedder's

Lakeside Dining, Quick's Lanes and most recently, Dorothy's Hallmark.

She was a member of the Eagles Lodge and the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

An avid bowler, she went with her teams to numerous state tournaments. She enjoyed fishing on Lake Manitou and playing bingo and had been known to ride a snowmobile.

She cherished the time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was very proud of them.

Survivors include three daughters, Vicki Onstott and husband James, Rochester, Ronna L. Graham and husband Ralph, Roanoke Rapids, N.C., and Jill Buttrum and husband Glen, Washburn, Mo.; three sons, Alan A. Fulton and wife Vicki, Rochester, David W. Fulton and wife Linda, Akron, and Dennis D. Fulton and wife Debbie, Bourbon; 17 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Beverly Ryan, Syracuse; a sister-in-law, Roberta Fulton, Warsaw. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; great-granddaughter, Madelyne; two brothers, Stan and Bud Reed; and brother-in-law Charles Fulton.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Randal K. Weltzin**

Sept. 21, 1950-Nov. 18, 2007

Randal K. WELTZIN, 57, of Johnson Creek, Wis., died on Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, while deer hunting in the Antigo, Wis., area.

He was born on Sept. 21, 1950, in Rochester, the son of Robert and Donna (Rhinehart) Weltzin. He married Geraldine Petersen on Dec. 21, 1969, in Indiana; he then married Willa Plisch on July 24, 1993, in Waukesha, Wis.

He grew up in the Rochester area and graduated from Rochester High School in 1968. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam era, from 1968 to 1972. He graduated from Purdue University in 1976 with a degree in engineering.

Randy was president of RSV Engineering, with offices located in Jefferson and Big Bend, Wis., Portland, Ore., and Tucson, Ariz. He was a member of the Crosspoint of the Nazarene Church in Madison, Wis.

He was a past Rotary Club member, and formerly sat on the board of directors of Opportunities, Inc. in Fort Atkinson, Wis. He was currently on the board of directors of Fort Community Credit Union. He participated in the initial years of the Tour de Hope for Tomorrow's Hope. He was most recently serving on his church's board and was guitarist for its Sunday morning praise team, helping lead worship.

Randy had many passions - his career, hunting, fly fishing, scuba diving, his Harley Davidson, many sports, music and playing his guitar, mentoring people he worked with, creating friendships and loving his dogs, Boone, Bailey and Bandit. His greatest passion was for his family, showing it in deeds and creating many wonderful memories. His proudest accomplishment was that of his kids, assisting them in reaching their fullest potential and cultivating a unique, intimate relationship with each of them.

Organizations Randy supported, and would appreciate memorials sent to include, but are not limited to, Opportunities, Inc., the Rotary Scholarship fund, Jefferson County Humane Society, University of Wisconsin Organ Transplant Program or investing in the life of a child.

He is survived by his wife Willa of Johnson Creek, Wis.; one daughter, Angela (Joe) Smith of Ft. Atkinson, Wis.; two sons, Chad (Nikki Wisser) Weltzin of Aspen, Colo., and Casey (Elizabeth Luley) Weltzin of Austin, Texas; a spiritual son, Matthew Deschane of Springfield, Mo.; his mother, Donna Weltzin of Jefferson, Wis.; and one brother, Steven Weltzin of Harmony, Ind. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at 11 a.m. at the Crosspoint of the Nazarene Church, 5011 Commercial Ave. in Madison, Wis., with the Rev. Jerome Bragg officiating.

Visitation will be today at the Olsen Funeral Home in Jefferson, Wis., from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and after 10 a.m. on Saturday at the church until time of services.

The family requests memorials be given to Opportunities Inc. in Ft. Atkinson or the Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Olsen Funeral Home in Jefferson is assisting the family with arrangements.

Saturday, November 24, 2007

### **Wayne Leroy Stockberger**

Wayne Leroy STOCKBERGER, 72, 8648 18th Road, Argos, died Friday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Survivors include two daughters, Betty Smith, Ashborn, Virginia; Peggy Cunningham, Rochester; two sons, Roger Stockberger, Argos; Frank Stockberger, Lafayette. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice R. Treesh. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **Frances Marie Miller**

Frances Marie MILLER, 85, 1597 W. 200 North, Rochester, died Friday at 4:35 p.m. at Hickory Creek of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home.

Monday, November 26, 2007

### **Marilyn Ruth Caddy**

Marilyn Ruth CADDY, 68, of Life Care Center, Rochester, died Sunday at the nursing home.

Survivors include her brothers, David Caddy, Rochester, and Patrick Caddy, Churubusco, and a sister, Suzanne Waltz, Rochester.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is one hour prior to the service.

**Frances Marie Miller**

Frances Marie MILLER, 85, of 1597 W. 200 North, Rochester, died Friday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Survivors include a daughter, Christine K. Miller LaRoche, Bloomington; a son, John "Phil" Miller, Lake Worth, Fla.; three sisters, Elvira Romine, Mentone, Julia Falkner, Bremen, and Charlotte Massey, Hot Springs, Ark.; and a brother, Edward King, Rochester.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 9 a.m. until the service.

**Peter A. Nicodemus**

Peter A. NICODEMUS, 85, of 7567 E. 150 South, Akron, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Nicodemus, at home; a daughter, Charlotte Givens, Akron; and three sisters, Lucile Lewis, Kewanna, Louise Nicodemus, Akron, and Grace Edgar, Atlanta, Mich.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

**John D. Pyle**

Aug. 19, 1916-Nov. 24, 2007

John D. PYLE, 91, of 1729 Wabash Avenue, Rochester, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He was born on Aug. 19, 1916, in Rochester, the son of Donald and Inez (Eisenman) Pyle. On Nov. 10, 1965, in Rochester, he married Sarah L. Barten. She preceded him in death on April 10, 2005.

Mr. Pyle worked for the former Sealed Power in Rochester for more than 30 years as a machinist and inspector. He was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Odd Fellows Lodge and was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. He enjoyed traveling, playing cards, camping, fishing, was an avid Indy Car fan, and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his daughters, Darlene Gilliland, Rochester, and Lorina Smith, Indianapolis; a son, Ronald and wife Sue Geib Jr., Athens; grandchildren, Melissa and husband Justin McNall, Fishers, Kristen Gilliland, Indianapolis, Sean Smith, New Castle, Camy and husband Justin Robinett, Anderson, Katrina DeLawter, Centerville, Va., Traci Weston, Rensselaer, Jennifer Geib, Lafayette, Rebecca Geib, Lafayette; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

### **Harry Luther Bussert**

Harry Luther BUSSERT, 87, Kewanna, died today at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna.

### **Frances Marie Miller**

July 16, 1922-Nov. 23, 2007

Frances Marie MILLER, 85, of 1597 W. 200 North, Rochester, died at 4:35 p.m. Friday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Born in Fulton County, the daughter of Fred and Elma Crum King, she was a lifetime county resident. She graduated from Talma High School in 1940 and married Ernest F. Miller, who preceded her in death in July 1995.

She enjoyed homemaking and gardening - both vegetables and flowers. She was delighted with the opportunity to dry her flowers and arrange custom bouquets, and to do crafts.

Frances and her late husband, Ernest, will be remembered for carrying forth the family tradition of growing cantaloupe and watermelon. "Susie Miller's" hybrid sweet cantaloupe and juicy watermelon was a summer delight that many would travel from all over northern Indiana to purchase and serve in their homes.

Survivors include her daughter, Christine K. Miller LaRoche, Bloomington; a son, John "Phil" Miller, Lake Worth, Fla.; three sisters, Elvira Romine and husband Gerald, Mentone, Julia Faulkner, Bremen, and Charlotte Massey and husband Richard, Hot Springs, Ark.; a brother, Edward King and wife Juanita, Rochester; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Ruby Dinwoodie and Hazel Kercher.

A celebration of the life of Frances Marie Miller will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 9 a.m. until the service Wednesday. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Peter A. Nicodemus**

Feb. 19, 1922-Nov. 24, 2007

Peter A. NICODEMUS, 85, of 7567 E. 150 South, Akron, died at 1:15 p.m. Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Athens, he was the son of Samuel Francis and Stella Ann Feece Nicodemus. A U.S. Army veteran in the Signal Corp, he lived his whole life in Fulton County.



He married Frances Morgan on March 11, 1947, in Peru, and she survives at home. They were married 60 years.

Pete retired from Rochester Telephone Company in 1987 after 37 1/2 years of service as a lineman. From his time with the phone company, he'll be remembered for his dedication, gentle demeanor and awesome strength; he was able to actually pick up a telephone pole and place it in the designated location. Pete mentored many young linemen.

As a farmer, Pete could be seen working his fields with his 460 International or 686 International; he grew some of the county's finest soybeans and corn. Pete also raised various breeds of hogs. He continued farming until recently.

Pete looked forward to catching up with the latest news about town at the Mini-Mart while drinking coffee with his buddies.

As the patriarch of the family, Pete was admired, loved and adored by the six ladies of the Nicodemus family.

In addition to his wife, Frances Nicodemus, he is survived by a daughter, Charlotte Givens, Akron; a granddaughter, Charlene Givens, Akron; a great-granddaughter, Miranda Kaye Dotson, Akron; three sisters, Lucile Lewis, Kewanna, Louise Nicodemus, Akron, and Grace Edgar, Atlanta, Mich.; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Larissa Kaye Givens in 1989; three brothers, Max, Bob and Ralph Nicodemus; and a son-in-law, Larry Givens.

A celebration of the life of Peter Abraham Nicodemus will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Terry Canfield officiating. Friends may visit the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Helen W. Reese**

Helen W. REESE, 93, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died at 8:26 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Monte Utter**

Monte UTTER, 64, Kewanna, died at 4 a.m. today at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

**Harry Luther Bussert**

Sept. 4, 1920-Nov. 27, 2007

Services for Harry Luther BUSSERT, 87, of Kewanna, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel.

He died at 4:15 a.m. Tuesday at his residence.

Born Sept. 4, 1920, in Logansport, he was the son of the late Ora and Mary Gertrude (DuBois) Bussert. He was married Sept. 12, 1953, in Kewanna to Shirley A. Ingram, and she survives.

Mr. Bussert worked for the Pulaski County Highway Department and was a truck driver. He was a United States Army veteran who served during World War II.

Before his health declined, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling.

Also surviving are two sons, Wade Bussert of Kewanna and Ryan Bussert and his wife, Sari, of Springfield, Ohio; one sister, Betty Newcomer of Terre Haute; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Virginia Bussert.

Rev. Steven McPeck will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Barnett Cemetery, Kewanna. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Kewanna chapel. Online condolences may be made to the Bussert family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**Helen W. Reese**

Oct. 31, 1914-Nov. 26, 2007

Helen W. REESE, 93, of 1729 Wabash Avenue, Rochester, passed away at 8:26 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She was born on Oct. 31, 1914, in Rochester, the daughter of Charles Clarence and Geneva Almira (Stinson) Wylie. She attended Burton Jr. High, Columbia Jr. High and graduated from Rochester High School. On April 23, 1939, in North Manchester, she married Harold L. Reese. He preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 2002.

Mrs. Reese worked as supervisor of the Rochester City Park playgrounds from 1937 to 1939 and was employed by Rochester Telephone Company for more than 38 years. She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school, was a founding member of the Hand Bell Choir, Morning Quest Circle, Women's Guild and the United Methodist Women. She was a member of the Manitou Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, founding member of the Home Front Club, Red Cross volunteer, and the Fulton County Historical Society, where she had held office. Mrs. Reese and her husband, Harold, were co-grand marshals for the Round Barn Festival parade in 1994 for recognition of their numerous hours of community service. She enjoyed flowers, plants, sharing gardening with others, bicycling, reading, music and being active in community affairs.

Survivors include her daughter, Elaine and husband Mark Smith, Indianapolis; grandson, Jack Gregory and wife Cyndi Daulton, Lenoir, N.C.; great-grandchildren, Gregory Daulton and fiance' Amber Mullett, Lenoir, N.C., Noah Daulton, Winston-Salem, N.C., Leslie and Logan Arnold, Lenoir, N.C.; stepgrandsons, Bob and wife Melissa Gilliland, Mooresville, David and wife Paula Smith, Indianapolis; stepgreat-grandchildren, Rob and Beth Gilliland, Mooresville, Melissa and Maggie Smith, Indianapolis; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Ward Wylie, and sisters, Mary Bowen and Mildred Basler.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Revs. Maurice Grindle and

George Hapner officiating. Friends may call from noon until the funeral time on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Church or the Fulton County Historical Society. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Kenneth L. South**

Kenneth L. SOUTH, 81, 21915 Riley Road, Lakeville, died Monday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Survivors include his sister, Ellen Seltzer of South Bend.

There was no visitation and a private graveside service was today at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Thursday, November 29, 2007

**K. Douglas Feltis**

K. Douglas FELTIS, 86, longtime resident of Fulton County, near Culver, died Wednesday.

Survivors include a daughter, Connie Carpenter McIntosh, and a son Gary D. Feltis.

His service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Bonnie-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the service.

**William B. Shewman**

Nov. 9, 1921-Nov. 28, 2007

William B. SHEWMAN, 86, Peru, died at 8:13 a.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Born in Akron, he was the son of Merl and Ruby (Merley) Shewman. He graduated from Peru High School in 1939 and Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, Tenn., in 1944.

On April 11, 1945, he married Mary Sowers, and she survives.

He taught at Macy High School from 1945 to 1948 and was the principal at an East Lansing, Mich., elementary school.

He did graduate work at Butler University and Michigan State University.

He was the pastor of Macedonia Christian Church in Howard County, Macy Christian Church, Bunker Hill Baptist Church and Chili Baptist Church. He established the Salem Christian Church, where he was pastor for 30 years, and remained a member after his retirement from ministry. He also was instrumental in starting Rainbow Christian Church Camp.

Bill and his dad owned and operated Cardinal Oil Company in Peru for several years. He loved hunting and fishing.

Also surviving are two sons, Errol Shewman, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Bill Shewman and wife Lori, Fort Wayne; a daughter, Diane Hahn and husband Denny, Peru; seven grandchildren, Stacie Hostrawser and husband Matt, Carmel, Darcie Nance, Indianapolis, Judd Hahn and wife Lori, Peru, Mason Shewman and wife Teresa, Brownsburg, McClain Shewman and wife Ashley, Fort Wayne, Lauren Shewman, Fort Wayne, and Burton Shewman, Indianapolis; and six great-grandchildren, Kory, Carli, Kayla, Halle, Audrey and Brady; and two sisters, Norma Taylor and husband Bob, Denver, and Ruby Ann McFadden, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Kevin Shewman; two grandchildren, Darrin and Brady; and a brother, Ralph Shewman.

His funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Salem Christian Church, with Pastor Rod Camerson and Pastor John Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Rainbow Christian Church Camp and/or the Southerncare Hospice.

### **Monte L. Utter**

Nov. 2, 1943-Nov. 27, 2007

Monte L. UTTER, 64, of 513 N. Troutman St., Kewanna, died at 4 a.m. Tuesday at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac. He was ill for one day.

Born in Rochester, he was the son of Dean and Bernadean Wilsey Utter. Monte graduated with great pride from Akron High School in 1961.

His country beckoned him and he answered the call by serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era. Monte belonged to the Kewanna Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He moved from Athens to Kewanna in 1978. He assumed many titles and nicknames there. He was known as Toothpick, the Mayor of Kewanna and the Most Handsome Man in Kewanna. Monte will best be remembered at The Big Heart of the Little Town. He had many friends.

On Dec. 12, 1981, at Bruce Lake Station, he married Marcial Marie McClellan.

As a mechanic, Mote repaired small engines at home.

He enjoyed cards, especially poker and euchre. Shooting pool was one of his favorite pastimes.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia Utter, Kewanna; two daughters, Jeanne Goble and husband Kevin, Fairmont, and Misty Hayden, Logansport; a son, Monte L. Utter Jr., Marion; a sister, Diana Garrison and husband Ken, Valdosta, Ga.; two brothers, Stanley Utter and wife Joan and Devon Utter of Rochester; and three granddaughters who he adored, Savannah Goble, Fairmont, Lexi Hayden, Logansport, and Makayla Hayden, Logansport. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter, Brandi Utter, in 1980.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna, where military rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Friday. Memorials may be made to the family. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com)

Friday, November 30, 2007

**Charles R. 'Bob' Miller**

Charles R. "Bob" MILLER, 63, of 5284 W. Warren Ave., (Diamond Lake), Silver Lake, was found dead Monday, Nov. 19 at his residence.

Born in Coldwater, Mich., on May 26, 1944, he was the son of Carl Miller and Mable Castator.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in the National Guard.

On Sept. 23, 1966, he married Bonnie Dennison. She survives.

He was a very dependable hard worker for David Haynes & Sons Well Drilling & Backhoe Service, Akron, for more than 10 years.

He loved his family and fishing and building. He was mechanically inclined.

He is survived by three sons, James and wife Veda Miller, Warsaw, Lee Miller and Shane Miller, both of Silver Lake; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Darlene Britt.

An informal memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Olive Branch Church of God, Roann, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. No visitation is planned. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the family of Bob Miller.

**Mary Ellen Floor Smith**

Mary Ellen Floor SMITH, 84, died Thursday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Survivors include two sons, Todd Floor and Lyle Floor, both of North Manchester; two daughters, Tralane Ruckman, Rochester, and Burdettea Risher, Gulf Breeze, Fla.

Her funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, with visitation from noon until the service.

**Helen Margaret Curtis Stout**

July 19, 1918-Nov. 29, 2007

Helen Margaret Curtis STOUT, 89, of 1845 W. Golden Hills Dr., Peru, died at 5 a.m. Thursday at her residence.

She was born in Great Bend, Kansas, on July 19, 1918, the daughter of General and Martha Keenan Curtis. She married Edward L. Stout II on Sept. 8, 1945, at Great Bend. He preceded her in death Aug. 3, 1999.

Helen graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in Hutchinson, Kansas. She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society. She was a retired supervisor of finance and accounting at Grissom Air Force Base.

Survivors include a son, Edward L. Stout IV (Col., U.S. Army, Retired) and his wife Karen, Peru; a daughter, Martha "Marti" Korba and her husband Mike, Russiaville; grandchildren, Michael A. Korba, Nikki L. Logsdon, Candice A. Gerlach, Katey L. Byran, Stephanie A. Fahner; great-grandchildren, Lauren Kennedy Logsdon, Rhegan Nicole Logsdon, Jase Gerlach, Evan Gerlach, Courtney Keller, Kylee Keller, Maddie Fahner and Jack Fahner. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward L. Stout II (Lt. Col., USAF, Retired); and a son, Edward L. Stout III.

A mass of Christian burial celebrating the life of Helen Curtis Stout will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a prayer service starting at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Saturday, December 1, 2007

**Marjorie A. Umbaugh**

May 20, 1926-Nov. 29, 2007

Marjorie A. UMBAUGH, age 81 of Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester, formerly a resident of Argos and Plymouth, passed away at 6:20 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19.



Marjorie was born the daughter of Vernon Scott and Anna Sherrard Scott in New Castle Township (Fulton County) on May 20, 1926. She was a 1944 graduate of Richland Center High School and a 1945 graduate of South Bend Business College and worked in South Bend as a secretary prior to her marriage.

She was a homemaker and was an Avon Representative in the Argos area. She also was a real estate agent for Collin's and Company of Plymouth. She received her real estate license from Ancilla College. Marjorie enjoyed helping as a farm wife, driving tractors in the field, hauling corn to the elevator or where needed. She and don began their life on a farm near Tiosa. They later moved to the farm in Walnut Township where they lived a total of 47 years on the same farm. Playing the piano gave Marjorie a lot of pleasure, whether playing at church or at home.

Marjorie attended Tiosa Church of the Brethren, Argons United Methodist Church and later the Plymouth Wesleyan Church when she was able.

Her three children, Terry and Sara Umbaugh of Auburn; Nancy and Bruce Collier of Elkhart; and Randy and Kim Umbaugh of Winona Lake, survive here. She is also survived by seven grandchildren; Jay and Tessa Umbaugh, Jill Sloffer, Alicia and Adam LaMunion, Hillary and Emily Umbaugh; two step-grandchildren; Preton and Maura Sloffer and Hailee Lawler, a sister Rosemary and husband John DePue, of Argos; a brother, Paul and wife Marietta Scott of Rochester.

Her husband and a brother, Basil Scott, preceded her in death.

Funeral service to celebrate Marjorie's life will be held on Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. in Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Reichter Cemetery at Rochester.

The family ask that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory.

**Terry L. Rowland**

Terry L. ROWLAND, 64, of 3675 S. Bruner road, Warsaw, died Friday in Kosciusko Community Hospital. Survivors include wife Alison; a daughter, Lisa (Rowland) Barber of Warsaw; and mother, Mary Louise Rowland of Burket.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

**Kenneth D Heckathorn**

Kenneth D. HECKATHORN, 91, formerly of Monon, died Friday at White County Memorial Hospital, Monticello.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Monday, December 3, 2007

**Dale L. Floyd**

Dale L. FLOYD, 69, of 1022 Wabash Ave., Rochester, at 8:13 p.m. Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Kenneth Dean Heckathorn**

Kenneth Dean HECKATHORN, 91, Monticello Health Care, formerly of Fulton, died Friday at White County Memorial Hospital, Monticello.

Survivors include a daughter, Penny Yeakley-Scott, Monon, and two sons, Freddie K. Heckathorn, Celina, Ohio, and Jerry D. Heckathorn, Rochester.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Tuesday.

**Brent Ray McCloughan**

July 1, 1965-Nov. 30, 2007

Brent Ray McCLOUGHAN, 42, of 1283 N. 700 East, Rochester, died at 6:30 p.m. Friday at home.

Born in Warsaw, he was the son of Ted and Lynda Hunter McCloughan.

Brent graduated from Tippecanoe Valley High School in 1983. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served primarily in Okinawa, Japan, from October 1983 through February 1985. He returned to the Fulton County area and worked as a fabricator of restaurant equipment. Most recently, he worked with his brother, Darren, for Dent Magic Plus.

An avid sportsman, Brent enjoyed fishing, especially for perch on Lake Erie. He also looked forward to deer hunting season each autumn. Skeet shooting was also a favorite pastime. On the domestic scene, when the sweet corn and other garden vegetables were ready for the harvest, he would freeze and can his homegrown delicacies.

Brent was passionate about riding his Harley-Davidson while catching the breeze in both Indiana and Florida. Paramount in his life were his nieces and nephews. Brent looked forward to their visits and playing with them.

Survivors include his parents, Ted and Lynda McCloughan, Cromwell and Bradenton, Fla.; two sisters, Kim McCloughan, Sarasota, Fla., and Anita Shultz and husband Chris, Huntington; two brothers, Rod McCloughan and wife Dyan, Sarasota, Fla., and Darren McCloughan and wife Jenny, Warsaw; maternal grandmother, Dixie Hunter, Rochester; two nieces, Kelsey and Kaitlyn; seven nephews, Drew, Tyler, Cameron, Chance, Trevor, Trey and Benjamin; and many wonderful friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ben and Zelma McCloughan and Nelson Hunter, and a nephew, Colt McCloughan.

A celebration of the life of Brent Ray McCloughan will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Pastor Mark Kline, one of Brent's lifelong friends, will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday. Military services will be conducted by the Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars and LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post. Memorials may be made, in lieu of flowers, to Riley Hospital for Children or the American Heart Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Lillian H. Rinesmith**

Lillian H. RINESMITH, 87, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

There are no immediate family survivors.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with visitation one hour before the service.

**Leonard Smith**

Leonard SMITH, 83, of 303 N. Franklin St., Mentone, died at 9:09 p.m. Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

**Esther J. Wise**

Esther J. WISE, 81, of 10719 W. 600 South, Mentone, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia Floyd, Danville, Ill., and Sandy Haferkamp, LaPorte; two sons, Jim Wise and Mark Wise of Mentone; and a sister Donnabelle Marozsan. South Bend.

Her funeral Service will be at 211 a.m. Wednesday at Mentone Church of Christ with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

**James W. 'Bill' Farris**

June 21, 1929-Dec. 3, 2007

James W. "Bill" FARRIS, 78, Logansport, died at 12:10 a.m. Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Crawford County, he was the son of James Edward Farris and Molly Marie Ridge. He married Joan Cunningham on March 27, 1950, in Jacksonville, N.C. She preceded him in death on Oct. 4, 2006.

He retired in 1988 as a diesel mechanic for McMahan-O'Connor Construction Co.

Bill was a Marine veteran of the Korean War and a member of American Legion Post No. 60. He also belonged to the Local 103 Operating Engineers.

Survivors include sons, Richard W. "Dick" Farris and wife Toni, Danny Farris and wife Diana, all of Logansport, and Steve Farris, Royal Center; daughters, Susan English and husband John, Switz City, Mary Black and husband James, Delphi, and Janice Thomas and husband Brad, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; sisters, Wilma Green, Evelyn Hettinger, Alice Shafer, Ruth Shafer, all of Logansport, and Ivy Smith of Florida; brothers, Frank Farris, Pittsboro, and Gary Farris, Logansport; 16 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, John D. Farris, and a daughter-in-law, Bonita Farris.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Dirk Raderstorf officiating. Burial with full military graveside rites will be at Walton IOOF Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

### **Dale Lester Floyd**

April 2, 1938-Dec. 2, 2007

Dale Lester FLOYD, 69, of 1022 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died at 8:13 p.m. Sunday at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, following a two-month illness.

Born in Miami County, he was the son of Lester Dale Floyd and Chloe Walker. On Jan. 25, 1958, in Macy, he married Phyllis J. Hutchison, and she survives. He was a maintenance man at Lear in Peru, where he worked for 47 years.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Floyd, Rochester; a son, Richard Floyd, Seattle, Wash.; two daughters, Linda and husband Gary Easterday and Cathy and husband Carl Adley of Rochester; nine grandchildren, Garrett, Shannon, Misty, Kent, Amy, Ty, Joshua, Trey and Jared; four sisters, Adella Wilson, South Bend, Betty and husband Arthur Harper, Rochester, Ruth and husband Brice Carrothers, Peru, and Aretha Mills, Rochester; and a brother, David and wife Kathy Floyd, Bloomfield. He was preceded in death by an infant son and a sister, Grace Mills.

Private family funeral services will be at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Jason See officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery, Akron. There is no public visitation. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

### **Leonard A. Smith**

Oct. 27, 1924-Dec. 2, 2007

Leonard A. SMITH, 83, of 303 N. Franklin St., Mentone, died at 9:09 p.m. Sunday at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Born in Kosciusko County, he was the son of Alpheus Smith and Myrtle Brown. He graduated in 1943 from Mentone High School, where he played basketball.

He served in the Navy and was a veteran of World War II. He was a former member of the American Legion.

A lifetime Mentone area resident, he worked his entire life until he retired at age 80. He was a fuel delivery man for Igo Oil. He also worked for Frank & Jerry's Grocery, Mentone, and was part owner of it for awhile. He also had been part owner and an employee of Etna Green Bar in Etna Green. He most recently worked several years for Medtronic Manufacturing, Warsaw.

He enjoyed going out for breakfast with Roy Jeffers and he loved playing cards and had been a good player.

He is survived by three sons, Devon Smith, Rochester, Leon and wife Sandra Smith, Prairie Grove, Ark., Ivory and wife Judy Snipes, Warsaw; a sister, Delta Smelser, Mentone; two brothers, Frank and wife Jerry Smith and Marion and wife Eva Smith, all of

Mentone; and 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna and Donnas, and five brothers, Floyd, Roy, George, Garlan and Estel Smith.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with the Rev. Doris Smith officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, with military honors conducted by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars of Warsaw. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### **Sean Matthew Widner**

Sean Matthew WIDNER, Westwood Lane, Apt. 321, Rochester, was stillborn at 7:10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, is handling arrangements.

### **Esther J. Wise**

April 10, 1926-Dec. 1, 2007

Esther J. WISE, 81, of 10719 W. 600 South, Mentone, died at 11:30 p.m. Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Born in South Bend, she was the daughter of Francis Kehoe and Mary Nellans. She lived in the Tippecanoe and Mentone areas all her life. She was the valedictorian of her 1944 graduating class of Tippecanoe High School in Tippecanoe. She then attended Manchester College.

On July 20, 1951, in Mentone, she married Leroy C. "Bud" Wise. He died Oct. 17, 1971. A homemaker, she enjoyed crocheting, baking and playing games.

She was a member of Mentone Church of Christ and a volunteer at Mason Health Care and Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. She was a former performer with the Mentone Scrambled Egg Band.

Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia and husband Dennis Floyd, Danville, Ill., and Sandy and husband Jim Haferkamp, LaPorte;

two sons, Jim and wife Sandy Wise and Mark and wife Deb Wise, all of Mentone; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Donnabelle Marozsan, South Bend.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mentone Church of Christ, Mentone, with Billy Steele and Keith Besson as speakers. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Memorials may be made to the Shultz-Lewis Children's Home of Valparaiso, Kosciusko County Hospice of Warsaw or Mentone Church of Christ.

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

### **Marjorie Leona Bridge**

Marjorie Leona BRIDGE, 79, Logansport, died Monday at the Chase Center, Logansport.

Survivors include husband, James J. Bridge, Logansport; four sons, Stuart Elliott, Urbana, Stephen Elliott, St. Augustine, Fla., Harry and Ernie Bridge, both of Royal Center; four daughters, Deborah Strange of Oak Hill, Va., Pamela Ford, Roann, Cathy Redmon, Oro Valley, Ariz., and Barbara Fleckenstein, Lafayette.

Her funeral service will be at noon Saturday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Royal Center, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the service.

### **Jonathan Howard Kamp**

April 5, 1979-Nov. 30, 2007

Jonathan Howard KAMP, 28, of 7854 E. 250 South, Akron, and formerly of Warsaw, passed away at 11:28 p.m. Friday in Sevastopol.

He was born on April 5, 1979, in Logansport, the son Frank H. Kamp Sr. and Christine K. (Jones) Hooker. He attended Rochester Community Schools and graduated from Tippecanoe Valley High School in 1997.

Jonathan was a bailer operator for Lewis Salvation in Warsaw. He was a member of ABATE; had been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where he was active in catechism; had been active in



Rochester Youth Little League T-Ball and Baseball; had a Rochester Sentinel paper route in his youth; and was active in lawn maintenance. He enjoyed Harley-Davidson motorcycles, deer hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his parents, Frank H. and wife Linda Kamp Sr., Rochester; mother, Christine K. and husband Barth Hooker, Kissimmee, Fla.; fiancée, Tracy L. Davis, Akron; children, Justin Kolby, Mishawaka, Brandy Little John, North Webster, Mason Davis, Akron, Wyatt Davis, Akron; brothers, John and wife Melinda Kamp, Akron, Josh Kamp, Paducah, Ky., Franklin Kamp Jr. and fiancée Kim England, Denver; sisters, Jennifer Mendoza, Akron, Jane Hooker and Jada Hooker, Kissimmee, Fla.; grandparents, Wayne and Isabelle Kamp, Akron, Francis "Casey" and Marilyn Jones, Rochester, Sharon Meenen, Macy; great-grandmother, Anna P. Richhart, Rochester; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Ben Fleck and Howard Meenen.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Athens Cemetery, Athens. Memorial contributions may be made to ABATE, American Diabetes or MADD. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **John W. 'Bill' Myers**

John W. "Bill" MYERS, 83, of 1105 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, died at 9:55 a.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Helen J. Thompson**

Helen J. THOMPSON, 84, Muncie, formerly of Rochester, died at 9:38 a.m. Tuesday at Muncie Health Care. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Sean Matthew Widner**

Sean Matthew WIDNER of Rochester was stillborn Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his father, Terry L. Widner, and his mother, Mary C. Williams, of Rochester, and brothers, Terry L. Widner Jr. and Austin Jo Widner of Logansport.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel, Logansport.

Thursday, December 6, 2007

**Helen L. Briggs**

Helen L. BRIGGS, 97, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, formerly of Peru, died at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**John W. 'Bill' Myers**

Feb. 27, 1924-Dec. 4, 2007

John W. "Bill" MYERS, 83, of 1105 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, passed away at 9:55 a.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He was born on Feb. 27, 1924, in Rochester, the son of Ray E. and Arline (Lowman) Myers. Bill attended school at Columbia Grade School and graduated from Rochester High School in 1943.

Bill served two years in the U.S. Army, 18 months during the Korean War. He was called back to serve from the reserves. At this time, he was dating Ramona Ann "Monie" Caywood. Considering the possibility he might not return back from war, they decided to get married on Sept. 9, 1950, in Rochester, 10 days prior to him returning to war.

After returning from service, he purchased the Mobil bulk oil business. In 1977, Bill and his wife purchased The Newsstand from Gates Thompson, where they enjoyed the newspapers, magazines, gifts and greeting cards. The Newsstand provided the couple the opportunity to meet the nicest people in the world as they came in to

browse and make friends for a lifetime. They sold The Newsstand in 1992. The first few years of retirement were spent traveling to Florida and Arizona visiting relatives, school and army buddies, and the Chicago Cubs training camp in Mesa, Ariz. At home, Bill worked for more than four years at Gas America, meeting old Newsstand friends and making new ones that came in off the bypass.

Bill loved Rochester and Fulton County. He knew at one time there were 18 round barns in the county, far more than any other county. He was a member of the committee that originated, developed and initiated the first Round Barn Festival. With a lot of hard work, volunteers, good ideas and dedication, it took off and is still enjoyed. Bill was president the first two years and remained a board member for five years, and one year as Grand Marshal for the Round Barn Parade. He was also Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge, two-term president of the Rochester Lions Club, one-term president of the Retail Merchants, four-year board member of the Rochester and Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce, four-year member of the Rochester School Board and on the Fulton County Housing Board for 16 1/2 years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, 32nd degree Mason and the American Legion.

He enjoyed his class reunions, while reminiscing about the "Ole" days; he would walk the classes up and down Main Street pointing out what store or business used to be where now an entirely different establishment stands. He loved music; he especially enjoyed all the "Big Bands" that came to the Colonial Hotel on Lake Manitou.

He so loved his family, who will miss him so very much, but he has made and left so many wonderful memories for each to share, some funny and some sad. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ramona Ann Myers, Rochester; daughter, Raynee' Marlene Myers, Rochester; son, Jon Myers, Rochester; grandson, Damon E. Myers, Rochester; brother-in-law, Robert D. and wife Nancy Caywood, Rochester; and nieces and nephews, Linda Myers Reno and husband Lee, Indianapolis, Debbie Caywood Magon and husband Richie, Pompano Beach, Fla., Tammie Caywood, Rochester, Joe and wife Vicki Caywood of Arizona. He was preceded in death by his oldest

son, Brett Garfield; his parents, Ray E. Myers, who Bill was very proud of when he was Mayor from 1960-1963, and his wonderful mother, Arlen Myers; brother, Jacob in 1919; brother, James Richard; sister, Joan Blacketor and husband Otto; and niece, Vickie Caywood Parsons.

His graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Ministries Food Pantry or the Shriners in care of children of special needs. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Helen J. Thompson**

April 13, 1923-Dec. 4, 2007

Helen J. THOMPSON, 84, Muncie Health and Rehabilitation Center, Muncie, formerly of Rochester, passed away at 9:38 a.m. Tuesday at the Muncie Health and Rehab Center.

She was born on April 13, 1923, in Rochester, the daughter of Clarence A. and Ruth (Townsend) Werner. On May 16, 1942, in Rochester, she married Gene Dea Thompson. He preceded her in death on Sept. 26, 1995.

Mrs. Thompson was an active member of First Baptist Church for more than 75 years, serving as a deaconess. She also was a volunteer Grey Lady at Woodlawn Hospital, recorded books for the blind for the Library of Congress, spent seven years in Arizona as a volunteer at the Casa Grande National Ruins, and was a Welcome Wagon hostess.

A devoted wife and mother, she is survived by her sons, Michael and wife Patricia Thompson, Muncie, David and wife Lynn Thompson, Bossier City, La., Dan and wife Lisa Thompson, Fort Wayne; daughters, Jane Wood, Cedar Hill, Texas, and Martha and husband Jim Hefling, Schertz, Texas; grandchildren, Steven and wife Carrie Thompson, Muncie, Brian Thompson, Muncie, Tara and husband David Bremer, Delmar, N.Y., Tony Thompson, Bossier City, La., Karen and husband Marcus McKee, Bossier City, La., Alex and

wife Chelsea Thompson, West Lafayette, Marcus Thompson, Bossier City, La., Megan Thompson, Allison Thompson, Danielle Thompson and Kenneth Thompson, all of Fort Wayne; great-grandchildren, Bailey Thompson, Muncie, and Tucker Bremer, Delmar, N.Y. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with Dr. Mark Spencer and Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Friday, December 7, 2007

**Evelyn (Bowen) Amacher**

Evelyn Maxine "Lyn" (Bowen) AMACHER, 87, of Elkhart, formerly of Rochester, died Thursday at Greenleaf Living Center. Arrangements are pending at Billings Funeral Home, Elkhart.

**Helen Briggs**

Dec. 13, 1909-Dec. 5, 2007

Helen BRIGGS, 97, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, formerly of Peru, died at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday at home.

Born in Lafayette, she was the daughter of John and Ella Hass Landis. On Aug. 8, 1936, in Indianapolis, she married Melvin A. Briggs. He died Nov. 20, 1993.

She was a vice president at American Trust Savings Bank, where she retired in 1974. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Peru, and belonged to the Phi Delta Kappa Wives Club and AARP.

Survivors include two sons, John Briggs and wife Elaine, Rochester, and David Briggs and wife Bettie, Plainsfield, Mass.; seven grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, seven stepgreat-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her

parents; a son, Dr. Craig Briggs on Nov. 3, 1998; and her sister, Wilma Landis, in 1941.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. John E. Hess officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation is one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made through the funeral home to First Presbyterian Church.

### **Jonathan Howard Kamp**

April 5, 1979-Nov. 30, 2007

Jonathan Howard KAMP, 28, of 7854 E. 250 South, Akron, and formerly of Warsaw, passed away at 11:28 p.m. Friday in Sevastopol.

He was born on April 5, 1979, in Logansport, the son Frank H. Kamp Sr. and Christine K. (Jones) Hooker. He attended Rochester Community Schools and graduated from Tippecanoe Valley High School in 1997.

Jonathan was a bailer operator for Lewis Salvation in Warsaw. He was a member of ABATE; had been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where he was active in catechism; had been active in Rochester Youth Little League T-Ball and Baseball; had a Rochester Sentinel paper route in his youth; and was active in lawn maintenance. He enjoyed Harley-Davidson motorcycles, deer hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his parents, Frank H. and wife Linda Kamp Sr., Rochester; mother, Christine K. and husband Barth Hooker, Kissimmee, Fla.; fiancée, Tracy L. Davis, Akron; children, Justin Kolby, Mishawaka, Brandy Little John, North Webster, Mason Davis, Akron, Wyatt Davis, Akron; brothers, John and wife Melinda Kamp, Akron, Josh Kamp, Paducah, Ky., Franklin Kamp Jr. and fiancée Kim England, Denver; sisters, Jennifer Mendoza, Akron, Jane Hooker and Jada Hooker, Kissimmee, Fla.; grandparents, Wayne and Isabelle Kamp, Akron, Francis "Casey" and Marilyn Jones, Rochester, Sharon Meenen, Macy; great-grandmother, Anna P. Richhart, Rochester; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Ben Fleck and Howard Meenen.

His funeral service was at 1 p.m. today at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Calling was from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Athens Cemetery, Athens. Memorial contributions may be made to ABATE, American Diabetes or MADD. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Leroy Swihart**

Leroy SWIHART, 78, of 6529 W. 850 South, Claypool, died at 1:45 a.m. today at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Saturday, December 8, 2007

### **Evelyn (Bowen) Amacher**

Feb. 20, 1920-Dec. 6, 2007

Evelyn Maxine "Lyn" (Bowen) AMACHER, 87, of 1201 E. Beardsley Ave., Elkhart, passed away Thursday at Greenleaf Living Center, where she was a resident since March.

Known as "Lyn" to friends and "Evelyn" to family, she was born on Feb. 20, 1920, in Rochester, the daughter of Vernie and Pearl (Wright) Bowen. One of five children, she was the sister to Esther Plain of Munster, former Indiana Governor and the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services Dr. Otis (Carol) Bowen of Bremen and Sara Jane Scandling of South Bend.

On Feb. 13, 1944, Evelyn married Earl Robert Amacher, who preceded her in death in 2005.

She is survived by her daughter, Patty L. (Dale) Bingaman of Elkhart. Three granddaughters survive: Christina Lynn Roach, Elkhart, Melinda Kay Collins of Prestonburg, Ky., and Marlina Sue (Jonathan) Chapman, Garrett, Ky. Five great-grandchildren, Tiffany Lynne, Tori Elaine, Tyler Patrick, Makayla Dawn and Bailey Clayton also survive, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Evelyn's earliest years were spent in Fulton County. She attended schools in Fulton, Francesville and Crown Point, where her father taught math and shop class while also coaching the high school basketball teams. She graduated from Crown Point High School in 1937 and Manchester College in 1942, where she received her bachelor of arts degree. After college, Evelyn taught high school English and literature and retired from Wheeler High School in Valparaiso. She was also a model in Chicago in the early 1950s, where her photographs were seen in many publications.

She was a member of the Billy Graham Choir throughout the 1950s and attended the Moody Bible Institute in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich., in the 1960s. She joined the Reformed Church of North American Missions in Holland, Mich., in 1966, and was a missionary at the Reformed Church School at the Annville Institute Boarding School in Annville, Ky., from 1966-1968. She was also a member of the Indiana Teachers Association, Republican Women for Bowen and was the "family" photographer. Lyn enjoyed sewing, playing cards and scrabble with her close friends.

Please gather with her family and friends at the Billings Funeral Home, 812 Baldwin St. Elkhart, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday. A service to celebrate her life will be on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Billings Funeral Home, where friends may also call for one hour prior to her service. The Rev. Karen Strietelmeier of Zion Lutheran Church in Bristol will officiate. Burial and graveside services will follow at the IOOF Cemetery in Rochester. Please direct any memorials to the Alzheimer's Association. To leave a condolence or share a memory of Evelyn, please visit [www.billingsfuneralhome.com](http://www.billingsfuneralhome.com).

### **Leroy F. Swihart**

Oct. 14, 1929-Dec. 7, 2007

Leroy F. SWIHART, 78, of 6529 W. 850 S. Claypool, died at 1:45 a.m., Friday at Millers Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Born on Oct. 14, 1929, in Akron, he was the son of Russell L. Swihart and Carrie I. Churchill.



He retired from Eaton Controls of North Manchester. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Korean War. He had been a member of the Conservation Club, Silver Lake.

Survivors include two daughters, Patty Bumgardener, North Manchester, and Linda Warren, Warsaw; four sons, David and wife Cassie Swihart, Randal Swihart, Michael Swihart and significant other Rhonda Clevenger, all of Silver Lake, and Eric and wife Vicki Swihart, of Auburn; three sisters, Pauline Ruff, Norma Hyatt, Judy and husband Gene Montague, all of Akron; a brother Jack and wife Ann Swihart, of Gilead; fifteen grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron with Pastor Roderick Smith officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery where there will be graveside military rites conducted by the VFW Post 1343 and the American Legion Post 36. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 West Rochester St., Akron. Memorials may be made to the Kosciusko County Home Care and Hospice, 902 Provident Dr., Warsaw. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Monday, December 10, 2007

### **Wayne T. Beery**

Wayne T. BEERY, 82, of 1501 Liberty Lane, Rochester, passed away at 10:45 p.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Hildegard H. Berkheiser**

Hildegard H. BERKHEISER, 85, of 10808 Windrose Point Ave., Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Argos, died at 9:07 a.m. Saturday at Hospice at the Heights of Summerlin, Las Vegas. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Edith Siders Holiday**

Nov. 18, 1914-Dec. 9, 2007

Edith Siders HOLIDAY, 93, Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport, formerly of 4447 W. 800 South, Kewanna, passed away at 1:23 a.m. Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor.

She was born on Nov. 18, 1914, near Twelve Mile, the daughter of Chauncy and Cora (Gehman) Siders. On Jan. 24, 1934, in Osceola, she married Elmer E. Holiday. He preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 2000.

Mrs. Holiday was a homemaker. She was a member of the Fletchers Lake United Methodist Church and was an active member of the Ladies Aid at the former Olive Branch EUB Church. She enjoyed being a seamstress, including making quilts, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her sons, David Holiday, Logansport, Richard and wife Helen Holiday, Peru, Roger and wife Darlene Holiday, Wabash; daughters, Margo and husband Neil Jefferies, Muncie, and Ellen Holiday, Colfax, Wash.; 11 grandchildren, several great grandchildren; half sisters, Helen Burch, Austin, Texas, Marjorie Hendrix, Commerce, Texas, Ruby Janshide, Arlington, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Lawrence Siders and Harley Siders; sisters, Mabel Boulet, Frances Sparrow and Blanche Siders; half sister, Mary Siders; half brothers, Marion Siders, Robert Lee Siders and Charles Siders; and stepmother, Clara Smith.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Rev. Dave Sommers officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Donald LeRoy Quier**

Nov. 7, 1937-Dec. 7, 2007

Donald LeRoy QUIER, 70, of 1419 Franklin Ave., Rochester, died at 11:22 p.m. Friday at home.

Born in Mentone, he was the son of Elmer and Cleora Dillman Quier. He lived his whole life in the Mentone and Rochester communities.

On Nov. 15, 1959, at Lake Manitou, he married Patricia Sayger, and she survives.

He was employed by Nickles Bakery. He worked the majority of his life at Sealed Power Corp. Following his retirement from Sealed Power, he worked part time as a cook with Jack Townsend at Rochester Meats & Deli until October 2006.

Don enjoyed all spectator sports. He especially looked forward to watching football, baseball, basketball and golf on television. As an outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing on Lake Manitou for bluegill and catfish. Don was a dedicated member of the Rochester Eagles Lodge.

As a thoughtful and talented craftsman and woodworker, Don created custom designed furniture for his family and close friends. He constructed a vast array of baby beds, coffee tables, curios and even wooden lawn ornaments. He was known for his generosity as he donated some of the wooden ornaments to charity in an effort to assist them with fundraising.

Don will always be remembered by his family and friends for his graciousness in helping others. His greatest effort with helping mankind came when he volunteered and was accepted to participate in clinical trials. He was very proud and knew that he would help others benefit with this effort.

In addition to his wife, Patricia of Rochester, he is survived by a daughter, Betty Musick and special companion Michael Beam, Rochester; a son, Nelson Quier and wife Brenda, Deridder, La.; two sisters, Mary Castle of Kenton, Ohio, and Linda Combs of Jackson, Ky.; a brother, Walter David Quier and wife Betty, Nyona Lake; three grandchildren, Tammy LaFosse, Anthony Wardrup and Donny Wardrup; several nieces and nephews; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Esther Smith and Edna Busz; a brother, Arthur Quier; and a grandson Ricky Wardrup.

A celebration of the life of Donald LeRoy Quier will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Dr. Sam Boys officiating. Friends are invited to gather with the family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until the service Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Marshall County Hospice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Gerald D. Young**

Sept. 10, 1941-Dec. 8, 2007

Gerald D. YOUNG, 66, of 2114 Yosemite Drive, Lebanon, died at 3:55 a.m. Saturday at Parkwood Health Care Center, Lebanon. His health was failing for two years.

Born near Leiters Ford, he was the son of Everett "Jake" and Mazy I. Cline Young. A proud graduate of Aubbeenaubbee High School in 1959, he lived most of his life in the Fulton County area.

He was employed by Moore Business Forms for more than 20 years and worked for Young & Sons Asphalt of Carmel.

On Aug. 29, 2004, he married Norma Stowers at Bible Baptist Church, Lebanon.

As an American sportsman, Gerald enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping all types of game including deer, rabbit, squirrel, raccoon and beaver.

He attended Bible Baptist Church, Lebanon.

Survivors include his wife, Norma, at home; a daughter, Veda Faulstich and husband David, Plymouth; a son, York A. Young and wife Deanna, Fort Wayne; a sister, Shirley Hanowich, Wheatfield; a brother, Richard Young and wife Tootie, Culver; and eight grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two sisters, Margaret Humes and Bonnie Ricks; and three brothers, Ernie Young, Lavern Young and infant Harold Young.

A celebration of the life of Gerald D. Young will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home with Pastor Jack Stanley officiating. Friends are invited to gather with the family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery. The family requests memorials in lieu of flowers be made to St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

**Wayne T. Beery**

July 29, 1925-Dec. 7, 2007

Wayne T. BEERY, 82, of 1501 Liberty Lane, Rochester, passed away at 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born on July 29, 1925, in Oak Park, Ill., the son of Otto and Carrie (Tyler) Beery. As a youth, he attended Onarga Military Academy in Illinois and Leiters Ford High School. Mr. Beery served in the Pacific Theater with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. On Dec. 29, 1949, he married Martha Jane "Babe" McLochlin at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Kewanna, and she survives.

Mr. Beery had been a farmer, worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and retired in 1988 from Bethlehem Steel, Chesterton. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, and the Mission of Mary at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge. He enjoyed antique cars, golf, gardening and home projects.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Beery, Rochester; son, Robert and wife Amy Beery, Littleton, Colo.; grandchildren, Patrick and Erin Beery, Littleton, Colo.; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Charlotte Hall and Evelyn Clark.

His funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Bert Woolson and Rev. Joseph

Jacob officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, where a rosary service will take place at 8 p.m. Thursday evening. Burial will be in St. Ann's Cemetery, Kewanna, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, or to St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kewanna. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermaznbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermaznbros@rtcol.com).

### **Hildegarde H. Berkheiser**

Hildegarde H. BERKHEISER, 85, of 10808 Windrose Point Ave., Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Argos, died Saturday at Hospice at the Heights of Summerlin, Las Vegas.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Berkheiser, Las Vegas, Nev., and Denise Morley, Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Vaughn Berkheiser, Thomaston, Ga., and Jeffrey Berkheiser, Argos; and one sister, Frances Schuster, Maxwell, Texas.

Her funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Argos United Methodist Church with visitation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **John J. Delworth Jr.**

John J. DELWORTH Jr., 81, of 1806 Oakwood Drive, Rochester, died at 12:47 a.m. today at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Donna Rae Hall**

Donna Rae HALL, 54, Logansport, died Monday at home.

Survivors include her husband, Glen Hall; six daughters and one son, Kris Townsend, Denver, Gina Brooks, Peru, Chad Davis, Peru, Sandi Davis, Indianapolis, Heather Adams, Galveston, Tara Hall, Peru, and Stephanie Hall, Walton; five brothers and sisters,

Wayne Wyatt, Florida, Ruth Fair, Peru, Johnnie Hanger, Peru, Arlene Barrow, North Carolina, and Norma Poor, Peru.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Calvary Temple Church with visitation from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

### **Everett G. Young**

Everett G. YOUNG, 79, of 5213 W. 100 South, Warsaw, died Monday at home.

Survivors include two daughters, Diann Huffman and Sandra Wentz of Warsaw; a son, Dennis Young, Warsaw; four sisters, Mary Pike, Rochester, Margaret Yeater of Michigan, Opal Epler and Francis Ervin of Warsaw; and a brother, Charles Young, Elkhart.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

### **Karen Ann Brunn**

Sept. 15, 1963-Dec. 8, 2007

BRUNN, Karen Ann, 44, of Bellbrook, Ohio, died gently in her home on Dec. 8, 2007.

Born Karen Ann Cook on Sept. 15, 1963, in Denver, Colo., she was the youngest child of Keith and Jean (Ellis) Cook. She married her lifelong family friend, Mark E. Brunn, in Rochester, on May 25, 1985. She gave birth to their daughters, Kristin Estelle in 1993, and Erin Michelle in 1995.

Mrs. Brunn earned a diploma from Northglenn High School (Colorado) in 1981, a B.S. in business from Wright State University in 1986, and an M.B.A. from University of Dayton in 1991. Living in the Dayton area since 1985, Mrs. Brunn was employed by First National Bank, the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, and the National Air and Space Intelligence Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

She retired with 20 years of service to WPAFB and was awarded the Career Civilian Meritorious Service Medal on July 1.

She was a member of Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, where she served as Sunday School teacher, Elder, Deacon, and member of the Deborah Circle. She took great pleasure in the lives of her girls; one particular way was to volunteer in their classrooms providing support for celebrations, field trips and special events. She loved camping with her family and the beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park. She will be remembered for her poise, dignity, and kindness: hers was a presence that would lift a room when she entered it.

She is preceded in death by her father-in-law, Don Brunn. In addition to her husband and daughters, all of Bellbrook, Mrs. Brunn is survived by her parents, Keith and Jean Cook of Northglenn, Colo.; her sisters, Sue Shaw (Ken) of Aurora, Colo., and Carol Rhine (Dave) of Thornton, Colo.; her mother-in-law, Mary Brunn of Rochester; her sister-in-law, Kathy Carlson (Jeff) of Chaska, Minn.; her brother-in-law, Eric Brunn (Norma) of Columbus; and 12 nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank family, friends, and Hospice of Dayton for their generous compassion and care as Mrs. Brunn battled cancer. Her bravery and strength were an inspiration to all who knew her as she faced extraordinary adversity with exceptional dignity and grace. She will be forever missed.

Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 13, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Routsong Funeral Home, 2100 E. Stroop Rd., Kettering, Ohio. A memorial service will be Friday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. at Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Julia K. Wharff officiating. Committal service will follow at Bellbrook Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, 4417 Bigger Rd, Kettering, OH 45440, or to Rocky Mountain National Forest Foundation, P.O. 3100, Estes Park, CO 80517. Condolences and other remembrances may be sent to the family by visiting [www.routsong.com](http://www.routsong.com).



**John J. Delworth Jr.**

June 7, 1926-Dec. 11, 2007

John J. DELWORTH Jr., 81, of 918 Sunflower Lane, formerly of 1806 Oakwood Drive, Rochester, passed away at 12:47 a.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

He was born on June 7, 1926, in Valparaiso, the son of John J. and Alice Maude (Stevens) Delworth. He graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1944. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Upon returning home from wars, he graduated from Valparaiso University with a B.A. degree in 1944 and in 1955 with a J.D. degree from Valparaiso School of Law. On Jan. 2, 1954, in Gary, he married Nora Amabile, and she survives.

Mr. Delworth was Fulton Circuit Court Judge in 1966 and the Fulton-Pulaski County Court Judge from 1977-1991. He was the Rochester City Attorney and past president of the Fulton County Bar Association and member of the Indiana Judges Association.

Mr. Delworth's civic activities included: past president of the Rochester Kiwanis Club; member board of directors for Fulton County Mental Health Association; member board of director for the Rochester and Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce; charter and active member of the Fulton County Civic Players; and a charter member of the Rochester Elks Lodge, where he was past exalted ruler, past state president, and held numerous national posts. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where he served as a lector, eucharistic minister and parish council member.

He was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling, camping, attending state and national Elks Lodge Conventions, yearly USS Bache (Destroyer, WWII) Navy reunions and spent numerous years wintering in Phoenix, Ariz. He especially enjoyed his daily coffee at the "liars table" with his close friends.

Survivors include his wife, Nora Delworth, Rochester; daughters, Mary Alice and husband Kevin Hunt, Little Rock, Ark., Patty Delworth, San Francisco, Calif.; sons, Michael and wife Helen Delworth, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Timothy and wife Angie Delworth, West Lafayette, John F. and wife Dana Delworth, Nashville, Tenn.;

and grandchildren, Jessica Hunt, Jodi Hunt, Ryan Hunt, all of Little Rock, Ark., Alex Delworth, Carter Delworth, both of West Lafayette, Kate Delworth and Jane Delworth, both of Nashville, Tenn. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Stevens Delworth.

His funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, where the rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, where military graveside service will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Everett G. Young**

May 8, 1928-Dec. 10, 2007

Everett G. YOUNG, 79, died peacefully at 2:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at his residence. He can now be with his beloved wife Betty, who preceded him on Aug. 9, 2003.

Everett was born May 8, 1928, in Mentone, to Gordon and Edith Vandermark Young. On Nov. 29, 1948, he married Betty J. Kindig in Atwood.

He was a lifetime resident of Warsaw and retired from Bendix Corporation in 1983, after working there 32 years. He was a longtime member of the Moose Lodge of Warsaw and the Eagles Lodge in Syracuse. He was an inductee in the Warsaw Bowling Hall of Fame. He spent many years bowling in both local leagues and Moose travel leagues and participated in many ABC bowling tournaments all over the country.

Survivors include two daughters, Diann and husband Robert Huffman and Sandra and husband Roy Wentz of Warsaw; a son, Dennis and wife Tracy Young, Warsaw; eight grandchildren, Scott, Alan, Andrew and Nicholas Young, all of Warsaw, Lisa Shaw, Florence, Ky., Angela Scherschel, Fort Wayne, Bryan Wentz, Noblesville, and Brandon Wentz, Athens, Ga.; nine great-

grandchildren; four sisters, Mary Pike, Rochester, Margaret Yeater, Michigan, Opal Epler, Warsaw, Francis Ervin, Warsaw; and a brother, Charles and wife Dorothy Young, Elkhart. He was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with the Rev. Steve Austin officiating. Burial will follow at Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Memorials may be made to Kosciusko County Home Care and Hospice. Online condolences may be submitted at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Thursday, December 13, 2007

### **Mary Gene Groves**

Mary Gene GROVES, 84, of 901 E. Main St., No. 51, Logansport, died at 11 p.m. Monday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, December 14, 2007

### **Mary Gene Groves**

Dec. 19, 1922-Dec. 10, 2007

Mary Gene GROVES, 84, of 901 E. Main St., No. 51, Logansport, passed away at 11 p.m. Monday at her residence.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1922, in Fulton County, the daughter of Dorwin Dwight and Edith (Clevenger) Heeter. On July 10, 1947, in Kankakee, Ill., she married Rex Groves. He preceded her in death in 1963.

Mrs. Groves was a waitress and hostess at Ambers Restaurant, Logansport, for many years. She was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliaries. She enjoyed crocheting, canning, cooking and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her son, Doug Groves, Logansport; daughter, Deana Holbrook, Pierceton; three grandchildren, including Nela and husband Matthew Miller, Rochester; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two infant sons; her parents; brothers, Bud Heeter, Alan Heeter and Charles Heeter; and sisters, Margery Ellis, Lenora Sayger, Lucy Lane and Joan Atkinson.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of the funeral at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date at Athens Cemetery, Athens. Memorials may be made to Mary Gene Groves Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Saturday, December 15, 2007

**Glen D. Law**

Glen D. LAW, 90, Englewood, Fla., formerly of Rochester, died Nov. 30.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Jean Columbus Phillips Law, Englewood, Fla.; a son, Gail Law, Mentone, and a daughter, Janet Weber, Rochester.

A local memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Dec. 24 at Rochester Church of Christ with visitation one hour prior to the service.

**David Lee Morton**

David Lee MORTON, 66, Naples, Fla., formerly of Logansport, died at 11:09 a.m. Friday at Naples Community Hospital Downtown, Naples.

Survivors include Circuit Court Judge Doug Morton, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Howard Meyer**

Howard MEYER, 82, 906 Arthur St., died today at 4:07 p.m. at Life Care Center.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

Monday, December 17, 2007

**Leionell D. McConnell**

Leionell D. McCONNELL, 101, 2766 N. Knoll Drive, Macy, (Nyona Lake), died at 6:15 p.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Howard E. Meyer**

March 3, 1925-Dec. 14, 2007

Howard E. MEYER, 82, of 906 Arthur St., Rochester, died at 4:07 p.m. Friday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born in Fulton, he was the son of Alvin and Ollie Rush Meyer. He lived his entire life in Fulton County except for winters in North Fort Myers, Fla.

He married Vivian Zartman in 1946, and she preceded him in death. On June 14, 1975, in Rochester, he married Mary M. Bumgardner Zartman, and she survives.

He was a tool and die maker for Delco Electronics, Kokomo, for 21 years. He was a member of UAW No. 292, Kokomo.

He enjoyed spending time working in his yard.

In addition to his wife, Mary Meyer, Rochester, he is survived by a daughter, Diana Wise, Kewanna; a son, Michael Meyer and wife Vicki, Rochester; a stepdaughter, Marilyn Thompson and husband Roger, Milford; two stepsons, Ronald Zartman and wife Marlynn, Milford, and David Zartman and wife Ruth, Fremont; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Shane Wise; and two brothers, Ronald and Dean Meyer.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Don Meyer officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**David Lee Morton**

June 3, 1941-Dec. 14, 2007

David Lee MORTON, 66, of 1640 Wellesley Circle, Naples, Fla., and formerly of Logansport, passed away at 11:09 a.m. Friday at Naples Community Hospital Downtown in Naples, Fla. He was a Naples, Fla., resident since 1985.

He was born on June 3, 1941, in Logansport, the son of Paul L. and Mary Anna (Barr) Morton. He was a 1959 graduate of Logansport High School, a 1963 graduate of Harvard University, and a 1966 graduate of Indiana University Law School-Bloomington.

Mr. Morton retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Major serving in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He served in the Vietnam War, stationed in Da Nang, Vietnam, and additionally was stationed overseas in Thailand and West Germany. He was a Bronze Star recipient for meritorious service. He was in private practice as an attorney for several years and remained a Major in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Survivors include his brothers, Stephen and wife Susan Morton, Cottonwood, Minn., and Douglas and wife Lois Morton, Rochester; a sister, Kathleen Winters, Fairfield, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services for extended family will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. A memorial service will be held at St. Monica's Episcopal Church, Naples, Fla., at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.  
Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

**Leionell Daniel McConnell**

Leionell Daniel McCONNELL, 101, of 2766 N. Knoll Drive, Macy, (Nyona Lake), died Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Survivors include two daughters, Gale Harper of Nyona Lake and Ann Punak of Gary, and a son, Allen Riddley, Boston, Mass.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Central time Wednesday at the Calument Park Cemetery chapel, Merrillville. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

**Helen M. Kissinger**

Feb. 25, 1920-Dec. 16, 2007

Helen M. KISSINGER, 87, North Manchester, died at 5:45 p.m. Sunday at Wabash County Hospital.

Born in Wabash County, she was the daughter of Ernest Bodkin and LaVon (Sanderson) Bodkin. Helen graduated from Gilead High School.

On Nov. 6, 1938, she married Paul B. Kissinger. He died March 3, 1970.

She retired from the former Controls Co., North Manchester, in 1985 after 23 years.

She was a member of the Nazarene Church in North Manchester, where she was treasurer of the Missionary Society for 50 years, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Akron. She enjoyed crocheting and being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Paul W. Kissinger and Don (Linda) Kissinger of North Manchester and Ernest Leroy (Beverly) Kissinger of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lucile (Raymond) Doering, Akron;

five grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren. Her parents and a sister, Lillian Kamp, preceded her in death.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, with the Rev. Darrell Cox officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. Memorials may be made to Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare & Hospice, 710 N. East St., Wabash, IN 46992, or Nazarene Church, 504 W. Main St., North Manchester, IN 46962. Condolences may be e-mailed to [debaughtermckee.com](mailto:debaughtermckee.com).

### **Leionell Daniel McConnell**

July 24, 1906-Dec. 15, 2007

Leionell Daniel McCONNELL, 101, of 2766 N. Knoll Drive, Macy, (Nyona Lake), died at 6:15 p.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born in Wayne County, Ill., he was the son of Lafayette and Lenora Sharp McConnell. He lived in this area for 12 years after moving from Gary.

On Oct. 15, 1988, in South Chicago Heights, Ill., he married Leona Hutton. He was a real estate broker and member of Nyona-Mud Lakes Booster club.

Leionell was a true American sportsman, multi-talented in several sports at the collegiate and professional level. He played football for the University of Illinois with the immortal Red Grange and against Bronko Nagurski. As a Triple A baseball player, he struck out Stan "The Man" Musial three times just prior to Stan moving on to the major leagues. There were 22 strikeouts recorded in that outing. He was also a member of the Illinois Egyptians basketball team, playing against the famous Harlem Globetrotters. Leionell lived a very colorful life, sprinkled with his athleticism.

Survivors include two daughters, Gale Harper and husband Jim, Nyona Lake, and Ann Punak of Gary; a son, Allen Riddley and wife Karen, Boston, Mass.; nine grandchildren, Jerry Punak of Valparaiso,



Tina Oliver and Gina Khranbuhl of London, Ky., Nicole, Stephanie and Matthew Riddley of Springfield, Ill., and Julie, Jay and Karrie Harper of Lansing, Ill.; and 10 great-grandchildren, Jeremy, Melinda, Ashley, Kayla, Austin, Marco, Erica, Seth, Chloe and Scott. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and sisters and brothers.

Thursday, December 20, 2007

### **Stanley Forbush**

Stanley FORBUSH, 57, of 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, died at 8:10 a.m. today at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Glen D. Law**

Oct. 27, 1917-Nov. 30, 2007

Glen D. LAW, 90, of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Rochester, Ind., is with his Lord.

Glen was a gentle and talented man and was equally comfortable with a shovel and a pen.

He had been an effective educator, as a teacher and/or an administrator in Talma, Mentone, Richland Center, Tippecanoe, Triton and Columbia City. He also was an interim preacher, a farmer and an exemplary family man.

His first wife, Virginia Adamson Law, preceded him in death on May 27, 2002. They have a son, Gail Law (and spouse, Cindy) of Mentone, and a daughter, Janet Weber (and spouse, Michael) of Rochester, Ind./Englewood, Fla. There are five grandchildren, Gene Law, Quentin Law (and Melissa), Corrine Knudsen (and Steve), Peggy Tyler and Lori Vandermark (and Roy), and five great-grandchildren, Drew Law, Joshua and Mikayla Tyler, Brent Vandermark and Inga (and T.C.) Omondi.

The wife who shared his last 2 1/2 years was Emma Jean Columbus Phillips Law, with whom he shared three sons and three grandchildren.

Glen was born in Wenatchee, Wash., to Harvey and Rosa Law. He had six brothers and a sister. His parents and four brothers preceded him in death.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 5 at the Church of Christ of Venice.

Visitation with family will be Dec. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Church of Christ of Rochester with a memorial service following at 11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Church of Christ of Venice, 4301 St. Rd. 776, Venice, FL 34293 or Church of Christ of Rochester, 120 E. 5th St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Friday, December 21, 2007

### **Stanley A. Forbush**

Stanley A. FORBUSH, 57, of 128 W. Sixth St., Rochester, died Thursday at his residence.

Survivors include his father, Russell Forbush, Westland, Mich.; his sister, Crystal Forbush, Bellville, Mich.; and his brother, Bill Forbush, Garden City, Mich.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the service.

### **Marcus J. Reffitt**

Jan. 31, 1956-Dec. 20, 2007

Marcus J. REFFITT, 51, of 9344 S. 375 East, Macy, passed away at 4:58 a.m. Thursday at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana at Fort Wayne.

He was born on Jan. 31, 1956, in Risner, Ky., the son of Harold and Biddie Jean (Bradley) Reffitt. On Dec. 20, 1975, in Rochester, he married Connie J. Gunter and she survives.

Mr. Reffitt had worked for Bellar Construction in Peru. He was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan and a fisherman. He enjoyed working as a mechanic and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Connie J. Reffitt, Macy; daughters, Elizabeth Ann and husband Kevin Swafford, Rochester, and Elaina Jean and husband Matthew Gearhart, Rochester; grandchildren, Jonny Sailors, Jamie Sailors, Nicki Sailors, Jacob Swafford, Kaylah Gearhart and Dylan Gearhart, all of Rochester; his parents, Harold and Biddie Jean Reffitt, Fulton; his brothers, Harold W. and wife Brenda Reffitt, Rochester, and Carl and wife Jill Reffitt, Peru; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ralph and Janet Gunter, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Stephnie Jo Reffitt in 1996.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Saturday, December 22, 2007

**Hannah Louise Poenix**

Hannah Louise POENIX, 82, of 624 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St. Winamac, died Friday at Pulaski Health Care Center, Winamac.

Survivors include her daughter, Jean Thompson, Winamac.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church, Winamac, with visitation from 9 a.m. until the service. Frain Mortuary, Winamac, is handling arrangements.

Monday, December 24, 2007

[None]

Tuesday, December 25, 2007

[No Paper – Holiday]

Wednesday, December 26, 2007

**Margaret E. Graham**

May 24, 1928-Dec. 22, 2007

Margaret E. GRAHAM, 79, Laketon, died at 6:11 p.m. Saturday at home.

Born in Newton, Ill., she was the daughter of Frank Schackman and Irene (Brown). She graduated from Newton, Ill., High School in 1946. On June 30, 1950, she married John R. Graham, and he survives.

A homemaker, she worked as hostess at East End Lunch and later was manager of the Area 5 Nutrition for 13 years. She was a member of St. Robert's Catholic Church, North Manchester.

She was a life member and past president of the American Legion Post No. 286 Auxiliary. She was a past Fifth District president of American Legion Auxiliary and a life member of the VFW Auxiliary, Rochester. She was a member of the Women of the Moose and Eagles Lodge, North Manchester, and the Huntington Salon of 40 & 8. She served as chaplain of these organizations, leading devotions and prayer.

She enjoyed plants, crocheting and working with all kinds of crafts.

Survivors include two sons, Rev. Harold (Becky) Graham, Fort Wayne, and Joe (Annette) Graham, Silver Lake; three daughters, Mrs. Frank (Barbara) Schaetzle, Bourbon, Mrs. Charles (Linda) Davis, Smithville, Tenn., and Mrs. John (Tina) Duckett, Etna Green; two brothers, James (Virginia) Schackmann, Toledo, Ill., and Robert (Sharon) Schackmann, North Manchester; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. One son, Thomas Graham, died June 25, 1984. She also was preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Her funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 5 at St. Robert's Catholic Church, North Manchester, with calling hours two hours prior to mass. Father Ronald Ramenaden will officiate. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Memorials may be made to masses at St. Robert's Catholic Church, 1203 Indiana 114 East, North

Manchester, IN 46962. Arrangements are entrusted to DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. Condolences may be submitted at [delaughtermckee.com](http://delaughtermckee.com).

**Bonnie J. Smith Walker**

Aug. 24, 1943-Dec. 23, 2007

Bonnie J. Smith WALKER, age 64, Logansport, died at 8:20 a.m. Sunday at Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born in Logansport, she was the daughter of Howard S. and Joyce P. (Hensel) Smith. Bonnie was a 1961 graduate of Flora High School.

She was employed until 2001 as a secretary at Bell Fiber Packaging Company in Marion.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting and needlepoint, travel and all crafts. She especially liked Mickey Mouse.

Bonnie was a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her mother, Joyce P. Smith, Logansport; sons, Scott A. Walker and his wife Kim, Logansport, Jeffery D. Walker, Logansport, Michael S. Walker and his wife, Stacey, Converse; a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and William Walker, Rochester; grandchildren, Christina, Teri, Christopher, Hunter, Brooklyn, Brittani and Braxton; great-grandson, Jaylen; nieces and nephews, Renee, Timothy, and many other nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her father.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastors Sandy Hutchens and Tom McShannock officiating. Burial will be at Rock Creek Cemetery. Calling hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church. Condolences may be placed online at [kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://kroegerfuneralhome.com).

**Laura Louise Gunder**

Laura Louise GUNDER, 78, died at 5:39 a.m. today at Miller's Merry Manor, 600 W. Oakhill Ave., Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Harold L. 'Red' Shafer**

Harold L. "Red" SHAFER, 71, of 20015 Birch Road, Tippecanoe, died Monday at Koscuisko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Sue Shafer, Tippecanoe; three sons, Hal Shafer, Kent Shafer and Jon Shafer, all of Tippecanoe; and a sister Rosalee Overmyer, Tippecanoe.

His funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Thursday, December 27, 2007

**Mildred E. Apt**

Feb. 25, 1927-Dec. 23, 2007

Mildred E. APT, age 80, Logansport, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Memorial Hospital.

Born in Peru, she was the daughter of Neil and Mildred (Gustin) Robinson. On Nov. 24, 1946, in Peru, she married Frank Apt. He survives in Logansport.

Mrs. Apt was a retired bookkeeper from First Federal Savings & Loan. She was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church.

She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Judie Apt, Rochester; daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Daniel Gilligan, Fairfax, Va.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Lola and Joseph Catanzaro, Peru, Elsa and Richard Williams, and Mary Kuch, all of Sweetzer; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her half brothers, Robert and Glen Trent.

A private family service will be Friday at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Doug Mankell officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. There is no visitation. Memorials may be made to any favorite hospice program in the donor's community. Condolences and personal remembrances may be shared online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

**Evelyn G. Burroughs**

Aug. 8, 1909-Dec. 26, 2007

ARGOS - Evelyn G. BURROUGHS, 98, a lifelong resident of Marshall County, residing on West Walnut Street, Argos, died in the Culver Miller's Merry Manor at 5:25 a.m. on Wednesday. Evelyn was in failing health since October of this year.

Born in Argos, on Aug. 8, 1909, Evelyn was the daughter of Willis Wright and Anna (Forsythe) Whisman.

She graduated from Argos High School with the Class of 1927.

On Oct. 26, 1927, she and Ray David Burroughs were married in Niles, Mich. They honeymooned in Washington State. Ray died on Jan. 15, 1993, after 65 years together.

The couple owned and operated the Burroughs Insurance Agency of Argos for many years.

After raising their four children, Evelyn became a certified medical assistant at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth, where she retired after working for 10 years.

She was dedicated to her family and her church, the Walnut Church of the Brethren, where she was a member for more than 80 years. She and Ray were deacons and served in various capacities.

Ray and Evelyn loved to fish in the northern lakes of Michigan and Wisconsin. For many years they spent alternate winters in Florida and California traveling the states in between.

She loved to bake pies and cookies. An avid reader, she also enjoyed working crossword puzzles.

She was a longtime member of the Marshall County Historical Society and the Walnut Township Home Economics Club.

Evelyn is survived by three daughters and a son. They are Connie Caldwell Lowe, Bradenton, Fla.; Susanna R. and Loren Carswell, Culver; Mary and Richard Richey, Westminster, Calif.; and Willis and Mary Sue Burroughs, Argos. Thirteen grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her husband; one great-grandson, Michael Caldwell; two sisters, Ruth Harley Warner and Toilie McGriff; and two sons-in-law, Fred Caldwell and Herbert Lowe.

The family will receive friends and share memories on Sunday in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Robert Rice, pastor of the Walnut Church of the Brethren, Argos, will follow visitation at 3 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Cemetery, Argos. Memorial gifts may be made to the music department of the Walnut Church of the Brethren. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

### **Laura Louise Gunder**

Oct. 15, 1929-Dec. 26, 2007

Laura Louise GUNDER, 78, Miller's Merry Manor, 600 W. Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, died at 5:39 a.m. Wednesday at the nursing home following a three-year illness.

Born in Culver, she was the daughter of Clarence C. and Olive (Lake) Kline. She lived in Marshall County all of her life. She was a graduate of Culver High School, Class of 1947. On May 20, 1947, she married Richard L. Gunder. He preceded her in death on July 15, 2003.

A homemaker, she worked as a florist for Andelohr Florist in Culver and Flowers By Stephen in South Bend.

She played the piano for the Culver Military Academy fine arts department during the 1970s and was secretary of the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club in Culver during the 1960s.

She made many quilts and donated them to babies with AIDS and she knitted many hats for needy children of Union Township and The Neighborhood Center in Plymouth.

She attended Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Culver.

Survivors include a daughter, Valerie (Dane) Avery, Dallas, Ga.; two sons, Craig (Martha) Gunder, Red Lion, Penn., and Todd (Cassie) Gunder, Culver; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Charles (Donna) Kline, South Bend; and two sisters, Virginia Bullock, Plymouth, and Brenda (Bob) Wynn, Culver. She



was also preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Andrea Kay Gunder; and two great-grandchildren.

A private family service will be held. Burial will take place at a later date at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46209-7109. Arrangements have been entrusted with Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

### **Harold L. 'Red' Shafer**

Nov. 29, 1936-Dec. 24, 2007

Harold L. "Red" SHAFER, 71, of 20015 Birch Road, Tippecanoe, died at 11:21 a.m. Monday in the Kosciusko Community Hospital emergency room.

Born in Fulton County, he was the son of Kenneth and Ruth Boganwright Shafer. He graduated from Tippecanoe High School in 1955. On June 29, 1957, in Tippecanoe, he married Carolyn Sue Ward and she survives.

He worked for Niff-Corr, Tippecanoe, since 1958 and, in 1974, became the president and owner.

He was a member of Mentone First Baptist Church, the NRA and Raccoon Run Golf Course, Warsaw. He was an avid golfer and was the church candy man.

In addition to his wife, Carolyn Sue Shafer of Tippecanoe, he is survived by three sons, Harold L. "Hal" and wife Zulema Shafer, Kent and wife Lori Shafer, and Jon and wife Denise Shafer, all of Tippecanoe; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Rosalee Overmyer, Tippecanoe. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Myron Overmyer.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Michael Wilhite officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Mentone First Baptist Church, 301 N. Broadway St.

Online condolences may be submitted at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

**Richard Y. Woodward**

Richard Y. WOODWARD, 73, of Miller's Merry Manor, Culver, died Dec. 19 at the nursing home.

Survivors include a daughter, Tamara L. Woodward, Monterey, and five sisters, Sue Kemple and Violet Mikesell of Culver, Lucille Bennett, Plymouth, Pauline Archambeault, Orland, Calif., and Gayla Morris, Palm Desert, Calif.

His funeral service will be at noon Saturday at Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the service. Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is handling arrangements.

Friday, December 28, 2007

**Travis McKinley Morrow**

March 8, 1988-Dec. 26, 2007

Travis McKinley MORROW, age 19, Rensselaer, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at his home. He was born March 8, 1988, in Kingsville, Texas, to Ethel L. (McElroy) Morrow and Anthony W. Morrow.

Travis was a lifetime resident of Rensselaer. He attended Rensselaer Schools and was a 2006 graduate of Rensselaer Central High School.

Travis is survived by his father, Anthony W. Morrow, Morocco; his mother, Ethel L. Morrow nee McElroy, Rensselaer; his son, Avery Michael Morrow; and two brothers, Tanner Morrow and Tyler Morrow, Rensselaer.

The family will receive friends at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Central time. Funeral services will be Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. Central time at Jackson Funeral Chapel with Pastor Jeremy Eisele

officiating. Interment will follow at Weston Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family. Also see [www.jacksonfuneral.com](http://www.jacksonfuneral.com).

Saturday, December 29, 2007

[None]

Monday, December 31, 2007

**Charles W. Donathen**

Charles W. DONATHEN, 81, Kewanna, died at 11:25 a.m. Sunday at Pulaski Healthcare Center, Winamac. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna.

**Robert Gene Elliott**

Robert Gene ELLIOTT, 79, of 61930 Scott St., South Bend, formerly of Tippecanoe, died Friday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude Elliott; three sons, Mark Elliott, Bristol, Paul Elliott, Woodstock, Ill., and David Elliott, Fort Wayne; and a brother, William "Jake" Elliott, Bourbon.

A private funeral service will be held today. Visitation was Sunday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Mary Elizabeth Gohn**

Feb. 4, 1914-Dec. 30, 2007

Mary Elizabeth GOHN, 93, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at home.

Born in Bourbon, she was the daughter of Edward J. and N. Estella Glinge.

Following graduation from Bourbon High School in 1932, Mary pursued her career in health care. At Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, she took training to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. It was at Woodlawn just two years later that she met, and later married, her best friend and husband Mr. Marion W. Gohn.

During the Depression, Mr. Gohn had a route around the county on which he delivered produce, meat and dairy products from his family's farm. One of Mary's patient's at Woodlawn felt that Marion would be the perfect match for Mary. Mary's patient requested a delivery of cottage cheese. The cottage cheese was delivered by Marion allowing for the ideal opportunity to be introduced to Nurse Mary. This perfect match resulted in a union spanning nearly seven decades.

Following their marriage on Sept. 9, 1934, in Syracuse, Mary transitioned, becoming the talented wife of a farmer. In the early days, she drove the tractor and helped with every aspect from planting to the harvest. She took special interest in the livestock, caring for the animals and raising the calves. Throughout her career on the farm, she assisted with milking the cows.

Mary was a talented musician. It was known only by her family, but she was an accomplished pianist and found great joy in playing the violin at family gatherings. Later in her life, she began expressing herself artistically using china and oils as her mediums. An exceptional artist, Mary re-created landscapes of the countryside, her perspectives of farming and a variety of still life, especially florals. Many of her cherished treasures were shared with family and close friends.

Throughout her adult life, Mary's faith led her to be an actively involved member of the Grace United Methodist Church. She was a past President of the United Methodist Women and she sang for a number of years in the chancel choir. Mary enjoyed attending The Messenger Sunday School class and worship services on Sunday mornings. She was a devoted member of the Morning Quest Ladies Circle.

Paramount in Mary's life was her family. She embraced and cherished the moments she shared with them. Mary will be remembered as a proud and loving mother, a dedicated sister, a devoted grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother and a loyal friend. She will be missed by those who were fortunate enough to know her.

Survivors include a daughter, Janet Ravencroft and husband Thomas, Rochester; two sons, Eldon Gohn and wife Virginia, Rochester, and Lyle Gohn and wife Sue, Fayetteville, Ark.; five grandchildren, Alan Gohn and wife Nancy, Catherine Ravencroft Simmons and husband David, Timothy Ravencroft and wife Julie, Erika Gohn-Baube and husband Charles, Shad Gohn; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-son; and a brother, John Glinge and wife Louise, Bourbon. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on Nov. 6, 2003; a granddaughter, Debra Gohn Henley, in 1989; a sister, Nellie Montel; and a brother, James Swoverland.

A celebration of the life of Mary Elizabeth Gohn will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Pastor Maurice Grindle and Pastor George Hapner will officiate the service. Burial will follow at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the preferred form of remembrance is memorials to the Grace United Methodist Church or to the Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

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