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Thursday, January 1, 2009

No Obituaries-Holiday

Friday, January 2, 2009

**Dwight A. Thomas**

Dwight A. THOMAS, 56, of 10223 17th Road, Argos, died at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday at home.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Saturday, January 3, 2009

**Dorothy C. Fern**

May 28, 1908-Jan. 1, 2009

Dorothy C. FERN, 100, of Peru, passed away at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home.

She was born in Scottsburg on May 28, 1908, the daughter of George and Estelle Carr. Dorothy grew up on a farm near Elwood and married Russell Fern on June 1, 1929, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 22, 1995.

Dorothy lived on East Hartman Road, Anderson, for 62 years, and worked at Delco Remy Division of General Motors in Anderson. She attended Shiloh Friends Church, Elwood. She and her husband, Russell, lovingly raised two sons.

Dorothy was well known in her Anderson community for making wonderful pies. She always had a pie ready for guests. She enjoyed working in her garden and canning the produce she grew.

Surviving are two sons, Keith Fern and his wife Barbara of Rochester and Riverview, Fla., their two sons, Brian Fern and his wife Marcella of Warner Robins, Ga., and their children Corrynn, Kyler, Christian and Brayden, and Scott Fern of Indianapolis; and Donald Fern and his wife Janice of Peru and Naples, Fla., their three children, Matthew Fern and his wife Jacqueline of Woodland Hills, Calif., and their daughter Gabriella, Mark Fern and his wife Jennifer of Reading, Pa., and their sons Kyle and Chandler, and Melissa Rohde and her husband A.J. of Chicago, Ill. She was

preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two brothers, Glen and Jay Carr.

A service celebrating the life of Dorothy Fern will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Sunday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Anderson Memorial Park, Anderson. Memorial contributions may be made to Main Street United Methodist Church.

### **Shirley Jean Scott**

Shirley Jean SCOTT, 74, Rochester, died Dec. 16 at home.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald E. Scott; daughters, Terri Sweet, Regina Lloyd, both of Rochester, and Rene' Schmeltz, New Haven; a son, Dennis Scott, Granger; sisters, Frances Joan Sauer, Nancy Ware of Mishawaka, Ellen Swihart, Margie Odione of Bremen; and a brother, James Slusser, Indianapolis.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 17 at St. John Lutheran Church, 404 Jefferson St.

Monday, January 5, 2009

### **Flossie June Garn-Sirus**

April 27, 1935-Jan. 3, 2009

Flossie June GARN-SIRUS, 73, of South Bend, formerly of Culver, passed away Saturday at the Goshen General Hospital in Goshen at 4:20 a.m.

June was born on April 27, 1935, in rural Marshall County, one of several children born to Charles and Cleo (McClane) Garn. She attended the Culver School system. She married Will Sirus on Oct. 1, 1989, at the Culver Eagles.

June was a former employee of the Culver Military Academies, having held several positions. She enjoyed singing and once entertained the Oprah Winfrey audience before the show. She was passionate about volunteering her time, cooking meals for the homeless, and taking in stray pets.

June is survived by her husband, William P. Sirus of South Bend; daughters, Susan Napier of Culver and C. Beatrice (Alan) Wentzel of Kewanna; sons, Billy Napier of Las Vegas and James (Barbara) Napier of Culver; sisters, Sarah Behnke of Culver, Mary Wolverton of Burr Oak, Wanda Miller of Plymouth and Margaret Newland of Coldwater, Mich.;

grandchildren, Shari, John, Shawn, Stephanie, Gene, Emily, Becky, Alison, Phillip, Todd, Paula, Neil, Amanda and Denise; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver. The Rev. Dan Huhn will officiate funeral services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Burr Oak Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family in June's memory. Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com). The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

### **Betty Geane Glentzer**

May 18, 1924–Jan. 3, 2009

Betty Geane GLENTZER, 84, of 3022 E. 300 South, Rochester, passed away at 5:18 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Fulton County, she was the daughter of Edward and Bessie Bybee Lowe. She lived the majority of her life in this community.

On March 28, 1968, in Clearwater, Fla., she married Roy W. Glentzer, and he survives.

Betty was a loyal employee of the Hart Schaffner & Marx Co. of Rochester. She also worked at Bryan's Wire-Cutting. She greatly enjoyed membership of several local service clubs including the VFW Ladies Auxiliary No. 1545, the American Legion Auxiliary No. 36 and the Manitou Lodge Women of the Moose No. 866. As a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, she was awarded the designation of the "Golden Eagle." In her spare time, she also enjoyed knitting and was an avid reader.

She is also survived by four daughters, Patricia Quier, Kitty Kesler and husband Jim, Tracy S. Lewis, all of Rochester, and Jackie Platz and husband Bobby, Mishawaka; a son, David Glentzer, Lacooshee, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Loraine Hunter, Rochester, and Sue Miller and husband Jeff, Hudson, Fla.; a sister, Melva Sanders, Rochester; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters, Edith Alber, Mildred Kramer, Iris Hattery, Minnie Neese and Maxine Sayger; and a son-in-law, Don Quier.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Betty Geane Glentzer will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., (Indiana 14 West), with the Rev. Sam Boys officiating. Friends may visit with her family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to her service at the funeral home. Betty will be laid to rest at the Athens-Hoover Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to Breast Cancer Research of Indianapolis, American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Raymond L. Smith**

May 2, 1938-Jan. 2, 2009

Raymond L. "Ray" SMITH, 70, passed away peacefully at 3:30 a.m. Friday in his rural Leesburg home.

Born in Rochester, he was the son of Henry "Hank" Smith and Bessie (McClain) Grubbs. He lived in Kosciusko County for the past 30 years.

He married Judy A. Scheffer on Oct. 15, 1983, in Pulaski, and she survives in Leesburg. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this past year.

He was a machine operator for Dana Corp., where he worked for 25 years. He retired from Dana in 1994.

A veteran, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on Aug. 30, 1956, in Chicago, Ill. He received the Good Conduct Medal and was honorably discharged on Aug. 29, 1960 in California, and served in the Naval Reserve until Aug. 29, 1962.

He belonged to Rochester Eagles No. 852 and North Webster American Legion Post No. 253.

In addition to his wife, Judy Smith, he is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Brenda Smith, Goshen, and Jesse and Rhonda Bitterling, Star City; two daughters, Kendra Smith, Goshen, and Michelle Hand, Syracuse, and a daughter and son-in-law, Jamie and Dan Wenzler, Star City; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is now with his beloved dog, Chelsey.

His funeral service was at 5 p.m. Sunday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with visitation prior to the service. Pastor Steve Peters of First Baptist Church of Warsaw officiated. North Webster American Legion conducted military honors. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice, 1315 Directors Row No. 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808, or the American Cancer Society, 601 W. Edison Road, South Bend, IN 46545.

**Ashley Nicole Swope**

Ashley Nicole SWOPE, 23, formerly of Rochester, died at 3:10 p.m. Sunday in Defiance, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Dwight Allen Thomas**

Dec. 11, 1952-Dec. 31, 2008

Dwight Allen THOMAS, 56, of 10223 17th Road, Argos, passed away at 5:20 p.m. Dec. 31, at his residence following a short illness.

Born in South Bend, he was the son of Kenneth Earl and Ruth Mildred (Ditmire) Thomas. He married Thresa "Terri" Baker on Aug. 7, 1982, in Niles, Mich., and she survives in Argos.

He was a plant supervisor at Standard Motor, Mishawaka, since 2004, and also worked at Ziebart. Before that, he worked in Argos at Ristance/Dana Corp.

He lived in the Argos community the last 21 years after moving from South Bend.

He graduated from Jackson High School in South Bend with the Class of 1971. He served his country in the U.S. Army as a military policeman from Aug. 29, 1972, to March 1, 1974. He continued to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves and was honorably discharged on Aug. 28, 1978. He was a faithful supporter of DAV and VFW and a member of Lakeville United Methodist Church, Lakeville.

He earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Indiana University South Bend.

Dwight was a huge Indiana University basketball and Notre Dame football fan. He loved Argos basketball and taking his grandchildren with him, working in his garden and mowing his lawn.

In addition to his wife, Terri Thomas, he is survived by a son, Bryan Thomas and wife Cynthia, Rochester; a daughter, Laura M. Thomas and fiance Max Colon, Mishawaka; two grandchildren, Taylor L. and Alexis L. of Rochester; his mother, Ruth Thomas, South Bend; and his brother, Mark R. Thomas and wife Deborah, Osceola.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Earl Thomas.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. The Rev. Barry R. Borst will officiate. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674, or Lakeville United Methodist Church, 610 N. Michigan St., Lakeville, IN 46536. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

Tuesday, January 6, 2009

**Ashley Nicole Swope**

Feb. 26, 1985-Jan. 4, 2009

Ashley Nicole SWOPE was called to Heaven at the age of 23 and freed from her courageous 2 1/2-year battle with cancer on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center in Defiance, Ohio, surrounded by Angels and the everlasting love of her parents, Robert and Lisa Swope - Rochester, Judith Carr Parrott - Defiance, Ohio, brothers John Swope - Rochester, Robert Bruder - Indianapolis and Chase Swope - Defiance, Ohio. She was the proud mother of the family pride-and-joy, Brandon Lee Swope, age 4.

Known as "Daddy's Girl" since her birth in Peru on Feb. 26, 1985, Ashley spent most of her life in Rochester. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rochester, where she dedicated her life, heart and soul to our Lord when she was baptized, together with her father and brother John on Sunday, May 17, 1994. She recently attended the First Church of God in Defiance, Ohio.

In her youth, Ashley enjoyed being a member of the Rochester Royals Swim Team, taking several years of dance lessons at Pam and Louise Dance Studio, Super Saturdays at Purdue University and attending the Tippecanoe Baptist Church Camps in the summers.

A proud graduate of the Rochester High School Class of 2003, she was an exceptional student, member of the National Honor Society, a Scholar Athlete, featured in Who's Who Among American High School Students, and an RHS Mentor.

Ashley dearly loved being involved in numerous extra-curricular activities. She was a four-year member of the RHS choir program including the Women's Choir and Manitous, a four-year Athletic Trainer/Manager for the football team as well as ladies basketball, the track team, and the wrestling team along with being Manager for the RHS dance team. She was also an active participant in Tri-Epsilon Drama Club, Key Club, Spanish Club, Chess Club, and Jets.

During her life, she thoroughly enjoyed vacationing with her family at Walt Disney World Resort when she was in Middle School, the Field of Dreams in Iowa, as well as traveling with the First Baptist Youth Group to the Grand Canyon while on a mission trip, mushroom hunting, shopping, and the company of her many friends and relatives. Most recently, she was proud to have the opportunity to take Brandon to Walt Disney World Resort

compliments of the Angel Foundation and also to The Indianapolis Zoo, The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, and boating on Lake Manitou.

In addition to her darling son, dearly loved parents and precious brothers, she will be sadly missed by her treasured Great-Grandmother Alice Swope, adoring Grandmothers Floanna Swope and Beverly Jennings, along with her Grandfather Louis Pfeiffer, all of Rochester, and a cherished abundance of aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is being greeted in heaven by her grandmother Virginia Pfeiffer and beloved grandfathers Jack Swope, Richard Carr and C. Lee Jennings.

A celebration of the life of Ashley Nicole Swope will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, (Indiana 14 West), with Youth Pastor Joseph Helt officiating. Friends may visit with Ashley's family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and an hour prior to services.

Preferred memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Junior/Senior High Youth Group, Rochester, Community Health Professionals, Defiance, Ohio, or the Brandon Swope Education Fund in care of Teachers Credit Union, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

### **Richard Lee Griswold**

Richard Lee GRISWOLD, 61, Plymouth, died Dec. 30 at home.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Griswold, Plymouth; a son, Christopher J. Griswold, Bremen; a daughter, Angela Sue DeVault, Plymouth; his father, Kenneth Griswold, Bremen; a brother, Barry Griswold, Bremen; and a sister, Carol Housouer, Rochester.

Services were Saturday at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

### **Christine Wolford**

Christine WOLFORD, 73, of 9556 W. Old 30, Etna Green, died Monday at home.

Survivors include three sons, Dock Estep and Freddie Estep, Vinton, Ohio, and Timothy A. Cook, Tippecanoe; four sisters and a brother.

Private family services were held Tuesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone.



Thursday, January 8, 2009

**Elizabeth 'Jane' Fraser**

July 16, 1920-Jan. 6, 2009

Elizabeth "Jane" FRASER, 88, of Bloomington and formerly of Linton, passed away at 6:10 a.m. Tuesday at Garden Villa in Bloomington.

Born July 16, 1920, in Lyons, she was the daughter of Cyrus E. D. and Grace (Autrey) Ferguson.

She worked for RCA in Bloomington for 19 years prior to retirement.

Surviving relatives include: four sons, Cyrus Fraser of Bloomington, Ronald Fraser of Bloomington, Phil Fraser of Spencer and Floyd L. Fraser and wife Linda of Rochester; 15 grandchildren including Tamara "Tammy" and husband Kenneth Eisan and their sons Robert and Kristopher of Dover, Tenn., Matthew "Matt" Fraser and wife Jennifer and their children Connor and Jordan of Akron, and Paul Fraser and wife Nicole and son Tavis Zimmer of Rochester; 14 other great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Albert J. Fraser on July 14, 1993; two brothers; and two sisters.

Graveside services will be conducted at Dowden Cemetery in rural Bloomfield. Jenkins & Sons Funeral Home, Bloomfield, is in charge of arrangements.

**J.P. 'Pete' Huddleston**

June 16, 1938-Jan. 5, 2009

J.P. "Pete" HUDDLESTON, 70, of 3709 S. 250 East, Lafayette, died Monday at 12:50 p.m. at his residence. He battled leukemia and other illnesses for the past nine years.

He was born June 16, 1938, in Silver Point, Tenn., to the late Reuben E. and Beatrice Jones Huddleston. His marriage was to Susan L. Burkhart in Las Vegas, Nev., on Oct. 30, 1991, and she survives. He attended Logansport High School, then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force from 1955-1959, receiving his GED while in service. He was an aerial photographer for the Air Force.

He worked for ALCOA, Lafayette, for 37 years, retiring in 2003.

He attended Christ United Methodist Church, Lafayette, and the Logansport Eagles Lodge. He dearly loved and cherished his wife, son, daughters, grandchildren, and his extended family.

Survivors include his wife, Susan L. Huddleston, Lafayette; son, Jeff W. Huddleston, Monticello; daughters, Michelle and Derrick Webb, West

Lafayette, and Jennifer L. Stonebraker, Lafayette; brother, Glen and Agnes Huddleston, Logansport; sister, Shirley Story, San Diego, Calif.; stepson, Ed and Angie Elkins, Leesburg; stepdaughter, Marilee and Eric Gates, Fulton; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and former wife, Ginger B. Huddleston, Delphi. He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 3610 S. 18th St., Lafayette. The service will be there at 11 a.m. Friday, with the Rev. Scott Mann officiating. Burial will be at Davis Cemetery, Burnettsville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society or the Christ United Methodist Church building fund. Envelopes will be available at the church. Online condolences may be sent to [abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net](mailto:abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net). Abbott Funeral Home, Delphi, is in charge of arrangements.

### **James S. Woods**

James S. WOODS, 63, 8001 W. 100 South, Kewanna, died at 9:46 a.m. Dec. 11 at Woodlawn Hospital.

He is survived by three sisters, Elizabeth Grant and June Dyer, Chesterton, and Mary Francis Clark, Fulton, Md.; three brothers, David E. Woods Jr., Rochester, Denton S. Woods, Kewanna, and Thomas W. Woods, Cedar Lake.

His funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is one hour prior to the service.

Friday, January 9, 2009

No Obituaries

Saturday, January 10, 2009

### **Henry Haggard**

Aug. 23, 1935-Jan. 7, 2009

Henry HAGGARD, 73, of Wabash died at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at his home.

He was born Aug. 23, 1935, in Claiborne County, Ark., to Clarence and Learly Mae (Horton) Haggard.

Henry first married Clara Fix on July 25, 1960. He then married Sandra McCune in Wabash on Dec. 14, 1991. He retired from Container Corporation, Wabash, in August of 1998. He was a member of the Wabash

Eagles Lodge and a former member of the Moose Lodge. Henry enjoyed fishing, hunting, mushroom hunting and especially loved his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Haggard of Wabash; his and Clara's children, Wayne Haggard of Rockford, Ill., Julie Eakright of Wabash, Scarlet (Roger) Montague of Akron, and Jacki (Tom) MacLain of Rochester; Sandra's daughter, Teresa (Kenneth) Stanley of Roann; his sister, Mary Bogard of Harrisburg, Ark.; a half brother, John (Karen) Haggard, two half sisters, Frankie (Donnie) Thomas and Margaret (Ricky) Lawson, and a stepsister, Margie Akers, all of Heber Springs, Ark.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers; four sisters; his stepson, Charles E. Neal Jr.; and his grandson, Jeramy Stanley.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Guy Provance officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is the Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice. The memorial guestbook for Henry may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Monday, January 12, 2009

### **Opal N. Flenner**

Oct. 12, 1920-Jan. 10, 2009

Opal N. FLENNER, 88, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Apt. E 211, Rochester, died at 5 a.m. Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Miami County, she was the daughter of Elmer and Margaret (Day) Hartzler. Opal attended Gilead High School. On Oct. 12, 1990, in Anderson, she married Estel Flenner, and he survives in Rochester.

She retired from Torx Products, Rochester, and was a homemaker in her later years. She was a member of First Church of God, Rochester, and enjoyed traveling and her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by a daughter, Linda and husband Eldon Redinger, Winamac; three sons, Noel and wife Judy Kamp, Rochester, Jeff and wife Cindi Kamp, Indianapolis, and Neil and wife Pat Kamp, Rochester; a stepson, Jeffrey Flenner, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; eight grandchildren and nine stepgrandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and 14 stepgreat-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edith Tilden and Evelyn Stallard; two grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Larry Dodge

officiating. Burial will be at West Lawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or First Church of God, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **David Eugene Foust**

Nov. 21, 1936-Jan. 10, 2009

David Eugene FOUST, 72, Plymouth, died of a chronic, terminal illness at Culver Merry Manor Nursing Home, where he received wonderful care. Dave, as he was known to most, lived his life much as his life ended: with dignity, a great sense of humor, strong of character and faith and with a quiet sense of peacefulness.

Dave was born Nov. 21, 1936, to Alice (Disinger) Foust and Norman Foust and lived most of his growing up years in Kewanna. He met and married his true soulmate, Rita Kathleen (Mohler) Foust, who survives him, on March 23, 1956.

Dave was honorably discharged from the United States Army on Oct. 1, 1961. His patriotism was evident; an American flag was always displayed outside his home.

Surviving are three children, Kathy and husband John Sebby of Lakewood, Colo., Randall (Randy) and Lynda Foust, of Mountain, Wis., and Jennifer (Jenny) and Kevin Wilk of Roselle, Ill. The people to bring him more joy than his children are his 12 surviving grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and their families to whom he was known affectionately as "Grandpa Dave." There is a sister-in-law, Joyce Brooks, and numerous nieces and nephews who have considered him a surrogate father as well.

Dave was a brother to Willard and his wife Sally Foust of Kewanna, who preceded him in death. Surviving brothers are Harold and wife Patricia Foust of Leiters Ford and Marion Foust of Palm Harbor, Fla.

Dave worked for 44 years at Dean Foods, beginning his career in Rochester, transferring to the corporate offices in Franklin Park, Ill., and then ending his career once again in Rochester.

Dave's faith in our Lord Jesus and the saving of souls for heaven was of paramount concern to both Dave and his wife. They were both founding members of Willow Creek Community Church in the Chicago suburbs. Upon his retirement, he served as Sunday School Superintendent and on the Board of Directors at the Winamac Church of the Nazarene. Their move to Plymouth brought their membership to The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

David's "Promotion To Glory" is truly heaven's gain!

Visitation is at Johnson Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. His service will be Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, at 11 a.m. with calling one hour prior to the service at the church. Military funeral rites will be accorded to Dave by the Plymouth American Legion Post 27 and Plymouth VFW Post 1162. Memorials can be made to Cancer Society or the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site: [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

### **Theda E. Hairrell**

Theda Elizabeth HAIRRELL, 92, formerly of rural Akron, died Dec. 31 in her home near Ocala, Fla.

Surviving are three daughters, Cynthia (Ralph) Nolan, Ocala, Fla.; Judith (Randy) Sriver, Bremen, and Cassandra (John) Rish, North Manchester.

Private graveside services will be officiated at Urbana, Ind., at a later date.

### **Charles Miller**

Sept. 10, 1928-Jan. 9, 2009

Charles B. MILLER, age 80, of 5270 Michigan Road, Plymouth, passed away at 11:06 a.m. on Friday at the Hospice House in South Bend.

Charles was born on Sept. 10, 1928, in Waukegan, Ill., to Elias and Dona (Wagner) Miller. Charles and Esther "Duffy" M. Long were married on Feb. 7, 1950. "Duffy" passed away on July 1, 1973. On Nov. 4, 1988, Charles and Lucille Long were married.

Charles was self-employed as a painter and wallpaper contractor. He was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge No. 721, American Legion Post No. 27, and the Plymouth VFW Post No. 1162, all of Plymouth. Charles proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He entered the Navy in January of 1946 and received an honorable discharge in 1950, after serving in China during the Korean War.

Charles is survived by his wife, Lucille; his daughters, Linda M. Miller (Ted) of California, Diana S. Miller (Mike) of Florida, Janet Seamon (Lucky) of Argos; his son, Mark A. Miller (Amaryl) of California; his brothers, Ralph W. and Marie Miller of Schoorl, Holland, and Retired Lt. Col. USAF Alan M. and Carol Miller of Kewanna; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Duffy.

Funeral services for Charles will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Ron Hensley officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Saint Joseph, Mich., at a later date. A time of visiting with the Miller family will be on Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth. The family would like for memorial contributions to be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563. Friends and family are invited to sign the guestbook and share memories of Charles with his family at [www.vangilderfuneralhome.com](http://www.vangilderfuneralhome.com).

### **Paula Rose Tripaldi**

Paula Rose TRIPALDI, 62, of 4189 N. 750 West, Rochester, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

### **James 'Jim' Berry**

Sept. 27, 1926-Jan. 11, 2009

James "Jim" BERRY, 82, Kewanna, died at 11:09 p.m. Sunday at home.

He was born in Charleston, W.Va., to Thomas and Elsie Nickels Berry. Jim married Lois E. Vogel on Dec. 29, 1953, in Plainfield, and she survives.

He owned and operated Jim Berry and Sons Inc., Kewanna.

A World War II Army veteran, he was a member and past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1728, Winamac.

In addition to his wife, Lois E. Berry, Kewanna, he is survived by five children, Ellen King and husband Don, Rochester, Jim Berry and wife Sharon, Kathy Green and husband Ron, David Berry and wife Melanie and Pat Berry and wife Tracy, all of Kewanna; grandchildren, Jeff King and wife Toni, Decatur, Ill., Melinda Shultz and husband Rich, Jamie Taylor and husband Nick, Matt Berry, all of Kewanna, Kellie Schmaltz and husband Jake, Royal Center, Brian Clemons and wife Veronika, Jacksonville, N.C., Adam Berry, Hali Berry, Chelce Snider and Sidney Berry, all of Kewanna; great-granddaughters, Madison and Bailey Schultz, Jessica Taylor, all of Kewanna, and Rileigh and Emilie Schmaltz of Royal Center; stepgrandsons, Aaron Green, Logansport, and Patrick Green, Flora.

His service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with full military rites. The Rev. Scott Ellison will officiate.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Shop With a Cop c/o the Fulton County Sheriff's Department.

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Charles was self-employed as a painter and wallpaper contractor. He was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge No. 721, American Legion Post No. 27, and the Plymouth VFW Post No. 1162, all of Plymouth. Charles proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He entered the Navy in January of 1946 and received an honorable discharge in 1950, after serving in China during the Korean War.

Charles is survived by his wife, Lucille; his daughters, Linda M. Miller (Ted) of California, Diana S. Miller (Mike) of Florida, Janet Seamon (Lucky) of Argos; his son, Mark A. Miller (Amaryl) of California; his brothers, Ralph W. and Marie Miller of Schoorl, Holland, and Retired Lt. Col. USAF Alan M. and Carol Miller of Kewanna; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Duffy.

Funeral services for Charles will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Ron Hensley officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Saint Joseph, Mich., at a later date. A time of visiting with the Miller family will be on Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth. The family would like for memorial contributions to be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563. Friends and family are invited to sign the guestbook and share memories of Charles with his family at [www.vangilderfuneralhome.com](http://www.vangilderfuneralhome.com).

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

### **Paula Tripaldi**

Paula Rose TRIPALDI, 62, 4189 N. 750 West, Rochester, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, January 15, 2009

**Paula Rose Tripaldi**

Jan. 23, 1946-Jan. 10, 2009

Paula Rose TRIPALDI, 62, of 4189 N. 750 West, Rochester, died at 7:20 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in New York City, N.Y., she was the daughter of William Paul and Hazel I. Herrell Tripaldi. She lived in Rochester for 43 years after moving here from New York City.

She was a trimmer for the mobile home industry and retired after 20 years from Rochester Homes.

Paula enjoyed watching TV and using the computer. She also liked to work in her yard.

She is survived by a sister, Cathy DiBenedetto and husband Patsy, Yonkers, N.Y.; special cousin, James Herrell and wife Michael; two nephews and a niece; four great-nephews and three great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Willie Lee Tripaldi.

A celebration of the life of Paula Rose Tripaldi will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., (Indiana 14 West), Rochester, with Mr. Ron Herrell officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with her family an hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Friday, January 16, 2009

**Ronald R. Atkinson**

Ronald R. ATKINSON, 57, of 1300 Mitchell Drive, Rochester, died Wednesday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Survivors include four sisters, Darlene Bulington, Remington, Carol Jensen, Rochester, Shirley Scheffer, Rochester, Donna Reynolds, Remington, and two brothers, Larry Atkinson, Monticello, and Steve Atkinson, Pontiac, Ill.

Private family services will be at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.



**Alva May Thompson**

Alva May THOMPSON, age 64, a resident of Prattville, Ala., passed away Wednesday.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her nieces, Candy Johnson and Deanna Turpen; nephews, Joseph Iliff-Duran, Doug Krisher, Billy Krisher, Jim Turpen, Tony Turpen; great-nieces, Nikki Lee, Amanda Hamby and Jenna Sanders; great-nephews, James Lee, Chris Lee, Cory Hamby, Kyle Turpen; two brothers, Bill Bradley, John Ivan Iliff Jr.; and sisters, Carolyn Turpen and Linda Jordon.

Saturday, January 17, 2009

**Cuma Becht**

Cuma BECHT, 75, 1601 Madison St., Rochester, died Friday at 7:30 p.m. at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Marjorie L. Josetti**

Marjorie L. JOSETTI, 84, Kewanna, died at 8:40 a.m. Friday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna.

Monday, January 19, 2009

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Tuesday, January 20, 2009

**Cuma C. Becht**

March 9, 1933-Jan. 16, 2009

Cuma Catherine BECHT, 75, of 1601 Madison St., Rochester, passed away at her home Friday at 7:30 p.m.

She was born March 9, 1933, to Ralph G. and Rae Moler Downen in Carbon. Her parents and a sister, Marcella Wentzel, preceded her in death.

In 1950, she graduated from Bainbridge High School, Bainbridge. She attended Franklin College and later earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in guidance from Indiana University. Mrs. Becht taught school at Oaktown and Washington and became a counselor at Danville prior to moving to Fulton County in 1966. Here she taught at Grass Creek and

served as a counselor at Caston High School. Later she was appointed the guidance counselor at Rochester Community High School until her retirement in 1988.

An active member of the Manitou Moose Lodge, Chapter 1684, Cuma was selected by Mooseheart as Deputy Grand Regent for Indiana and Deputy Regional Manager for the Ladies of the Moose, organizing training sessions throughout Indiana for Mooseheart. She was a 58-year member of the Order of Eastern Star at Carbon and Brazil.

As travelers, Cuma and Burns enjoyed their experiences and visits to a variety of locales all over the world. A memorable vacation was their visit to the North Pole. Cuma fondly recalled their visit to Germany. She also liked to sew, quilt and embroider, and shared her handiwork with family and friends.

On June 26, 1953, she and Burns S. Becht were united in marriage. He survives with a son, Robert Becht and wife Sarah Sayger, and two granddaughters, Edna, 24, and Savannah, 18, all of Monticello, whom she greatly admired.

Friends may visit with the family of Mrs. Cuma C. Becht from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. A memorial service will be conducted by the Women of the Moose at 6:30 p.m. Preferred memorials may be made to Manitou Moose charities. Burial will take place on March 9, 2009, at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **William J. Burgess**

William J. BURGESS, 81, Lake Bruce, died Saturday at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

Survivors include a son, Bruce O. Burgess, Monticello; daughters, Bonnie Lemaster, Griffith, and Nancy Burns, Ava, Mo.; brother, Kelly Burgess, Aix; and a sister, Ruby Fauser, Kewanna.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

### **Ula Cole**

March 24, 1920-Jan. 18, 2009

Ula COLE, 88, died at 6:15 a.m. Sunday at Life Care Center, 827 W. 13th St., Rochester, where she lived.

Born in Salyersville, Ky., she was the daughter of Noah and Maude (Coffee) Rudd. She lived in Marshall County for 38 years after moving from West Liberty, Ky.

On March 29, 1935, she married Homer Cole in Salyersville. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include four sons, Darrel W. Cole, Lebanon, Ron (Doris) Cole, Lebanon, Larry (Virginia) Cole, Albuquerque, N.M., and Philip (Lori) Cole, Lakeville; two daughters, Sue (Willie) Castle and Medrith (Jerry) Lard, all of Argos; 18 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by four sisters, Pauline (Sterling) Taylor, Stockbridge, Mich., Edna Penix, Salyersville, Ky., Augustine Castle, Flat Gap, Ky., Barbara (Bert) Daniels, Salyersville, Ky.; and two brothers, Hurndon Rudd, Rochester, and E.J. (Mary Ellis) Russ, Salyersville, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1980; three sons, J.H. Cole, Kenneth Wayne Cole and Randall Keith Cole; three daughters, Sondra Cole, Leatress Penix and Joyce McGee; five brothers and three sisters.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Magoffin County Funeral Home, Salyersville, Ky. Her funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Magoffin County Funeral Home with Pastor Esknovah Jackson officiating. Burial will be at the Rudd Family Cemetery, Salyersville, Ky. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

### **Jack W. Griese**

Jack W. GRIESE, 79, of 2615 Wolf's Point Drive, Rochester, died at 10:54 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Marjorie L. Josetti**

Sept. 2, 1924-Jan. 16, 2009

Services for Marjorie L. JOSETTI, 84, of Kewanna, formerly of Chicago, will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Kewanna United Methodist Church with Pastor Steven McPeek officiating.

She passed away at 8:40 a.m. Friday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born Sept. 2, 1924, in Elwood, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Verna Hazel (Hamilton) Hughes. On Oct. 28, 1944, she married Howard R. Josetti and he preceded her in death on May 15, 1994.

Marjorie was a 1942 graduate of Fairmount High School. She retired in 1971 from Cook Electric in Chicago, where she had worked as an inspector. She attended Kewanna United Methodist Church, was a member of the VFW No. 1121 Ladies Auxiliary and a former member of the Lioness Club, Rochester.

Survivors include two daughters, Verna Alm and her husband Lester of Winchester, Tenn., and Mary Ann Smith of Kewanna; a son, Howard Josetti and his wife, Donna of Poplar Grove, Ill.; and son-in-law, Ron Seno of Logansport; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son, David Josetti; one daughter, Connie Seno; one son-in-law, Art Smith; six brothers; two sisters; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna, and also one hour prior to the time of the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and online condolences may be made to the Josetti family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

### **Harley Antone Justus**

Harley Antone JUSTUS, 86, 12080 17 B Road, Argos, died Monday at home.

Survivors include his wife, R. Eleanor Justus; three daughters, Marsha Davis, Plymouth, Judith C. Justus, Argos, and Lea Ann Chamberlin, Plymouth; two brothers, Willis D. Justus, Mooresville, and Cecil Justus Jr., Scottsburg; and a sister, Laura M. Fulk, Worthington.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sunrise Chapel, Plymouth, 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, and one hour prior to the service.

### **Mildred Louise Nesbit**

Mildred Louise NESBIT, 79, of 701 W. Sixth St., Rochester, died Sunday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include her husband, William "Harold" Nesbit, at home; a daughter, Linda Schmitt, Rochester; three sons, Dennis Nesbit, Michael Nesbit, both of Rochester, and Jeffery Nesbit, Fort Ogden, Fla.; six sisters, Lucille Dowers, Kathryn Thomas, Edna Roberts, all of Kokomo, Helen Wrathall, Jupiter, Fla., Lola Kikta and Dorothy Hinkle, both of Port Orange, Fla.; and three brothers, William Jameson, Greentown, James T. Jameson, Londen, Tenn., and Roy Jameson, Kokomo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from noon until the service.

### **Gerald L. Strayer**

Gerald L. STRAYER, 45, Burrows, died Friday at Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

Survivors include his mother, Wanda Anderson, Burrows; daughter, Tiffany Strayer, Logansport; four brothers, Christopher Strayer, Akron, Joshua Anderson, Logansport, Russell Anderson, Burrows, and Chuck Butcher, Virginia; and three sisters, Cynthia Strayer, Logansport, Tammy Reed, Huntington, and Beth Strayer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with visitation from noon until the service.

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

### **Jack W. Griese**

Dec. 17, 1929-Jan. 19, 2009

Jack W. GRIESE, 79, of 2615 Wolf's Point Drive, Rochester, passed away at 10:54 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital.

He was born Dec. 17, 1929, in Evansville, the son of Walter E. and Velma D. (York) Griese. In 1952, he married Martha Hullinger and she preceded him in death in 1990.

Mr. Griese was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He worked as a co-pilot and mechanic for Jeffrey Manufacturing in Fort Wayne from 1957-1967. In 1967, he began work as a pilot for Wolfe Industries of Columbus, Ohio, retiring from there as Chief Pilot and Director of Aviation in 1990.

Mr. Griese was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, lifetime member of the Moose Lodge, Professional Pilots Association and the Rochester Lions Club.

Survivors include his longtime companion and partner, Betty Haun, Rochester; daughters, Terry Firmani, Port St. Lucie, Fla., Gail and husband Forest Lines, Columbus, Ohio; Betty's children, Michael and wife Janet Young, Longview, Mass., Steven and wife Stacy Young, El Paso, Ill., Eric and wife Denise Haun, Wytheville, Va.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will take place at a later date. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Mildred L. 'Millie' Nesbit**

Millie NESBIT, 701 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, went to be with her Lord at 10:40 a.m. Jan. 18, 2009, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, after an extended illness.

She died peacefully surrounded by her loving family. Millie, 79, was born June 10, 1929, to Grant and Bertha Jameson in Monroe County, Tenn., coming to Indiana in 1947.

Millie was a homemaker most of her life. She was a wonderful loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved fishing, bowling, and being with her family and had a very active, fulfilling life until suffering a stroke in 2003.

Millie lived near Leesburg, Fla., 14 years before returning to Rochester in 2006. She attended the Burton and Richland Center United Methodist churches, when health allowed.

Mildred and W. Harold were married March 5, 1955, in Kokomo. He survives. She had four children, daughter, Linda Schmitt of Rochester; sons Dennis Nesbit and companion Carmie Bickham of Rochester, Michael Nesbit and wife Julie of Rochester and Jeffrey Nesbit of Fort Odgen, Fla.; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Millie came from a family of ten children, all surviving: sisters, Lucille Dowers of Kokomo, Katherine Thomas of Kokomo, Edna Roberts and husband Dave of Kokomo, Helen Wrathall of Jupiter, Fla., Dorothy Hinkle of Port Orange, Fla., Lola Kikta and husband Paul of Port Orange, Fla.; brothers, William Jameson and wife Annie of Greentown, Tommy Jameson and wife Lois of Loudon, Tenn., Roy Jameson and wife Joyce of Kokomo.

Millie loved flowers. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, Rochester.

Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 24, from noon until 2 p.m., with services following with the Rev. Don Nunemaker officiating, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Burial will be at a later date.

Thursday, January 22, 2009

**Onie Beckman**

Onie BECKMAN, 82, Logansport, died Wednesday at the Chase Center, Logansport.

Survivors include sons, Rob Beckman, Rochester, and John Beckman, Kokomo; brother, Essie Horton, Cicero; and sisters, Jenny King, Cicero, and Bea Bollinger, Moline, Ill.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

### **Kay L. Creviston**

Nov. 27, 1947-Jan. 20, 2009

Kay L. CREVISTON, 61, of 109 Clayton St., Rochester, passed away at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette. She had been in failing health for several years.

She was born on Nov. 27, 1947, in Rochester, the daughter of Donald and Thelma (Moore) Newman. In 1964 she married Darrell Creviston, and they later divorced. On Feb. 2, 1993, she married her companion of eight years, John "Jeff" Brubaker. He preceded her in death on Nov. 3, 2007.

Mrs. Creviston had worked at Sirkens, Superior Sample, Green Oak Antiques and Life Touch. She was a current member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and had previously been a member of the Rochester Eagles Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Survivors include her three daughters, Julie (Creviston) (Williams) Shafer and husband Shanan, Rochester, Kendra (Creviston) Fuentes and husband Ray, Rochester, Michelle (Brubaker) Herrell and husband Scott, Rochester; one son, Donald Creviston and wife Crystal, Leiters Ford; and 16 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Private burial will take place at Athens Cemetery, Athens. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kay Creviston Memorial Fund to help defray final expenses. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com)

### **Carl Leon Etchison**

Carl Leon ETCHISON, 79, Noblesville, died Wednesday at Riverview Hospital, Noblesville.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, Noblesville; daughters, Retha Naylor, Frankton, Rhonda Perry, Noblesville, and Dahlie Bragg, Bloomington; sons, Carl Etchison, Spring, Texas, David Lavengood, Kokomo, Dan Lavengood, Noblesville; and brothers, Dallas Etchison, Tipton, and Gene Etchison, Cicero.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m.

### **Margaret Mulligan**

May 28, 1923-Jan. 20, 2009

Margaret “Marge” MULLIGAN, 85, of Zionsville died Tuesday.

Born May 28, 1923, to John and Julia (Gaidosh) Marko in Philadelphia, Pa., she studied at Philadelphia School of Art after her graduation from high school.

As a “Sweetheart of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne,” Marge was one of the models whose photograph was mounted by the plane door for troopers to touch for luck. She married her beloved Marine Veteran Harold Mulligan six months after he returned from war on March 26, 1945.

She was employed as a tutor for Fayette County Schools, retiring in 1982 as Program Coordinator.

Marge later became well known for her award-winning watercolors. Marge was also well known for the beautiful crocheted items and clothing she made for family members, who were her true joy.

Marge was a member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church and was active in Between Paper and Pallet.

She is survived by husband, Harold; children, Margaret “Peggy” Mulligan (Dale Herndon), James (Treva) Mulligan and Robert (Chris)Mulligan; grandchildren, Stacy, Scott, Shane, Brandy, Andy, Ryan, Janell, Melissa, Oliver and Matthew; and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by niece Paula Leech (Curt) and two brothers and two sisters.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at St. Alphonsus Liguroi Catholic Church, 1870 W. Oak, Zionsville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday with calling one hour prior to the service. The family requests that flowers not be sent; in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Heart Association. Arrangements are entrusted to Flanner and Buchanan Zionsville, and online condolences may be made at [www.Flanner-Buchanan.com](http://www.Flanner-Buchanan.com).

Friday, January 23, 2009

### **Doris Leslie Linton**

Doris Leslie LINTON, 86, of the Leesburg-North Webster area, died at 10 a.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.



**Phyllis Ann Norman**

Oct. 8, 1935-Jan. 21, 2009

Phyllis Ann NORMAN, 73, of 3868 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, died at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Peace, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Born in Rochester, she was the daughter of Robert and Pauline Blanchard VanLue, who preceded her in death. A lifetime community resident, she graduated from Rochester High School in 1953.

She married Roy L. Norman on June 25, 1955, and they celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2005. He survives at home.

She was a homemaker and assisted her husband with the family business, Norman's TV Service of Rochester. She was a member of First Church of God, Rochester.

She had many hobbies including her freshwater aquarium, needlepoint and word puzzles. She enjoyed reading, movies and the daily soap opera. Elvis was her favorite musician.

Phyllis was proud to be the wife of a U.S. Air Force pilot as her husband served our country for 20 years. She cherished spending time with him, their children and grandchildren.

They include two daughters, Linda Andrews and Debbie Montel and husband Tim, all of Rochester; two sons, Richard Norman and wife Bonnie, Rochester, and Tim Norman and wife Robin, Jamestown, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Jerry Blanchard and wife Sue, Bobby VanLue and wife Nancy, all of Rochester, and Larry VanLue, Macy.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Mark "Bink" VanLue.

A celebration of the life of Phyllis Ann Norman will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Larry Dodge officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to First Church of God. 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).

**Donna K. Rans**

May 2, 1942-Jan. 21, 2009

Donna K. RANS, 66, of 640 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, passed away at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She was born on May 2, 1942, in Indianapolis, the daughter of George and Betty (Owens) Perkins. On Aug. 31, 1974, in Converse, she married James R. Rans Sr., and he survives.

Mrs. Rans retired from Hart, Schaffner and Marx in Rochester. She had worked for Switches in Leiters Ford, Real Services of South Bend, YMCA, Rochester Nursing Home and Canterbury Manor, all of Rochester. She enjoyed gardening, crochet, camping at Broken Arrow Campground and loved most in life to spend time with family and her many special friends. She also enjoyed her trusted companions, her dog Chip and her bird Hermey.

Survivors include her husband, James R. Rans Sr., Rochester; children, Betty and husband Tom Stroud, Fulton, Scott and wife Steph Bilby, Rochester, Paula and husband Norman Moore Jr., Rochester, Patrick and wife Brandi Bilby, Fulton, Jon and wife LaDonna Mitchell, Rochester, George Rans, Nappanee, Chuck Rans, Manassas, Va., Beth and husband Seamus Pinder, Fulton; 29 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; stepsons, James R. and wife Melody Rans Jr., Grant City, Ohio, Daniel and wife Nancy Rans, Akron; and brother, David and wife Carla Perkins, Brownsburg.

She was preceded in death by her father and stepmother, George and Doris Perkins; her mother and stepfather, Betty and Huck Fenn; twin brother; and brother-in-law, Richard Rans.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros, Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Revs. Thad Stewart and Johnny Martin officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday 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 the Life Care Center Activity Department. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Jerry L. Schnieb**

Oct. 24, 1936-Jan. 21, 2009

Jerry L. SCHNIEB, 72, Logansport, died at 11 p.m. Wednesday at home.

Born in Camden, he was the son of Cloyd and Pearl Olive Highland Schnieb.

He married Linda Pugh on March 6, 1983, in Logansport, and she survives.

He worked as a John Deere mechanic for Grant Implement Company.

Mr. Schnieb enjoyed Sunday football, fishing and camping.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Schnieb; four daughters, Kathy Combs and husband Daryl, Alabama, Carol Hunt and husband Todd, Georgia, Karyn Daily, Logansport, and Joyce Moss and companion Dennis Harris, Kokomo; sons, Keith Cunningham and wife Missy, Monticello, and Eric Schnieb and companion Shelby Allen, Tennessee; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a sister Susie Bonnell, Monticello.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Joe Schnieb, and a sister, Peggy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Scott Ellison officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice.

### **Cary G. Smith**

June 22, 1955-Jan. 21, 2009

Cary G. SMITH Sr., 53, of Troy, Ohio, and a former longtime resident of Rochester, passed away at 7:22 a.m. Wednesday at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy.

He was born and raised in Muncie, on June 22, 1955, to Arthur William Smith Jr. and Lois (Stanley) Smith Branham. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives and lives in Peru.

Cary is survived by his son Cary G. and Monica Smith Jr., of Warsaw; daughter and son-in-law, Shawna and John Scripter of Peru; two grandchildren, Brittany Hostetler and John Douglas Scripter; great-grandchild, Jalenn Hostetler; twin brother, Arthur William Smith, of Troy; two sisters and brother-in-law, Grace and Ray Jones of Troy and Barbara Slater of Peru.

Cary was an avid CB radio enthusiast who used the handle "Piston Rings."

There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Lutheran Church, 2899 W. Main St. Troy, with Pastor Ric Barnes officiating. Following the service, there will be a meal served and everyone is welcome to attend. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com).

Saturday, January 24, 2009

**Everett W. Ellenwood**

Everett W. ELLENWOOD, 81, of 1507 Arrowhead Drive, Rochester, died at 4:25 p.m. Friday at home.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Doris P. Leslie-Linton**

Doris P. LESLIE-LINTON, 86, of 501 Dolan Drive, Apt. A, Syracuse, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce James Leslie, Tucson, Ariz., and Larry Lee Leslie, Syracuse, and two sisters, Edna Cowen, LaPaz, and Mildred Grindle, Warsaw.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 1 p.m. until the service.

**Charles L. 'Roy' Smith**

Feb. 18, 1929-Jan. 22, 2009

Charles L. "Roy" SMITH, 79, Gilead, died at 5:45 a.m. Thursday at home.

He was born in Miami County, the son of William H. and Elsie (Rentzel) Smith, who preceded him in death.

He married Iris Schmidt on Oct. 27, 1950, and she survives.

He was a retired dairy farmer, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru, and a former member of Deedsville IOOF Lodge and the Gilead Masonic Lodge. He was also an avid euchre player.

Survivors include a son, Charles Craig Smith and wife Donna, Gilead; a daughter, Cathy Jo Hileman and her family, Peru; grandsons, Matthew Minthorn and Aaron Charles Smith; a great-granddaughter, Greta Minthorn; and a sister, Joann Denny, Converse.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, William, Robert, Earl and infant George Smith, and eight sisters, Evelyn Betzner, Mildred Wilson, Kathryn Leedy, Esther Pattison, Naomi Cossairt, Wilma Jean Frieden, Mary Smith and Helen Linkenhelt.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be at Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**S. Evelyn Sowers**

Aug. 31, 1928-Jan. 23, 2009

S. Evelyn SOWERS, 80, of 11254 E. 225 South, Akron, died at 3:45 a.m. Friday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Formerly of Indianapolis, she moved to the Akron area in 1991.

The daughter of Ross and Faun Sowers, she was born in Macy and graduated from Macy High School in 1947. She worked at Indiana National Bank in Indianapolis.

She loved to quilt and read and enjoying taking vacations and traveling.

Survivors include a sister, Dorothy Savage, Akron; several nieces and nephews; and good friend Barbara Mang, Nyona Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, John Sowers.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the service Sunday. Memorials may be made to the Woodlawn Hospital Building Project. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

**Anna Valera Tribbett**

Jan. 8, 1933-Jan. 22, 2009

Services for Anna Valera TRIBBETT, 76, of Royal Center will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 304 S. Chicago St., Royal Center.

She passed away Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born Jan. 8, 1933, in Marion, she was the daughter of the late Roy E. and Elizabeth Boehme and Myrtle (McClish) Stansell. On Aug. 24, 1952, she married Byron L. Tribbett and he preceded her in death on July 19, 1995.

Anna was a 1951 graduate of Royal Center High School and also a graduate of Wright's Beauty College, Logansport. She formerly worked at Websters Grocery Store in Lake Cicott for many years and also was formerly a beautician. Anna retired from Logansport State Hospital in 1998 after 27 years. Anna and her husband also farmed for many years.

She was a member of Center Presbyterian Church, Royal Center, Order of Eastern Star No. 375, Royal Center, where she was past matron and a member of the Retired Public Employees Association.

Anna loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed cooking. She also formerly played

softball with the team members who were later made famous in "A League of their Own." She enjoyed sharing her birthday with Elvis Presley and was a big fan of his music. Anna loved her monthly gatherings with her classmates and had a wonderful circle of friends.

Survivors include one son, Allen L. Tribbett and his wife, Andra, Royal Center; one daughter, Lynne A. Grosvenor and her husband, Timothy, Rochester; two brothers, William Boehme and James Boehme, Logansport; two sisters, Carolyn Cook and her husband, Howard, Rochester, and Barbara Jean Roller and her husband, James, Royal Center; six grandchildren, Anjanette Paul (Michael), Byron Osborn (Maricruz), Katrena Tribbett, Marjorie Osborn (Cory), Lincoln Osborn (Brandi) and Nicholas Tribbett (Summer); and seven great-grandchildren, Kelsi Wierenga, Matthew Osborn, Alyssa Solis, Chase Thomas, Megan Thomas, Justin Tribbett and Anna Osborn. She is also survived by her best friend and beloved poodle, Molly Sue.

She is also preceded in death by one sister, Patricia Stiles, and one grandchild, Christina Osborn.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and also one hour prior to the time of the service at the funeral home on Sunday. Pastors Jay Cline and Bill Kleymann will officiate and burial will be in Davis Cemetery, Burnettsville. Memorial contributions may be made to Center Presbyterian Church, Royal Center. Online condolences may be made to the Tribbett family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Monday, January 26, 2009

### **Mabel Barkman Blacketor**

Sept. 20, 1915-Jan. 24, 2009

Mabel Barkman BLACKETOR, 93, of 1725 Colonial Drive, Rochester, passed away at 11:44 a.m. Saturday at her residence.

Mabel was born on Sept. 20, 1915, in Rochester, the daughter of Harley and Tessie (McCarter) Barkman. She graduated from Rochester High School in 1934 and the Indiana College of Beauty Culture at Indianapolis in June 1938. She was employed at a beauty shop in Tipton until her marriage to Kline Blacketor Jr. of Santa Monica, Calif., on Jan. 29, 1939, in Rochester. They lived in Santa Monica for several years and returned to Rochester in the early 1940s.

Mabel and Kline had one child, Brent Blacketor, who was killed in a tragic accident after his freshman year of college. After his death, Mabel was inspired to give considerable improvements to the Rochester community as a

memorial to Brent. These gifts included a donation of 25 acres of land for the establishment of the Brent Blacketor Memorial Sports Complex. She also gifted land to the city of Rochester for the expansion of the Mill Creek Golf Course for which the entrance was named the Brent Blacketor Drive.

Mabel was Deputy Auditor for Robert Peterson for four years. She later worked in the business offices of Dr. Howard Rowe and Woodlawn Hospital. She was also the secretary and office manager for 31 years at Peterson Law Office, later Peterson and Morton Law Office, and retired from the Peterson and Waggoner Law Firm.

Mabel was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church, Rochester. She had been a 4-H leader and supported the 4-H livestock auction for many years. She was active in the Eastern Star and adviser to the Rainbow Girls. She contributed to and was a motivator for establishing the Pathways Project. She was a member of the Woodlawn Hospital Board of Trustees for 12 years. Mabel was one of the original board members of the Fulton County Community Foundation, where she served for eight years.

In 1999, Mabel received the Community Service Award from the Rochester & Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce. That summer she served as the Marshal of the Round Barn Festival Parade.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Kline; son Brent; sisters, Zula G. Long and Helen Wilson; and brother Earl Barkman. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose 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 Fulton County 4-H Fund in care of the Fulton County Community Foundation with envelopes available at the funeral home or to the donor's favorite charity. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Everett W. Ellenwood**

Everett W. ELLENWOOD, 81, Rochester, died Friday at home.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, at home, and two sons, David Ellenwood, Palos, Ill, and Daniel Ellenwood, Cedar Knolls, N.J.

Services and visitation were Sunday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Doris Lorene Hittle**

Feb. 23, 1928-Jan. 25, 2009

Doris Lorene HITTLE, 78, of 1320 Smith St., Apt. 306, Logansport, passed away at 8:35 a.m. Sunday at the Chase Center, Logansport. She was failing in health the past two years.

Born in Pulaski County, she was the daughter of Harry E. and Mary M. Warmbrod Rock. She graduated from Metea High School in 1946 and lived in the Logansport community for 38 years.

On April 2, 1948, she married Raymond L. Hittle northeast of Rochester. He preceded her in death on June 13, 1985.

A homemaker, she had worked at TM Morris, Logansport. She belonged to the United Methodist Church of Clymers.

Her favorite hobby was her French poodle, Buddy.

Survivors include a son, Randy R. Hittle and wife Kenna, Terre Haute; two grandsons, Audie Lee Hittle and wife Jennifer, Terre Haute, and Joshua Ray Hittle, Muncie; two sisters, Anna Clemons and husband Ora "Bud," Macy, and Margaret White and husband Virgil, Macy; a brother, James Rock and wife Barbara, Rochester; and her faithful canine companion, Buddy.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; sister, Erma Sutton; and three brothers, Ivan, Donald and infant Jesse Rock.

A celebration of the life of Doris Lorene Hittle will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Indiana 14 West, Rochester. Dr. Mark Spencer will officiate her service. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service. She will be laid to rest in the Zion Cemetery, southwest of Culver. Preferred memorials may be made to Southern Care Hospice; 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).

### **Marianne Nixon**

Marianne NIXON, 59, of 1130 Fulton Ave., Rochester, passed away at 1:34 p.m. Saturday at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Charles W. Ray**

July 7, 1931-Jan. 23, 2009

Charles W. RAY, 77, of Carmel, formerly of Rochester, Bloomington and Jeffersonville, passed away Friday.



He was born July 7, 1931, in Crawfordsville, to Harry E. and Elizabeth Coats Ray.

Charles graduated from Rochester High School in the Class of 1949. He served his country in the U. S. Navy during the Korean War. He earned his B.S. and MBA from Indiana University in Bloomington. Charles was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity, I.U. Foundation and was a letterman in Track & Field. In 2007, Charles received his 50 year I-Men Award.

Charles married Elizabeth (Betty) Vernon Dec. 20, 1952. After receiving his MBA, he worked in the automotive industry with Chrysler Corp. and Peugeot of France. He then served as Director of Finance for Glenmore Distilleries in Louisville, Ky., retiring in 1979.

Charles was a member of Carmel Lutheran Church, the Indiana Stamp Club, the Lighthouse Society and was an avid bridge player.

A memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Carmel Lutheran Church, 4850 E. 131st St., Carmel.

Charles is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Betty; devoted children, Kathy Ray-Huffman, Carmel, David (Susan) Ray and Michael (Anne) Ray, Encinitas, Calif.; six grandchildren, Julie Ray, Ryan Huffman, Erik Ray, Alex Ray, Hannah Ray and Sophie Ray.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Concordia Theological Seminary, Attn: Gary Nahrwald, 6600 N. Clinton, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Final arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

### **Ralph P. Chapman**

Sept. 27, 1921-Jan. 16, 2009

Ralph P. CHAPMAN, 87, North Manchester, died at 6:35 p.m. Jan. 16 at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

He was born in Bonaqua, Tenn., to Russell and Clara (Pluimer) Chapman.

He served in the U.S. Army, 1942-1945, and was a Tech Sergeant in Patton's 3rd Army, 80th Division. He received two Purple Hearts for injury in service, one with an Oak Leaf cluster. He also received the EAME Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars.

On July 11, 1942, he married Betty Barr. She died Oct. 25, 2008.

He was a self-employed farmer for many years. He was employed by Bourbon Creamery for six years and Laketon Creamery for 14 years until its

closing. Later, he was employed with Endicott Church Furniture Co., Warsaw, and retired in 1984.

He belonged to Congregational Christian Church, was a life member of American Legion Post No. 402, Laketon, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.

Ralph enjoyed refinishing furniture, woodworking and caning chairs.

Survivors include a son, Bruce Chapman and companion Phillip Addario, Westport, Conn.; a daughter, Mrs. Bill (Susan) Greer, North Manchester; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, a sister and his parents.

Services and calling were at 1 p.m. Jan. 19 at Peabody Chapel, North Manchester. Pastor J.P. Freeman officiated. Burial was at Reichter Cemetery, Talma. Memorials may be made to Congregational Christian Church, 310 N. Walnut St., North Manchester, IN 46962. McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, handled arrangements.

### **Mary L. Kale**

Mary L. KALE, 79, of 515 W. Sixth St., Rochester, died at 3:09 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Marianne Nixon**

Feb. 4, 1949-Jan. 24, 2009

Marianne NIXON, 59, of 1130 Fulton Avenue, Rochester, passed away at 1:34 p.m. Saturday at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

She was born on Feb. 4, 1949, in Rochester, the daughter of James W. and Marjorie Rose (Clay) Nixon.

Marianne had more than thirty years of nursing experience in the Logansport, Winamac and Rochester areas. She loved dogs, enjoyed flowers, playing bridge and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Survivors include her brother, Michael and wife Dottie Nixon, South Whitley; nieces, Tracey and husband Jon Bos, Alma, Mich., Jessica and husband Joe Schultz, Warsaw, and Katie Nixon, Mentone; nephews, Jason Nixon, Louisville, Ky., and Jonathan Nixon, Holland, Mich.; two great-nephews; two great-nieces; two stepnephews; and some "very close friends."

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Patrick Walters; and brother, James Dale Nixon.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will follow

at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

**Mary Louise Kale**

Mary Louise KALE, 79, of 515 W. Sixth St., Rochester, died Monday at Woodlawn Hospital.

Survivors include two daughters, Beth Foster and Sharon Helt of Rochester; two sons, Donn Kale, Rochester, and Thomas Kale, St. Louis, Mo.; and a brother, Charles Green, Warsaw.

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

**Charles 'Dave' Wicker**

Charles "Dave" WICKER, 56, Lake Bruce, died at 1:40 a.m. Sunday.

Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna.

Thursday, January 29, 2009

**Marilyn Leanna Blacketor**

April 23, 1922-Jan. 25, 2009

Marilyn Leanna BLACKETOR, 86, Rochester, and Sky Valley, Calif., passed away Sunday in Palm Springs, Calif.

She was born April 23, 1922, to Ross E. and Carrie E. Baldwin in Fulton County. She was a homemaker and a member of the Sky Valley Chamber.

She is survived by J.P. "Jake" Bates, her companion of more than 10 years; daughters, Rebecca (Dennis) Gray of Rochester, Rossanne (Steven) Egbert, Covina, Calif.; and son, Robert (Cynthia) Blacketor of Pt. Ludlow, Wash.; a sister, Catherine Beattie of Rochester; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, James F. Blacketor.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Forest Lawn Mortuary, Cathedral City, Calif. Inurnment will be in Rochester at a later date.

Forest Lawn, Cathedral City, is in charge of arrangements.

### **Mary Louise Kale**

Feb. 2, 1929-Jan. 26, 2009

Mary Louise KALE, 79, of 515 W. Sixth St., Rochester, died at 3:09 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born in Fulton County, she was the daughter of Charles E. and Fredia L. Yeazel Green, who preceded her in death.

Mary was a proud graduate of the Talma High School Class of 1947. On Oct. 15, 1950, she married her best friend, Robert H. Kale. Their union of 47 1/2 years yielded a beautiful family of four children - Beth, Sharon, Donn and Tom. The family tree further expanded with the additions of seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She did clerical work for Chester White.

The family's matriarch, Mary was noted for her abilities as a baker. Her forte was delectable chocolate chip, peanut butter, snickerdoodles and iced sugar cookies that she blended and baked for birthdays and special holidays. The sugar cream pies she created were extraordinary.

A family tradition shared by Mary - handed down for four generations - was the secret recipe for making noodles. The technique of rolling and cutting them with perfection was also overseen by Mary, always meeting her expectations.

Mary was a devoted member of Rochester's First Baptist Church. As a servant of her church, she was appointed as deaconess for a number of years. She also was a member of the Baptist Builders Sunday School class and the M & M's.

She also belonged to the Home Front Club.

Summertime brought on many of Mary's favorite things including cheering on the Chicago Cubs and making homemade ice cream. She also enjoyed the opportunity to demonstrate her patriotism by flying the flag each day.

Mary's two favorite days of the week were Sunday, providing her the opportunity to attend worship service and share in Sunday School class, and Monday, girls day out game day. This day provided great times and spirited games with daughter Beth and special friends Esther, Helen, Chris and Barbara. A variety of card games, dominos and Rummy cubes were among the group's best loved games.

Game time was also enjoyed as a family event at times of celebration and the holidays. Trivial Pursuit and various board games offered challenges to keep the group sharp. It was Christmas evening 2008 that Mary and the

family played till past 9 p.m. Mary deeply enjoyed the special music of the Big Band Era - especially the music of the Glen Miller orchestra.

Mary leaves behind a great legacy to cherish many wonderful memories - her four loving children, seven adoring grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, her Baptist church family, the Monday game buddies and the many friends she made along the pathways of life's journey.

Survivors include two daughters, Beth Foster and Sharon Helt and husband Robert of Rochester; two sons, Donn Kale and wife Brenda of Rochester and Thomas Kale and wife Phyllis of St. Louis, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Shari Miller and husband Steve, Greg Gentry and wife Kari, Amber Kale and fiance Kai, David Kale, Steve Helt and wife Jean, Amy Foster and Scott Kale; eight great-grandchildren, Shelby, Sidney, Samantha, Jazmine, Calvin, Koltin, Jacob and Johnathon "J.J."; and a brother, Charles F. Green and wife Jennie, Warsaw.

Her husband preceded her in death on April 19, 1998.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Mary Louise Kale will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Dr. Mark Spencer officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service. She will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband, Bob, in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Preferred memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, Rochester. 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).

### **Jerry J. Reed**

Jerry J. REED, 74, of 1308 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, died Wednesday at home.

Survivors include his wife, Dixie Reed, at home, and two daughters, Kim Sheehy, Rochester, and Brenda Ponto, Akron.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the service.

### **Irene M. Robison**

Feb. 26, 1919-Jan. 23, 2009

A memorial service for Irene ROBISON, 89, Haines City, Fla., will be held at a later date.

She died at 9 p.m. Friday at Crossroads Rehabilitation Nursing Home, Davenport, Fla.

Born Feb. 26, 1919, outside of Rochester, Fulton County, she was the daughter of the late Earl R. and Mildred I. (Thorstenson) Townsend. On

Dec. 25, 1940, in Leesburg, she married Earl F. Robison, who preceded her in death on Sept. 27, 2007.

Irene was a 1936 graduate of Rochester High School and a 1940 graduate of Manchester College. She did substitute and homebound teaching and taught at Leesburg, Cutler and Syracuse high schools and retired in 1982 from Warsaw Middle School after 37 years in various teaching positions. She also did scheduling and bookkeeping for Robison Plumbing and Heating of Leesburg.

Irene was a longtime member of Leesburg Methodist Church and active in earlier years in their women's groups. She helped with dinners and was always ready with a donation of one of her wonderful pies. She attended the Kosciusko Retired Teachers' group and Leesburg Travelers. She and her husband traveled extensively over the United States. They enjoyed having their grandchildren and nieces and nephews for stays with them. She continued a lifelong love of reading and still made visits from the nursing home to the library.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Robison, Haines City, Fla., and Rolland Earl Robison and his wife, Pam, Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Barbara A. Nelson, Logansport; three grandchildren, Vincent Gee, Robert and Randy Robison; and three great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by one brother killed in World War II, Earl Lawrence Townsend, and her lifelong friend, Ida Kate Burwell.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salvation Army.

### **Donald Leroy Rouch**

May 15, 1915-Jan. 19, 2009

Donald Leroy ROUCH, 93, Santee, Calif., went to be with his Lord on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009.

He was born May 15, 1915, in Miami, Fla., to Claude and Nellie (Lynch) Rouch (deceased).

Donald was married to Naomi Ellen Wackerle for 63 years and she preceded him in death.

Survivors include three children: Sandy Thompson (Jerry), Carmel, Sonja Guyer (Harold), Georgetown, Texas, and Fred Rouch (Ginger), Santee, Calif.; five grandsons and four granddaughters; and 18 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are one brother Robert Rouch, Denver, Colo., and one sister-in-law Shirley Oates, Peru. One sister preceded him in death.

Don was retired from Square D Company, Peru, with more than 43 years of service. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, Elks and Moose lodges.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Komen Breast Cancer Research.

### **Helen L. Stambaugh**

Helen L. STAMBAUGH, 73, of 2005 N. Franklin St., Mentone, died Wednesday in the Kosciusko Community Hospital emergency room.

Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

### **Charles 'Dave' Wicker**

Charles "Dave" WICKER, 56, Lake Bruce, died Sunday at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

Survivors include his wife, Jennifer L. Wicker, Lake Bruce; children, Hunter and Hanna Wicker, Lake Bruce, Joshua Wicker, Michael David Trospen and Jaime Wicker; sisters, Linda Gross, Rochester, and Bobbie Sellers, Momence, Ill.; and brothers, Kevin Wicker, Rochester, and Danny Wicker, DeLong.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lake Bruce, with visitation from noon to 1 p.m. at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna.

Friday, January 30, 2009

### **Jerry J. Reed**

Aug. 25, 1934-Jan. 28, 2009

Jerry J. REED, 74, of 1308 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, died at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday at home.

He was born in Kosciusko County to Dewy and Viola Beeny Reed.

Jerry was a proud 1953 graduate of Akron High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in secondary education from Manchester College. At Clarkson College of Technology, he completed his master's of science.

Mr. Reed was assigned to teach chemistry at Rich Central High School in Olympia Fields, Ill. His stint as an esteemed chemistry teacher, captivating the attention of his students, spanned 3 1/2 decades. In June of 1991, he retired with life memberships of the National Education Association and the Illinois State Teacher's Association.

On June 12, 1956, at the Mentone Methodist Church, Jerry took the hand of his beautiful bride, Dixie Linn, to be his lifetime mate, solemnizing their wedding vows. The Reeds celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2006.

Their union produced two daughters, Kim and Brenda, and four grandchildren.

Following retirement, Jerry and Dixie returned to their home county and settled in Rochester. Together they enjoyed planting the garden and harvesting a variety of vegetables.

Jerry, a very kind hearted, caring and thoughtful man, could be seen strolling the neighborhood each day and checking in on friends and neighbors. He always took time to help them by assisting with home repairs, working on their cars or chauffeuring them to doctor's visits.

To relax, Jerry joined his lifetime friend and schoolmate, Phil Pratt, for breakfast and to catch up on the latest daily events. They also enjoyed adventures fishing for Blue Gill on Barr Lake and Lake Manitou, many times returning their catch of the day to the sparkling waters.

In addition to his family that he loved so dearly, Jerry looked forward to the arrival of their new addition, the fourth generation, precious great-granddaughter Amelia Grace Ponto due to arrive on or before Saturday. He was delighted with the visits of his grandchildren and playing bean bag toss, darts and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Dixie Reed, at home; two daughters, Kim Sheehy, Rochester, and Brenda Ponto and husband Kurt, Akron; four grandchildren, Megan Bailon, Okinawa, Japan, Nick Ponto, Claypool, Alex Sheehy, Muncie, and Brandon Sheehy, Rochester.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Jerry J. Reed will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., with Pastor Phillip Pratt officiating. Friends may visit with his family from 11 a.m. until his service. Burial will follow at Rochester's IOOF Cemetery. Preferred memorials may be made to Hope Hospice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Howard 'J.R.' Slifer**

April 28, 1931-Jan. 27, 2009

Howard "J.R." SLIFER, 77, of Twelve Mile, passed away Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born April 28, 1931, in Twelve Mile, he was the son of Howard and Nellie Glassburn Slifer. On Sept. 12, 1948, at the Baptist Temple in Logansport, he was married to Eileen Kingery, and she survives.

J.R. was the owner of the Ford dealership in Twelve Mile for more than 50 years. He received multiple Dealer In Excellence awards.



He was proud to serve his community as a volunteer fireman for more than 50 years. He was named the first Fireman of the Year in Cass County in 1983. J.R. was one of the founding members of the Cass County Crime Stoppers and was past president. He was a member of the VFW in Logansport, Eagles No. 852, the American Legion No. 60 and a 50-year member of the Royal Center Masonic Lodge No. 585.

J.R. had a love for music and played guitar for 67 years. He had the privilege of playing with Hank Williams Jr., Stonewall Jackson and Crystal Gayle ... to name a few. In 1949, his band, the Cass County Ramblers, played the opening for the WSAL Radio Station. He enjoyed getting together with his friends for jam sessions and teaching his son and grandsons to play the guitar. He also had a love for camping, mushroom hunting and spending time with his family.

Survivors include two children, Donita Hook and her husband Jim, Logansport, and Anita Boldry and her husband Steve, Rochester; a daughter-in-law, Helen Slifer, Florida; two sisters, Sandra Tigler and her husband Bill, Denver, and Patty Cooper and her husband Wally, Michigan; a sister-in-law, Mary Weller, Kokomo; 11 grandchildren, Rob Hook, Wendy James, Doug Hook, Bill Hook, Eric Slifer, Marcus Slifer, Gabby Slifer, Libby Behr, Tammy Bonnell, Brad Boldry and Scott Boldry; 14 great-grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Charlie Slifer, and one brother, Richard Weller.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home with Pastor Bob Cree officiating. Burial will follow in Spring Creek Cemetery, rural Cass County. Friends are invited to call from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Twelve Mile Volunteer Fire Department or American Diabetes Association.

### **Helen L. Stambaugh**

Helen L. STAMBAUGH, 73, of 205 N. Franklin St., Mentone, died Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include a daughter, Charlene Moore, Grayson, Ky., six sons, Jay Boggs and Harry Stambaugh, both of Mentone, Palmer Stambaugh, Bobby Stambaugh, Billy Stambaugh, James Robert Stambaugh, all of Warsaw; a brother, Palmer Honeycutt, Wabash; and three sisters, Alice Clatos, Wayne, W.Va., Charlotte Honeycutt, Paintsville, Ky., and Frances Childress, Wayne, W.Va.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

### **Kenneth Wilhelm**

Kenneth WILHELM, 83, Logansport, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

Survivors include his wife, Betty J. Wilhelm, Logansport; daughters, Peggy L. Horn, Kewanna, and Lois Jean Callaway, Logansport; and a sister, Freida Swihart, Plymouth.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Saturday, January 31, 2009

### **Norma J. Robbins**

Sept. 2, 1938-Jan. 30, 2009

Norma J. ROBBINS, 70, of Logansport, formerly of Kewanna, passed away at 7:57 a.m. Jan. 30, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport.

She was born on Sept. 2, 1938, the daughter of James Frank Sutton and Ruth (Kistler) Sutton. She graduated from Metea High School and worked several years at Switches in Leiters Ford.

Survivors include her brother, Harold L. Sutton of Kewanna; sisters, Mary R. Sutton Shideler and husband William F. Shideler of Logansport and Wilma L. Altman of Peoria, Ariz.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Helen R. Vernon, and her parents.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home in Fulton with the Rev. Dave Sommers officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service on Monday. Burial will follow at the Metea Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Kathleen S. Stults**

Kathleen S. STULTS, 59, of 18509 Gumwood Road, Argos, died at 3:20 a.m. Friday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Monday, February 2, 2009

**Kathleen S. Stults**

June 25, 1949-Jan. 30, 2009

Kathleen S. STULTS, 59, of 18509 Gumwood Road, Argos, died at 3:20 a.m. Friday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, following a three-year illness.

Born in Argos, she was the daughter of William H. and Donna Belle M. (Stouder) Blackford. She lived all her life in the Argos and Marshall County community. She graduated from Argos High School with the Class of 1967 and attended the Career Academy in Milwaukee, Wis.

On Oct. 8, 1967, in Tippecanoe, she married David L. Stults, and he survives.

She was the branch manager at 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank, Argos. She worked at the bank for 35 years.

Kathy was a member of Tippecanoe Community Church, Tippecanoe. She served on the Walnut Township Advisory Board and was active with the "Oold Gold Club," the Green-Walnut Buyers Group and the Green-Walnut Young Farmers 4-H Club.

In addition to her husband, David Stults, Argos, she is survived by three children, David L. Stults Jr. and wife Jennifer, Argos, Gayla R. Burger and husband Mark, Bremen, and Eric Stults and wife Stephanie, Middlebury; six grandchildren, Samantha and Jessica Stults, Argos, Blake and Haley Burger, Bremen, and Madeline and Luke Stults, Middlebury; her mother, Donna Belle Blackford, Argos; a sister, Colleen Halter and husband Barry, Rolling Prairie; four brothers, Joe Blackford and wife Pam, Hebron, Steve Blackford and wife Kathy, Tippecanoe, Ken Blackford and wife Tina, Tippecanoe, and Bill Blackford and wife Lisa, Bowie, Md.; three sisters-in-law, Janet (Alan) Robinson, Chattanooga, Tenn., Judy (Kevin) Miller, Akron, and Sharlene "Shar" (Tom) Coahran, Rochester; and a brother-in-law, William "Bill" (Lisa) Stults, Argos.

She was preceded in death by her father and her son, Greg A. Stults, on April 19, 1974.

Friends may visit with the family from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Tippecanoe Community Church, 2940 18-B Road, Tippecanoe, and one hour prior to the funeral service, which is at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. The Rev. Randy McElveen, the Rev. Ken Todd and the Rev. Alan Robinson will officiate. Burial will be at Tippecanoe Cemetery, Tippecanoe. Memorials may be made to The Old Gold Club, Attn: Mr. Medich, 500 Yearick Ave., Argos, IN 46501; Tippecanoe Community Church, 2940 18-B

Road, Tippecanoe, IN 46570; or Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Northern Indiana Affiliate, 227 S. Main St. Suite 101, South Bend, IN 46601. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [earl-grossmanfuneral.com](http://earl-grossmanfuneral.com). Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos is handling arrangements.

### **James R. Morgan**

James R. MORGAN, 82, Argos, died at 9:25 p.m. Saturday at the St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

### **Pauline Johnston**

Pauline JOHNSTON, 88, formerly of Rochester, died on Jan. 31, 2009, at Regional Medical Center in Anniston, Ala. K.L. Brown Funeral Home and Creamation Center Chapel, Jacksonville, Ala., will handle arrangements.

She is survived by her husband, Howard Johnston of Jacksonville, Ala.; her daughters, Nicole (Herschel) Vance of St. Louis, Mo., and Jill (James) Gilbert of Clarksville, Tenn.; two sisters, Glenna (Warren) Huddleston of Taos, N.M., and Mary Bauchat of Michigan; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Johnston was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ruth Thompson; and her son, Eric Johnston.

Donations may be made to the American Red Cross. Online condolences may be made to the family at [222.klbrownfuneralhome.com](http://222.klbrownfuneralhome.com).

### **James R. Morgan**

March 27, 1926-Jan. 31, 2009

James Richard "Dick" MORGAN, 82, a longtime Argos resident, passed away due to natural causes on Saturday evening in the St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Dick was born March 27, 1926, in Plymouth, the son of Oscar Eugene and Hazel Agnes (Unger) Morgan. He attended the Linkville School.

In 1955 he was eager to serve his country and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Dick was a carpenter by trade and personally raised hogs until an early disability prevented him from doing so.

He first married Janet E. Hamman, who survives. Together they had five children: Hope C. (Virgil) Herring of Grovertown, Kelly L. (Paul) Antoine of Bryan, Ohio, Gretchen D. (John) Worley of LaPorte, Bridgett B. Koz of Argos and Mark R. (April) Morgan of Donaldson.

On Sept. 19, 1987, in Argos, he married Marvis A. (Jones) Crum, whose children include: Dawn M. (Dan) Byler of LaGrange, David A. (Julie) Crum of Plymouth, and Duane L. (Laura) Crum of Holmdel, N.J. All together there are 27 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Dick's surviving siblings are: Daren (Dorothy) Morgan of Plymouth, Stanley (Dorothy) Morgan of Rochester, Jane Wilson of Greenwood, Mary Ann Orr of Warsaw, Helen Robinson and Barbara Kay (Bill) Smith and Lois Evans, all of Plymouth. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Dick was an active member of the Jordan Baptist Church. He enjoyed square dancing as a member of the Rochester "Swinging Dudes," was a Master Gardener and he wrote and had published works of poetry. He also enjoyed reading, fishing, listening to country/western music and above all, time with family.

In July of 2008, Dick was saddened at the passing of his wife, Marvis. Also preceding in death were his parents; three brothers, Lloyd, Wayne Kent, and John Adrian Morgan; and a sister, Norma Fillinger.

All are invited to share memories with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, where calling will continue after 7 a.m. Thursday in the absence of family. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Jordan Baptist Church, 11447 19<sup>th</sup> Road, Argos, with Pastor Thomas Tupps officiating. Calling will occur there one hour prior to the services. Burial will follow in the Jordan Cemetery, where military honors will be accorded to him. Memorial gifts may be made to the church or the American Cancer Society, 601 W. Edison Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

### **Daniel Bengston**

Daniel BENGSTON, a former Akron United Methodist Church pastor, died Jan. 26, in Richmond, Mo.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Baker Bengston; daughters, Lois Douglas of Raleigh N.C., Cathy Habermehl, Ellen McDonald and Laura Baker; one son, Philip Bengston of Versailles, Ky.; and one sister, Doris Combs of Niles, Mich.

**Russell K. McComb**

Sept. 26, 1923-Feb. 2, 2009

Russell K. McCOMB, 85, of 403 S. Willow St., Flora, passed away at 12:02 p.m. Monday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

He was born Sept. 26, 1923, in Huntertown to Verne and Cecile Fitch McComb. He was a 1941 graduate of Huntertown High School.

On Sept. 7, 1946, he married Juanita Sheehan in Logansport and she survives in Flora. He was a WWII veteran serving in the Army. Mr. McComb was a stockman for Public Service Indiana and a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Russell K. McComb Jr. of Demotte, Raymond Jay McComb of Lafayette; and one daughter, Janis Marie Smith of Loveland, Colo. Also surviving are four sisters, Marcella Sloffer and Dorothy Lucas, both of Huntertown, Phyllis Brown of Albion and Ann Kelham of Liotta. He was preceded in death by one brother, one sister and one son. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Reinke Funeral Home, 103 N. Center St., Flora, with three hours of calling prior to the service of Friday. Burial will be at Scotland Cemetery near Frankfort with military graveside honors.

**Charles G. O'Conner**

Charles G. O'CONNOR, 76, of 6209 S. 250 West, Rochester, died at 4:57 a.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Thomas V. Sayger**

Dr. Thomas V. SAYGER, 57, Memphis, Tenn., formerly of Rochester, died at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, February 5, 2009

**Charles Glen O'Connor**

Charles Glen O'CONNOR, 76, of 6209 S. 250 West, Rochester, died Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Betty L. O'Connor, Rochester,; sons, Charles Ray O'Connor, Gillette, Wyo., Kenneth Wells, Costa Rica, and Randy Zehner, Pittsburg, Pa.; daughters, Debra O'Connor, Angola, Patricia Chee, Albuquerque, N.M., Pauline King, Coolidge, Ariz., Diane King, Knox, Barbara Charstens, Helensville, Wis., Judy Hovenden, Mentone, Cindy Sumey, Rochester, Louis Lairson, Hillsboro, Texas, and Windy Lauderback, Rochester; and brothers, Howard O'Connor, Bremen, John O'Connor, South Bend, and Merlyn O'Connor, Kentucky.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the service.

### **Dr. Thomas V. Sayger**

Nov. 3, 1951-Feb. 3, 2009

Dr. Thomas V. SAYGER, 57, Memphis, Tenn., and formerly of Rochester, passed away at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

He was born on Nov. 3, 1951, in Rochester, the son of Maurice and Irene (Miller) Sayger. He was a 1969 graduate of Akron High School, a 1973 graduate of Manchester College and received his Ph.D. in 1987 from Indiana State University.

Dr. Sayger was a full professor of counseling psychology in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Research at the University of Memphis. Prior to teaching at the University of Memphis, he held faculty appointments at Washington State University, Pullman, Wash., and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. In 2001, Dr. Sayger was a visiting professor at Orta Doou Teknik Universitesi (Middle East Technical University) in Ankara, Turkey. Due to his interest in international issues of psychology, he maintained his professional ties to Turkey and collaborated with colleagues in Portugal, Russia, Ireland, Australia and other areas of the world. Tom published widely (over 50 peer-reviewed journal articles) and co-authored three books, contributing extensively to research on conduct disorders in children and family therapy. Dr. Sayger was revered by his graduate students and in 2006, he received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentoring. In his spare time, he enjoyed genealogy and traveling.

Survivors include his sister, Judith Sayger, South Bend; aunts, Nancy Baker, Laura and husband Jack Lewis, Nancy Sayger, all of Rochester; uncle, John and wife Elnora Sayger, Rochester; several cousins and his faithful companions, Scully, Scarlet and Scout. He was preceded in death by his parents, mother Irene in 1992, father Maurice in 1994; his brother, Richard in 1969; maternal grandparents, Vernon and Versa Miller; paternal

grandparents, Hershel and Mary Burnette Sayger; aunts, Esther Nicodemus, Irma Zolman Willodean Collins, and Maudie Coleman; and uncles, Leroy, Omer, Otis, Harry and Walter Sayger.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Jeanne Hoffman 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 Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or the donor's favorite charity. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Friday, February 6, 2009

### **Dorothy Ann Marriott**

Dorothy Ann MARRIOTT, 85, Arcadia, Calif., died at 2 a.m. Thursday at her residence in Arcadia.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Leona J. Zechiel**

Jan. 21, 1913-Feb. 5, 2009

Leona J. ZECHIEL, 96, a Culver resident all her married life, died at 8 a.m. Thursday in Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

The daughter of Lula and Albert Grosvenor was born in Bourbon on Jan. 21, 1913. She graduated with the Class of 1931 in Bourbon.

On Oct. 19, 1933, she married Ferris Zechiel at Tipp City, Ohio. He survives at 100 years old.

Leona is also survived by a daughter, Betty (Stan) Reinholt, and a son, Larry (Ruth) Zechiel; five grandchildren, Susan (Marty) Mansfield, Dean (Tina) Zechiel, Jo Zechiel, Ryan (Mindi) Reinholt, and Beth (Rob) Herzong and 10 great-grandchildren.

A homemaker, Leona loved to cook, garden, crafts, sew, teach Sunday School and read her Bible. She was a 50-year member of Culver Homemakers, Marshall County Extension and a member of Community Bible Fellowship Church of God.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Carol Ann in 1940; 3 sisters, Hester Kuhn, Iris Peirson and Bernice Calvert; five brothers, Arnold, Victor, Leonard, Harvey and Calvin Grosvenor; also a set of infant twin siblings.



Friends and family are invited to celebrate the life of Leona Zechiel from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday. The Rev. Bob Huddlestun and Bob Collier will officiate funeral services at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given in Leona's memory to the Atlanta Bible College. Notes of condolence and sharing of memories of Leona Zechiel may be e-mailed to the family at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home Web site obituary page at [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com). The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009

**Maxine L. Coughlin**

Maxine L. Petrie Kistler COUGHLIN, 82, Logansport, died at 6:45 a.m. Friday at the McKinney House in Logansport.

Arrangements are pending at Marocco Funeral chapel, Logansport.

**Dorothy Ann Marriott**

Dorothy Ann MARRIOTT, 85, Arcadia, Calif., passed away at 2 a.m. Thursday at her residence in Arcadia.

Survivors include her two sons, Richard Marriott and Scott Marriott, both of California.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros, Funeral Home, Rochester.

**James Lee Shelton**

James Lee SHELTON, 84, of 533 Quaking Aspen Lane, Windsor, Calif., formerly of Rochester, died Tuesday at Sutter Hospital, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Shelton, Windsor, Calif., and children, Tom Shelton, Bakersfield, Sue Bias, Honolulu, Hawaii, Tim Shelton, Morgan Hill, Calif., Randy Phillips, Gilroy, Calif., Kevin Phillips, Boise, Idaho, and Cindy Harms, Windsor, Calif.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Healdsburg Community Church, Healdsburg, Calif.

Monday, February 9, 2009

**Maxine L. Petrie Kistler Coughlin**

April 29, 1926-Feb. 6, 2009

A mass of Christian burial for Maxine L. Petrie Kistler COUGHLIN, 82, of Logansport will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at All Saints Catholic Church, Logansport.

She died at 6:45 a.m. Friday at the McKinney House, Logansport.

Born on April 29, 1926, in Logansport, she was the daughter of the late August and Lela (Gundrum) Petrie. On Aug. 15, 1964, she married George "Bob" Coughlin and he preceded her in death on Jan. 9, 2008.

Maxine attended St. Josephs School and Logansport High School. She was a member of All Saints Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, Rosary Society and the VFW No. 3790 Ladies Auxilliary. She was a homemaker and a former Memorial Hospital volunteer. Maxine enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and playing euchre and canasta.

Survivors include sons, Don Kistler and wife Connie of Kokomo and Ron Kistler and wife Kerry of Logansport; daughter, Patricia Ann Evans of West Lafayette; stepsons, Daniel R. Coughlin and wife Diane of Fort Wayne and Timothy E. Coughlin and wife Pam of Chesterton; stepdaughter, Mary Kathryn Laskody of Norcross, Ga.; sister, Imogene LeDonne and husband Francis of Walton; sister-in-law, Margaret Ann Willison of Logansport; grandchildren, Scott Kistler and wife Courtney of Indianapolis, Tatum Egan and husband Joe of Oklahoma, Jessica Weathington and husband Cameron of Fort Worth, Texas, Kira Evans of Logansport, Carrie Richards and husband Brian of Fort Wayne, Emily Coughlin of Fort Wayne, Hilary Coughlin of Fort Wayne, Jamie Nygra of Portage, Lindsay Laskody of Florida and Robyn Murphy and husband Shane of Peru; great-grandchildren, Emma Kistler, Logan Egan, Callen Weathington, Ethan Coughlin, Daison Richards, Jazmine and Anthony Leydet.

She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Donald "Spin" Kistler; son, Tommy Kistler; brothers, Dick, Charlie, Jim and Bob Petrie; and sisters, Bette Morecraft and Evelyn Bolander.

Father Jeff Martin will officiate and burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Marocco Funeral Chapel, 119 E. Market St., Logansport, where there will also be a Scripture, Daughters of Isabella and VFW Ladies Auxiliary service at 6 p.m.

While flowers are welcome, contributions in Maxine's memory may be made to the All Saints Catholic School. Online condolences may be to the family at [www.maroccofc.com](http://www.maroccofc.com).

**Michael E. Cowger**

Michael E. COWGER, 58, of 6571 N. Old Hwy. 31, Rochester, died Sunday at home.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Cowger, Rochester, daughter, Carla Decker, Knox; son, Leon Cowger, Kansas City, Mo.; parents Bud and Donna Cowger, Rochester; brothers Kelly Cowger and Tim Cowger, both of Rochester, and sisters, Beverly Cooley, Talma, Dianna Overmyer, Tippecanoe, Twyla Hartman and Melody Avery, both of Argos.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Argos United Methodist Church, Argos, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

**Robin Lea Kelly**

Feb. 4, 1954-Feb. 7, 2009

Robin Lea KELLY, 55, of 1131 Franklin St., Rochester, Passed away at 6:45 a.m. Saturday at her residence.

She was born on Feb. 4, 1954, in Rochester, the daughter of Sam and Esther (Armentrout) Shuey. On March 5, 1977, in Rochester, she married John Kelly and he survives.

Mrs. Kelly was a homemaker who enjoyed crafts, antiques, going to garage sales and auctions.

Survivors include her husband, John Kelly, Rochester; daughter, Kasie Kelly, Rochester; brothers, Martin and wife Sue Shuey, Rensselaer, and Gary and wife Kathy Shuey, Rochester; sisters, Pequitta Montelongo, Rochester, Sue Griffis, Bourbon, and Sandra Watts, Wichita, Kan.; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister.

No services or visitation will be observed. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Christopher H. Najafiarab**

Christopher H. NAJAFIARAB, 25, Francesville, died Saturday at Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer.

Survivors include his mother Holly A. Tolzin, Francesville; his father, Reza Najafiarab, Iran; and brother, Andrew A. Najafiarab, Francesville.

Services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Frain Mortuary Querry-Ulbricht Chapel, Francesville, with visitation from 4 p.m. until the service.

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

**Michael E. Cowger**

Nov. 26, 1950-Feb. 8, 2009

Michael E. COWGER, 58, of 6571 N. Old Hwy. 31, Rochester, died at 6:05 a.m. Sunday at his residence. He was ill since April 2008.

Born in rural Star City, he was the son of Wilbur "Bud" and Donna (DePoy) Cowger. He lived most of his life in Marshall and Fulton counties. He graduated with the Argos High School Class of 1968.

He married Darlene K. Davis on June 14, 1969, in Argos, and she survives.

He worked in production at RBC Precision Products, Bremen.

Michael was an avid deer hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed working in his yard and garden during the summer months. He was a member of the National Rifleman's Association and Northern Indiana Hunting Club.

He attended Argos United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, Darlene Cowger, Rochester, he is survived by a daughter, Carla Decker and husband Chris, Knox; a son, Leon Cowger, Kansas City, Mo.; three grandchildren, Matt, Chris and Jarod Decker of Knox; his parents, Bud and Donna Cowger, Rochester; two brothers, Kelly Cowger and Tim Cowger, both of Rochester; and four sisters, Beverly Cooley and husband Joe, Talma, Dianna Overmyer and husband Danni, Tippecanoe, Twyla Hartman and husband Mike, and Melody Avery and husband Clyde, all of Argos.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael E. Cowger Jr. in 1991; four brothers, Keith Lee Cowger, Leon "Buddy" Cowger, Bill Cowger and Terry Cowger; and a niece Donna Marie Cooley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St., Argos, with the Rev. Ken Walker of the church officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Friends may visit with the family from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center, c/o Indiana University Foundation, Attn: Thoracic Oncology Program Fund,

P.O. Box 660245, Indianapolis, IN 46266-0245. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

**Violet I. Overmyer**

Violet I. OVERMYER, 68, of 1001 W. Hively Ave., Elkhart, died at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Golden Living Center, Elkhart.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Eldon Pike**

July 20, 1921-Feb. 9, 2009

Eldon PIKE, 87, died at 3 p.m. Monday at Warsaw Meadows, Warsaw.

Born in Rochester, he was the son of Ora Pike and Farie Wood. He married Mary Truex on Nov. 8, 1947, in Elkhart.

He was owner of Pike Service Station, Atwood, for 26 years and retired in 1983. He lived most of his life in the Atwood and Etna Green areas.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Pike, Etna Green; two sisters, Wilma Draper, Warsaw, and Ilogene Seidner, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Forrest Pike and Finton Pike, and a sister, Marilyn Young.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Pastor Dennis Bollenbacher of New Beginnings Church, Atwood, will officiate. Burial will be at Stony Point Cemetery, Atwood. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to New Beginnings Church, 208 E. Main St., Atwood, IN 46502.

**Joseph D. Stachelski**

Joseph D. STACHELSKI, 68, of 3100 E. Frontage Road, Warsaw, died at 1:17 p.m. Monday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Thursday, February 12, 2009

**Loren L. Betz**

Aug. 12, 1924-Feb. 8, 2009

Loren L. BETZ, 84, of 2656 N. 56th St., Unit 242H, Mesa, AZ 85215, former high school principal and superintendent of Rochester Community Schools, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009, of congestive heart failure.

Loren and his wife, Naomi, lived in Rochester from 1959 to 1976. Loren served as principal of RCHS from 1959 to 1965 and as superintendent of schools until 1976. The Betzes were active members of the community. Both were members of Grace United Methodist Church, and Loren was a member of the Kiwanis Club and a volunteer for Lay Witness Missions.

Loren and Naomi moved from Rochester to Portland, Ind., where Loren served as superintendent of Jay County Schools until his retirement in 1985.

Betz retired back to Rochester where they resided until 1990. Loren and Naomi spent time in Indianapolis before moving to Mesa, Ariz., where they have lived since.

Faith, family, friends and work were the priorities by which he lived his life. An accomplished musician, Betz used his special gifts in all of his endeavors and played the piano beautifully until the day he died.

Loren is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 63 years, Naomi (Mundy) L. Betz; four children, Bill (Marla) Betz, Susan Betz (Craig) Hintz, Muhammad (Ruby) Betz and David (Debbie) Betz; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Indiana Resource Center for Autism, 2853 E. 10th St., Bloomington, IN 47408.

**Violet Irene Overmyer**

Violet Irene OVERMYER, 68, of 1001 W. Hively Ave., Elkhart, formerly of Marshall County, died Monday at Golden Living Center, Elkhart.

Survivors include a sister, Mary L. Huber, Syracuse, and a brother, C. Meril Overmyer, Argos.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation beginning at 11 a.m.

**Marilyn R. Smiley**

Marilyn R. SMILEY, 79, formerly of Argos, died at 9:16 a.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Joseph D. Stachelski**

Joseph D. STACHELSKI, 68, of 3100 E. Frontage Road, Apt. No. 71, Warsaw, died Monday at home.

There are no immediate family survivors.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Warsaw. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is handling arrangements.

**Rosanne Stokes**

Rosanne STOKES, 89, Elwood, died Tuesday at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital, Elwood.

Survivors include daughters, Suellen Stokes, Anderson, and LeAnn Linsmeyer, Elwood, and daughter-in-law, Sue Stokes, Rochester.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Dunnichay Funeral Home, Elwood, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Friday, February 13, 2009

**John P. Markley**

John P. MARKLEY, 71, Peru, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn J. Fouts Markley; children, Jennifer Markley, Jacksonville, Ill., Troy Markley, Kokomo, Karen Trigg, Deedsville, John Weisenberger, Peru; and siblings, Linda Leisure, Kewanna, Susie Rysz, Bluffton, Ohio, Jeanie Froman, Ferdinand, Julie Birge, Kewanna, and Jeff Markley, Rochester.

Services will be at noon Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

**Marilyn Rose Smiley**

Aug. 20, 1929-Feb. 11, 2009

Marilyn Rose SMILEY, 79, formerly of 316 S. Michigan St., Argos, died at 9:16 a.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa, after a short illness.

She was born in Argos to Clyde "Jim" O. and Marjorie (Krouse) Moriarty. She graduated with the Tippecanoe High School Class of 1947 and lived all her life in the Argos community.

On July 25, 1947, she married Richard Louis Smiley in Paw Paw, Mich. He preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 2006.

She worked at Kroger in Plymouth from 1962 to 1985 when she retired. She was a member of Argos Bible Church, Argos, and she and her husband were very active with The Old Gold Club, Argos.

Survivors include two daughters, Diana (Terry) Ellis, Argos, and Patsy (Stephen) Lucas, Byron Center, Mich.; six grandchildren, Cheryl (Jeff) Shoup, Huntington, Tammy (Scott) Tuley, Trafalgar, Craig (Christen) Ellis, Argos, Lona (Adam) VanLoozenoord, Grand Rapids, Mich., Jason (Kori) Ellis, Clayton, and Jody (Matt) O'Dell, New Palestine; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, James P. Moriarty, Argos, and Terry L. Moriarty, Plymouth; and a sister, Linda (Leonard) Fuller, Wakarusa.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, John Moriarty; and a sister, Shirley Knezevich, on May 7, 2008.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Argos Bible Church, 210 S. Maple Ave., Argos, with the Rev. Phil Platz officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Memorials may be made to Argos Bible Church, 210 S. Maple Ave., Argos, IN 46501, or "Old Gold Club," Attn: Mr. Medich, 500 Yearick Ave., Argos, IN 46501.

Saturday, February 14, 2009

No Obituaries

Monday, February 16, 2009

No Obituaries – Holiday

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

### **James E. Lee**

James E. LEE, 69, of 6131 W. 200 South, Warsaw, died at 12:38 a.m. Monday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **Daniel L. Lynch**

Oct. 13, 1942-Feb. 13, 2009

Daniel L. LYNCH, age 66, Logansport, passed away at 1:40 p.m. Friday at his residence.



Born in Logansport, he was the son of Paul and Agnes M. (Evans) Lynch. He was married Nov. 21, 1970, at Wheatland Avenue Methodist Church to Marjorie Walters, who survives.

Daniel had been employed as a truck driver at Exide Corp. He later worked for USF Holland.

Dan was a 1960 graduate of Metea High School. He was a bus driver for the Logansport Community School Corp. In later years, Dan especially enjoyed taking special needs children on bus trips to Indianapolis.

Dan was a founding member and elder of Crossroads Community Bible Church in Perrysburg.

Survivors include daughter, Danielle (Tony) Johnson, Galveston, son, Rod (Michelle) Lynch, Rockfield, and daughter, Ann Marie Lynch, Indianapolis; brothers, Max (Nina) Lynch, Rochester, and Tom (Sharon) Lynch, Ten Mile, Tenn.; a sister, Patti Longenecker, Warsaw; a brother-in-law, Kenny Cunningham, Tucson, Ariz.; grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn Cunningham, and a brother, Jack Lynch.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Crossroads Community Bible Church. The Rev. Jim Rairigh of Crossroads Community Bible Church will officiate. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Calling hours are 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, and at the church one hour prior to the funeral Wednesday. Memorials may be made to Crossroads Community Bible Church (roof fund), 9303 N. Old U.S., 31, Macy, IN 46951. Condolences may be placed online at [kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://kroegerfuneralhome.com).

### **Emma Jean Redinger**

Jan. 23, 2008-Feb. 13, 2009

Emma Jean REDINGER, 13 months, of 6650 17th Road, Argos, died at 2:53 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following a very short illness.

Born in Bremen, she was the daughter of Theodore "Ted" W. and Jennifer "Jenny" J. (Diangikis) Redinger, and they survive in Argos.

She is also survived by siblings, Teddy and Samantha Redinger, Argos; paternal grandparents, Charles and Linda Redinger, Argos; maternal grandparents, Bob and Janice Diangikis, Argos, and Sharon Diangikis and fiance Larry Spaid, Plymouth; great-grandparents, Ted and Dorothy Thurin, Culver, Wilma J. Diangikis, Plymouth, John Diangikis, Bremen, Dorothy Spohn, Argos, and Al and Patricia Klinger of Florida; aunts and uncles, Rose

and Dean Dodson, Charlie and Kelly Redinger, Bill and Alicia Redinger, Amy Diangikis, Julie Diangikis, Michelle Morgan, Matt Chizum, and Adam Diangikis.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Ward and Virginia Redinger.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St., with the Rev. Ken Walker of Argos United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Walnut Church of the Brethren Cemetery, Argos. Memorials may be made to Little Discover Pre-School, 570 N. Michigan St., Argos, IN 46501, or Argos Elementary School, 500 Yearick St., Argos, IN 46501. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

### **Carolyn Kay Stuber**

Jan. 2, 1944-Feb. 16, 2009

Carolyn Kay STUBER, 65, of Denver, died at 8:10 a.m. Monday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born Jan. 2, 1944, in Rochester to Russell Eldon and Helen Marie (McClaran) Ogle.

Carolyn was a North Miami High School graduate. She married Allen Stuber in Denver on March 19, 1960. She enjoyed painting with oils and watercolors and crocheting.

She is survived by her husband, Allen Stuber of Denver; three sons, Kurt (Jackie) Stuber of Denver, Kerry (Melissa) Stuber of Chili and Wendell Stuber of Denver; two daughters, Karen (David) Boone of Denver and Kara (Steven) Gordin of Warsaw; eight grandchildren, Nathan Stuber of Mexico, Jennie Stuber of Kokomo, Nicholas Stuber of Chili, Trent Gordin of Warsaw, David Jr. and Abigail Boone, both of Denver, and Madisyn Gordin and Kaitlyn Gordin, both of Warsaw; six sisters, Doris Turnpaugh of Nyona Lake, Betty Miller of Rochester, Patricia Powell of Denver, Barbara (Ronald) Thompson of Rochester, Diana Mitchell of Aiken, S.C., and Shirley (Jim) Cook of Denver; and her brother, Thomas Ogle of Mexico.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The memorial guestbook for Carolyn may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

**Heber C. Herkless**

Heber C. HERKLESS, 92, 1000 Fulton Ave., Rochester, died at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Brent Lee Jackson**

Brent Lee JACKSON, 34, North Manchester, formerly of Rochester, died at 3:22 a.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**James E. Lee**

James "Jim" E. LEE, 69, of 6131 W. 200 South, Warsaw, died Monday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalie Lee, Warsaw; children, Dawn Harris, Warsaw, Robin Ward, Phoenix, Ariz., Tim Lee, Mentone, and Kim Lee, Malta, N.Y.; his mother, Reah Lee, Warsaw; and sister, Jennie Earl, Atwood.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Harrison Center Church, Etna Green, with visitation from 3 p.m. until the service. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is handling arrangements.

**Donald L. Naylor**

Oct. 30, 1925-Feb. 17, 2009

Donald L. NAYLOR, age 83, of Rochester and formerly of Brazil, died at 3:21 a.m. Tuesday in Rochester.

He was born Oct. 30, 1925, in Indianapolis, as the son of Earl William and Irene Adams Naylor. Following graduation from high school, he joined the U.S. Air Corps and served during World War II until his honorable discharge. He had been employed as a salesman selling hydraulic systems and parts. He retired from Central Hospital of Indianapolis, where he worked as a maintenance electrician supervisor. He married Sandy Soots, who preceded him in death October 2001.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by one sister, Carolyn Donaldson of Rochester; one son, Thomas Naylor of Indianapolis; two stepsons, Frank Teeter of Danville

and William Teeter; one stepdaughter, Crystal Doyle; one sister-in-law, Helen Patton of Indianapolis; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Moore Funeral Home, Brazil. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday. Burial will follow at Calcutta Cemetery. Visit [www.Moore-Funeral-Homes.com](http://www.Moore-Funeral-Homes.com) to send condolences to the family or for more information.

Thursday, February 19, 2009

**Ralph J. Frettinger**

Sept. 8, 1926-Feb. 17, 2009

Ralph J. FRETTINGER, 82, Wanatah, died at 5:13 p.m. Tuesday at his residence.

Born in Pulaski County, he was the son of John M. and Della L. (Goodwin) Frettinger. Ralph retired from U.S. Steel Mills of Gary.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army in Japan.

He attended Family Bible Church of Wanatah and had also attended a Bible college. He taught Sunday school for 30 years at the Methodist church in Hamlet.

He enjoyed gardening and especially growing roses. Ralph also loved to play the piano and read the Bible.

Survivors include four daughters, Bonnie Jean Wilson, Williamsport, Linda and husband William Wright, West Lafayette, Brenda K. Cheesman, Covington, and Sandra L. and husband Terry Dobbels, Attica; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, David Paul Frettinger, Rochester.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Mildred Frettinger, Hazel Dackwood and Gladys Ambrose, and four brothers, William, Roy, Frank and Walter Frettinger.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Tom Beaty officiating. Directly following the service, military rites will be performed by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1343, both of Rochester. Burial will be at Kewanna IOOF Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. Online condolences may be submitted at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

**Thomas John Hall**

Feb. 23, 1947-Feb. 13, 2009

Thomas "Tom" John HALL, 61, of County Road 17, Auburn, died at 10:30 p.m. Friday in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Warsaw to John Thomas Hall and Margaret Evelyn Gores. He married Suesie Porter in 1972 in Fort Wayne. She survives in Auburn.

A Vietnam veteran and farmer, he enjoyed gardening, cooking and raising animals.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by sisters, Terri Furnivall, Tippecanoe, and Wendy Utter, Logansport, and brothers, Mike Hall of Maryland and Tim Hall.

He was preceded in death by his father on Dec. 7, 1979, his mother on June 5, 1970, and a sister, Henrrietta Clark on Oct. 13, 2008.

Tom was cremated and his family had a private service at home.

**Heber C. Herkless**

Nov. 9, 1916-Feb. 17, 2009

Heber C. HERKLESS, 92, of 1000 Fulton Ave., Rochester, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He was born on Nov. 9, 1916, in Knightstown, the son of Heber Chase and Helen (Steiner) Herkless. On Aug. 2, 1941, in Rochester, he married Margaret L. Pyle, and she survives.

Mr. Herkless attended Indiana University, where he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He co-owned The Racket men's clothing store in Rochester for more than 40 years.

He had been a member of the First Baptist Church, Elks Lodge and Moose Lodge of Rochester. He was past president of the Rochester and Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Rochester School Board during the building phase of the high school, and a member of the Downtown Retail Merchants.

Mr. Herkless was an avid Indiana University fan, enjoyed Indiana high school athletics, vacationing with his family in Michigan, spending time fishing and hunting, and his Thursday R.O.M.E.O.'s lunch group.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret L. Herkless, Rochester; daughter, Julia and husband Dale Schroeder, Columbus; son, Charles Steven Herkless, Rochester; grandsons, William and wife Cindy Schroeder, Columbus, John and wife Kristen Schroeder, Bloomington; great-grandchildren, Taylor and Bailey Schroeder, Columbus, and Levi Schroeder,

Bloomington. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, David R. Herkless; and sister, Nancy Shields.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with Dr. Mark Spencer and the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may call from noon until the funeral. 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).

### **Lyle L. Hillman**

Lyle L. HILLMAN, 86, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, formerly of Battle Creek, Mich., passed away at 11:40 p.m. Tuesday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Brent Lee Jackson**

Feb. 5, 1975-Feb. 17, 2009

Brent Lee JACKSON, 34, North Manchester and formerly of Rochester, passed away at 3:22 a.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on Feb. 5, 1975, in South Carolina, the son of Peggy (Jackson) Kats. On July 4, 2008, in North Manchester, he married Keri Collins and she survives.

Mr. Jackson was a 1992 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School and worked for Morton Buildings as a carpenter. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Keri Jackson, North Manchester; daughters, Rachael Jackson and husband Justin Pontius, Rochester, Samantha Jackson, Rochester; son, Raven Jackson, Rochester; grandson, Cole Davis, Akron; mother, Peggy Kats, Warsaw; grandparents, Patsy and Terry Cave, Rochester; sisters, Nicole Kats, Warsaw, Dana Jackson, Akron; mother-in-law, Sandy Moore, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Brent Lee Jackson Memorial Fund through the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**James 'Jim' E. Lee**

Aug. 17, 1939-Feb. 16, 2009

James "Jim" E. LEE, 69, of 6131 W. 200 South, Warsaw, went to be with his Heavenly Father at 12:38 a.m. Monday at Kosciusko Community Hospital after a sudden illness.

He was born on Aug. 17, 1939, in Three Oaks, Mich., to Jack and Reah (Sensibaugh) Lee. He lived in the Atwood community all of his life.

He married Rosalie R. Ryman on Nov. 14, 1957, in Atwood.

He worked for Creighton Brothers for 29 years, where he was the production supervisor at Crystal Lake Egg Products, Atwood. He retired in 2001. He also had worked at Beachwood Lumber in Atwood for 11 years.

He was a very active member of the Harrison Center Church, Etna Green. He had been actively involved in 4-H in Kosciusko County, having a child or grandchild in 4-H the last 41 years. He was a member of the Atwood High School Class of 1958. While in high school, he excelled in basketball and baseball. He continued his baseball career after high school with the Cleveland Indians organization.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalie Lee of Warsaw; two daughters, Dawn Harris and husband Kevin of Warsaw and Robin Ward and husband David of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sons, Tim Lee and wife Cathy of Mentone and Kim Lee and wife Julie of Malta, N.Y.; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his mother, Reah Lee of Warsaw; a sister, Jennie Earl and husband Albert of Atwood; and brother-in-law, David Ryman and wife Diane of Atwood.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Lee in August 1990, and his brother, Joseph C. Lee in November 1978.

A gathering of friends and family will be Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Harrison Center Church, 965 S. 800 West, Etna Green. Services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Bill Stevens officiating. Burial will be at Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green. Memorials may be made to Harrison Center Church, 965 S. 800 West, Etna Green, IN 46524 or the 4-H Endowment at Kosciusko County Foundation, 102 E. Market St., Warsaw, IN 46580. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Friday, February 20, 2009

**Lyle L. Hillman**

June 14, 1922 - Feb. 17, 2009

Lyle L. HILLMAN, 86, 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, and formerly of Battle Creek, Mich., passed away at 11:40 p.m. Tuesday at his residence.

He was born on June 14, 1922, in Detroit, Mich., the son of James and Eva (Sumner) Hillman. On July 7, 1942, at Lake Orion, Mich., he married Doris Weeks and she survives. They moved to Battle Creek in 1962 and resided there until 2008 when they settled at Wynnfield Crossing in Rochester.

Mr. Hillman was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II serving with the Naval Amphibious Corps in the Pacific. He worked in the building trades, installing flooring, formica and tile and owned Crest Carpeting in Battle Creek.

Mr. Hillman was an avid bowler and golfer, and he enjoyed deer hunting in the upper peninsula of Michigan and in Alaska with his family and friends. He was the oldest certified scuba diver in Battle Creek. He and his son, Roy, scuba dived in the Red Sea, with Lyle the oldest member of the group. He enjoyed gardening and yard work. He and his dog, Andy, spent hours "down at the pond" where Lyle created a lovely park and fishing site.

Mr. Hillman was a member of the Westlake Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek, a member of the Masonic Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Doris Hillman, Rochester; daughters, Charis and husband Ron Conrad, Salem, Ore., Lynn and husband Don Groenleer, Rochester; son, Roy and wife Brenda Hillman, Battle Creek; and five grandchildren, Lorie and husband Gerry Donaghy, Portland, Ore., Christopher Hillman and Jamie Hillman, both of Battle Creek, Nicholas and wife Kae Groenleer, Carmel, and Chloe Conrad, Salem, Ore.

The family expresses their gratefulness for the loving staff at Wynnfield Crossing and for the tender touch of Kellie and Brenda from Hope Hospice. God is Good.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date at Westlake Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Shelter (Hilltop Kennel) or 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).



**Mark E. Holcomb**

Mark Edward HOLCOMB, 44, 130 W. Second St., Rochester, died at 6 p.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Therese Ann Holcomb, Rochester; sons, Kevin Taylor, Winamac, Phillip Holcomb, Rochester; daughters, Maressa Smith, Vincennes, Mandy Holcomb, Rochester; parents, Jackie and Beverly Holcomb, Rochester; stepchildren, Brian Thomas, Rochester, Erica Thomas, Wabash; brother, Jeff Holcomb, Rochester; sister, Amy Cline, Rochester.

Funeral service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from noon until funeral service Sunday at the funeral home.

Saturday, February 21, 2009

**Orland Leo Boone**

Orland Leo BOONE, 86, of 914 Pontiac St., Rochester, died Friday at Woodlawn Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Boone; children, Darla McCall, Geneva, Ill., Linda Kolby, Sunrise, Fla., Daniel Boone, St. Charles, Ill., Ronald Golden, Nappanee, Thomas Golden, Rochester; a sister, Ormella Therien, Momence, Ill.; and a brother, Cletus Boone, Kankakee, Ill.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service.

**Bernard Emil Gann**

Bernard Emil GANN, 81, of 16147 Muckshaw Road, Argos, died at 6:08 a.m. Friday at Goshen General Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Monday, February 23, 2009

**Orland Leo Boone**

Nov. 22, 1922-Feb. 20, 2009

Mr. Orland Leo BOONE, 86, of 914 Pontiac St., Rochester, passed away at 5:17 a.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Orland was born in Papineau, Ill., on Nov. 22, 1922, the son of Leo and Delphine (Sprimont) Boone, who preceded him in death.

As a graduate of St. Anne High School, near Kankakee, Ill., Orland was a member of the Class of 1940. He served his country as a proud

member of the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Orland was a highly decorated member of the 486th Bomb Group, 835th Bomber Squadron. When he was stationed in England, he served as the belly gunner usually flying B-17 Bomber missions over Germany. Some of his decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Medal, Air Medal 280, Carbon Sharpshooter and Pistol Marksman. He was honorably discharged on Sept. 11, 1945.

Following his tour of duty, Orland returned home to Illinois and continued to assist his dad with the family's farming operation. Together they raised a fine herd of cattle and hogs. They also farmed corn, beans and wheat. In 1970, Orland and his family moved to Rochester and he purchased the Rochester Sale Barn, home of the regional livestock auction still held every Saturday.

Later, Orland sold the sale barn and he was appointed as manager of the Rochester Moose Lodge No. 1107. He enjoyed the social activities of local lodges and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 852, the Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 1343 and the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36, all of Rochester. Orland was also a faithful member of the local military honors color guard unit, paying tribute to his fallen comrades.

On Sept. 2, 1944, near Kankakee, Ill., Orland married Darlynnne Johnston Boone. Together their family grew with the addition of three children - Darla, Linda and Daniel. Years later, in Springfield, Tenn., Orland was united in marriage to Shirley Muncy Golden on June 28, 1990.

In addition to his wife, Shirley, at home, other survivors include two daughters, Darla McCall and husband James of Geneva, Ill., Linda Kolby of Sunrise, Fla.; a son, Daniel Boone of St. Charles, Ill.; two stepsons, Ronald and wife Tammy Golden of Nappanee, and Thomas Golden of Rochester; seven grandchildren, Brett McCall, Michael McCall and wife Shannon, Andrew McCall and wife Cara, Ryan McCall, Jennifer Boone Deniz and husband Ryan, Cathryn Boone and Corey Boone; and four stepgrandchildren, Timothy Golden and wife Amy, Jennifer Graves and husband Bryan, Brandon Rasler and Joshua Golden. Fourth-generation family members include eight great-grandchildren: Joseph, Riley-Ann, Allison, Thomas, Liam, Adain, Neave and Ciat McCall. Several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews survive. Orland is also survived by a sister, Ormella Boone Therien of Momence, Ill., and a brother, Cletus Boone and wife Jane of Kankakee, Ill. He is also survived by his canine companion, Pepper the Papillon, who assisted him on many errands as he cruised the

streets of Rochester. Preceding him in death are his parents and the mother of his children, Darlynn Boone, in 2005.

A celebration of the life of Orland Boone will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Father Joseph Jacob officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars military honor guard. Interment will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Preferred memorials may be made to Hickory Creek of Rochester or the Parkinson's Foundation. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Paul F. Brucker**

Nov. 8, 1934-Feb. 21, 2009

Paul F. BRUCKER, 74, of 2497 Southway 31, Rochester, passed away at 3:15 p.m. Saturday at his residence.

He was born on Nov. 8, 1934, in Monterey, the son of Albert P. and Lydia (Wade) Brucker. His parents preceded him in death at a young age and he was raised by his sister, Madeline Danti. He was a Monterey High School graduate of 1952 and attended Purdue University. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. On June 9, 1956, in Rochester, he married Ann Cumberland and she survives.

Mr. Brucker retired from Dean Foods, Rochester, as Quality Control Manager. He had also been a farmer since 1960, raising registered Hereford cattle and raising rabbits.

Mr. Brucker was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus; Creamery License Board, Lafayette; Indiana International Harvester Chapter; a charter member of the National International Harvester Chapter; American Hereford Association; Northern Indiana Hereford Association; Indiana Rabbit Breeder's Association; and the American Rabbit Breeder's Association. He was an avid milk bottle collector and enjoyed his favorite pet boxer, Snipper.

Survivors include his wife Ann Brucker, Rochester; daughters, Loretta Renee and husband Mark Baker, Akron, and Teresa and husband Jerry Bradbury, Virginia Beach, Va.; grandchildren, Jenifer Thompson, Rochester, Amber Spencer, Tulsa, Okla., Melissa Baker, Fort Wayne, Nicole and husband Shawn Born, South Whitley, Tabathia and husband Ricky Walsh, Virginia Beach, Va., and Ryan Baker, Akron; two stepgranddaughters, Heather and husband Lamont Gatling, Virginia Beach, Va., and Holly Bradbury, Virginia Beach, Va.; five great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-

grandchildren; sister, Mary Jane Perry, Winamac; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Madeline Danti, Evelyn Reinholt and Alberta Miller Calhoun.

His funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church 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 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. 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 posts. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Indianapolis Chapter, through the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Bernard Emil Gann**

Bernard Emil GANN, 81, 16147 Muckshaw Road, Argos, died Friday at Goshen General Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Lenora Gann, Argos; a son, Dennis Gann, Argos; and two daughters, Mary Beth Runyan, South Bend, and Kimberly Snyder, Argos.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

### **Edna E. Mooney Smith**

Dec. 6, 1913-Feb. 21, 2009

Edna E. Mooney SMITH, 95, of 2119 Boulevard St., Rochester, died at 6:06 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She was born in London, Ky., to Benjamin H. and Gracie Nolan Cheek, one of 13 children. She moved here from London in 1952. She was first married to John L. Mooney, who preceded her in death in December 1945. She later married John F. Smith and he preceded her in death in October 1982.

She retired from Chamberlin Products, Akron, and attended Whippoorwill Community Church, Rochester.

Edna was a remarkable lady who exhibited focus, strength, courage and faith even when confronted with the most challenging moments and greatest adversity of her wonderful life. The tragic death of her first husband, John Mooney, left her with five young children to provide for and rear. The times were not easy at the conclusion of World War II. Living in their quaint, east central Kentucky home, in addition to being both Mom and

Dad, Edna would work hard laboring in the fields, setting tobacco plants or hoeing corn for 75 cents per day. She planted a large vegetable garden and assisted others with laundry needs to provide the very best for her family. As an accomplished seamstress, it was Edna who made custom clothing for her children and herself - no pattern required.

As a role model for her children, Edna instilled a strong work ethic, perseverance and goal setting as benchmarks for the groundwork for her children as active learners. These convictions cemented the family into a close-knit group while she conveyed through example life's necessary tools, positioning them for success later in life.

Until recent years, as she arrived at her ninth decade of life, it was Edna who insisted on the total preparation of the traditional Christmas holiday feast for her loving family. Cooking like no one else with a Mother's touch, everything was created to perfection. She continued, in the most recent years, to make her delectable banana pudding, allowing other family members to pitch in with the festive dinner.

Paramount in her life was her family. Following her retirement, accomplished with the crochet hook and nimble fingers, Edna hand crocheted afghans for all of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-greats! More than 50 custom afghans were created for family and special friends. This was in addition to the handmade, hand-quilted quilts for her children and grandkids, each one a special creation, a family heirloom design and fashioned with love from Grandma Edna. As her hands became tired in later years, she turned to a variety of word puzzles to keep her mind sharp.

Mrs. Edna E. Smith, a loving mom, special sister and devoted and proud grandma commanded the attention of five generations of adoring members of her family tree. They will remember her for her passion for family, with unending love, as a pillar of strength. With her twinkling blue eyes, she leaves her great family legacy, many friends she met along life's journey and her Whippoorwill church family to cherish her memory.

She is survived by two daughters, Clede Janke, Indianapolis, and Faye Grubbs and husband Max, Warsaw; a son, Jim Mooney and wife Nancy, Rochester; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mildred Gray and husband Linville, and Martha Venable and husband Ernie, all of Eaton, Ohio; and a brother, Charles Cheek and wife Martha, New Jersey.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Nora Crook and May Alderson, both in 2002; three sisters; and six brothers.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Edna E. Mooney Smith will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with her family from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pastor Brian Sewell will officiate. Edna will return to her Kentucky home to be laid to rest with her beloved husband, John Mooney. Visitation at the House-Rawlings Funeral Home, 510 E. Fourth St., London, Ky., will be on Thursday, an hour prior to her services at 2 p.m. Pastor Brian Sewell will officiate. Interment will follow at Bruner Cemetery. Preferred memorials may be made to Whippoorwill Community Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral homes. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **LaVerne M. Sobak**

Sept. 22, 1917-Feb. 21, 2009

LaVerne M. SOBAK, 91, of 516 E. 14th St., Rochester, formerly of Plymouth and Crown Point, passed away at 12:47 a.m. Saturday at her residence.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1917, in Watseka, Ill., the daughter of Louis and Lydia (Stoller) Landes. On Sept. 23, 1939, she married Stephen H. Sobak in Lansing, Ill., and he preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 1993.

Mrs. Sobak was a homemaker and a member of Sunrise Chapel in Plymouth and Crosswind United Methodist Church in Logansport.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda and husband Bob Clark, Rochester; grandchildren, Michael J. Sadler, Kewanna, Tammy Kottkamp, Kewanna, Stephanie J. Clark, Smyrna, Tenn., and Tiffany J. Barnes and husband Steven, Vandalia, Mich.; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Erma (Landes) Larsen, Madison.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a daughter, Judy Sadler; granddaughters, Lori Bowyer and Christine Clark; sister, Florence Cowger; and brothers, Harold Landes and Bernard Landes.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. George Plasterer 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 Grass Creek Cemetery, Grass Creek. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

**Maleta Ellen Barkman Borden**

May 13, 1919-Feb. 23, 2009

Maleta Ellen Barkman BORDEN, 89, of 2761 N. Indiana 25, Rochester, died at 8:53 a.m. Monday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

She was born in Fulton County to Mondo and Beulah Russell Barkman. A lifetime Fulton County resident, Maleta was a proud graduate of Talma High School in 1937. Later, she graduated from Central Beauty College in Indianapolis as a certified cosmetologist. Soon after, she opened her salon, known as Maleta's Beauty Shop. She styled, cut and colored area ladies' hair for 68 years, retiring in 2006.

She married Charles Arthur Borden on May 30, 1941, in Logansport. He preceded her in death.

Maleta was a faithful member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, the Pleasant Valley Home Economics Club, Fulton County Democratic Women, Fulton County Hairdressers Association, Farm Bureau, and Missionary Circle.

She enjoyed flower gardening around her home. For special events and holidays, it was always Maleta who spearheaded the family dinners. Maleta was delighted to cook her family's favorite dishes.

She was a caring friend who was always there to help others, putting others' needs before her own.

Survivors include a son, Donald Borden and wife Patricia, Rochester; two grandsons, Bryan Borden, Springfield, Ohio, and Gregory Borden and wife Morgan, Urbana; two great-grandsons, William and Steven Borden; four stepgrandchildren, Bruce Mayhew, Michael Herrell, Rhonda Herrell and Cathy Ousley and husband Mike; a brother, Robert Peterson and wife Martha, Rochester; nieces and nephews, Linda Barkman Fuller, Roberta Suddith, Robert Suddith; Marcia Wenrick, Matthew Peterson and Elain Peterson Goebel; and a special cousin, Glen Borden.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Chloris Barkman; a nephew, James L. Barkman; her loving and wonderful stepfather, Clarence Peterson; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of the life of Maleta Borden will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Phil Pratt and the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow the service at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials

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

**Sue E. (Halterman) Tillman**

June 20, 1933-Feb. 22, 2009

Sue E. (Halterman) TILLMAN, 75, of 8883 S. 600 West, Claypool, died at 12:45 a.m. Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born on June 20, 1933, in Noblesville.

Sue's parents were the late Rex Ray and Ruby Alice (Newcomb) Halterman. Growing up in Fulton County, she married Robert A. Tillman in Tiosa on July 26, 1952, and he survives. She has lived in Kosciusko County since 1969.

She was a member of the Fort Wayne Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association Branch No. 348. (LA FRA; Robert retired from the U.S. Navy.) She attended the Apostolic Gospel Church and Touch of Life Church, both of Warsaw. Sue was a housewife and worked for Murphy Medical as a secretary in the lab.

Sue is survived by her husband, Robert; daughters, Janet Wright and Cheryl Reeser, Claypool; sons, Larry Tillman, Huntington, Lanny Tillman, Rochester, Ira Craig Tillman, Plymouth, and Bruce (Charlene) Tillman, Warsaw; brothers, George (Marilyn) Halterman, Rochester, and Ned (Jane) Halterman, Rochester; a sister, Judy Jones, Rochester; stepbrothers, Robert (Shirley) Tobey, Rochester, and Tom Tobey, Indianapolis; 23 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three grandchildren, Bobby Tillman II, Jamey Tillman and Lisa Tillman; a son-in-law Garry; and a daughter-in-law, Rhonda.

The service will be officiated by Pastors J.C. Sparks and John Reid. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Calling hours will be 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

**Maleta Ellen Barkman Borden**

May 13, 1919-Feb. 23, 2009

Maleta Ellen Barkman BORDEN, 89, of 2761 N. Indiana 25, Rochester, died at 8:53 a.m. Monday at Life Care Center, Rochester.



She was born in Fulton County to Mondo and Beulah Russell Barkman. A lifetime Fulton County resident, Maleta was a proud graduate of Talma High School in 1937. Later, she graduated from Central Beauty College in Indianapolis as a certified cosmetologist. Soon after, she opened her salon, known as Maleta's Beauty Shop. She styled, cut and colored area ladies' hair for 68 years, retiring in 2006.

She married Charles Arthur Borden on May 30, 1941, in Logansport. He preceded her in death.

Maleta was a faithful member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, the Pleasant Valley Home Economics Club, Fulton County Democratic Women, Fulton County Hairdressers Association, Farm Bureau, and Missionary Circle.

She enjoyed flower gardening around her home. For special events and holidays, it was always Maleta who spearheaded the family dinners. Maleta was delighted to cook her family's favorite dishes.

She was a caring friend who was always there to help others, putting others' needs before her own.

Survivors include a son, Donald Borden and wife Patricia, Rochester; two grandsons, Bryan Borden, Springfield, Ohio, and Gregory Borden and wife Morgan, Urbana, Ohio; two great-grandsons, William and Steven Borden; four stepgrandchildren, Bruce Mayhew, Michael Herrell, Rhonda Herrell and Cathy Ousley and husband Mike; a brother, Robert Peterson and wife Martha, Rochester; nieces and nephews, Linda Barkman Fuller, Matthew Peterson, Elaine Peterson Goebel, Marcia Wenrick, Roberta Suddith and Robert Suddith; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and a special cousin, Glen Borden.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Chloris Barkman; a nephew, James L. Barkman; her loving and wonderful stepfather, Clarence Peterson; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of the life of Maleta Borden will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Phil Pratt and the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow the service at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Thursday, February 26, 2009

**Jerry L. Marquis**

Jerry L. MARQUIS, 74, Peru, died Monday.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Peru Grace Brethren Church. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Friday, February 27, 2009

No Obituaries

Saturday, February 28, 2009

**Jay Stackhouse**

Jay Hilbert STACKHOUSE, 70, of 7136 N. Indiana 25, (Talma) Rochester, died Friday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores "Dee," at home; two daughters, Jamie R. Stackhouse-McCarty, Rockford, Mich., and Rexalee Ann Gordon, Three Oaks, Mich.; two sons, Jim Ashcraft, Hudson Lake, and Todd Ashcraft, LaPorte; his mother, Maxine N. Stackhouse, Rochester; and a sister, Beverly Fulnecky, South Bend.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service.

Monday, March 2, 2009

**Pete Clemons**

July 7, 1924-Feb. 28, 2009

Pete CLEMONS, 84, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, and former longtime Fulton resident passed away at 1 p.m. Saturday at his residence.

He was born on July 7, 1924, in Silver Point, Tenn., the son of Roscoe and Annabelle (Heflin) Clemons. On Nov. 27, 1943, at St. Ann Catholic Church in Kewanna, he married Marie Cecilia McLochlin, and she survives.

Mr. Clemons had worked on the railroad, retiring from Conrail in Logansport after 35 years of service. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, and the Eagles Lodge in Logansport. He enjoyed hunting, traveling and was an avid sports fan.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Cecilia Clemons, Rochester; sons, Larry and wife Barbara Clemons, Carmel, and James and wife Jeanine

Clemons, San Jose, Calif.; grandchildren, Kevin and wife Macy Clemons, Northbrook, Ill., Jennifer and husband John Villela, Hingham, Mass., Sara and husband Timothy Perl, Indianapolis, Jenefer and husband Tony Brown, Los Angeles, Calif., and Natalie Clemons, San Jose, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, George, Lloyd, Everett and Ellis Clemons and sisters, Earline Moss, Tavey Wildman and Hester Foster.

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

### **John Edward Sparks**

July 3, 1930-Feb. 25, 2009

John Edward SPARKS, 78, a native of Rochester, died in his home in Berkeley, Cali., early Wednesday morning, Feb. 25, after an extensive bout with cancer.

He was born here July 3, 1930, the son of Russell L. Sparks, longtime local dentist, and Pauline Whittenberger Sparks. He attended Lincoln Elementary School and was graduated from Rochester High School in 1948. As an RHS student he participated in drama performances and basketball, excelled in scholarship and served as the editor of the Manitou Ripples.

His idyllic youthful summers were spent with his brother Joe at the family cottage on Lake Manitou. During their teen years the brothers, along with many of the city's young people, worked at the local canning factory.

Following high school graduation, John entered Indiana University where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. He also studied at the IU law school.

After two years of Army service as a first lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps, John returned from duty in Korea and married his college sweetheart, Peggy Snyder from Indianapolis. Immediately following their September wedding, Peggy and John drove to Berkeley, where John entered Boalt Hall Law School. While at Boalt, he served as an editor of the University of California Law Review.

Upon receiving his law degree in 1957, the couple moved to London for a year while John studied administrative law at the London School of

Economics on a Ford Foundation Fellowship. That year gave the couple the opportunity not only to learn and to enjoy living in London, but to travel extensively in Europe, when John's mother, Polly, joined them. The year was an adventure they both recalled as the most exciting one of their lives.

Upon their return to Berkeley, in 1958, John became associated with the law firm of Brobeck, Phleger and Harrison, while Peggy taught elementary school. John became a partner of the firm in 1967 and remained there until his retirement in 1995.

During his professional career, John served as president of the Legal Aid Society, was a recipient of the Wheeler Oak Meritorious award, University of California, Berkeley, was president of the Boalt Hall Alumni Association, member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Bar Foundation, and the American Judicature Society and served as president of the Barristers Club and on the board of directors of the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Although living in California for most of his life, John never forgot his Indiana roots, nor parted with the cottage his father had bought in the 1930s. Each year John, his wife Peggy, and his brother Joe, who lives at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, returned here for summer reunions. Annually, they invited high school friends to join them for renewal of friendships, talk of old times and catch up with the new ones. "Old friends who can pick up on each other's lives, senses of humor and recollection of the good old days, are hard to find," John said in the last letter he ever would write, which was to his boyhood friend, Wilson Sadowsky.

In true Sparks family tradition, John and Joe have shown their gratitude to their hometown by setting up the Russell L. and Pauline Whittenberger Sparks Memorial Scholarship Fund for Rochester High School seniors who value liberal arts and are preparing to go to college.

With enormous strength and determination, John waged a four-year battle with metastasized prostate cancer. In that same last letter he remarked, "We are playing with the cards we were dealt as best we can, and thank the powers that be that we are still able to fight the good fight."

In addition to his wife, Peggy, John left two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Amy, William and Rebecca, a daughter and son-in-law, Kathryn; and Kevin McCarthy; and four grandchildren, Spencer and Lewis McCarthy and Zachary and Sophia Sparks.

### **John E. Wagoner**

John E. WAGONER, 78, formerly of Rochester, died Saturday in Princeton.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

No Obituaries

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

**Hattie M. Baldwin**

Hattie M. BALDWIN, 95, Rochester, died at 2:04 p.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Elizabeth Ann Bradley**

Elizabeth Ann "Betty" BRADLEY, 86, of 3601 Manitou Park Road, Rochester, died Tuesday at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Warren D. Cormican**

June 14, 1942-March 2, 2009

Warren D. CORMICAN, 66, of 921 Obispo St., Culver, died at 4:40 p.m. Monday at his residence following a lengthy illness.

Born in Argos, he was the son of Marion Devon and Rosetta Irene (Grandstaff) Cormican. He attended Tippecanoe High School and lived in the Tippecanoe and Culver communities all of his life.

On Sept. 11, 1985, he married Judy L. Bochantine in Tippecanoe, and she survives.

He was a mechanic at Standard Service Station, Culver, and also worked at Damon Trailer Factory, Nappanee. He owned and operated Cormican Well Service.

Warren was a member of Moose Lodge No. 1423 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1126, both of Warsaw.

In addition to his wife, Judy Cormican, Culver, he is survived by two daughters, Millie Baker and husband Bill, Plymouth, and Anne Andrews, Tippecanoe; a son, Marion L. Cormican and wife Casey, Tippecanoe; two stepdaughters, Bridget Andrews, Culver, and Tabitha Smith and husband Chris, Monterey; a stepson, Michael E. Andrews Jr., Monterey; 20 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Leona Kreft and husband Paul, Warsaw, Carrie Hunter and husband Steve, Rochester, and June Murray, Muncie; and a brother, Glen Cormican, South Bend.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Jonathan Andrews.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, with Larry Kreft officiating. Burial will be at Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

### **Eva Almeda Sims**

July 12, 1916-March 2, 2009

Eva Almeda SIMS, 92, of 340 E. 18th St., Rochester, passed away at 4:55 p.m. Monday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

She was born on July 12, 1916, in Akron, the daughter of Folen and Marie (Powell) Putman. She married Elston G. Sims on March 19, 1967, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on March 2, 1991.

Mrs. Sims had worked at Hart, Schaffner & Marx in Rochester and had been a homemaker. She attended the First Assembly of God Church, Rochester.

Survivors include her daughter, Eileen and husband Raymond Crousore, Batavia, Ohio; son, Delbert and wife Sun Ja Westwood, Rochester; grandchildren, Paula Crousore, Pamela and husband James Bernard, Patricia and husband Andy Howes, and Mark Crousore, all of Cincinnati, Ohio; great-grandchildren, Nathan Howes, Matthew Howes, Amanda Bernard, Jessica Bernard, Lottie Bernard, Abigail Bernard and Tiffany Williamson, all of Cincinnati, Ohio; great-great-grandchild, Zoe Thompson, Cincinnati, Ohio; sister, Pauline Doll, Valparaiso; brother, Doyle and wife Betty Putman, Argos; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three sisters, one brother and a niece.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Daniel Davidson officiating. Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Akron Cemetery, Akron. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **John E. Wagoner**

John E. WAGONER, 78, formerly of Rochester, died Saturday at Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Oakland.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Wagoner, at home; a daughter, Lynda G. Cumberland, Patoka; two sons, Larry N. Wagoner, Auburn, and Layne V. Wagoner, Hot Springs Village, Ark.; two sisters, Wilma Bryant, Rochester,

and Mary Murphy, Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Paul Don Wagoner, Alexandria, Va., and Kenneth Wagoner, Worcester, Mass.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from noon until the service.

Thursday, March 5, 2009

**Elizabeth Ann Bradley**

Elizabeth Ann "Betty" BRADLEY, 86, of 3601 Manitou Park Road, Rochester, died Tuesday at home.

Survivors include daughters, Patricia Pereira, Crown Point, and Linda Smith, Leo; a son, John Bradley, Plymouth; and a sister, Harriet Bell, Rochester.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service.

**Loren K. Cumberland**

Loren K. CUMBERLAND, 81, of 8332 S. Beaver Dam Road, Claypool, died Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Cumberland, Claypool, and David Cumberland, Patoka.

Private services will be at Akron Cemetery. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

**Edwin I. Jefferies**

Edwin I. JEFFERIES, 64, of 340 E. 18th St., Rochester, died at 12:50 p.m. Wednesday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, March 6, 2009

**Hattie M. Baldwin**

Hattie M. BALDWIN, 96, Rochester, died Tuesday at Life Care Center.

Survivors include four sons, Wayne Baldwin, Logansport, Junior Baldwin, Rochester, David Baldwin, Merriam, Kan., and Gary Baldwin, Franklin; two sisters, Agatha Marsh and Thelma Frettinger; and three brothers, Charles Moon, Donald Moon and William Moon.

Services will be at 10 a.m. March 16 at First Assembly of God, Rochester. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. March 15 at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Bradley**

Sept. 27, 1922-March 3, 2009

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann "Betty" BRADLEY, 86, of 3601 Manitou Park Road, Rochester, passed away at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday at her residence, surrounded by her family.

Betty was born in Rochester on Sept. 27, 1922, the daughter of the late Ruben W. and Mattie (Dudgeon) Carr. She was one of seven children. Betty was a lifetime Rochester community resident and a proud graduate of the Rochester High School, Class of 1940.

She became the bride of Hillard Robert Bradley on March 1, 1942, in Peoria, Ill. He preceded her in death on Nov. 14, 2002.

She retired from the Torin Corp. of Rochester.

Betty was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and the Tri-Kappa Sorority and was a volunteer Gray Lady at Woodlawn Hospital, all of Rochester. She enjoyed traveling and visiting many states including Hawaii, Florida, Texas and Nevada. Betty was an avid swimmer and did water aerobics. Gardening flowers and vegetables, reading romance sagas and epics were hobbies, but the time spent with family, children and grandchildren was cherished.

Elizabeth is survived by two daughters, Patricia and husband Roland Pereira of Crown Point and Linda and husband Thomas Smith of Leo; a son, John and wife Constantina Bradley of Plymouth; and a sister, Harriet Bell of Rochester. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, David, Robert, Karen, Melinda, Matthew, Jonathon and Elizabeth, and eight great-grandchildren, Thomas, Michelle, Nathalie, Courtney, Kyle, Isaak, Sydney and Avery.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy, and four brothers, Deverle, George, Jay and Lewis.

A celebration of the life of Betty Bradley will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Buck Padilla officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or Trinity United Methodist Church, both of Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).



**Edwin I. Jefferies**

July 19, 1944-March 4, 2009

Edwin I. JEFFERIES, 64, of 340 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, passed away at 12:50 p.m. Wednesday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

He was born on July 19, 1944, in Rochester, the son of Lloyd E. and Florence (Irvine) Jefferies. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1962 and attended Wabash College.

Mr. Jefferies co-owned Gemini Music Store in Rochester from 1971-1982. He attended the First Presbyterian Church and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Survivors include his brother, Ernest Jefferies, Santa Cruz, Calif.; nieces, Gael, Johanna and Leilani Jefferies; and nephew, Manitau Jefferies. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private interment will take place at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**John E. Wagoner**

March 2, 1930-Feb. 28, 2009

Mr. John Edward WAGONER, 78, formerly of Rochester, passed away on Saturday at the Good Samaritan nursing Home in Oakland City.

John was born in Fulton County on March 2, 1930, the son of the late Melvin and Lois (green) Wagoner.

He was a 1948 graduate of Fulton High School.

John was a self-employed bricklayer and was a member of the Local 15 of Logansport. He retired in 1995. He lived in Rochester for many years, moved to Bonita Springs, Fla., in 1982 and returned to Rochester in 2000, later moving to Princeton. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Rochester, and was a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows, Rochester, for more than 50 years.

John and Jean Ann Krathwohl were married on June 8, 1952, in Rochester.

John is survived by his wife, Jean Wagoner; a daughter, Lynda G. Cumberland and husband David of Patoka; two sons, Larry N. Wagoner and wife Julie of Auburn and Layne V. Wagoner and wife Denise of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; five grandchildren, Shannon Key of Patoka, Stacy Pomeroy of Lake Worth, Fla., Eric Wagoner of Indianapolis, Jenny Wagoner of

Bloomington, and Evan Wagoner of Auburn; and seven great-grandchildren. John is also survived by two sisters , Wilma Bryant, Rochester, and Mary Murphy, Fort Wayne; two brothers, Paul Don Wagoner of Alexandria Va., and Kenneth Wagoner of Worchester, Mass.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carol Wagoner in 1983.

A celebration of the life of John E. Wagoner will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may visit with the family from noon to 3 p.m. An International Order of Odd Fellows service will be at 2:30 p.m. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Leroy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign War. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Rochester or the American Diabetes Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Lavon O. Way**

Lavon O. "Pee Wee" WAY, 77, of 7283 W. Bensart Drive, (Beaver Dam Lake) Claypool, died at 8 a.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Wabash.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Saturday, March 7, 2009

### **Edwin I. Jefferies**

July 19, 1944-March 4, 2009

Edwin I. JEFFERIES, 64, of 340 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, passed away at 12:50 p.m. Wednesday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

He was born on July 19, 1944, in Rochester, the son of Lloyd E. and Florence (Irvine) Jefferies. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1962 and attended Wabash College.

Mr. Jefferies co-owned Gemini Music Store in Rochester from 1971-1982. He attended the First Presbyterian Church and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Survivors include his brother, Ernest Jefferies, Santa Cruz, Calif.; nieces, Gael, Johanna and Leilani Jefferies; and nephew, Manitu Jefferies; and step-mother, Vada Quackenbush Jefferies, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private interment will take place at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton

County. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Larry Lee Leslie**

Larry Lee LESLIE, 47, of 501 N. Dolan Drive, Apt. A, Syracuse, died Thursday at home.

Survivors include a brother, Bruce James Leslie, Tucson, Ariz.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

### **LaVon O. 'Pee Wee' Way**

Feb. 25, 1932-March 5, 2009

LaVon O. "Pee Wee" WAY, 77, of 7283 W. Bensart Drive, (Beaver Dam Lake) Claypool, died at 8 a.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Wabash.

Born in Peru, he was the son of Clarence and Kathryn (Hipskind) Way. On May 8, 1955, he married Ellen P. Smith in Wabash. She passed away Feb. 28, 2007.

He worked at U.S.G. of Wabash for 43 years and retired in 1994.

LaVon was a Korean War Army veteran and member of Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, Akron.

He always enjoyed taking pontoon rides with his wife, Ellen, and his dog, Peaches, on Beaver Dam Lake.

Survivors include a daughter, Yvonne and husband Gary Biehl, Twelve Mile; two sons, the Rev. Gregory and wife Terri Way, Waco, Texas, and Anthony and wife Holly Way, Wabash; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Jacqueline Foley and the Rev. Paul Butch Troke officiating. Burial will be at Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Beaver Dam United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Monday, March 9, 2009

**Richard E. Boganwright**

Sept. 29, 1928–March 7, 2009

Richard E. "Dick" BOGANWRIGHT, 80, of 8147 S. 1000 West, Claypool, died at 9:10 p.m. Saturday at his residence.

Born in Mentone, he was the son of Leonard and Treva Harsh Boganwright. He graduated in 1946 from Beaver Dam High School.

On March 2, 1957, he married Juanita I. Fear at the Mentone Methodist Church, and she survives.

Dick worked at Eber's What Not & Novelties Store in Mentone for many years.

Dick served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War as part of the 81st Moratorium Combat.

He worked as a U.S. Postal Service employee for 38 years and achieved the position of assistant postmaster.

He lived on a Hoosier Homestead farm, which has been in his wife's family for more than 100 years. He also raised Angus cattle.

Dick was a faithful member of Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, where he served and held nearly every position. He was also a member of American Legion Post No. 49, Warsaw.

In addition to his wife, Juanita I. Boganwright, Claypool, he is survived by a daughter, Theresa and husband Randy Alber, Claypool; a son, Tim and wife Sara Boganwright, Claypool; grandchildren, Derek Alber, Dana Meyer, Daren Alber, Trent, Tyler and Sofie Boganwright; and two sisters, Iris Davis and Lois Miller, both of Mentone.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald Boganwright.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, 9798 W. 1000 South, Akron, with the Rev. Jacqueline Foley and the Rev. Butch Troke officiating. Visitation will be from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery, where graveside military rites will be conducted by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars of Warsaw. Memorials may be made to Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, Akron, and Hope Hospice of Fulton County, Rochester. Online condolences may be submitted at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

**Loren K. Cumberland**

Jan. 6, 1928–March 4, 2009

Loren K. CUMBERLAND, 81, of 8332 S. Beaver Dam Road, Claypool, died at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester, where he had been for one day.

He was born to Walter and Blanche Hanson Cumberland on the family's Claypool farm and he lived there his entire life. He graduated from Beaver Dam High School.

On Dec. 24, 1946, he married Betty Rife in Warsaw. She passed away on Jan. 29, 1996.

He was a dairy and grain farmer and drove a school bus for Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation for many years.

He loved International equipment and Holstein cattle. He was a member of the Kosciusko County Echoes from the Past and had been a member of Beaver Dam United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Cumberland, Claypool, and David and wife Lynda Cumberland, Patoka; two grandsons, Craig and Jason Cumberland, both of Fort Wayne; three granddaughters, Shannon and husband Ross Key, Patoka, Cara Cumberland, Carmel, and Stacy and husband Jim Pomeroy, Lake Worth, Fla.; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Cumberland, who passed away Oct. 14, 1990; seven brothers, Paul, Walter, Vernon, Frank, Eldon, Warren and George Cumberland; and a sister, Mary Horn.

Private family services were entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Memorials may be made to Beaver Dam United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be submitted at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

**Agnes Imogene Hartle**

July 30, 1927–March 6, 2009

Agnes Imogene HARTLE, 81, of 1031 E. Ninth St., Rochester, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Friday at her residence.

She was born July 30, 1927, in Pulaski County, the daughter of Andrew and Laura (Crist) Foerg. She married Fred E. Hartle in San Antonio, Texas, on May 16, 1946, and he survives.

Mrs. Hartle worked as a payroll clerk, retiring from Kolux in Kokomo. She also worked for the Indiana Department of Motor Vehicles Branch in Winamac and for Tippecanoe River State Park. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, and enjoyed crocheting and gardening.

Survivors include her husband, Fred E. Hartle, Rochester; two sons, Wes and wife Jean Hartle of Logansport and Ken and wife Ellen Hartle, Riverside, Calif.; a daughter, Chris Sewell, Macy; grandchildren, Tracy Cochrane, Ocoee, Fla., Shawn Hartle, Corona, Calif., and John Hartle, Stafford, Va.; four great-grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and three brothers.

Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be in the St. Peter's Cemetery, Winamac. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Earl Owen Nifong**

Earl Owen NIFONG, 85, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Survivors include his wife, Fern, Argos; children, Reta Middaugh, Argos, Rose Feeney, Indianapolis, Devon Nifong and Kenny Nifong, both of Argos; a brother, Burl Nifong, Indianapolis; and sisters, Gladys Snyder and Betty Nolin, both of Argos.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Church of the Brethren with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and after 7 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

### **Helen Louise (Smith) Olsen**

Oct. 13, 1914–March 6, 2009

Helen Louise (Smith) OLSEN, 94, of Kouts, passed away Friday.

She was born Oct. 13, 1914, in LaCrosse to George and Ollie (Armstrong) Wadsworth and had been a resident of the Kouts and Hebron area all her life. Helen graduated from Hebron High School and was a cook at the Kouts Schools for more than 20 years. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Kouts, where she taught Sunday School and was active in the Missionary Society. She was also a charter member of the Kouts Lamplighters Home Demonstration Club.

On Oct. 20, 1934, in Kouts, she married Roy Smith, who preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 1944. On Nov. 24, 1946, in Hebron, she married Albert Olsen, who preceded her in death on March 18, 1964.

Survivors include five children, Dale (Mildred) Smith of Rochester, Donald (Marthena) Smith of Missouri, Joyce Smith of York, Pa., Glen (Helen) Olsen of Kouts and Janet (Ron) Wittmer of Kouts; one sister, Marge Lippert of Valparaiso; 14 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Wadsworth and one sister, Neva Bydalek.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Central time Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Kouts, the Rev. Richard Stoll officiating, with burial to follow at Graceland Cemetery in Kouts. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Kosanke Funeral Home, Kouts, and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday morning at the church. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Kouts, or the Baptist Children's Home.

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

No Obituaries

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

**Harry R. Miller Sr.**

Jan. 12, 1949-March 9, 2009

Harry R. MILLER Sr., 60, Akron, died Monday at his residence.

Born in Defiance, Ohio, he was the son of James and Silvia Marihugh Miller.

He was a truck driver for BFL in Rockport.

Survivors include two sons, Harry Miller Jr., Defiance, and Earl Miller, Lima, Ohio; three daughters, Silvia Hurlock, Churchill, Tenn., Gwendolen Yocklin, Defiance, and Abbi Barnes, Mentone; three brothers, Glen (Ann) Miller, Paul (Janet) Miller and Ray (Katherine) Miller, all of Defiance; two sisters, Grace Joy, Westchester, Ohio, and Rita Keissling, Butler; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Tabitha Whisenand and Georgia Lee Miller; a brother, Carl Miller; and four sisters, Irene Jarvis, Ruth Miller, June Speck and Margie Miller.

His funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman-Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance, with the Rev.

Donald L. Luhring officiating. Burial will be at Brunersburg Cemetery in Defiance County. 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 American Cancer Society.

**Ronald Dale Overmyer**

Ronald Dale OVERMYER, 79, of 2750 Hickory Lane, Rochester, died Tuesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie, at home; a son, Steve Overmyer, Rochester; a sister, Virginia Rosenbury, Rochester; and a brother, Donald Overmyer, Culver.

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

Thursday, March 12, 2009

**Dorothy M. Bickel**

Dorothy M. BICKEL, 78, Knox, died Wednesday at Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

Arrangements are pending at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

**Kay Marie Lewis-Cappadora**

Kay Marie LEWIS-CAPPADORA, Winamac, died Tuesday at Howard Regional System, Kokomo.

Survivors include her husband, John, Winamac; a son, Andre Timothy Lewis, Little Rock, Ark.; and a brother and sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna. Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Ronald Dale Overmyer**

April 15, 1929-March 10, 2009

Mr. Ronald Dale OVERMYER, 79, of 2750 Hickory Lane, Rochester, passed away at 5:20 a.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Ronnie was born in Fulton County on April 15, 1929, to Chester and Ruth Irene Aughinbaugh Overmyer.

Ronnie was a proud member of the Richland Center Class of 1948. After his high school years, he married his high school sweetheart, Bonnie Castleman. Their union produced a son Steve and later grandson Dustin. In 1952-1954 he served our country by joining the U.S. Marine Corps.



As a lifelong farmer, Ronnie enjoyed plowing and planting atop his John Deere 4020. He farmed the acreage embracing his home and custom farmed for others in the neighborhood, overseeing more than 200 acres annually of corn and beans.

With diverse interests, Ronnie found success with a variety of types of employment that complemented his love of agriculture. He drove a semi, hauling everything imaginable from port-a-pots to livestock from coast to coast, although he preferred day trips around the Midwest. He assembled farm machinery at the former Jones Implement Co.

In the late 1960s, he served Rochester as Police Chief. Later he enjoyed auto sales, selling for Schnarel Motors and Hal Hammel Chrysler Dodge & Plymouth. His most recent venture was a five-year stint with the Department of Natural Resources serving as fish surveyor. Lake Manitou and five other local lakes were under his supervision.

In Ronnie's childhood years, he attended Richland Center United Methodist Church, where he and Bonnie were active in M.Y.F. Later he attended the Burton United Methodist Church and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He enjoyed scuba diving and cutting wood. As an American sportsman, he enjoyed hunting rabbits, pheasants and squirrel. During his adult life, he was a proud owner of several Harley-Davidson motorcycles. He and Bonnie enjoyed travels in their motor home, especially trips to Florida, Michigan, Missouri and the five winters they spent in Texas.

Ronnie and Bonnie M. Castleman were married on May 7, 1950, in the Burton United Methodist Church. She survives at home. Their son, Steve Overmyer, of Rochester also survives as does grandson, Dustin Overmyer and his wife Robin, and two stepgreat-granddaughters, Jackie and Samantha of Rochester. Ronnie is also survived by a sister, Virginia Rosenbury of Rochester; a brother, Donald Overmyer and wife Marjorie of Culver and Arizona; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Olive Joan Overmyer; and an infant brother, Lewis Overmyer.

A celebration of the life of Ronnie Overmyer will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery, where military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorials may be made in Ronnie's name to the Alzheimer's Foundation and Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic

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

Friday, March 13, 2009

### **Arlette Heise**

Arlette (Agee) HEISE, 67, Winamac, died Wednesday at home.

Survivors include her children, Sheila Conley, Rochester, and Steven Heise, South Chicago Heights, Ill.; sisters, Dorothy Rose, Peggy Mays, both of Winamac, Bonnie Zimmerman, North Judson, Melissa Agee, Winamac, and Delores Stone, North Judson; and brothers, Eardon Agee, North Judson, Judson Agee, Locanto, Fla., and Richard Agee, Winamac.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Central time Monday at O'Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

### **Kay Marie Lewis-Cappadora**

Kay Marie LEWIS-CAPPADORA, Winamac, died Tuesday at Howard Regional System, Kokomo.

Survivors include her husband, John, Winamac; a son, Andre Timothy Lewis, Little Rock, Ark.; a brother and sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna. Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

### **Paul Mc Gaughey**

Paul McGAUGHEY, 66, of 4696 W. 250 North, Rochester, died Thursday in Joliet, Ill.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Genavee Nelson**

Sept. 25, 1915-March 12, 2009

Genavee NELSON, 93, of 111 Harvard St., Mentone, formerly of Shorewood Estates, 166 Owl Drive, Rochester, died at 5:10 a.m. Thursday at her daughter's Mentone residence, where she lived for 11 years.

Born in Akron, she was the daughter of Lee and Cora (Zechiel) Moore. A 1933 graduate of Akron High School, she attended Manchester College, where she got her teaching certification. She then received her master's degree from St. Francis of Fort Wayne.

She married Harold D. "Macy" Nelson on Dec. 28, 1943, and he passed away on July 20, 1979.

Genavee was a teacher for 35 years. She taught at Akron, Mentone, Etna Green and Rochester's Riddle Elementary School. She retired as a second grade teacher in 1979.

She was a member of Mentone United Methodist Church, where she served as historian.

She enjoyed painting and golfing in her younger years. She also loved to travel and read. She was a part of the Mentone Reading Club, Psi Iota, Fulton County Retired Teachers and the Indiana Reading Association.

Survivors include her daughter, Sandra and husband Roger Moriarty, Mentone; a grandchild, Stephen and wife Jenny Moriarty, Rochester; two great-grandchildren, Molly and Grady Moriarty; and a daughter-in-law, Judy Nelson Coplen of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Nelson, who passed away on June 3, 1973; a sister, Zelda Bell; and two brothers, William and Clair Moore.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Doris Smith officiating. Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Mentone United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Treva Windbigler**

Treva WINDBIGLER, 70, died Wednesday at the Chase Center, Logansport.

Survivors include sisters, Cora Johnson, Marion, Betty Nice, Logansport, Nancy Kern, Peru, Betsy Catherine Hall, Indianapolis; brothers, Marvin Hall, Three Rivers, Mich., William Hall, Wabash, Richard Hall, Bunker Hill, and Robert Hall, North Manchester.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

Saturday, March 14, 2009

### **Hattie M. Baldwin**

Nov. 26, 1913-March 3, 2009

Hattie M. BALDWIN, 96, of Rochester died on March 3 at Life Care Center of Rochester, where she had resided the last four years.

She was born on Nov. 26, 1913, in Mishawaka, the daughter of the late Charles M. and Elgie M. Ipes Moon.

Hattie and Hugh Oliver Baldwin were married for 46 years. He preceded her in death on Oct. 7, 1977.

Mrs. Baldwin was a founder of the First Assembly of God Church, Rochester. This church was birthed in 1948 from a Bible study begun by Hattie Baldwin and her friend, Pauline Styck, in the Baldwin home. She was honored by First Assembly of God in 1988 when the church celebrated its 50th anniversary. She was also recognized when the church dedicated and named their new fellowship hall after her in 2004.

She was a devoted Christian, avid reader and enthusiastic student of the Bible who continued to memorize and quote scriptures daily even in her 90s. Hattie Baldwin enjoyed playing the piano and organ at home and was a church organist and adult Sunday school teacher for many years. She was also the manager of the Meals on Wheels senior citizen program in Rochester for several years until her retirement at age 85.

Mrs. Baldwin is survived by her four sons, Wayne Baldwin of Logansport, Junior Baldwin of Rochester, David Baldwin of Merriam, Kansas, and Gary Baldwin of Franklin; 13 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Agatha Marsh and Thelma Frettinger; and three brothers, Charles Moon, Donald Moon and William Moon.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Angie Baldwin, and two sisters, Donna Belle Hoff and Ethel Mathias.

A celebration of the life of Hattie Baldwin will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Assembly of God, 1944 Sweetgum Road, Rochester. Her son, Dr. David Baldwin, and the Rev. Glen Mitchell will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, and one hour prior to the service in the church. Interment will follow the services at Moon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Assembly of God. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Arlette (Agee) Heise**

Aug. 6, 1941-March 11, 2009

Arlette (Agee) HEISE, 67, Winamac, passed away Wednesday at home.

She was born in Frenchburg, Ky., to William and Julia (Bailey) Agee. She married Raymond Joseph Heise on Aug. 22, 1959, and they later divorced.

She worked 14 years at Switches/Federal Mogul in Leiters Ford and four years at Rose Acres, Winamac, until her illness.

She enjoyed working in her flower garden and cooking for her family. She loved to crochet and make crafts of all kinds to give to her family.

Survivors include a daughter, Sheila (Kent) Conley, Rochester; a son, Steven E. (Wendy) Heise, South Chicago Heights, Ill.; sisters, Dorothy Rose, Peggy Mays, both of Winamac, Bonnie (Tom) Zimmerman, North Judson, Melissa Agee, Winamac, and Delores (Jimmie) Stone, North Judson; brothers, Eardon P. Agee, North Judson, Judson (Dorothy) Agee, Locanto, Fla., and Richard (Delores) Agee, Winamac; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; son, Raymond Joseph Heise Jr.; brother, Riley Agee and wife Carol; and nephews, Robert Agee and Franky Stone.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Central time Monday at O'Donnell Funeral Home, 302 Lane St., North Judson, with the Rev. Lynda K. Hosek officiating. Interment will be Monday at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Winamac. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Central time Sunday at the funeral home.

### **Virginia Kent**

Nov. 27, 1921-Feb. 6, 2009

Virginia KENT, 87, passed away on Feb. 6 at her home in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Virginia "Ginny" was born in Rochester and attended Rochester High School. After some years in Mishawaka, working at Bendix, she relocated to Florida, where she was in business for over 30 years.

She is survived by her twin sister, Elizabeth Kent of South Bend, and nieces, Kathy Sagi Sokolowski of South Bend and Linda Zorochin Orlich of Carmichael, Calif. Ginny will be greatly missed by family, friends and caregiver David Atwell, who knew and loved her.

### **Paul McGaughey**

Sept. 9, 1942-March 12, 2009

Mr. Paul McGAUGHEY, 66, of 4696 W. 250 North, Rochester, passed away Thursday at Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, Ill.

Paul was born in Mt. Eden, Ky., on Sept. 9, 1942, the son of William and Grace Woodring McGaughey. Paul was a proud 1959 graduate of Hazard High School, Hazard, Ky. Blessed with a mellow tenor voice, he pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree in vocal music at Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky. During his undergraduate studies, he was selected and honored to solo in the Stephen Foster Story theater musical. This led to an offer to sing with the talented Blackwoods. He continued his graduate studies at Indiana State University and earned his master's degree in vocal music.

As an esteemed teacher of the arts, Paul taught vocal music, history and driver's training at Knox High School, Knox. He also enjoyed coaching the wrestling mat men and was assistant high school football coach during his tenure. He later enjoyed a 22-year stint with the Fulton-Marshall Co-op, serving as manager of the Kewanna plant. Most recently Paul was semi-retired but enjoyed the trucking industry, taking runs locally and around the Midwest, hauling grain for the Glen-Di Trucking Co. of Rochester. He also hauled for Smith Farms during the harvest season.

Paul and Donna Frey were married on Sept. 6, 1986, in Logansport, and she survives at home.

At home Paul enjoyed many aspects of farming. He oversaw a fine herd of cattle including Black Angus, Crossbreds and Maine Anjou. Observing the behaviors of his cattle was intriguing and a favorite way to relax. He also farmed, growing hay for the dining pleasure of his cows. Paul supported many Fulton County 4-H activities. He was a past member of the 4-H Board and the Beef Committee. Our county's youth were of great importance as Paul was involved as an advisor for RHS FFA, an active RHS Booster Club member and former youth football coach.

Paul looked forward to grilling out and fixing chicken and hamburgers for family cookouts. His favorite times were those spent with his family at home. He was proud to support his children in all of their endeavors athletically, at concerts and 4-H, where he beamed with all of their accomplishments. Sitting on the deck in the evening was a source of great relaxation. Paul enjoyed the solitude and quiet of the country. He kept the yard in immaculate condition and cultivated hybrid rose gardens that embraced their home. As an animal lover throughout his life, Paul enjoyed the company of horses and dogs.

Discussing the daily events and problem solving with his comrades at the truck stop coffee table was time he looked forward to each day. Hanging out with the guys at the Rochester Sale Barn on Saturdays, visiting with old pals and making new friends came natural for Paul. As an armchair athlete,

Paul cheered for I.U., Purdue and the University of Kentucky. Paul looked forward to the activities July brought forth with the annual 4-H Fair and renewing friendships at the Beef Barn.

Earlier he attended the Burton Church and Whippoorwill Church, where he served as choir director for a number of years. Paul leaves behind his loving family, his neighbors and friends from the Burton community, former students, 4-H friends, truck stop and sale barn buddies and the many friends he made along life's journey to cherish his memory.

He is also survived by his mother, Grace, Lexington, Ky.; a daughter, Tina Haworth and husband Robert and their daughters, Elixia and Quinn of Burnettsville; four sons, Kyle of Rochester, Todd and wife Jane and their children, Elizabeth, Quintin and Jonathon of Walkerton, Kevin and wife Phoebe and their daughter Alexis of Knox, and Brian and wife Kelly and their daughter Abby of LaPorte; two sisters, Sue Lambert and husband Dr. Dan Lambert of Columbus, Ohio, and Brenda Gutzman and husband Mark of Lexington, Ky.; his mother-in-law, Eileen Frey of Logansport; a sister-in-law, Debbie Frey of Logansport; a brother-in-law, Randy Frey and wife Patti of Indianapolis; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A celebration of the life of Paul McGaughey will be at noon Sunday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Jim Abbott officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at Rock Creek Cemetery, Logansport. Memorials may be made in his name to Camp We Can. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Reginald M. Shaffer**

Dec. 27, 1948-March 12, 2009

Reginald "Reggie" M. SHAFFER, 60, of 14309 Black Farm Drive, Noblesville, formerly of Akron, died at 9:03 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

Born in Wabash County, he was the son of Roscoe "Jim" M. and Gertrude M. (Gonder) Shaffer. He lived approximately 30 years in Akron, coming from Wabash.

On Dec. 21, 1968, in Wabash, he married Sandra K. Campbell. She died Sept. 9, 2002.

He was a factory worker at several area factories, retiring from Sonoco Products of Akron.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer J. (Daniel) Smith of Monterey; a son, Christian M. Shaffer of Akron; four grandchildren, Kacie and Evan

Smith and Brodie and Hannah Shaffer; his father, Roscoe "Jim" M. Shaffer of Clearwater, Fla.; a brother, Ronald M. Shaffer of Noblesville; and a sister, Pamela J. Smith of Noblesville.

He was also preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude Shaffer, and a daughter, Anita Shaffer.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion, with Father Glenn Kohrman officiating. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron.

### **Larry E. Stiver**

Larry E. STIVER, age 69, Eastman, Ga., formerly of Akron, died Monday, March 9, 2009, at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon, Ga.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Gresston Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Cowles and the Rev. Dahl McDermitt Jr. officiating. Interment followed in Gresston Cemetery.

Mr. Stiver was born in Warsaw, was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Navy, a retired U.S. Postal Service employee and a member of Gresston Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Stiver.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Garrett Stiver; daughters, Stacy S. (Eric) Jarrell; son, Garret Stiver; mother, Luetta (Alderfer) Martens, formerly of Richland Center; two sisters, Cheryl Stiver-Munro and Lynette Weston; one brother, Richard Stiver; and four grandchildren, Kristin Mullis, Dawson Jarrell, Slade Jarrell and Marley Jarrell.

The family may be contacted at the Stiver residence, 2228 Cochran Highway, Eastman, Ga.

Cousins Charles and Frances Clevenger of Rochester attended the funeral.

Serving as pallbearers were Thomas Walters, Edward Wallace, Trent Garrett, Ronnie Bowling, Daryl Noles and Cordell Fincher.

Joan Couey was the musician for the funeral service.

Stokes-Sutherland Funeral Home of Eastman handled arrangements.

### **Liene Zuments**

Liene ZUMENTS, 98, died at 7:30 a.m. Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, 635 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.



Monday, March 16, 2009

**Walter L. Harley**

Walter L. HARLEY, 92, of 501 N. Maple St., Argos, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Survivors include three sons, W. Lynn Harley, Argos, John R. Harley, South Bend, and Frank A. Harley, Argos.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the service.

**Reginald M. Shaffer**

Dec. 27, 1948-March 12, 2009

Reginald "Reggie" M. SHAFFER, 60, of 14309 Black Farm Drive, Noblesville, formerly of Akron, died at 9:03 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

Born in Wabash County, he was the son of Roscoe "Jim" M. and Gertrude M. (Gonder) Shaffer. He graduated from Wabash High School in 1967 and on Dec. 21, 1968, in Wabash, he married Sandra K. Campbell. She died Sept. 9, 2002.

Reginald served his country in the U.S. Army, entering on Aug. 11, 1969. He was discharged on March 9, 1979, from the 2/41st Infantry, 2nd Armed Division from Fort Hood, Texas.

He lived approximately 30 years in Akron, coming from Wabash.

He was a factory worker at several area factories, retiring from Sonoco Products of Akron.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer J. (Daniel) Smith of Monterey; a son, Christian M. Shaffer of Akron; four grandchildren, Kacie and Evan Smith and Brodie and Hannah Shaffer; his father, Roscoe "Jim" M. Shaffer of Clearwater, Fla.; a brother, Ronald M. Shaffer of Noblesville; and a sister, Pamela J. Smith of Noblesville.

He was also preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude Shaffer, and a daughter, Anita Shaffer.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. today at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion, with Father Glenn Kohrman officiating. Military graveside rites will be performed by the U.S. Army. Visitation was from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron.

**Liene E. Zuments**

Liene E. ZUMENTS, 98, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Survivors include a grandson, Karl G. Darmstatter, Mishawaka.  
Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weston Cemetery,  
Weston, Ohio.

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

**Norman E. Blackwood**

Norman E. BLACKWOOD, 73, Rehoboth Beach, Del., formerly of Rochester, died March 5 at Beebe Medical Center, Lewis, Del.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann, at home; five daughters; his mother, Doris Blackwood, Remington; two sisters, Joetta Duncan of California and Barbara Reynolds of southern Indiana; and a brother, Terry Blackwood, Atlanta, Ga.

Parsell Funeral Home, Lewis, Del., handled arrangements.

**Maxine J. Carroll**

Maxine J. CARROLL, 85, Bloomington, died Sunday.

Survivors include sons, Jim Carroll, Austin, Texas, and Pat Carroll, Bloomington; a daughter, Deanna S. Whitaker, Greenfield; and a sister, Thelma Bundy, New Castle.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Erlewein Mortuary, Greenfield, with visitation from noon until the service.

**Steven L. Shambarger**

Steven L. SHAMBARGER, 60, Rochester, died Monday morning at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

**Dorothy Cumberland**

Dorothy CUMBERLAND, 82, of 1888 S. Woodfield Trail, Warsaw, died Tuesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

**Steven Lynn Shambarger**

July 15, 1948-March 16, 2009

Mr. Steven Lynn SHAMBARGER, 60, P.O. Box 702, Rochester, passed away unexpectedly Monday at Woodlawn Hospital.

Steve was born in Rochester on July 15, 1948, the son of Louis "Bob" and Betty Russell Shambarger and was a lifetime Rochester resident. He was a proud graduate of the Rochester High School Class of 1966 and was a member of the football, basketball and track teams.

Steve also graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy of Bloomington and pursued a career as a jailer for the Fulton County Sheriff's Department. He and his wife, Beth, were owners of the local Newsstand from 1991 to 2004.

Steve was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Vietnam. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Steve and Beth E. Sherbondy were married on March 23, 1968, in Rochester, and she survives. Also surviving are a son, Craig Shambarger and wife Carrie of Whitestown; a sister, Judy Sweany of Rochester; his father, Bob Shambarger of Plymouth; a brother-in-law, Otto Sherbondy and wife Cindy of Rochester; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Private family services will be held. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtco.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtco.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, March 19, 2009

### **Dorothy E. Cumberland**

Dorothy E. CUMBERLAND, 82, of 1888 S. Woodfield Trail, Warsaw, died Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Survivors include two daughters, Diane K. Cumberland, Houston, Texas, and Brenda Deardorff, Warsaw.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

### **Lois F. Kline**

Lois F. KLINE, 94, of 524 Clayton St., Rochester, formerly of Leiters Ford, died 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at Hickory Creek, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, March 20, 2009

**Dorothy E. Cumberland**

March 28, 1926-March 17, 2009

Dorothy E. CUMBERLAND, 82, of 1888 S. Woodfield Trail, Warsaw, died at 12:49 p.m. Tuesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Dorothy was born on March 28, 1926, in Fulton County, the daughter of the Rev. Clyde R. and Edith (Moon) Walters. She was married Nov. 3, 1946, to George Richard Cumberland in Van Wert, Ohio. George preceded her in death on March 21, 2005.

She retired from R.R. Donnelley & Sons, where she worked in the data processing department. She also worked at United Telephone.

She graduated from high school in Van Wert, Ohio. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church of Warsaw. Dorothy loved to read and do crossword puzzles. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed wintering in Bradenton, Fla., with her husband, George.

Survivors include two daughters, Diane K. Cumberland of Houston, Texas, and Brenda Deardorff of Warsaw; three grandchildren, Kristin and husband Tyson Silveus, Freeland, Mich., Kelly and husband Don Michell of Fort Wayne, and Derrick Deardorff of West Lafayette; and six great-grandchildren, Caden and Megan Silveus, and Weber, Chloe, Laney and Emma Michell.

She was also preceded in death by a sister Marie Shore.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Andy Martin officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children or to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Online condolences may be sent to [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

**Kenneth Howard**

Kenneth HOWARD, 54, of 8011 20C Road, Argos, formerly of Akron, died at 1:25 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Lois Fay Kline**

Lois Fay KLINE, 93, of 524 Clayton St., Rochester, died Wednesday at Hickory Creek, Rochester.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Trimmer, Peru, and a son, James Kline, Sneedville, Tenn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

**Donald Wayne Rinehart**

Donald Wayne RINEHART, 84, Logansport, died Tuesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Rinehart, Logansport; two brothers, John Rinehart, Kokomo, and Richard "Dick" Rinehart, Burrows; two sisters, Deloris Mullin, Burrows and Carol Highbaugh, Chambers, Galveston; two stepdaughters, Donna Benedict and Barbara Roads, both of Logansport; and a stemson, Delton McVay Jr., Brownville.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Marocco Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with visitation from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

Saturday, March 21, 2009

**Kenneth D. Howard**

Feb. 8, 1955-March 19, 2009

Kenneth D. HOWARD, 54, of Argos and formerly of Akron, died at 1:25 p.m. Thursday at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. He had been in failing health since July 2007.

Kenneth was born on Feb. 8, 1955, in Auburn, the son of Lee and Maggie (Shepherd) Howard. He married Joyce E. Opple in Rochester on Jan. 23, 1973, and she passed away on May 1, 2001. He then married Deborah Trump in Rochester on Oct. 20, 2001, and she survives.

He worked as maintenance manager at Hickory Creek health care, Rochester. He also did some general contracting.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah; five daughters, Kendra and husband Roger Rife, Angela and husband Brian Graham, and Elaina Howard, all of Rochester, Lesli and husband Brandon Miller, North Liberty, and Lacey and husband Eric Clark, Argos; two sisters, Sue Clemons and Stephanie Howard, both of Ligonier; three brothers, Lee Howard Jr. and wife Linda, Wabash, Les and wife Boots Howard, Nappanee, and Paul Howard, Nappanee; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Joyce; his parents; and a grandchild.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Luther Bailey officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Interment will be at Akron Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to an organization of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Lois Fay Kline**

Dec. 8, 1915-March 18, 2009

Mrs. Lois Fay KLINE, 93, formerly of rural Rochester, passed away at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at Hickory Creek, Rochester.

Lois was born at Fletchers Lake on Dec. 8, 1915, the daughter of James A. and Ruth B. Shelton Henderson. Lois and Tillman J. Kline were married on Nov. 19, 1932, in Peru. He preceded her in death on April 19, 1983.

Lois was a homemaker and a seamstress, making clothes for her family, including her children and grandchildren. She was an excellent cook, creating Sunday and holiday dinners, and was known for her pies, especially cherry and apple. Lois raised canaries, but loved to watch and feed all birds.

Mrs. Kline was a member of the First Baptist Church of Argos for more than 60 years and was a Sunday School teacher for the primary classes.

Lois is survived by a daughter, Linda Trimmer of Peru, and a son, James Kline and wife Bernice of Sneedville, Tenn. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Donald Kline; a great-grandson, Dustin; two sisters, Margaret and Bea; and three brothers, Lowell, James and Jesse.

A celebration of the life of Lois Kline will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Rob Mace officiating. Friends may visit with the family from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday. Interment will follow the service at the Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Argos. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, March 23, 2009

**Eleanor K. Chain**

Jan. 27, 1924-March 22, 2009

Eleanor K. CHAIN, 85, of 119 Ohio St., Rochester, passed away at 5:10 a.m. Sunday at Waterford Place Health Care in Kokomo.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1924, in Hammond, La., the daughter of Elja Joseph and Ruth (Thomas) Guillory. On Dec. 11, 1944, in Hammond, La., she married Marion Dennis Chain Jr. He preceded her in death on Feb. 8, 1990.

Mrs. Chain had been an executive secretary for many years. She had also worked as a veterinary technician at Parrett's Veterinary Hospital, Plymouth, and Culver Animal Hospital. She also worked at the G & G Grocery Store, Plymouth, and for Wal-Mart in both Plymouth and Rochester. She was a member of Burr Oak Church of God, a charter member of the former Plymouth Garden Club and Heartland Artist in South Bend, and also a member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. She enjoyed painting, gardening, cooking, caring for animals and knitting.

Survivors include her daughter, Judy Arnett, Rochester; son, Dennis Chain, Roswell, N.M.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Dorothy and husband Preston Landry, Colorado Springs, Colo., Caroll M. Pearson, Oconto, Wis.; and brother, Willard E. and wife Betty Guillory, Hammond, La. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the National Kidney Foundation. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**John D. Cissna**

June 25, 1968-March 19, 2009

John D. CISSNA, 40, of Leiters Ford passed away Thursday.

John was born on June 25, 1968, in Lebanon, one of four children born to Dan and Alpha (Jones) Cissna. He lived most of his life in Leiters Ford and graduated from Culver Community High School, where he was active in sports, arts and golf.

He liked to fish and was a Boys State delegate in his senior year. After graduating, John attended Manchester College. He worked in construction as a concrete tester for E & B Paving and Plymouth Tube.

John is survived by his loving parents, Dan and Alpha Cissna of Leiters Ford; a brother, Mike (Michelle) Cissna of Plymouth; sisters, Lisa Clement of Logansport and Patty (Dave) Caruana of Rockford, Ill.; and five nephews and four nieces.

A time of sharing memories with the family and friends will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Mental Health Association. Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com).

### **Marion D. Foust**

Marion D. "Red" FOUST, 63, died Friday at his home in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Survivors include two sons, Eric and Philip, and a brother, Harold Foust.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Cornerstone Christian Church, Brownsburg.

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

### **Berniece (Thompson) Ault**

Sept. 20, 1915-March 21, 2009

Berniece "Bea" (Thompson) AULT, 93, of St. Paul, Minn., and formerly of Rochester, died at 10:15 a.m. Saturday in St. Paul.

Berniece was born in Beaver, Wis., to Josiah Hower and Charity Reid Hower. She was married on Nov. 18, 1949, to Earl D. Thompson in Rochester. Earl died on April 22, 1985. She married Miller Ault on June 28, 1988, in Adelphi, Md., and he died on April 3, 2002.

She was a member of the Fulton County Democrats.

Survivors include a daughter, Kaye Thompson Peters and husband Jeffrey and their daughters Anne, Sarah and Emily of St. Paul; a son, Keith E. Thompson of Maryland; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Conrad of Florida and grandchildren Nicole Maxwell, Natalie McLaughlin and Chandler Brent Conrad; stepchildren, Carl and Rita Ault of Rochester and their children Heather, Aaron and April, and Dana and Les Gurney of Marion and their sons Kenneth and Allan and Margaret Ault; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Earl D. Thompson and Miller Ault, and her son, Barry L. Conrad.



Services will be in July at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, Beltsville, Md. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Civil Liberties Union or the Fulton County Public Library.

**Deborah A. Fellers**

Deborah A. FELLERS, 51, of Monterey died Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna.

**Gladys M. Kroft**

March 9, 1911-March 22, 2009

Gladys M. KROFT, 98, formerly of Akron, died at 7:13 p.m. Sunday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. She most recently lived with her daughter in Silver Lake.

Gladys was born on March 9, 1911, in Fulton County, to George and Bessie (Kuhn) Krieg. She was married on Oct. 20, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Joseph A. Kroft, who passed away Nov. 18, 2003.

A farmer's wife and a homemaker, she helped her husband on all areas of the farm.

Gladys graduated in 1929 from Akron High School. She was a member of Akron Church of the Brethren and attended Akron Church of God. She was a member of the Summit Women's Club and the WCTU. She was also involved with Gideons International. Gladys and her husband, Joe, were also members of the Airstream Trailer Club for more than 20 years.

She is survived by one son, Kenton L. Kroft and wife Maggie Doran-Kroft, Rochester; three daughters, Joyce Paxton, Warsaw, Janet and husband Michael Sells, Silver Lake, and Joann and husband Joel Snyder, Pierceton; 11 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one sister, Thelma Ferree.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Akron Church of the Brethren, Akron, with the Rev. David Hendry and the Rev. Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International or an organization of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

No Obituaries

Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Richard Allen Hollar**

Richard Allen HOLLAR, 73, of 215 N. Maple Ave., Argos, died at 10 A.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending with Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Sarah F. Miller**

Sarah F. (Haldeman) MILLER, 85, of Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, formerly of 1209 Jackson Blvd., died Tuesday at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

She is survived by a sister, Dolores Sriver, North Manchester, and a brother, Howard H. Haldeman, Eden, Utah.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service.

Friday, March 27, 2009

**Gertrude E. Leslie**

March 4, 1925-March 23, 2009

Gertrude E. LESLIE, 84, Logansport, passed away at 10 p.m. Monday at her residence.

She was born March 4, 1925, in Detroit, Mich., to William Frederick and Avelena (Moses) Deacon. On May 17, 1967, in Niles, Mich., she was married to Emerson C. "Mike" Leslie, who preceded her in death on Sept. 14, 2008.

Gert had been a receptionist for numerous local doctors' offices.

She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and a member of the ECW at the church. She enjoyed playing bridge with the local group of ladies as well as playing cards and games with her grandchildren. Gert and Mike had also enjoyed camping and square dancing.

Survivors include two daughters, Gayle Griffith, Atlanta, Ga., and Dayle Maggart and her companion, Harold Heck, Hometown; one son, Rick Wilson, Knoxville, Tenn.; three stepsons, Roger (Joyce) Leslie, Charles (Linda) Leslie, and Keith Leslie and his companion, Diane Campbell, all of

Logansport; one brother, Ray Morgan, Lavonia, Mich.; one sister, Lorraine Bergman, Lavonia, Mich.; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Episcopal Church with Father Theodore Neidlinger officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport. Memorial contributions may be sent to Trinity Episcopal Church and online condolences may be placed at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

### **Richard Allen Hollar**

Richard Allen HOLLAR, 73, of 215 N. Maple Ave., Argos, died at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Delores Hollar; three daughters, Rose Archambeault, Argos, Tena Flynn, Rochester, and Sharon Turner, Argos; five brothers, Lowell Hollar, Argos, Harvey Hollar, South Bend, William Hollar, James Hollar and Carl Hollar, all of Argos; and one sister, Melbea Hammond, Argos.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **Thaddeus F. Szostek**

Jan. 15, 1927-March 25, 2009

Thaddeus F. "Ted" SZOSTEK, 82, Gary, passed away at 6:25 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He was born on Jan. 15, 1927, in Gary, the son of Simon and Magedline (Fles) Szostek.

Mr. Szostek had retired from U.S. Steel, Gary, where he had worked in the metallurgic lab. He was a member of the Silver Bell Club, Polish National Alliance, Sportsman Club, Polish Roman Catholic Union and St. Hedwig Catholic Church, Gary. He enjoyed golf, bowling, playing offtrack betting and gaming at the local casinos.

Survivors include his sister, Lillian Banashak, Watertown, Wis.; sister-in-law, Frances Szostek, Crown Point; nephews, Edward and wife Rebecca Banashak, Rochester, Bob and wife Liz Summers, Rochester, Dennis and wife Cathy Szostek, Crown Point; nieces, Pat and husband Al Hook, Indianapolis, Karen and husband Dr. Charles Walker, Watertown, Wis., Sharon and husband Lee Perkins, Rotunda, Fla., Susan Kienzienski, Crown Point; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and several great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Walter (Szostek) Summers, Bennie Szostek and Chester Szostek; and sisters, Pauline Banashak and Sr. Mary Dorothy Szostek.

A funeral mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Merrillville with the Rev. Dennis Teles and the Rev. Deacon Joe Codespoti officiating. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at Rendina Funeral Home, Gary, and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. A prayer service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at Rendina Funeral Home. Burial will be at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Sarah F. Miller**

Dec. 12, 1923-March 24, 2009

Sarah F. (Haldeman) MILLER, 85, of Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, formerly of 1209 Jackson Blvd., died Tuesday at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Sarah was born Dec. 12, 1923, near Akron to Lloyd and Irene (Holtz) Haldeman. She was one of three siblings sharing her childhood with sister Dolores and brother Howard. In 1941, she graduated from Akron High School. She was married on July 17, 1952, to Richard M. Miller, who preceded her in death on June 10, 1995. She was a lifetime resident of Fulton County, except for the past two years in retirement at Peabody Retirement Community.

As a partner with husband Dick, from 1960 to 1972 she assisted with the operations of Miller Auto Parts at 625 Main St. Later she was employed by Leiters Ford State Bank, Rochester.

Sarah was a loyal member of the First Baptist Church and a devoted member of the Fulton County Democrat Women's Club. As a member of the Kappa Delta Phi, Psi Iota Chapter, Sarah looked forward to the Trail of Courage and assisting her sorority sisters with making chicken and noodles for the event.

To relax, Sarah enjoyed listening to the music of the Big Band Era including Glen Miller and Nat King Cole. She also enjoyed working in her flower gardens around her home. After her retirement, she enjoyed the camaraderie of meeting the girls for morning coffee to catch up on the current events.

She is survived by a sister, Dolores Sriver, North Manchester; a brother, Howard H. Haldeman, Eden, Utah; two nieces, Marsha Parker and

husband Gary, Monroe, Mich., and Kathy Michel and husband Joe, Milan, Ill.; and two nephews, Steve Haldeman and Doug Haldeman and wife Denise.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial will be next to her husband at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service. The Kappa Delta Phi Sorority will also conduct a memorial service at 7 p.m. today. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church or Peabody Retirement Home. Electronic condolences may be sent to [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Saturday, March 28, 2009

**Frances B. Hammond**

Frances B. (Soldner) HAMMOND, 86, of Kokomo, died Thursday. She is survived by her daughter, Janice Grindle of Rochester.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Monday, March 30, 2009

**Warren Eugene Montague**

May 16, 1940-March 27, 2009

Warren Eugene "Gene" MONTAGUE, 68, 207 N. Maple St., Akron, died at 9:50 p.m. Friday at his residence.

Gene was born on May 16, 1940, in Warsaw, the son of LaVaun and Celia (Lemler) Montague. He was married on Sept. 27, 1975, in Akron, to Judy (Swihart) Montague, and she survives.

He was a lifetime truck driver and had also done automobile body work.

He graduated from Bourbon High School in 1958. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in Korea and Germany with his last year of service in 1969. Gene was also a member of VFW Post No. 1343, Rochester, and American Legion Post No. 424, Bourbon. He also attended Bourbon United Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include, along with his wife, two daughters, Tammy and husband James Bowser, Nappanee, and Tina and husband Tim Alspaugh, Akron; two sons, Roger and wife Scarlet Montague, Akron, and Richard Montague, Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Nila and husband Gene Davis,

Texas, and Phyllis Trentham, Texas; two brothers, Neil and wife Dori Montague, Bremen, and Tom Montague, Schererville; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, David "Duck" Montague.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Mark Cottrill and Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery with graveside military rites performed by the American Legion and the VFW, both of Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent to [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Byron VanDoren**

May 2, 1930-March 28, 2009

Byron VanDORN, 78, 1888 N. 1000 East, Akron, where he was a lifetime resident, died at noon Saturday at his residence.

Byron was born May 2, 1930, on a farm near Akron, to Harold and Mary (Leech) VanDoren. He was married to Joyce A. Stockberger Baker on March 23, 1974, at their home in Akron.

He was a farmer and owned and operated VanDoren Supply.

He graduated from Akron High School in 1948. He served his country as a part of the Air Force and his last year of service was 1956. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 825, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1343, American Legion Post No. 36 and the Moose Lodge 1109, all of Rochester. He served as an officer in the Eagles for many years. His greatest pleasures were enjoying his grandchildren and his many friends at the Eagles. He enjoyed country music, bird watching and fishing. He was also a collector of Allis-Chalmer tractors, wind chimes and Eagles.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce VanDoren, Akron; a son, Harold and wife Miranda VanDoren; stepson, Mark and wife Renee Baker; grandchildren, Trent and Trista VanDoren, Jenifer Thompson and special friend Brian Bright, Melissa Baker and fiance Chad Rorick, and Ryan Baker and fiancée Aleshia Carr; nephews and nieces, Louis and wife Frances VanDoren, Susan and husband Wayne Fretz, Shannon and husband Nate Smoker, Harold and wife Lea Stockberger, Michael Williams, David and wife Missy Williams, Betsy and husband James Kuhn, Kathy Clark, Patty and husband John Evans, Krista Stockberger, and John and wife Amy

Stockberger; brothers-in-law, Dick Nelson and Denny and wife Jan Stockberger; and a sister-in-law, Mary Seabolt.

Byron was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Iva Nelson; a brother, Bill VanDoren, and a brother-in-law, Delbert Stockberger.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery with graveside military rites performed by LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1343, both of Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Care Hospice, South Bend. Online condolences may be sent to [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

**James H. Birnell Jr.**

Oct. 20, 1956-March 29, 2009

James H. BIRNELL Jr., age 52, Logansport, passed away at 8:35 a.m. Sunday in St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis.

Jim was born on Oct. 20, 1956, in Logansport to James H. Birnell Sr. and Nancy (Shambarger) Birnell. He was married Nov. 4, 1977, in Logansport to MareiAnn Hoagland, who survives.

Jim retired in 2007 from Chrysler Corp. in Kokomo. A 1975 graduate of Lewis Cass High School, he enjoyed all sports especially the St. Louis Cardinals and I.U. He enjoyed collecting sports memorabilia but especially enjoyed his grandchildren.

Jim was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Logansport American Legion.

Survivors include his sons, Jay (Nicole) Birnell, Logansport, and Brandon Birnell (companion Lori Mann), Indianapolis; brothers, Rick (Lisa) Birnell, Lucerne, and Jeffrey Birnell, Indianapolis; sisters, Jackie (Randy) Bowman and Kay Lugabihl, both of Logansport; grandchildren, Lacy and Braxton Masters, Jayleigh and James Birnell, and Alex and Lilly Birnell; mother-in-law, Irene Hoagland, Logansport; father-in-law, Jack (Mary) Hoagland, Ft. Myers, Fla.; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Margie and Les Jester, Logansport, Caroline Palmer, Colorado, Jeff and Lakay Hoagland, Colorado, Bob and Teresa Hoagland, Florida, and Jack and Barb Hoagland, Ohio; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport, with full military honors following at the funeral home. The Rev. Jim Sparks will officiate. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Private interment will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Vincent Hospice, Suite #100, 8450 N. Payne Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Condolences and personal remembrances may be left online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

### **Marjorie F. Buswell**

Marjorie F. BUSWELL, 82, of 3833 Hwy. 178 West, No. 46, Lakeview, Ark., died Monday. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **Jerry L. Judy**

Jan. 1, 1941-March 28, 2009

Jerry L. JUDY, 68, of Peru passed away Saturday evening at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He had been battling cancer since 2006.

Born Jan. 1, 1941, in Wabash County, he was the son of Raymond and Rowena Robertson Judy. In December 2003, he was married to Kathy French, and she survives.

He was a retired roofer and he enjoyed horseback riding, mushroom hunting and being outdoors.

Surviving besides his wife are his mother and father-in-law, the Rev. Ed and Vaudene French, Silver Lake; three daughters, Tracy Cave and husband Larry, Rochester, Katrina Fisher and husband Lance, Logansport, and Melissa Judy, Peru; two stepsons, Brian Judy and wife Ruby, Denver, and Steven Judy and wife Amanda, North Manchester; one stepdaughter, Kelly Sible, Peru; four grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Phyllis Moore, Deloras Pugh, and Janet See and husband Larry, all of Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert Judy; one sister, Annie Holland; and one son, Dennis Judy.

Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. today at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow at South Pleasant Cemetery, near Silver Lake. Friends are invited to call from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. today before the funeral service.



**M. Virginia Stout**

Dec. 27, 1922-March 27, 2009

Mary Virginia STOUT, nee Shore, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully on Friday in Okemos at the age of 86.

Virginia was born in her family home on Dec. 27, 1922, in Rochester to Reba and Arthur Shore. She attended the Rochester schools and was a member of the Rochester High School Class of 1940. Following high school, Virginia went on to study sociology at DePauw University, earning her B.A. in 1944.

On April 6, 1947, Virginia married Billy Edwin Stout in the First Presbyterian Church in Rochester. Together, Bill and Virginia raised four daughters. In 1955, the family moved to Grand Ledge, Mich., where they lived for more than 40 years. Virginia and Bill 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. Following Bill's death in 2007, Virginia has resided in Okemos.

During her time in Grand Ledge, Virginia was active in her community. She was a Girl Scout leader and this led to her becoming a full-time employee of the Girl Scouts. In this capacity, Virginia coordinated the camping experience for scores of young women, shaping their lives and futures. As her daughters grew, she opened her heart and home to foreign exchange students from Norway, Finland and the former Yugoslavia.

In addition to Bill, Virginia was preceded in death by her parents and her oldest daughter, Julie Holley. She was also preceded by her brother and sister-in-law, Byron and Marie Shore, and nephew, David Shore. She is survived by daughters, Nancy Stout-Purkis (David) of Saginaw, Susan Stout of Petoskey and Marcia Wynalda (John) of Lansing. Virginia was an extremely proud grandmother to Curtis Holley (Michele) of Merrimack, N.H., Lauren Schleicher, nee Wynalda, of Berkley, and Eeva Stout Sharp of Petoskey. She often boasted of her three great-grandchildren, Jared, Brendan and Gavin Holley of New Hampshire.

Family services will be held on May 9 with internment to take place at a later date in the IOOF Cemetery in Rochester alongside Bill, daughter Julie, her mother and many other family members. Virginia's daughters suggest that, for those wishing, contributions to the First Presbyterian Church, 530 Jefferson St., Rochester, in her name, would be appreciated. The family is being served by the Peters and Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge.

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

**Marjorie Fisher Buswell**

Marjorie Fisher BUSWELL, 82, of 3833 Hwy 178 West No. 46, Lakeview, Ark., died Monday at Gassville Nursing Center, Gassville, Ark.

Survivors include her daughter, Marsha Meissner, Lakeview, Ark.; sons, John Steven Buswell, Lancaster, Pa., Garry A. Buswell, Mishawaka, and Charles Wayne Buswell, El Paso, Ill.; and sisters, Lena Copeland, Bourbon, and Dorothy Town, Bluffton, Ohio.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Sandra Kay Calhoun**

Sandra Kay CALHOUN, 48, of 3661 E. Ford Drive, Rochester, died at 9:30 p.m. Monday at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Hart, Rochester; daughter, Nichole Shaffer, Argos; mother, Judy Ernsburger, Plymouth; father, Charles Calhoun, Kentucky; brothers, Tim Calhoun, Plymouth, and David Calhoun, Dennis Calhoun, and Doug Calhoun, all of Argos.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Thursday, April 2, 2009

**Midge Ramsey**

Nov. 3, 1940-March 31, 2009

Midge RAMSEY, 68, of 3675 S. 800 East, Akron, died at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at her residence.

Midge was born on Nov. 3, 1940, in Altha, Fla., to Bryan and Olivia (Goody) Jernigan. On Feb. 24, 1958, in Akron, Midge and John W. Ramsey Sr. were married by the Rev. Harold Conrad at the Akron Church of God. She lived most of her life in Akron.

Midge was secretary and co-owner, with John, of O & R Buildings, Akron, beginning in 1965. She enjoyed taking pictures and was a former member of the Manitou Camera Club. Some of her favorite things were flowers and hummingbirds. She enjoyed crocheting, feeding the birds and genealogy.

Survivors include her husband, John; daughter, Deborah Ramsey, Akron; sons, John W. (Penny) Ramsey Jr. and Mark (Nancy) Ramsey, both

of Akron, and Verlin (Beverly) Ramsey Sr., Rochester; brother, Michael (Cindy) Jernigan, Rochester; sisters, Patricia (Morse) Utter, Athens, and Shirley Allred, Shipshewana; seven grandchildren, Angela (Ryan) Parson, Kent Ramsey, Shawna (Nick) Stutzman, Verlin Ramsey Jr., Daniel Ramsey, Adam Ramsey, Tabatha Ramsey; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Barbara Geller; and two brothers, Robert Jernigan and Joe Jernigan.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Phillip Pratt officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences for the family may be sent to the funeral home through earllovefh@gmail.com.

Friday, April 3, 2009

**Lois E. Shidaker**

Lois E. SHIDAKER, 94, Rochester, died at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday at Hickory Creek of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna.

Saturday, April 4, 2009

**Marie K. McLochlin**

Marie K. McLOCHLIN, 88, 1415 Washington St., Rochester, died at 11:50 a.m. Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Lois E. Shidaker**

July 21, 1914-April 1, 2009

Lois E. SHIDAKER, 94, Rochester, formerly of Kewanna, died at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday at Hickory Creek in Rochester.

Born July 21, 1914, in Wabash County, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Ova (Jones) Lambert. On Dec. 26, 1937, she married Lester H. Shidaker and he preceded her in death Oct. 15, 2008.

She was a 1932 graduate of Linlawn High School in Wabash. Mrs. Shidaker was formerly bookkeeper for her husband Lester's business, Shidakers-DX/Sunoco Service Station in Kewanna, for 42 years.

She was a member of the Kewanna Church of Christ and formerly Past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, Kewanna.

Mrs. Shidaker was Sunday school teacher for many, many years and also played the organ. She also enjoyed quilting.

Survivors include three daughters, Janice Bleeke and her husband, David, Ft. Wayne, Linda Worl and her husband, Bill, Huntertown, and Trudy Cilek and her husband, Dewayne, Crown Point; one sister, Sarah Baxter, North Manchester; one sister-in-law, Gladys Leap, Culver; five grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one sister, Delia Greer.

Services will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna, with Pastor Scott Meneely officiating. Burial will be in Moon Cemetery, Kewanna. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kewanna Church of Christ, P.O. Box 337, Kewanna, IN 46939.

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

Monday, April 6, 2009

### **Karen L. Gunter**

Karen Lea GUNTER, 65, 1409 Audubon Ave., Rochester, died Friday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Survivors include her husband Don L. Gunter, at home; her mother Alice Cover Hively, Macy; four daughters, Brenda Ernest, Tina Kline and Angie Johnson, all of Rochester, and Crystal Hively, Etna Green; two sons, Nick Kline, Tippecanoe, and Chuck Kline, Fishers; one stepdaughter, Davina Enders, Rochester; two stepsons, Leroy Enders, Illinois, and Brian Enders, Denver; one sister, Shari Burns, Denver; a half sister, Marvis Zimmerman, Akron; and a half brother, Billy Hively, Akron.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Danny Honeycutt officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and one hour prior to the service.

### **Marie K. McLochlin**

March 23, 1921-April 3, 2009

Marie K. McLOCHLIN, 88, 1415 Washington St., Rochester, passed away at 11:50 a.m. Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on March 23, 1921, in Fulton County, the daughter of Omer and Agnes (Tyrell) Richardson. A lifelong resident of Fulton County, she graduated from Twelve Mile High School in 1939. On Jan. 2, 1940, in Rochester, she married J. Robert "Bob" McLochlin. He preceded her in death on July 20, 2003. They enjoyed their family and all their activities. They spent many years raising Standardbred horses, often traveling to races in Chicago and throughout the Midwest. Marie was an avid card player, especially bridge and pinochle, and was also an excellent seamstress.

In 1959, she became a hairdresser after completing courses for cosmetology in Logansport. She worked her own business, Marie's Countryside Beauty Shop, until the last few years. She was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she belonged to the Altar Society and Rosary Society, Reiter Club, Fulton County Hairdressers' Association, Pinhook Grange, Fulton County Women's Democrat Club, and the Moose Lodge.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Lucinda McLochlin, Rochester; daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Bill McMillen, Rochester; grandchildren, John and wife Hilda McLochlin, Rochester, Andrea Marrs, Culver, Shannon and husband Tom Marrs, Rochester, Nicholle McLochlin (widow of Jeff McLochlin), Rochester, Colleen Wood, Indianapolis, Brad McMillen, Studio City, Calif., Sheila and husband Too Keller, Carmel; fourteen great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Warfield, Kewanna, and Jane Beery, Rochester; and her special family member, Beau, her pet schnauzer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and grandson, Jeff McLochlin, who preceded her in death on July 5, 2006.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Prayer service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program or the Fulton County Public Library. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

**Martha Louise Carlton**

Aug. 11, 1921-April 3, 2009

Martha Louise CARLTON, 87, of Bloomington passed away at Bloomington Hospital Friday following a brief illness.

She was born in McLeansboro, Ill., Aug. 11, 1921, to William G. and Ada (Meadows) Miller.

She graduated from McLeansboro High School in Illinois with the Class of 1940. She worked for Farm Bureau Insurance in Indianapolis and later as a bank teller in Warsaw and Elkhart. On Sept. 4, 1943, she married Samuel E. Carlton. Mr. Carlton later graduated from seminary; he and Louise served at United Methodist churches in Indiana including Bridgeport, Brazil, Plymouth, Elkhart, Rochester, Griffith, Lafayette, Dyer, Brownsburg, Pendleton, Fort Wayne and Farmland.

Louise was a member of the Brazil First United Methodist Church, the Homebuilders Sunday School class and United Methodist Women. She sang in the church choir and was responsible for church administrative duties.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, the Rev. Samuel E. Carlton; brother, Melvin Miller; and sister, Margaret Moore.

Survivors include her children, Jim Carlton and wife Nedra, Brazil, Jan Anderson and husband Doug, Muncie, and Joan Zimmerman and husband Dennis Burch, Bloomington; grandchildren, Diana Carlton, Jana Johnson, Melissa Osner, Mark Anderson, Bradley Zimmerman, Meredith Anderson, Mathew Zimmerman and Molly Chasteen; great-grandchildren, Nathaniel and Zion Osner, Grant Johnson, Marah Osner, Elsa Anderson, and Silas Chasteen; brother, Cameron Miller, Benton, Ill.; and many friends and extended family members.

Services will be at First United Methodist Church, Brazil, at 1 p.m. today with Pastor Tony Alstott and Dr. Douglas Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Clearview Cemetery. Visitation was Monday at Lawson-Miller Chapel in Brazil and is from noon until the time of the service today. Visit [www.lawson-millerchapel.com](http://www.lawson-millerchapel.com) to light a candle in her memory.

**Karen Lea Gunter**

June 13, 1943-April 3, 2009

Karen Lea GUNTER, 65, of 1409 Audubon Ave., Rochester, died Friday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Born in Macy on June 13, 1943, she was the daughter of Sherman and Alice Cover Hively. She married Don L. Gunter on Aug. 7, 1998, in

Rochester. He survives at home. A homemaker, she attended First Baptist Church, Rochester.

Karen enjoyed the adventures at the Blue Chip Casino. Playing the slots was her favorite. With a keen eye for a "good" machine, she enjoyed some nice jackpots and occasionally hitting the "Big One!" She was an avid bingo player, playing at the Miami Indian Bingo Club in Peru.

To relax, Karen enjoyed listening to the music of Elton John and Elvis Presley. Cruising down the country roads with Don at her side, taking him places he'd never been, was ideal for a sunny Sunday afternoon. She was delighted to embrace nature with fishing for pan fish. Bluegills were her favorite catch of the day. There were many memories on the shimmering lakes of northern Indiana and travels to the pristine lakes of Minnesota. Karen's tool of the trade was her cane pole, a basic necessity for any fisherman. Armed with bee moths or red worms, she was always prepared to set the hook and land the big one!

The 23 grandchildren and 18 greats were her pride and joy. She looked forward to their visits. Together they enjoyed playing games, cards and visits to Manitou Mountain. It was fun to go to the movie theater to watch the latest on the silver screen. They also were delighted to watch cartoons and movies while relaxing at Grandma's house.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her mother, Alice, of Macy; four daughters, Brenda Ernest and husband Keith, Rochester, Tina Kline, Rochester, Crystal Hively and companion Jessica Lowe, Etna Green, and Angie Johnson and husband Dan, Rochester; two sons, Nick Kline and companion Mindi Williams, Tippecanoe, and Chuck Kline and wife Paula, Fishers; a stepdaughter, Davina Enders, Rochester; two stepsons, Leroy Enders and wife Lori, Illinois, and Brian Enders and wife Nora, Denver; 23 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. Karen was excited and looked forward to the arrival of two additional great-grandchildren due during the summer of 2009.

She is also survived by a sister, Shari Burns and husband Terry, Denver; a half sister, Marvis Zimmerman and husband John, Akron; a half brother, Billy Hively and companion Carol Jones, Akron; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

An animal lover, Karen had many fond memories of her Scottish terrier, Sambo, and Hercules the Boxer.

Preceding her in death were her father and a toddler sister, Loretta Jean Hively.

A celebration of the life of Karen Gunter will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev.

Danny Honeycutt officiating. Friends may visit with her family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to her service. Karen will be laid to rest in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Preferred memorials may be made to Shop with a Cop or Toys for Tots. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **James R. Rose**

James R. ROSE, 80, of 6531 W. Indiana 25, Mentone (Palestine), died at 1 p.m. Monday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

### **Paul Troke**

June 2, 1931-April 4, 2009

Paul TROKE, 77, Indianapolis, died on Saturday in Indianapolis.

Paul was born on June 2, 1931, in Toledo, Ohio, to Gladys Rudd and Thomas P. Troke, who preceded him in death. His brother, Robert Troke, also preceded him in death.

Paul grew up in Amo and graduated from Amo High School in 1949. He also graduated from Lain Technical College as a draftsman. He was employed at Ford Motor Co., Indianapolis, for 34 years as a tool designer. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War, serving from 1951 to 1955. He was a member of Charity Tabernacle.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Thelma Renner Troke; children, Butch (Wanda) Troke, Akron, Dan (Deb) Troke, Denver, Colo., Tom Troke, Oxford, Ohio, and Teresa (Joe) Sanders, Bloomington; grandchildren, Garrett Troke, Iraq, Stephanie (Chris) Herrnkind, Titusville, Fla., Heather Sanders, Bloomington, Hana (T.C. Collier) Sanders, Bloomington, Holli Sanders, Bloomington, Hunter Sanders, Bloomington, and Zachary Troke, Orlando, Fla.; great-grandchild, Kit Collier, Bloomington; siblings, Dorothy (Roy) Starks, Plainfield, and Virginia (Pat) Chew, Indianapolis.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Charity Tabernacle, 2700 S. Tibbs Ave., Indianapolis. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Entombment will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery, Plainfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, 9798 W. 1000 South, Akron, IN 46910. Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center-Decatur is handling arrangements.



Wednesday, April 8, 2009

**Dean J. Rans**

March 9, 1925-March 20, 2009

Dean J. RANS, 84, Port Richey, Fla., passed away peacefully on March 20, 2009, surrounded by his loving family and with the Gulfside Regional Hospice at his bedside. He was a former Culver resident, moving to Port Richey, Fla., in 1989. He was born on March 9, 1925, in Fulton County to Fred and Lelia Rans. Dean graduated from Aubbeenaubbee Township High School and immediately joined the U.S. Army, serving in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

Dean and the former Treva Wynn were married on Oct. 23, 1949. They renewed their wedding vows in the family home in Port Richey on Oct. 23, 2008, celebrating 59 years together.

In Culver, Dean and Treva were the former owners of the Corner tavern and he was also the owner of Rans Auto Sales. For many years he was an avid race car driver.

Dean is survived by his loving wife, Treva; two sons, Terry Rans and wife Beth, Port Richey, and Robert Rans and wife Julie, Plymouth; four daughters, Carole Lairson and husband Marion, Portland, Mary Strobel and husband Donald, Cannonburg, Pa., Kathy Hensley, Port Richey, and Judy Rans, Port Richey; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; a brother, Don Rans, Rochester; two brothers-in-law, Charles Wynn, Culver, and Bobby Wynn and wife Brenda, Culver; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Christopher Strobel; and a great-grandson, Mathew Stiles.

Private family services were held at the family home on March 22, 2009, with Dean's grandson Jason Lairson officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Dobies Funeral & Crematory in Port Richey and locally to the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**James R. Rose**

James R. ROSE, 80, of 6531 W. Indiana 25, Mentone, died Monday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include his wife, Mary L. Rose, Warsaw; a daughter, Tamara Rose, Mentone; three sons, James A. Rose, Warsaw, Kevin Rose, Warsaw, and Jeffery Rose, Mentone; and two sisters, Betty Leek and Barbara Blackford, Warsaw.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with visitation from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Thursday, April 9, 2009

**Elizabeth Faye Marie Easterday**

April 4, 2009

Elizabeth Faye Marie EASTERDAY was stillborn on April 4, 2009, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, to Gordon N. and Rochelle D. (Maggart) Easterday Jr., Warsaw.

Survivors include her parents; maternal grandparents, Jeff and Karen Maggart, Silver Lake; paternal grandparents, Kenny and Candy Denny, Rochester, and Gordon Easterday, Rochester; maternal great-grandparents Jessy and Macie Melton, Kokomo; and paternal great-grandparents, Jolly and Glenda Vaughn, Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandmother, Marie Bolin.

Private family services were held at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, on Wednesday with Pastor Luther Bailey. Burial was at Palestine Cemetery, Palestine. Online condolences may be sent to [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Arrangements were handled by Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Barbara Jean Kuhn**

June 7, 1939-April 6, 2009

Barbara Jean KUHN, 69, of 431 E. 13th St., Rochester, died at 6 p.m. Monday at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born on June 7, 1939, in Plymouth, she was the daughter of Nenan E. Kesler and Esther B. Kesler.

She worked at Rochester High School and drove a semitruck. She enjoyed her flowers and yard and attended the Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her brothers, Jim and Kenneth Kesler, both of Rochester; her children, Brenda Boldt, Niles, Mich., Michele Buell, Logansport, and Tim Buell, Rochester; and her grandchildren, Amanda, Stephen, Fredrick, Garrett and Mercedes.

She was preceded in death by her father on July 29, 1992; her mother on Feb. 9, 2005; and a son, Brian Buell.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the Church of the Nazarene, 1987 Southway 31, Rochester, near the Kroger grocery store. Pastor Don Meyer of the church will officiate. Visitation with the family will

be from 6 p.m. until the service at the church. Memorials may be made to Church of the Nazarene.

Friday, April 10, 2009

**Ray C. Houghton**

Ray C. HOUGHTON, 70, Culver, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Houghton, Culver; son Lee Houghton, Culver; daughter, Lori Hines, Grovertown.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

**Lee R. Smith**

Lee R. SMITH, 77, of 6734 N. 600 West, Rochester, died Thursday at his residence.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie Smith, Rochester; and two daughters, Mary Lou Durkes, Rochester, and Donna Louk, Argos.

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

**Christine Ann Spaulding**

Christine Ann SPAULDING, 50, of Rochester, departed this life Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

She worked for N.C.P. in accounting for the past year and a half.

She is survived by her husband, Michael D. Spaulding; mother, Andree LaCasse; sons, Ryan and Michael (Myriah) Finnigan; stepsons, Michael David and Brian (Lori) Spaulding; sisters, Debra (Richard) Davenport, Doris (Mark) Balog and Marie-Andree (Jim) Prugar; brother, Michael (Tina) LaCasse; grandchildren, Dustin, Bryce and Kyle Spaulding and Margaux and Ender Finnigan; and several nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, at 10 a.m. in St. Matthew Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to I.U. Simon Cancer Treatment Center. Feeney-Hornak Keystone Mortuary, Indianapolis, is assisting with arrangements.

Saturday, April 11, 2009

**Eva Marie Warner Friend**

July 6, 1919-April 9, 2009

Eva Marie Warner FRIEND, 89, Peru, and formerly of Macy, passed away at 5 a.m. Thursday at Blair Ridge, Peru.

Born July 6, 1919, in Miami County, she was the daughter of Leores O. and Kate Wilson Warner. On Oct. 16, 1941, she was married to Gerald D. Friend, and he preceded her in death on May 30, 1997.

Mrs. Friend was a graduate of Deedsville High School and went on to attend Ball State Teachers College. She later received her Bachelor of Science degree from I.U. Kokomo. She taught elementary school at Fulton, Grass Creek, Gilead and North Miami Elementary.

She was an active member of the Mexico Baptist Church, the Allen Township Mother's Club, Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's sorority, and the former Macy Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed quilting, knitting and genealogy.

Survivors include two sons, James L. Friend and wife Judy, Peru, and William C. Friend and wife Ann, Macy; six grandchildren, Samantha Ward, Jennifer Sprague, Chris Herrell, Mandy Galyean, Trisha Spencer and Daniel Friend; nine great-grandchildren, Randy Marcus, Estella and James Ward, Rob and Harry Sprague, William and Sara Herrell and Jacob Spencer; two sisters, Nada Miller and husband Paul, Jeffersonville, and Rosie Linn, Macy; one brother, Fred Warner and wife Barbara, Peru; and one brother-in-law, Granville Hattery, Fulton.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Leanna Friend; two sisters, Ann Hattery and Elizabeth Young; and two brothers-in-law, Acel Young and Dayne Linn.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Mexico Baptist Church with Pastor Charles Cole officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Mexico Baptist Church. Memorial contributions may be directed towards the Mexico Baptist Church or National Parkinson Foundation.

Arrangements are being handled by McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. Indiana 16, Denver.

**Lee R. Smith**

Dec. 14, 1931-April 9, 2009

Lee R. SMITH, 77, of 6734 N. 600 West, Rochester, departed this life at 8:40 a.m. Thursday following a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

Lee was born Dec. 14, 1931, in Mishawaka, to Roy and Mabel Hefner Smith. Both parents preceded him in death.

As a proud graduate of Richland Center High School, Lee was a member of the Class of 1949. As a young man, he assisted his dad with the family farming operation. They farmed a variety of grains including wheat, corn and soybeans.

With great pride, Lee answered the call to serve our country. He became a member of the U.S. Air Force, serving his tour of duty in Japan during the Korean War. Later he was honorably discharged, attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

Returning home to the Richland Center-Leiters Ford area, Lee continued to work with his dad on the farm. His love for agriculture continued throughout his life as he maintained a hobby farm.

On Sept. 10, 1961, at the Santa Anna United Methodist Church near Argos, Lee married the love of his life, Bonnie Gibbons, and she survives. This union of 47 1/2 years yielded two outgoing and beautiful daughters, Mary Lou and Donna. As a loving father and role model, Lee instilled a work ethic of dedication and devotion. In 1996, he retired as a machinist from Sealed Power Corp. after 33 1/2 years of service, rarely missing a day of work. Lee was a member of the UAW No. 220 during his work tenure.

At home Lee was meticulous about the care of his lawn. To relax he enjoyed listening to bluegrass music from the era of the 1940s to 1950s. Lee is also remembered to be very detail-oriented and led a very conservative lifestyle.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Smith, Rochester; two daughters, Mary Lou Durkes, Rochester, and Donna Louk and companion Terry Thompson, Argos; a sister, Phyllis (Bob) Overmyer, Rochester; and a niece, two nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews. In Heaven, Lee will join his extended family and many friends including his parents and sons-in-law, William Lynn Durkes (April 4, 2007) and Andy Louk (July 22, 2008).

A celebration of the life of Mr. Lee R. Smith will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home. The Rev. Henry Sprunger will officiate. Burial will follow at Poplar Grove/Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery near Culver, where military graveside rites will be conducted by the Argos

American Legion Post No. 68 and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Honor Guard. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service. Preferred memorials may be made in Lee's memory to Santa Anna United Methodist Church or Hope Hospice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, April 13, 2009

### **John David Fisher**

John David "J.D." FISHER, 49, Logansport, died at 7:58 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2009, in Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Baltimore, Md. He owned and operated Fisher Funeral Chapel, in Logansport, and Fisher-Loy Funeral Chapel, in Lafayette.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday in Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, where a Masonic Service will be held at 5:45 p.m. followed by a Shrine Processional.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Fisher Funeral Chapel.

Interment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport.

### **Carolyn K. Koenig**

Carolyn K. KOENIG, 65, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, April 10, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. The Frankfort native was the daughter of the late Lewis and Edyth Myers Jr.

Carolyn was raised in Akron and was a graduate of Akron High School. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, New Haven. She retired in 2000 from Bertsch Vending, Warsaw, after 35 years of service, and was currently employed at Do-It-Best Corp.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; children, Elaine (Tony) Jones of Fort Wayne, Brian Koenig of Linesville, Pa., and Amy (Joe) Cechvala of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Elise and Allison Jones and Avery Cechvala; sisters, Dixie Arter of Fort Wayne and Sandra (Tom) Sissel of Burlington, Vt.; nieces, Peggy (Charles) Good and Maureen McCluskey; and nephews, Paul Arter and Mark Sissel.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jay P. Myers.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. James Lutheran Church, 1720 Indiana 930 East, New Haven, with calling one hour before service time. The Rev. David J. Williamson will officiate. Calling is also from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral

Home, 740 Indiana 930 East, New Haven. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials may be made to St. James Lutheran Church or donor's choice.

**Sue Ann Miller**

Sue Ann MILLER, 60, of 705 E. Fourth St., Rochester, died at 11:42 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Vadis J. Ward**

Vadis J. WARD, 94, of 102 Miller Drive, Mentone, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Survivors include a daughter, Jacqueline Gible, Mentone; and a son, Ronald D. Ward, Valparaiso.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

**Russell Fromme**

Russell FROMME, 58, of 10402 S. Indiana 15, Silver Lake, died at 11:34 a.m. Sunday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Sue Ann Miller**

Sue Ann MILLER, 60, of 705 E. Fourth St., Rochester, died Saturday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She is survived by two daughters, Tabatha Minix, Akron, and Heather Metheny, Plymouth; two sons, Keith Razor and Cory Razor; and three sisters, Vicki Stephen, Phyllis Miller and Brenda Beery, all of Rochester.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

**Hermon Williams**

Hermon WILLIAMS, Conway, Ark., formerly of Rochester, died April 4, 2009.

Survivors include a daughter, Idella Beliles, Rochester, and two sons, Bill Smith and Ricky Smith, both of Rochester.

Services will be at a later date.

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

**Gloria Locke**

Gloria LOCKE, 82, Rochester, died at 8:05 p.m. Monday at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, April 16, 2009

**Russell Fromme**

Russell "Rusty" FROMME, 58, of 10402 S. Indiana 15, Silver Lake, died Sunday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include five daughters, Betty Deidel, North Platte, Neb., Billie Moore, Rochester, Wash., Sandra Dale, Curtis, Neb., Brittany Fromme, Rochester, Ind., and Cheyenne Fromme, Rochester, Ind.; two sons, Bruce Fromme, North Platte, Neb., and Dakota Fromme, Rochester, Ind.; mother, Bettie Wilson, Rochester, Ind.; father, Howard E. Fromme, Georgetown; two sisters, Sherry Halterman, Macy, and Rebecca Fromme; and three brothers, David Fall, Akron, Randy Singleton, North Muskegon, Mich., and Kenneth Fromme, New Albany.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

**Gloria Locke**

Gloria LOCKE, 82, Rochester, died Monday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include her sister, Jean Burnett, St. Peters, Mo., and her brother, John E. Daniels, St. Louis, Mo.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, April 17, 2009

**Russell Fromme**

Russell "Rusty" FROMME, 58, of 10402 S. Indiana 15, Silver Lake, died Sunday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include five daughters, Betty Deidel, North Platte, Neb., Billie Moore, Rochester, Wash., Sandra Dale, Curtis, Neb., Brittany Fromme, Rochester, Ind., and Cheyenne Fromme, Rochester, Ind.; two sons,



Bruce Fromme, North Platte, Neb., and Dakota Fromme, Rochester, Ind.; mother, Bettie Wilson, Rochester, Ind.; father, Howard E. Fromme, Georgetown; two sisters, Sherry Halterman, Macy, and Rebecca Fromme; and four brothers, David Fall, Akron, Randy Singleton, North Muskegon, Mich., Joe Fromme, New Albany, and Mike Fromme, New Albany.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

### **Eileen A. Tanner**

Eileen A. TANNER, 86, of Monterey, died Thursday at her residence.

Survivors include three sons, Ronald Tanner, Largo, Fla., George Tanner, Glendale, Ariz., and Jerry Tanner, Columbus, Ohio; five daughters, Donna Walters, Ora, Eloise Rose, Minerva, Ohio, Diana Fritter, Plymouth, Carolyn Craddock, Warsaw, and Jana Richardson, Tippecanoe; and a brother, James Hazlett, La Porte.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Central time Monday at Bible Baptist Church, Knox. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time Sunday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Saturday, April 18, 2009

### **David Lee Sanders**

David Lee SANDERS, 43, Logansport, died Thursday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Marocco Funeral Chapel, Logansport with visitation from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Monday, April 20, 2009

### **Louise Clark**

Mary Louise CLARK, 80, formerly of 1535 E. Ninth St., Rochester, died at 4:30 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Survivors include three sons, Ronald Clark, Port St. Lucia, Fla., Richard Clark, Rochester, and Kent Clark, DeLong; and four brothers, Albert "Bud" Smith, Rochester, James Smith, Aurora, Ill., Tom Smith, Newport Beach, Va., and Donald Smith, Wabash.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

**Martha A. Thompson**

March 17, 1940–April 18, 2009

Martha A. THOMPSON, 69, died at her residence at 3:14 a.m. Saturday. She had lived all of her life in the Plymouth, Rochester, Akron and Mentone areas.

She was born in Rochester, the daughter of Orlo M. and Alta Foor Brown, on March 17, 1940. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1958. In October of 1958, in Plymouth, she and Stuart Thompson were married.

For over 40 years, Martha was a tax accountant. She loved to travel, especially on cruise ships. She enjoyed gardening and working outside. She was a member of the Plymouth Family Moose Lodge.

Martha is survived by her two sons and their families, Carter (Amy) Thompson and children Victoria, Colin and Kelly, all of Plymouth, and Carl (Cynthia) Thompson and children Logan and Heath of Mooresville, N.C., and a sister, Sandra Kay (Larry) Garrison, Plymouth. Jerry Wycoff, Plymouth, a very close friend of Martha's and his daughter Sarah (Jon) Wicks and children Devin, Christina and Jon of Coloma, Mich., survive as well.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Lane Thompson, and a brother, Leroy E. Brown.

Friends are invited to visit with the family and share memories of Martha from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Wednesday, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Dennis Wenzel, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, will officiate. Interment will be in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial gifts in Martha's memory may be made to the Riley Hospital for Children. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site: [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

**Elmer Stanley Thornton**

Oct. 22, 1926–April 18, 2009

Elmer Stanley THORNTON, 82, of 705 E. Fourth St., Rochester, moved to his heavenly home Saturday at 4 a.m. He leaves behind his beloved and devoted wife Betty, his loving family, and many dear friends.

Mr. Thornton was born Oct. 22, 1926, in Twin Valley, Minn., to Herman Thornton and Francis (Starman) Thornton. He was married Sept. 26, 1964, to Betty Cook Wiard.

For 37 years he was manager and maintenance director of Four Seasons Mobile Home Estates. He was also a mechanic, truck driver and salesman. He was a member of the Riverview Community Church. He enjoyed helping people, remodeling mobile homes and touring the mobile home estates in a golf cart.

Survivors include his wife Betty, Rochester; three daughters, Beverly Thornton, Rochester; Joyce (Richard) Harding, Mentone, and Janet (Phil) Schoonover, Wheaton; one son, Bruce Wiard, Macy; grandchildren, Brad, Belinda, Victoria, Clifford, Virginia, Laura, Adam, Nathan, Alaina, Theresa, Bruce Jr., Farah, Joshua, Justin, Janetta and Melissa; 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Grace Thornton, and brother-in-law, Arden and wife Doris Cook; and eight nieces, six nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by son Clifford Thornton; and five brothers, Albert, Frank, Harold, Norman and Lawrence Thornton.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Riverview Community Church, 3780 Indiana 110, Tippecanoe, with Pastor Rodney Ruberg officiating. Burial will be at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverview Community Church or The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46574. Online condolences may be sent to [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Edwin Tidd**

Edwin "Bud" TIDD, 79, of 1720 Colonial Drive, Rochester, died at 4:50 p.m. Friday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

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### **Edwin L. Tidd**

Jan. 28, 1930–April 17, 2009

Mr. Edwin L. "Bud" TIDD, 79, 1720 Colonial Drive, Rochester, died at 4:50 p.m. Friday at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Bud was born Jan. 28, 1930, in Ben Davis, to John and Katherine (Lewis) Tidd. Both preceded him in death. On March 17, in Laughlin, Nev., he married Shelbie Click, who survives at home.

Bud was owner of E.L. Tidd Truck Lines and Executive Coach Leasing. He was a Rochester resident for the past eight years coming from Stuart, Fla.

He enjoyed traveling across country in his motorcoach. His favorite destinations were Nova Scotia, Alaska, the Canadian Rockies, and Florida. He was a member of the Family Motorcoach Association for a number of years. To relax he enjoyed cruising the sparkling waters of Lake Manitou. The delightful lake waters in Florida were also the scene of many wonderful boating memories.

Bud is survived by one daughter, Melanie Knueven and husband Tom, Avon; two sons, Edwin Tidd Jr. and wife Cindy, Brownsburg, and Ronald Tidd and wife Karen, Huntington; three grandchildren, Erika Hession, Jordan Knueven and Rachel Tidd; four stepchildren, Kim York and husband Ron, Kokomo, Karla Hack and husband Mike, Peru, Kevin Livengood and wife Georgetta, Muncie, and Kraig Livengood and wife Dara, Mentone; and six stepgrandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother Jonathon in 1980.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Edwin L. "Bud" Tidd will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Chaplain Jason See will officiate. Friends may visit with his family from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Preferred memorials may be made to Hope Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, April 22,2009

### **Marilyn Leanna Blacketor**

April 23, 1922-Jan. 25, 2009

Marilyn Leanna BLACKETOR, 86, Rochester and Sky Valley, Calif., passed away on Jan. 25, 2009, in Palm Springs, Calif., following a short illness.

She was born April 23, 1922, in Macy, the daughter of Ross Earl and Carrie (Friend) Baldwin. On Feb. 15, 1942, in Rochester, she married James F. Blacketor. He preceded her in death after 52 years of marriage in July of 1994.

Marilyn graduated from Mount San Antonio College, Walnut, Calif., in 1975 with a degree in real estate. She retired as a real estate broker. She was a 50-plus year member of the Order of Eastern Star, and a member of

the church at Sky Valley, Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Sky Valley Women's Club.

Marilyn and Jim lived in West Covina, Calif., for 35 years before retiring to the Palm Springs, Calif., area. They were summer residents on Lake Manitou, Rochester, after retiring.

Marilyn is survived by her dear friend and companion of thirteen years, J.P. "Jake" Bates, Sky Valley, Calif. The two of them had moved to Rochester in April 2008 and were wintering in California at the time of her passing. She is also survived by her son, Robert and wife Cynthia Blacketor, Point Ludlow, Wash.; daughters, Rebecca and husband Dennis Gray, Rochester, and Rossanne and husband Steven Egbert, Covina, Calif.; sister, Catherine Baldwin, Rochester; six grandchildren, Jennifer and husband Drew Foreman, Rochester, John Gray, Rochester, Joshua Egbert, San Diego, Calif., Kristina Egbert, Santa Barbara, Calif., Michael and wife Tamara Blacketor, Hisperia, Calif., and Jamie Blacketor, Sonora, Calif.; and four great-grandchildren, Aaron Oglsrud, Sonora, Calif., Ashley Oglsrud, Sonora, Calif., Aubrey Frazier, Sonora, Calif., and Madison Castro, Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Wayne Baldwin and Ronald Baldwin, and a sister, Carol Black.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will be in the Independent Order of 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).

### **Bruce Colley**

Bruce COLLEY, 65, died Thursday at his residence in Bruce Lake.

Services will be at 1 p.m. May 2, 2009, at Retro Bistro Restaurant, 1746 W. Golf Road, Mt. Prospect, Ill., as well as at a later date for his lake family and friends.

Arrangements are by Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Kewanna.

### **Albert L. Hunt**

Albert L. HUNT, 61, of 217 Pontiac St., Rochester, and formerly of Akron and Hampton, Va., died Tuesday.

Survivors include a brother, Charles Hunt, Hampton, Va.

Services will be Saturday at 4 p.m. at 9465 E. 100 North, Akron.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Susan Kay Newnes**

Nov. 27, 1944 - April 19, 2009

Susan Kay NEWNES, 64, Logansport, died at 5 a.m. Sunday in her residence.

Born Nov. 27, 1944, in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of Joseph H. and Elizabeth LaMar Gaumer Keller.

Susan was a bartender/waitress at the Ambers, Elks Lodge 66 and VFW Post No. 3790.

She enjoyed spending time loving and laughing with her family and friends.

Surviving are her children, Bryan Eisenbise, Indianapolis, Cornell Eisenbise, Kentucky, Tracy Pugh and companion, Eric Hunter, and Adam Newnes and wife Crystal, all of Logansport; grandchildren Amber Eisenbise, Cornell Eisenbise, Izak Eisenbise, LaMar Pugh, Garrett Cook, Dominic Newnes, Drew Newnes, Brianna Newnes and Dawson Newnes, all of Logansport; sisters Karen Prisco and husband, Joe, Florida, and Nancy Fazzio, Illinois; brother Jay Keller and wife, Linda, Florida; aunt and uncle Judy and Stan Musgrave, Rochester; cousins Shelley and husband Rick Abbott, Rochester, Lance and wife Andrea Musgrave, and Craig and wife Raquel Musgrave and their children, all of Edmond, Okla.; and several nieces, nephews and other cousins.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Gundrum Funeral Home. Dr. Horace Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Walton IOOF Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Paul Norman Summy**

April 23, 1936-April 19, 2009

Paul Norman SUMMY, 72, of 3385 S. 275 East, Warsaw, died at 11:59 Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Paul was born April 23, 1936, in South Bend to Paul and Mara (Vandermark) Summy, and he moved to Palestine, Ind., early in life. On Feb. 11, 1955, in Burket, he was married to Willodean Woods.

He was a foundry worker for Dalton Foundry for 50 years. He was of the Methodist faith. He was a member of the 25 year Dalton Club and an avid deer hunter.

Survivors include his wife Willodean, Warsaw; two daughters, Karen (Gregg) Foster, Mentone, and Peggy (Glen) Tharp, Warsaw; one sister, Mary Rose, Mentone; five grandchildren, Kiley, Aaron and Joshua Foster,

Mentone, Sarah Tharp, Warsaw, and Lamar Tharp, Warsaw; and four great-grandchildren.

Paul was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde Summy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with Rod Mayer officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel.

Memorials may be sent to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, 911 E. 86th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240. To sign the guest book or send condolences electronically, go to [www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com](http://www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com).

### **Nawasa Vires**

Nawasa VIREs, 76, of 900 Provident Drive, Warsaw, died Sunday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include two daughters, Deborah Jane Matthews, Columbia, S.C., and Pamela Sue Hotte, North Charleston, S.C.; one son, Claude Leroy Wood, Warsaw; and a sister, Vada Conley, Warsaw.

Services will be at noon Thursday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with visitation two hours prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

Thursday, April 23, 2009

### **Margery H. Overmyer**

Margery H. OVERMYER, 84, of 2524 Country Club Drive S., Rochester, died at 1:28 p.m. Wednesday at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Roger Jones**

August 18, 1947-April 21, 2009

Roger Lee JONES, 61, Twelve Mile, passed away at 11:29 p.m. Tuesday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born August 18, 1947, in Cass County, he was the son of the late Thomas "Tim" Leroy and E. Alice Wallace Jones. On Feb. 2, 1969, in Elizabethtown, N.C., he was married to Elaine Ann Baber, and she preceded him in death on August 18, 1996.

Survivors include three daughters, Jennifer Lynn Pritt, Greenwood, Tina Marie See and husband Brook, Twelve Mile, and Tammy Lee Jones, Twelve Mile; nine grandchildren, Rachel Nicole Pritt, Nicholas Ryan Pritt, Kelsey Marie Moss, Corey Evan Moss, Timothy Allen Huff, Joe Thomas Cattin, Elaine Kathryn Sue Ann Taylor, Jady A. See, and Cassie Jo See; and one brother, Melvin L. Jones, Francesville.

He was employed at Matthew-Warren, Logansport, where he had worked for nearly forty years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the Elks and American Legion in Logansport.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life. Arrangements have been entrusted to McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

[www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com)

### **Leona Taylor**

Dec. 3, 1917-April 21, 2009

Leona F. TAYLOR, 91, of 635 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, passed away at 12:32 a.m. Tuesday, at Miller's Merry Manor, in Plymouth.

Leona was born on Dec. 3, 1917, in Rochester, to John and Gail (Galbreath) Good.

Leona and W. Kenneth Taylor were united in marriage on June 3, 1935, in Rochester. Leona enjoyed being a mother and making a home for her family. She also loved to read and to garden.

Leona is survived by her two daughters, Cheryl and Garry Bowman, Plymouth, and Nancy and Kevin Bammerlin, Plymouth; her son, Dennis and Marcia Taylor, Rochester; her sister, Patty Bryant, Plymouth; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren. Leona was preceded in death by her husband; W. Kenneth Taylor; their daughter, Connie Sue Taylor; her sisters, Ida Mae Overmyer, Donnabelle Summers, and Clarice Castleman; and her brothers, Max Good and Delbert Good.

Van Gilder Funeral Home was in charge of the services. A family service for Leona was held. Burial was in Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories with the Taylor family at [www.vangilderfuneralhome.com](http://www.vangilderfuneralhome.com).



Friday, April 24, 2009

**Margery H. Overmyer**

July 21, 1924-April 22, 2009

Margery Louise Hodson OVERMYER, 84, died at 1:28 p.m. Wednesday at the Howard Regional Health System hospital, Kokomo, following a heart attack and a nine-year battle with Parkinson's disease.

Mrs. Overmyer was vice president and treasurer of The Sentinel Corp. She took an active part in the operation of The Rochester Sentinel as LifeStyles editor and in numerous business office positions.

Born July 21, 1924, in South Bend, she was the daughter of Milo George and Florence Weld Hodson.

Marge was a 1942 graduate of South Bend Central High School and a 1946 graduate of Indiana University, with an A.B. in English literature.

On June 1, 1946, she married Jack K. Overmyer; the couple met while students at IU's Bloomington campus. He survives.

She and Jack lived in Indianapolis until 1952, when he became editor of The Sentinel and they moved to Rochester. Today, he is president and owner of the newspaper. The Overmyers have lived at 2524 Country Club Drive S., on the east shore of Lake Manitou, in Rochester since 1967. They spent 10 winters on Sanibel Island, Fla., then 15 more in Scottsdale, Ariz.

She was head librarian of the Fulton County Public Library, 1967 to 1969, and also served as president of the library's board of directors. She was founder and first president of Friends of the Fulton County Public Library. Later, she directed arrangements that resulted in demolition of the former Woodlawn Hospital building at Seventh and Pontiac streets so a new library building could be built on the site.

A charter member and past president of Beta Mu chapter of Tri Kappa, Rochester, she was active from 1957 to 1964 in its state organization as province officer and as vice president of the Indiana Council. She was a proud member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

She also was charter member and first secretary of the Fulton County Round Barn Festival committee in 1971 and a charter member of the board of trustees for public television Channel 34, South Bend-Elkhart.

She served two terms as a member of the Alumni Council of Indiana University's School of Arts and Sciences. She was a former member of All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis.

Cooking was one of her passions. She shared it with readers of The Sentinel on a regular basis. Her last column, The Good Cooker, appeared on April 16.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and Fred Brown, Howe, Elizabeth and Gary Madlem, Rochester, and Sarah and Bill Wilson, Rochester; three grandchildren, Jack Oldroyd, Elkhart, Luke and wife Nancy Wilson, Waddy, Ky., and Hannah Wilson, Loughborough, England; a sister, Mrs. Milton (Joann) Meigs, Lake Forest, Ill.; two sisters-in-law, June Brinkroeger, Rochester, and Jean Hodson, Naples, Fla. Preceding her in death were a daughter, Jennifer Overmyer, in 1999; a grandson, Robert Nelson, in 1989; and a brother, Richard Hodson, in 1978.

The family will arrange a memorial service for Margery H. Overmyer after the impending birth of her first great-grandchild and the arrival of Hannah from England. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Interment will be in IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. The family requests memorials be made to Fulton County Public Library or Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

### **Malissie Sanders**

Malissie SANDERS, 98, of Culver, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Survivors include three sons, Jesse Taylor, Durant, Miss., James Taylor, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Ezell Taylor; and two daughters, Margaret Thorn, Rochester, and Ruby Taylor, Chicago, Ill.

Graveside services will be at Culver Masonic Cemetery at noon Monday, April 27, with visitation two hours prior to the service at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Saturday, April 25, 2009

No Obituaries

Monday, April 27, 2009

### **Dewight Manns**

Dewight MANNNS, 59, of 8520 E. 250 South, Akron, died Sunday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn, Akron; mother, Oma Manns, Akron; daughter, Carissa Boomershine, Craigville; son, Charlie Manns, Greenville, S.C.; two sisters, Dee Dague, Kewanna, and Diann Grube, Rochester; and a brother, Dewayne Manns, Yantis, Texas.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with visitation from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

**Fred E. Hartle**

Feb. 4, 1922 - April 27, 2009

Fred E. HARTLE, 87, 1031 E. Ninth St., Rochester, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Monday at his residence.

He was born Feb. 4, 1922, in Burrows Camp, the son of Fred and Maude (Passmore) Hartle. On May 16, 1946, in San Antonio, Texas, he married Agnes Imogene Foerg. She preceded him in death March 6, 2009. He was an U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Mr. Hartle retired from Libby's in Kokomo and had also worked as an optician.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed flying, woodworking, yard work, gardening and reading.

Survivors include his sons, Wes and wife Jean Hartle, Logansport, Ken and wife Ellen Hartle, Riverside, Calif.; daughter, Chris Sewell, Macy; grandchildren, Tracy Cochrane, Ocoee, Fla., Shawn Hartle, Corona, Calif., Jon Hartle, Stafford, Va.; four stepgrandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; half brothers, Keith Mills, Michigan City, and Ralph Mills, Ohio; half sister, Iris Nova, Florida; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters, one half brother, and one half sister.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, with the Rev. Bert Woolson and the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery, Winamac.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Dewight Manns**

April 4, 1950 - April 26, 2009

Dewight MANNNS, 59, of 8520 E. 250 South, Akron, died at 7:10 a.m. Sunday at his residence. He had been in failing health for a year.

He was born April 4, 1950, in Rochester to Bradie and Oma (Hackworth) Manns. He married Carolyn S. Middaugh on Sept. 1, 1973, at Grace United Methodist Church in Rochester. He was a machinist at Sealed Power, Rochester, and Medtronic, Warsaw.

Dewight graduated from Akron High School in 1969. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the Army. He and his wife attended the Sweetwater Assembly of God in North Manchester. He enjoyed playing the guitar and singing.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn, Akron; mother, Oma Manns, Akron; daughter, Carissa and husband Jacob Boomershine, Craigville; son, Charlie and wife Jennifer Manns, Greenville, S.C.; four grandchildren, Mason, Garrett, Elise and Kate; two sisters, Dee and husband Joe Dague, Kewanna, and Diann and husband Wayne Grube, Rochester; and a brother, Dewayne and wife Carolyn Manns, Yantis, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father on July 4, 2004.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Chad McAtee officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Sweetwater Assembly of God, North Manchester. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

### **Janet Riffle**

Janet Sue RIFFLE, 76, of 810 E. 10th St., Rochester, died Tuesday at her residence.

Survivors include two daughters, Kelly Franklin, Rochester, and Kerry Nelson, Rochester; one son, Jacob "Hank" Riffle, Akron; one sister, Bette Reynolds, Rochester; and one brother, Charles Miller, Rochester.

Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Thursday, April 30, 2009

### **Janet Sue Riffle**

Jan. 26, 1933 - April 28, 2009

Janet Sue RIFFLE, 76, of 810 E. 10th St. Rochester, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at her residence.

She was born Jan. 26, 1933, in Rochester to Jacob and Dolly Kale Miller. She was a lifetime resident of Rochester, where she attended Trinity United Methodist Church. She was a homemaker and had been employed at Topps Safety Apparel, Rochester, retiring on Dec. 31, 2008.

Janet graduated as a proud member of the Rochester High School Class of 1951. In Rochester on July 19, 1953, she married the love of her life, Ralph Byron "Barney" Riffle Sr. Their married life spanned nearly four decades until the sudden passing of Barney on July 20, 1990. Their union produced four children, Ralph "Barney" Jr., Kelly, Kerry and Jacob "Hank."

As a loyal devoted employee at Topps Safety Apparel, Janet was a seamstress. She totally loved going to work and sharing in the camaraderie, treasuring her many friends she regarded as extended family. With a remarkable work ethic she continued her dedication to Topps until her retirement at age 75, just four months ago.

An accomplished seamstress, Janet will be remembered especially for her creativity in making custom dolls, from Cabbage Patch to Raggedy Ann & Andy, for Kelly and Kerry. She also created clothing for Barbie dolls. As the children grew up, "Mom" always kept them clothed, with her special designs. To relax, in her spare time she enjoyed reading mysteries and playing the piano was a source of great satisfaction. Her garden provided summertime activities from the planting to canning. Janet shared the harvest of sweet corn, tomatoes and beans with her family and special friends.

Janet was one of seven children. The importance of family was instilled in Janet as a young woman. The significance of family was carried on and reflected by her as the matriarch of the Riffle family. Holidays were paramount as Janet embraced each holiday celebration preparing special meals for all to enjoy. Sugar and Spice, her domestic short-haired felines, were also important family members.

Janet is survived by two daughters, Kelly Franklin, Rochester, and Kerry Nelson and husband Brian, Rochester; one son, Jacob "Hank" Riffle and wife Chris, Akron; daughter-in-law, Gayle Riffle, Rochester; eight grandchildren, Aaron Walters, Aubry Franklin, Branden Nelson and wife Priscilla, Brett Nelson and wife Erin, Brittany Riffle, Kyle Riffle, Mindy Lewis, Dustin Lewis; four great-grandchildren, Brooke Nelson, Alexis

Nelson, Addison Nelson, Vallorie Nelson; one sister, Bette Reynolds, Rochester; and one brother, Charles Miller, Rochester.

She was preceded by her parents; husband; a son Ralph "Barney" Riffle Jr. on Nov. 11, 2006, and a foster son Kevin Jenkins on July 4, 2001; a sister, Margaret Shearer; and three brothers, Jake Miller, Jim Miller, Ernie Overmyer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Dan Mundt officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Janet will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband Barney Sr. at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Janet's name to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or to the Fulton County Animal Shelter Humane Society Building Fund. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Miriam Louise Gordon**

Jan. 18, 1923 - April 28, 2009

Miriam Louise GORDON, 86, Rochester, passed away at 2:42 p.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Born Jan. 18, 1923, in Baroda, Mich., she was the daughter of Ralph Earl and Hildur Halverdina Ogren Cover. On June 28, 1952, in Peru, she was married to Ralph E. Gordon, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 1987.

She was a member of the Macy Christian Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Anna Garrison, Peru; one son, John Hoagland and wife Dianne, Twelve Mile; six granddaughters, Kimyl Lynne Raderstorf, Paula Jean Isley, Christine Ann Whitney, Elizabeth Suzanne Jones, Ruth Lee Glesige, and Tonnie Vigar; 10 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter; two sisters, Betty Klampe, Minn., and Alice Hively, Rochester.

She was preceded in death by one son, Terry Gene Hoagland; and one great-grandson, Ian Raderstorf; and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Burial will follow at Fulton Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. Indiana 16, Denver, is assisting the family with arrangements.

[www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com)

Friday, May 1, 2009

**Marjorie A. Wolfe**

Marjorie A. WOLFE, 72, of Nyona Lake, died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include her husband Courtney; five children, Jim Wolfe, Medaryville, Pattie Newgent, Fort Wayne, Darlene Harris, Wabash, Becky Mast, Spicherville, and Janet Borden, Wabash; and two sisters, Marilyn Cook, Fort Wayne, and Margaret Wallace, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Saturday, May 2, 2009

**J. Richard Coffing**

J. Richard COFFING, 87, of 5255 E. 1400 North, Roann, died at 12:35 p.m. at Timbercrest Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Marjorie A. Wolfe**

July 12, 1936 - April 29, 2009

Marjorie A. WOLFE, 72, of Nyona Lake (Macy), passed away at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Marge was born in Toledo, Ohio, on July 12, 1936, the daughter of Earl and Irene Jeasch Wallace. She was married Jan. 18, 1963, to Courtney L. Wolfe in Mexico, Ind. She lived most of her life in the Fulton County - Miami County communities.

Paramount in Marge's life was her family. She was a great mom, devoted wife and loving grandma. She was willing to go to the ends of the earth to please her family. Mom was known for her "killer" apple pies, second to none, and was remembered for traveling to Pennsylvania to catch up with Courtney's hunting cronies to learn of the ingredients of a custom potpie created by the hunters.

Marge embraced Christianity. She enjoyed reading her Bible and other books of religious content. As a member of the First Baptist Church of Rochester, she sang in the choir and served as Sunday school and Bible study teacher. Courtney joined her to lead the Baptist youth in B.Y.F.

She annually planted a colorful flower garden that enhanced the grounds of her home. Vegetable gardening was another summer activity that

was enjoyed by her family. Relaxing at home she enjoyed the music of the Big Band Era, especially Glen Miller. Challenging word puzzles was a test she welcomed each day. As a poet Marge authored numerous pieces of inspirational poetry on the importance of and simplicity of life.

As the matriarch of the family, Marge was always there to nurture as a loving wife, devoted mother, dedicated grandmother to her 20 grandchildren, and an adoring great-grandmother for the fourth generation of six.

Marjorie is survived by her husband Courtney; five children, Jim Wolfe and wife Geneva, Medaryville, Pattie Newgent and husband Craig, Fort Wayne, Darlene Harris and husband Richard, Wabash, Becky Mast and husband Jeff, Spicherville, and Janet Border, Wabash; 20 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Marilyn Cook, Fort Wayne, and Margaret Wallace, Fort Wayne. Many nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Earl, Charles and John Wallace.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Jimmy Calhoun officiating. Interment will follow the service at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, Ind. Friends may visit with the family from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Preferred memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, May 4, 2009

### **Martha C. Andrews**

June 8, 1921 – May 1, 2009

Martha C. ANDREWS, 87, died at 9:30 p.m. Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw. She is now with her Christian parents and husband in heaven.

Martha was born June 8, 1921, in Indianapolis to Roy E. and Edna C. (Jensen) Thompson. She married the Rev. John Andrews on Feb. 14, 1940, in Terre Haute.

She was a homemaker and lived most of her life in Kosciusko County. She was a member of the Retired Tigers Homemaker's Club. She taught Sunday school and Bible school for many years, and she was involved with many mission activities. She provided a home for missionaries on furlough.



In the 1950s, she assisted her husband in the management and leadership of Winona Lake Christian Assembly.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis R. "Denny" (Millie) Andrews, Winona Lake, and Jon R. Andrews, Warsaw; two daughters, Lynn C. (Ron) Hennig, North Webster, and Marlene J. (Richard) Stotts, Jacksonville, Fla.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. John Andrews, on Dec. 5, 1995, and her brother, Wallace G. Thompson, on January 12, 1989.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with the Rev. Brian Sewell of Whippoorwill Community Church, Rochester, officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorials may be sent to Whippoorwill Community Church, 4795 N. 200 West, Rochester, IN 46975.

### **J. Richard Coffing**

July 11, 1922 – May 1, 2009

J. Richard "Dick" COFFING, 86, of 5255 E. 1400 North, Roann (Gilead area), died at 12:35 p.m. Friday at Timbercrest Retirement Community of North Manchester, where he had been a resident since January.

Dick was born July 11, 1922, in Cass County to J. Russell and Goldie Pearl (Wiles) Coffing. He was married June 20, 1943, in Peru to Gladys Strong; she survives at Timbercrest.

Dick graduated from Metea High School in 1941. He was a veteran of World War II, serving from 1943 to 1946 in the Air Force's 96th Bomb Group in England. He was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Roann. He was also a 50-year member of the Lincoln Masonic Lodge No. 523, serving as the past master. He was a dairy cattle farmer, and on the farm he had decorative pheasants, swans, chickens and peacocks.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; one daughter, Rita and husband Greg Slater, North Manchester; two sons James L. and wife Sharon Coffing, Lake Villa, Ill., and Ronald D. and wife Deb Coffing, Monticello; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; five sisters, June Garrow, Mishawaka, Rachael and husband Kenneth Stewart, Mishawaka, Nina and husband Max Lynch, Rochester, Betty and husband Ed Lewis, Twelve Mile, and Joan Coffing, Indianapolis; and one brother, Dewey and wife Virginia Coffing, Burnettsville.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald Coffing and William Coffing.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Andrew Sampson officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service being performed at 7:45 p.m. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery with graveside military rites performed by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1343, both of Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Roann. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Kathryn Elnora Cummins**

Kathryn "Katie" Elnora CUMMINS, 101, of Culver, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

### **Cleon D. Overmyer**

June 7, 1923 – April 30, 2009

Cleon D. OVERMYER, 85, North Manchester, died at 2:35 p.m. Thursday at Peabody health care center, North Manchester.

Mr. Overmyer was born in Leiters Ford on June 7, 1923, to William McKinley and Grace (Johnson) Overmyer, both of whom preceded him in death. On June 1, 1944, he married Iris Virginia Blackwell, and she preceded him in death Sept. 9, 1994.

He graduated from Laketon High School in 1941, where he was senior class president and played on the basketball team. For many years he was a youth baseball coach in the North Manchester and Laketon area. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was a livestock farmer and co-owner with his father of the Laketon Elevator, Laketon. Later he worked for United Telephone Co. in Warsaw. He attended the Akron United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his sons, Michael (Peggy) Overmyer, Warsaw, and Mitchell (Kendall) Overmyer, Fort Wayne; a daughter, Mona (Mrs. Richard) Shepherd, Laketon; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, with Pastor Duane Cragun and Pastor Karen Ottjes officiating.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorials may be made to Laketon Wesleyan Church, P.O. Box 213, Laketon, IN 46943, or to Akron United Methodist Church, 121 N. Mishawaka St., Akron, IN 46910. Electronic condolences may be e-mailed to [delughtertermckee.com](mailto:delughtertermckee.com).

### **Nancy Lou Sayger**

June 8, 1927 – May 2, 2009

Nancy Lou SAYGER, 81, 1403 Sweetgum Road, Rochester, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She was born June 8, 1927, in Plymouth, the daughter of Samuel and Edna (Switzer) Baker. On July 6, 1946, in Mexico, Ind., she married Walter Allen Sayger. He preceded her in death May 14, 2001.

Mrs. Sayger graduated from the Gary Methodist School of Nursing and was a registered nurse, having worked at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, and Parkview Hospital, Plymouth. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, Tri Kappa and DAR. She enjoyed quilting and was an avid reader.

Survivors include her son, Paul Sayger and special friend, Laura Sheppard, Tippecanoe; daughters Linda Sayger, Rochester, and Sarah Sayger and husband Robert Becht, Monticello; daughter-in-law, Maria Sayger, Kokomo; grandchildren, Matthew and wife Maureen Rochelle Sayger, Muncie, Mark A. Sayger, Benjamin Sayger, and Brandon Sayger, all of Kokomo, Edna Becht and Savannah Becht, Monticello; great-grandson, Charlie Sayger, Muncie; sister, Mary Rinehart, Danville; brother, Charles William and wife Martha Baker, Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant son, Mark E. Sayger; and sister, Barbara Baker Hartman.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Maurice Grindle officiating. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Church or the Northern Indiana Community Foundation Scholarship Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

**Margery H. Overmyer**

A memorial service for Margery H. OVERMYER, 84, of Rochester, will be at 2 p.m. May 15 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 1 p.m. until the service at the funeral home. Mrs. Overmyer, who battled Parkinson's disease for nine years, died April 22 at Howard Regional Health System hospital, Kokomo, following a heart attack.

**Charlene J. Vaughn**

April 25, 1937 - May 3, 2009

Charlene J. VAUGHN, 72, 1863 W. Olson Road, Rochester, passed away at 6 p.m. Sunday at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

She was born April 25, 1937, in Bourbon, the daughter of Floyd K. "Kenny" and Thelma M. (Snyder) Nuell. On July 10, 1960, in Greentown, she married Orville "Arkie" Vaughn Jr. He preceded her in death Nov. 5, 2007.

Mrs. Vaughn had been a homemaker and florist. She enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting and hummingbirds.

Survivors include her sons, Todd Vaughn, Rochester, and Trent Vaughn and companion Missy Reed, Rochester; daughters, Jacqueline D. Lewis, Rochester, Kim and husband Bill Rogers, Rochester, and Mara and husband Brian Miles, Driver, Ark.; grandchildren, Alonda Fansler, Travis Kiggins, Tiffany Lewis, Kristle Pegler, Elizabeth Butcher, Maci Tate, Todd Vaughn Jr., Justin Tate, Adrian Vaughn, Jeremy Fansler, Stacey Wilson, Brandy Hensley, and Donnie Rogers; thirteen great-grandchildren; brother, James Nuell, Warsaw; sister-in-law, Janet Nuell, Warsaw; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Tommy D. Lewis; daughter-in-law, Stacey Vaughn; and brother, Weldon Nuell.

Friends may visit from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cardinal Center, Warsaw. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

No Obituaries

Thursday, May 7, 2009

**Richard W. Stoll**

Richard W. STOLL died Monday at St. Clare Medical Center in Crawfordsville.

Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Frain Mortuary, Winamac, and a funeral Mass is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Peter's Catholic Church, Winamac. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Frain Mortuary.

**Lloyd L. Woods**

Lloyd L. WOODS, 81, of 433 E. 18th St., Rochester, died Wednesday at Hickory Creek Health Care, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Joanna Woods, Rochester; one daughter, Cynthia McGuire, Camdenton, Mo.; two sons, Dan Woods, Warsaw, and Lanny Woods, Tenn.; a brother, Don Woods, Warsaw; and three sisters, Maxine Goon, Leesburg, Sadie Summy, Warsaw, and Gloria Jean Wade, Warsaw.

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

Friday, May 8, 2009

**Jo Bowman**

Jo (Showley) BOWMAN, 72, passed away Wednesday at her home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Rochester and was a self-employed accountant with Bowman & Associates for 20 years. She was a member of the Fort Wayne Bowling Association Hall of Fame, and she was one of the top bowlers in the state. She enjoyed playing cards and playing Texas Hold'em on the computer.

Surviving are her daughters, Brenda (Ronald) Gary, and Teresa G. Haskins, both of Fort Wayne; brother, Jim (Judy) Showley, Rochester; sisters, Caroline (Ralph) Barts, Huntington, and Pat (Glenn) Faircloth, Goldsboro, N.C.; grandchildren, Bree (Robert) Mullins, Amy (Eric) Dehner, April (Joshua) Augustine, Brook (Chris) Ringenberg and Amber Gary, all of Fort Wayne; and great-grandchildren, Alexis, Taylor, Justin and Ella Dehner, and Daisy Augustine.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harlin and Lois (Zegafuse) Showley.

Services will be at 7 p.m., Monday, at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross. To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com) or [Tributes.com](http://Tributes.com).

### **Randall H. Furnivall**

Randall H. "Munchkin" FURNIVALL, 57, of 1030 Elm St., Rochester, died Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Sue; a daughter, Janella Furnivall, Logansport; a son, Jason Furnivall, Akron; and two brothers, Richard Furnivall, Rochester, and Ronald Furnivall, Rochester.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

### **James Lewis Johnson**

James Lewis JOHNSON, 63, Tonopah, Ariz., died at 6:25 p.m. Wednesday.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **James Michael Kring**

James Michael KRING, 49, 2403 U.S. 31, Lot 51, Plymouth, died at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday at Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **Patricia Martin**

Patricia MARTIN, 73, Monterey, died at 7:31 p.m. Wednesday at LaPorte Regional Health System, LaPorte.

Arrangements are pending at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

### **Paul B. Wease**

March 17, 1923 - May 7, 2009

Paul B. WEASE, 86, Rochester, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

He was born March 17, 1923, in Orange County to Paul B. and Viola Mae (Thacker) Wease. He married Flora Jean Mallow in 1953 and she

preceded him in death Jan. 17, 1972. He married Mary Cox in 1975, and she survives.

The Huron High School graduate served in the United States Army with Battery A 125th AAA BN (Mbl). He worked for the Square D Co. for 34 years, retiring in 1987. He also worked for Mill Creek golf course in Rochester for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; one daughter, Marianne Wease, Kokomo; and two sons, Robert Wease, Peru, and James Wease and wife Jacque, Hemet, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Todd Kauffman officiating. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until the time of the service Saturday. Burial will be at Ranken Cemetery, Peru. A military committal service will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team.

### **Lloyd L. Woods**

April 12, 1928 - May 6, 2009

Lloyd L. "Fuzz" WOODS, 81, of 433 E. 18th Street was summoned to the Heavens at 8:48 a.m. Wednesday, to be with his Lord and Savior. Welcoming him at Heaven's gate were many members of his family including his parents, Elmer and Harriet, infant daughter Cindy, brother Dick, sister-in-law Marcella and brother-in-law Norm.

Lloyd was born April 12, 1928, in Kosciusko County, to Elmer and Harriet Marie Carey Woods. He was married June 2, 1967, in Rochester at the First Christian Church to Mary Joanna Chalk.

He retired from Black Oxside as a truck driver and had also driven truck for Nelsons Trucking, hauling livestock around the Midwest. He was a former member of the VFW in Rochester.

With great pride Lloyd enlisted with the United States Army and served our country during the Korean War. As an avid outdoorsman Fuzz embraced nature as he camped out under the stars. One of his favorite locations was Gatlenburg, Tenn. He and Mary Jo also enjoyed many summers of camping on Kosciusko County's Dewart Lake. There was fishing and fun with many great times to relax. Almost every weekend Mary Jo would churn the ice cream maker - and create custom vanilla or chocolate, both favorites of Fuzz. Reflecting on life's simplicity were special moments by the bonfire under the moonlit skies.

A memorable camping trip to the shores of Lake Erie also brought on an opportunity to fish. During this adventure Fuzz caught the limit on

walleye, lake bass and perch. Country music was also a source of relaxation; the Statler Brothers were his favorite. Hot foods were not complete without some spicy hot salsa to top them off.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, Rochester; one daughter, Cynthia McGuire, Camdenton, Mo.; two sons, Dan Woods, Warsaw, and Lanny Woods, Tenn.; several grandchildren; a brother, Don Woods, Warsaw; three sisters, Maxine Goon, Leesburg, Sadie Summy, Warsaw, and Gloria Jean Wade, Warsaw; one sister-in-law, Janet Woods, Palestine, Ind.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Chaplain Jason See officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Military rites will be accorded by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post and the Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars. Lloyd will enter into eternal rest at the Mt. Zion Cemetery southeast of Rochester.

Preferred memorials may be made to Hope Hospice or Hickory Creek Health Care Center. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Saturday, May 9, 2009

### **Randall H. Furnivall**

Dec. 31, 1951 - May 7, 2009

Randall H. "Munchkin" FURNIVALL, 57, of 1030 Elm St., Rochester, died Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

On Dec. 31, 1951, Randall H. Furnivall was born to Donald H. and Naomi Jean (Carpenter) Furnivall. He was married to Kathy Sue Smith on Dec. 22, 1974, in Rochester, and she survives.

Randy's life story begins on a unique note. He was born 3 1/2 months premature, weighing a mere 1 pound 12 ounces. When he was allowed to come home he was brought in a shoe box. He was so tiny that he slept in a dresser drawer.

As a young man, a proud Zebra, graduating from Rochester High School in 1972 - Randy was a record-setting wrestler. Wrestling at 98 pounds, this remarkable young man was MVP and garnered the most points for three consecutive years. It was Randy and teammate Wayne Grube who were the first men of the mats to be inducted into the Letterman's Club.

Randy, known by his best friends as "Munchkin," proved that size doesn't matter. Overcoming many odds he was dealt, Randy answered with a positive attitude, highly motivated to persevere with grace and style. With



his hustle, work ethic and common sense and great desire to help others he was an example for all to follow. He accomplished many things in his life of 57 years - and his influence was one of his greatest gifts - leaving a rippling effect to all of the lives he touched.

As a 32-year member of the Fulton County Emergency Management Association, Randy was currently serving as communications chief. He also served the Fulton County CB Club as president for a number of years. Randy was also a member of the Old Cross Roads Baptist Church, Gilead.

A collector of die cast cars of the 1950s to 1970s, Randy also loved the music of Jan and Dean and the Beach Boys. In the early years it was Randy who enjoyed the camaraderie of sharing the daily events at Hardee's over coffee. More recently the coffee guys enjoy talking over the events of the day at Wendy's. Randy was always there in the thick of things.

Following his graduation from RHS he attended the Elkhart Workshop for the Blind. Randy was recognized for his ability to motivate his classmates by common sense. His solid work ethic was also noted - as a hustler and the go to man to get the job done!

Randy was a man of many talents. Early on in his career he worked at Kentucky Fried Chicken and the Cedar Post Restaurant. He was also a dispatcher for the Rochester Police Department. As a bookkeeper he worked for RSVP and the Area V Council on Aging. As a mechanic he helped Jack Utter repairing mopeds and bicycles. Later utilizing his small engine repair skills, he opened a shop in his garage and repaired mowers and other small engines. Randy always kept busy helping others with a variety of odd jobs, as providing for his family was essential.

Randy was a caring and a giving human, willing to share the shirt off his back. He enjoyed organizing and promoting fish fries and chili suppers for charity with the proceeds directed to Fulton County residents for Special Olympics or burn victims. In the evenings he enjoyed watching "COPS" and "America's Most Wanted," and he began six days a week with WROI's "Trading Post."

Of supreme importance to Randy was his family. Together they enjoyed outings to Indiana Beach, Potawatomi Zoo, Science Central and Chuckie Cheese's. These outing and special times shared together always revolved around his children and then later grandchildren. This true gentleman with a heart of gold leaves behind a wonderful legacy. His loyal and devoted wife Kathy; adoring children, Janella Furnivall and John Banter, Logansport, and Jason Furnivall and wife Katheryn, Akron; four loving grandsons, Michael, Tyler, and Kyle Banter, Logansport, and Lerris "Leaf" Furnivall, Akron; and dedicated brothers, Richard Furnivall and wife

Kathy, Rochester, and Ronald Furnivall and wife Tina, Rochester, all will remember the many good times their family shared, cherishing their memories. Munchkin will also be missed by his friends at the Old Cross Roads Baptist Church, coffee pals, CB buddies and the Fulton County EMA family. Nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Randy was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Esther Smith, and his brother-in-law, Karl Smith.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Randall H. "Munchkin" Furnivall will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Thad Stewart officiating. Friends may visit with his family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and an hour prior to his service. Burial will follow in Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Fulton County Special Olympics, Omega Church, the Old Cross Roads Baptist Church or the Indiana School for the Blind. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, May 11, 2009

### **James Michael Kring**

James Michael KRING, 49, 2403 U.S. 31, Lot 51, Plymouth, died Wednesday at Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer.

Survivors include his significant friend, Elizabeth Daugherty; former spouse Cathy Thomas; two daughters, Andre'a Kring and Alyssa Kring, both of Plymouth; two sons, Chandler Kring and Kenric Kring, both of Plymouth; and one sister, Dawn Truster, Franklin.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

### **Jeannette F. Mollenhour**

Jeannette F. MOLLENHOUR, 94, of Woodland Manor, Elkhart, and formerly of Mentone, died at 12:17 a.m. Saturday at Woodland Manor.

Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

**Clara L. Parker**

March 21, 1921 - May 10, 2009

Clara L. PARKER, 88, of 1275 S. Zimmer Road (Indiana 25), Warsaw, with a winter residence in Sebring, Fla., died at 7 p.m. Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Clara was born March 21, 1921, in Etna Green to William A. and Faye (Fawley) Schooley. She was married Sept. 10, 1939, to Robert Parker, who preceded her in death April 30, 1993.

She was a graduate of Mentone High School. Clara and Robert spent most of their married lives in Bourbon. She worked for Cooper's Department Store in Mentone and Bourbon, and Robert was a contractor. They then moved to Carmel where Robert worked for J.R. Hahn Fastening Systems. For their final years together they moved to Warsaw where they both loved to golf a Rozella Ford Golf Club in Warsaw, where they were members.

Clara is survived by two daughters, Patricia Smith, Bremen, and Betty Price, Sarasota, Fla.; two sons, Jon and wife LouAnn Parker, Silver Lake, and Steve and wife Karen Parker, Noblesville; 12 grandchildren, Christy Weldy, Terry Smith, Tony Smith, Vickie Herrick, Blaine Price, Brenda Massingille, Marla Howard, Chad Bailey, Darren Parker, Andria Harshman, Zach Parker and Laura Parker; 22 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mildred Neer, Lake Placid, Fla.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dixie Bailey, and a sister, Fern Reichard.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Gail Law officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, and online condolences may be made by visiting [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

**Margery H. Overmyer**

A memorial service for Margery H. OVERMYER, 84, of Rochester, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 1 p.m. until the service at the funeral home.

Mrs. Overmyer, who battled Parkinson's disease for nine years, died April 22 at Howard Regional Health System hospital, Kokomo, following a heart attack.

### **Jeannette F. Mollenhour**

Jeannette F. MOLLENHOUR, 94, of Woodland Manor, Elkhart, and formerly of Mentone, died Saturday at Woodland Manor.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice Felix, Farmington, N.M., and Jo Ann Cummins, Granger.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Thursday, May 14, 2009

### **Charles Wayne Redinger**

Charles Wayne REDINGER, 84, of 121 W. 12th St., Rochester, died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include his wife Pauline (Swears) Redinger; two sons, Charles A. Redinger, Greenfield, and Eldon W. Redinger, Winamac; and two sisters, Hilda McGowen, Rochester, and Gladys Thomas, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

### **Thomas Alan Leffel**

April 20, 1946 - May 12, 2009

Thomas Alan LEFFEL, 63, Metea, passed away at 5:59 p.m. Tuesday at his residence.

Born April 20, 1946, in Raymondville, Texas, he was the son of William H. and Delores (Laycock) Leffel.

He owned and operated the Fulton Pub for the past 25 years.

Survivors include his mother, Delores Hodson and husband Carl, Mexico, Ind.; two sons, Brent Alan Leffel and wife Cherree, Highland, and Brook Wayne Leffel and wife Donika, Israel; one daughter, Toma Marie Campbell and husband Jim, Rochester; grandchildren, Allison Caldwell and Sarah Amich, both of Rochester, Ava and Daniel Leffel, Highland, and Bennett Leffel, Israel; and brothers, William "Bill" Leffel and wife Margaret, Peru, Ind., David Leffel and wife Virginia, Peru, Ind., Steve Leffel

and wife Mary, Fort Wayne, and Stanley Leffel and wife Janet, Antioch, Tenn.

Friends are invited to call from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home. Private burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life. The online guest book may be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Friday, May 15, 2009

### **Randall Lee Mow**

Randall Lee MOW, 65, of 314 Pontiac St., Rochester, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include a daughter, Christine Kneifel, Rochester; and two sons, Greg Mow and Gary Mow, both of Rochester.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from noon until the service Saturday.

### **Charles Wayne Redinger**

April 2, 1925 - May 13, 2009

Charles Wayne REDINGER, 84, of 121 W. 12th St., Rochester, passed away at 12:03 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Wayne was born in Rochester on April 2, 1925, the son of the late Charles Albert and Florence Matthews Redinger. He and the former Pauline Swears were married June 14, 1947, in Wabash; she survives.

Wayne was a proud member of the Rochester High School Class of 1944. He enjoyed playing basketball for the revered coach Clyde Lyle. Wayne hit the hardwoods wearing number six and was a member of the 1943 RHS team that went to the state as part of the elite final four. During World War II, Wayne served our country with the U.S. Army in the European theatre. He was honored with two Bronze Stars among other awards prior to his honorable discharge.

On June 14, 2007, Wayne and his wife Pauline celebrated 60 years of marriage. Their union produced two sons, Charles and Eldon. The family tree continued to grow later with the additions of four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

As a songwriter, Wayne preferred the country-western style of music. He wrote music with lyrics usually about family or special friends. He once wrote a song for his Irish wife, Pauline, and another for his first born

grandchild. He enjoyed relaxing while listening to the Statler Brothers or Marty Robbins.

Wayne is remembered as your friendly meatcutter for Kroger of Rochester, serving his customers for 26 years. He also cut meat at the IGA Store in Argos for five years. His memberships included the First Christian Church, LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36, the Manitou VFW Post No. 1343 and the IOOF Lodge No. 47, all of Rochester.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; two sons, Charles A. Redinger and wife Peggy, Greenfield, and Eldon W. Redinger and wife Linda, Winamac; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Hilda McGowen and husband Merle, Rochester, and Gladys Thomas, Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Jamie Redinger; four sisters, Eva Dean, Burnice, Annabelle, and Zonna; and a brother Lloyd.

A celebration of the life of Charles Wayne Redinger will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with honored friend Mark Rodriguez officiating. Friends may visit with his family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to his services. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36 and the Manitou VFW Post No. 1343 will accord a graveside military honors service. Wayne will rest in eternal peace at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to Hope Hospice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Saturday, May 16, 2009

### **Joseph H. Brown**

August 20, 1923 - May 13, 2009

Joseph H. BROWN, 85, passed away at 10:10 p.m. Wednesday in Kokomo.

Joe was born in Kokomo on August 20, 1923, to Robert Avert and Grace Margaret (Garner) Brown. He spent his early childhood in and around the Kokomo area. The family moved to Miami County where he graduated from Chili High School and was a member of the basketball team. On January 19, 1947, he took Bonnie Dean Shively to be his loving wife of 62 years.

Joe and Bonnie spent their first years of marriage in Fulton County where Joe helped on the family farm and drove a milk truck. He later worked at Sealed Power in Rochester until he moved his family to Pendleton

where he worked as a guard at the penitentiary. Later he settled with his family in Kokomo where he worked for Chrysler Corp. as a guard. Joe retired from Chrysler in 1979.

Joe was an avid fisherman and enjoyed many trips to Wisconsin with his family and friend Ike Hodson.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Robert D. Brown and Donald D. Brown and wife Bari; son-in-law, Steve McPike; nine grandchildren, Rebecca (Jason) VanHaecke, Kim (Travis) Donson, Amber (Jason) Wasson, Daniel (Kayla) Brown, Carrie (Scott) Perkins, Brian (Andrea) McPike, Christopher Brown, Donald (Becky) Brown, and Joshua (Heather) Brown; 26 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Kenneth Brown, Rochester, John Brown and wife Neva, Ashland, Ky., and R. Max Brown and wife Delores, Palestine, Ind.; and two sisters, Dorothy Bixler, Athens, Ind., and Grace Marie and husband C. Allen Miller, Rochester.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mariel June McPike; his parents; three brothers, George Brown, Thomas Brown, and Ira Brown; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Allen officiating. Entombment will follow at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Calling will be two hours prior to services Monday at the funeral home. Online condolences to the family may be made at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

### **Randall Lee Mow**

August 24, 1943 - May 14, 2009

Randall "Butch" Lee MOW, 65, of 314 Pontiac St., Rochester, passed away at 1:49 a.m. Thursday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Randy was born in Washington, Ind., on August 24, 1943, the son of the late Herschel and Bernice L. Walters Mow.

As a father Randy taught his children, Christy, Greg and Gary, appreciation of music from an early age. Sometimes in the evening they would relax and sit around the kitchen table singing gospel and country while he accompanied them on guitar. They built on their experiences by performing at local churches and occasional opportunities for karaoke. He began his entertainment career locally with Art Burge and the Country Showman, a group that performed around northern Indiana.

In the early '80s after his children were grown, Randy struck out on his own and headed to Music City (Nashville) to pursue a lifelong dream. He had always loved the stage was into music and entertaining. He entertained as a solo act hitting the stage with his acoustical guitar and founded the

company Mow Music Enterprises Inc. Sundial records then recorded his album, "A Time to Shine," and later a top 10 country music single, "Lookin' for a Baby to Rock." Taking his show on the road, Randy and son Gary created a custom mobile show stage complete with dressing room and living quarters. After more than 20 years, this entertainer, songwriter and musician returned to his hometown and family roots. Together he and the kids enjoyed a tradition established in the early years - frequent visits to Bruno's Pizzeria in Logansport. Even if Randy had already eaten, he was always up for a slice of Bruno's sausage pizza.

Randy also enjoyed restoration and competition with his 1992 black Chevy Silverado. He won first place in the 1967 - present class for trucks at the annual Red Hot Car, Truck and Cycle show hosted by the Blacktop Cruisers Car Club in 2008.

As a storyteller, Randy would always tell of accounts of the many people he'd met - some of them household personalities and big named stars that he'd chauffeured in his sleek black Cadillac stretch limousine, while he was in Nashville.

He is survived by a daughter, Christine Kneifel and husband Ken, Rochester; and two sons, Greg Mow and wife Lori, Rochester, and Gary Mow and wife Becky, Rochester. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Randall "Butch" Mow will be at 3 p.m. today at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may visit with the family from noon through the hour of service Saturday. Burial will follow in the family plot at the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery northwest of Rochester.

Preferred memorials may be made to Grace Village Rehabilitation Center or the Kidney Foundation. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Brian Jay Rouch**

Brian Jay ROUCH, 47, of 719 E. 425 North, Rochester, died Friday at South Bend Memorial Hospital from injuries suffered in a motor vehicle accident.

Brian is survived by two daughters, Layne M. Rouch and Abigail Rouch, both of Rochester; a son, Brandon J. Rouch, Las Vegas, Nev.; and his parents, and Jean Rouch, Rochester.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.



Monday, May 18, 2009

**Brian J. Rouch**

Sept. 11, 1961 – May 14, 2009

Brian J. ROUCH, 47, of 719 E. 425 North, Rochester, passed away at 8:14 p.m. Thursday at South Bend Memorial Hospital, from injuries resulting from a motor vehicle - motorcycle accident.

Brian was born in Rochester on Sept. 11, 1961, the son of LeRoy W. "Dutch" and Jean Ann (Miller) Rouch. Brian was a proud 1980 graduate of Caston High School. As athlete at CHS he played guard for the Comets and in the spring took to the diamond playing second base. Most recently he was an armchair quarterback and loved the Bears, Colts and Indiana Pacers. NASCAR was his favorite sport with Ryan Newman as his No. 1 driver.

As a dedicated employee of Rochester's Kroger store for three decades, Brian began working as a junior in high school. He was currently the manager of the produce department. Brian is remembered for his warm smile, friendly demeanor and being helpful to all of his customers and friends.

To relax Brian took great joy suiting up with his leathers and climbing aboard one of his Harleys. There was nothing quite like cruising on his bike, while enjoying the freedom of catching the wind. Usually a friend or two would join him, but occasionally he'd ride with a larger group, his buddies from ABATE. Brian was the proud owner of a 1997 Fat Boy and a 2007 Electric Glide Full Dress. Relaxing at home he enjoyed the music of Neil Young.

Brian leaves behind his precious daughters and son, loving parents, adoring niece, his buddies from ABATE and all of his Kroger family and friends to cherish his memory, while remembering the good times they shared.

Brian is survived by two daughters, Laynie M. Rouch and Abigail Rouch, at home; a son, Brandon J. Rouch, Las Vegas, Nev., his parents, Leroy "Dutch" and Jean Ann Rouch, Fulton; and niece, Lindsey N. Rouch. He was preceded in death by a brother Craig LeRoy Rouch on May 7, 2001.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Brian J. Rouch will be held Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Pastor Bruce Russell will officiate. Friends may visit with his family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services. Preferred memorials may be made to Brian's daughters' educational trust fund to assist them with furthering their education. Envelopes are available at the funeral home or the First Financial Bank where the trust is being established. Electronic

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

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

### **Betty Routt**

Betty ROUTT, 82, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away from a stroke Monday surrounded by her family.

Betty was born in LaPorte to Lewis and Laura Eggert. She was the first of seven Eggert children, all of whom still live in the LaPorte area.

Betty fell in love with John Routt and married him Nov. 28, 1947. She and John had the joy of bringing five wonderful children into this world. Their children include Dan Routt and wife, Janice; Pat Alspaugh and deceased husband, Dave; Janet Wakefield and husband, Bill; Pam Ranly and Dick Biggs; and Wayne Routt, deceased. Betty and John were blessed with six beautiful grandchildren and 10 glorious great-grandchildren.

Betty was a lifelong servant leader in Miami County. She had a heart for helping people and gave her time, talents and treasures freely. She was 4-H leader to hundreds of young people during her 38 years of service. She served on the Miami County 4-H Governing Board, Council and Fair Board. She gave tirelessly to anything that would benefit the young people in 4-H.

She was a member of the Allen Township Extension Homemakers Club for over 50 years and remained active with the Miami County and Indiana Extension Homemakers, holding various county and state offices. Betty loved her Extension Homemaker friends that she accumulated over the years.

Betty was also an active volunteer at Dukes Memorial Hospital and the Salvation Army, and a member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren. Betty and John have been in the same euchre club for over 55 years.

A service celebrating the life of Betty Routt will be held at 10 a.m. Friday. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service. Viewing and funeral will be at the Miami County Community Building at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Burial will be at the Plainview Cemetery, Macy.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, that contributions be made to the Miami County 4-H Council, through McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. State Road 16, Denver, IN 46926. The online guest book may be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

**Robert G. Taylor**

Robert G. TAYLOR, 88, of 3774 E. 500 South, Macy, died Monday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Kinley, Denver, Ind.; a daughter, Joy Groninger, North Manchester; two sons, Lester Taylor, Anderson, and Cary Taylor, Fishers; and a sister, Martha Leach, Royal Center.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

**Gloria Ballenger**

Gloria BALLENGER, 81, of Rochester, died Tuesday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert A. Ballenger, Rochester; and a daughter, Krystal K. Smith, Rochester.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the First Christian Church of Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service in the church.

**Robert Allen Bowell**

Robert "Bob" Allen BOWELL, 59, of Benton Harbor, Mich., died Monday at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph, Mich., from cancer.

Survivors include his mother, Helen Bowell, Argos; two sisters Sue (Doug) Stults, Waterville, Ohio, and Lisa Dunfee, Argos; and brother Randy Bowell, Maumee, Ohio.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at the Argos United Methodist Church.

**James Lewis Johnson**

May 20, 1945 - May 6, 2009

James Lewis JOHNSON, 63, of Tonopah, Ariz., passed away at 6:25 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, due to injuries sustained in a single vehicle accident near Tonopah.

He was born in Rochester on May 20, 1945, the son of the late Lewis E. and Bertha McGowen Johnson. He moved to Arizona 22 years ago from Talma.

James worked for Landstar Trucking, enjoying his time on the road taking a long haul. Many miles were also spent on his Harley, a 1976 Pan Head, often sharing those rides with members of the Harley bikers group "Just Friends." Restoring cars and engine work was a hobby he greatly enjoyed.

James is survived by a daughter, Nicole Becker, South Riding, Va.; a son, Nathan Johnson and wife Nicole, Argos; his grandchildren, Hunter and Jacob Johnson and Cody Becker; his sister, Barbara Binkley and husband Bill, Plymouth; and a brother, Stan Johnson and wife Carolyn, Rochester. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

A celebration of the life of James Johnson will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service. Interment will take place at Hamlet Cemetery, northeast of Rochester.

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

### **Mary Ann Swafford**

Jan. 28, 1935 - May 18, 2009

Mary Ann SWAFFORD, 74, of 309 N. Saner Drive, Akron, died at 8:14 p.m. Monday at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City. She had been in failing health for the last four years.

Mary Ann was born Jan. 28, 1935, in Leeville, Tenn., to Lloyd and Gladys (Drennan) Willard. She was married Dec. 17, 1955, in Georgia to Claude Swafford, who passed away Dec. 26, 1989.

Mary Ann was a homemaker looking after her family's needs. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She enjoyed yard work, birds and nature. She loved attending to flowers and her philosophy was "if it is green, it will grow."

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Ann and husband Cordell Hull, Akron; two sons, Ricky Lee Swafford, Akron, and Michael and wife Debbie Swafford, Warsaw; six grandchildren, Damon Prater, Adam Hull, and Matthew, Daniel, Whitney and Morgan Swafford; one sister, June and husband James Dillard, Lebanon, Tenn.; and two brothers, Danny and wife Lou Willard, Silver Lake, and Charles Willard, Silver Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters, Janie Sitts and Margaret Ramsey; and five brothers, Lloyd Pete, Wayne, Anthony, James Mark and Johnny Willard.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hunter Funeral Home in Watertown, Tenn., with the Rev. Kenneth Bowen officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lebanon, Tenn. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, and then from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Hunter Funeral Home, 208 W. Main, Watertown, Tenn.

For online condolences visit [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Robert G. Taylor**

Oct. 16, 1920 - May 18, 2009

Mr. Robert G. TAYLOR, 88, of 3774 E. 500 South, Macy, passed away at 10:02 a.m. Monday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Robert was born in Logansport on Oct. 16, 1920, the son of the late Ora Dewitt and Gertrude Gross Taylor. He was a lifetime resident of rural Cass, Fulton and Miami counties. Robert and the former Dorothy Smith were married June 20, 1943, north of Logansport; she preceded him in death in August 1997. In December 1998 in Denver, Ind., he married Norma Kinley.

Robert was a graduate from Logansport High School, the Class of 1938. Later he began a family farming operation that included dairy, hogs and beef cattle. As a crop farmer he grew corn, beans and wheat. He was also proud of his strawberry patch and fruit orchard.

He began teaching children Sunday school at the Macy Christian Church 65 years ago. Most recently he was a member of the first Baptist Church and taught the Baptist Builder's Sunday school class.

Serving his school communities Robert was a former member of the North Miami School Board and drove a school bus for Caston. He was a skilled welder, an ingenious inventor and remembered by his family and friends as being a keen problem solver - sharing his wisdom and talents. Back in the '70s he enjoyed participating in local theatric productions, including "South Pacific."

At age 80, a homespun musician, Robert reinvented the learning curve by learning to play the guitar with guidance of Richard Briggs. He's remembered for calling family and friends and playing his guitar and singing "Happy Birthday." Proving age is only a number, Robert learned many programs on the computer. He played over 23,000 free cell games during the past eight years. Robert recently performed at a talent show sharing readings from the poetry of James Whitcomb Riley. Even after recently suffering a stroke he could still recite with passion "Casey at the Bat." It was his opinion that mental challenges like this kept his mind sharp. To relax Robert could

pitch horseshoes, with great accuracy - many times competing in tournaments across northern Indiana. A fierce competitor at the card table, euchre was his forte.

Family was paramount in the eyes of Robert. As patriarch of his family he insisted that each of his children take piano lessons. He looked forward to the family gatherings, special events and holiday celebrations. Every Saturday for the past 11 years he and grandson Barak dined at the Burger King for lunch, catching up on the weeks events.

Family was first and forever. He took to the air and caught the breezes of the sky on a gift from his family - a ride on the Buckeye powered parachute. An annual event he looked forward to was the family gathering at Logansport's Carousel in late April to celebrate the birthdays of his twin grandsons. Whether it was heading up to Jellystone to sit by the campfire or jumping on a plane to be with family in Florida, Robert was always ready to make plans meeting the family and enjoying the time they shared.

Robert is survived by his wife, Norma Kinley of Denver, Ind.; a daughter, Joy Groninger and husband Dennis, North Manchester; two sons, Lester Taylor and wife Susan, Anderson, and Cary Taylor and wife Sherri, Fishers; nine grandchildren, Jason, Haley, Heidi, Reena, Barak, Katie Marie, Alison, John and Jane; several great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; a sister, Martha Leach, Royal Center; and son-in-law, Braden Chandler and wife Denise, Rochester.

He was preceded by his parents; his first wife; a daughter Sherry Chandler on January 22, 2001; a sister Elizabeth Roller; and a brother Herbert Taylor.

A celebration of the life of Robert G. Taylor will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Dr. Mark Spencer officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will follow the services at Plainview Cemetery, Macy.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Rochester or the American Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Thursday, May 21, 2009

**Gloria F. Ballenger**

Feb. 1, 1928-May 19, 2009

Gloria F. BALLENGER, 81, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, passed away at 8:22 a.m. Tuesday at the Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Gloria was born Feb. 1, 1928, in Worthington, Minn., the daughter of the late Robert M. and Grace Fay (Adkins) Ensign. She grew up in Brewster, Minn., and moved to Rochester in 1944.

Gloria graduated from Rochester High School with the Class of 1947. As a member of the high school band, she played the bassoon. Later that year, on Nov. 9, she wed her best friend, Herbert A. Ballenger. Herb found Gloria to be beautiful, very intriguing and impressive with her resourcefulness and workmanship on the fashionable clothing she created. On their second date he remembered her eye-catching, block-patterned brown and chartreuse dress. It was revealed that Gloria had become a seamstress at age 8 sewing clothing for her dolls and competing in the 4-H clubs of Minnesota - where proficiency was demonstrated in a public forum. For their wedding - with unparalleled perfection - she not only designed and produced her stunning floor length wedding gown, but fashioned the gowns of her attendants and flower girl.

Gloria's talents with the arts also included her music as a pianist. She enjoyed playing all types of music, especially gospel and contemporary selections. She was a member of a trio of ladies who sung at the Akron Church of God. Baking was also her forte; designing and creating custom birthday and anniversary cakes for family and special friends brought her great satisfaction.

Gloria worked a two year stint with Dean Foods Co. before being appointed as bookkeeper and office manager of Dave Sirken Distributors, where she was employed for nearly 22 years. She is remembered for her gifts with gardening and her supreme skills as a cook, always producing the most delectable dishes for her family to enjoy. Gloria was a member of the First Christian Church for many years and the Neighborly Club.

Of paramount importance to Gloria was her family. She cherished the visits of her two grandsons Chad and Brian and adored her great-granddaughter Tiffany.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert, Rochester; a daughter, Krystal K. Smith, Rochester; two grandsons, Chad E. Ballenger and Brian P. Ballenger, both of Ballwin, Mo.; a great-granddaughter, Tiffany A. Ballenger, Ballwin, Mo.; and a brother, John Ensign and wife Marilyn, Peru, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a son, Kent J. Ballenger, on Nov. 25, 2005.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Gloria F. (Ensign) Ballenger will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the First Christian Church, 1101 Madison St., Rochester, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Friends may visit with

Gloria's family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, and an hour prior to services Saturday at the church. She will be laid to rest following her service at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Athens, Ind. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church or the charity of the donor's choice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Jacqueline A. Heidenreich**

Dec. 29, 1930-May 20, 2009

Jacqueline A. (Thein) HEIDENREICH, 78, of Kewanna, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at her residence.

Born Dec. 29, 1930, in Kohler, Wis., she was the daughter of the late Adolf and Laverne (Kan) Thein. She was married to Gordon W. Heidenreich in 1978 and he preceded her in death in 1991.

Mrs. Heidenreich was a retired nurse's aid. Her hobbies included puzzles, fishing and especially shopping. She was a member of the Kewanna First Baptist Church and the VFW Lodge No. 1725 Ladies Auxiliary, Winamac. She was also a former member of the Kewanna Fire Bells.

Survivors include two sons, Larry and his wife, Linda, Grafton, Wis., and Roger Vogel and his wife, Brenda, Rochester; four daughters, Lola Preuss and her husband, Gregg, Jefferson, Wis., Judy Matye and her husband, Roger, Random Lake, Wis., Vickie Molitor and her husband, Mike, Kewanna, and Jamie Short, Indianapolis; one sister, Gwendolyn "Dolly" Frier and her husband, Edward, West Bend, Wis.; 15 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry Thein and Roger "Whitey" Thein.

Services for Jacqueline A. (Thein) Heidenreich will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Kewanna First Baptist Church, 414 E. Main St., Kewanna. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna. Pastor Demetrius Anagnostu will officiate and burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bruce Lake.

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

### **Choice Miller**

Choice "Al" MILLER, 79, of 1310 Rochester Blvd., Rochester, died at 9:25 a.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending with Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.



**John C. Young Sr.**

John C. YOUNG Sr., 76, Lapel, died Monday at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Ella Mae (Kuhn) Young; two children, Teresa K. Dimmick, Tulsa, Okla., and John "J.C." Young Jr., Lapel; and one sister, Donna Pickard, Indianapolis.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Prairie Baptist Church in rural Noblesville. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel.

Friday, May 22, 2009

**Shelby Bowen**

Shelby BOWEN, 70, Rochester, died at 1:02 p.m. Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending with Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Choice Allen Miller**

Nov. 20, 1929-May 20, 2009

Choice Allen "Al" MILLER, 79, of 1310 Rochester Blvd., Rochester, passed away at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Al was born in Kosciusko, Mo., on Nov. 20, 1929, the son of the late Samuel O. and Lesba D. Warwick Miller. He and the former Grace Brown were married March 11, 1967, at the First Christian Church of Rochester; she survives.

Al was an avid bowler - letting many good times roll at Quick's Lanes. He bowled with Grace on the mixed league and on the men's league Eagle's team. He also served as past president of the men's bowling association. Cruising the sparkling waters of Lake Manitou on the pontoon or inboard was a favorite way that he and Grace liked to relax. He enjoyed socializing with friends and was known for his wit and sense of humor. As a member of the "Tiger Club" he enjoyed the camaraderie of getting together with the guys. Whether it was drinking coffee or enjoying a lake-related activity, Al was there in the mix of things with his buddies.

As an NFL fan, Al followed the Dallas Cowboys. He was also delighted to cheer for anyone who was playing the Colts. Al was in attendance at the opening game at the Hoosier Dome in 1984. It was the North-South Football All-Star game. He was there to cheer on his nephew.

Al worked for Nickles Bakery for 41 years as a sales representative. Later he was employed by Townsend's IGA, Feller's Family Market and Rochester's Scott's Grocery. At Scott's he was known as their No. 1 guy in public relations.

Al enjoyed music and dancing, especially country and western and the music of Ernest Tubbs. He was a member of the Tuscola Baptist Church of Tuscola, Miss., IOOF Lodge, Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge, and the Sons of the American Legion. He was also a 50-year member of the Eagles Lodge No. 852, where he was recognized as being the Eagle of the Year in 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Grace; a daughter, Elizabeth Mathias and husband Ron, Rochester; a son, Rick Miller and wife Linda, Rochester; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Julian Miller.

Services for Al Miller will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Chaplain Jason See officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Community Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Saturday, May 23, 2009

### **Nicholas James Garcia**

Nicholas James GARCIA, of 205 E. Water St., Akron, was stillborn at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include his parents, Manuel and Crystal Garcia, and a brother, Sebastian Garcia, all of Akron.

Visitation will be from noon until 12:45 p.m. Sunday with a funeral service to follow at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

### **Sally Ray**

Sally RAY, 70, of 309 W. South St., Argos, died at 12:24 a.m. Friday at her residence.

Arrangements are pending with Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Monday, May 25, 2009

No Obituaries - Holiday

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

**Jane Bowen**

Jane BOWEN, 70, of 407 Westwood Lane, Rochester, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include a daughter, Stephanie Hoke, LaPorte; three sons, Daniel Bowen, Rochester, Jeff Bowen, Plymouth, and Bruce Bowen, Culver; two sisters, Lorelei Wilhite, Avon Park, Fla., and Sherri Moran, Oswego; and a brother, Dorian Back, Atlanta, Ga.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation two hours prior to the service.

**Willie E. Fleming**

Aug. 12, 1926-May 25, 2009

Willie E. "Red" FLEMING, 82, of Royal Center, died Monday at 7:25 a.m. at Chase Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Logansport.

Willie was born Aug. 12, 1926, in Cannon County, Tenn., to William and Emma (DeLong) Fleming. He was married Jan. 4, 1947, in Rossville, Ga., to Jessie M. Judkins.

He retired from Conrail Railroad in 1988 after 39 years of service. He was a member of the Faith Pentecostal Chapel in Monticello. Willie was a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie M. Fleming, Royal Center; three daughters, Brenda Lilley and husband James, Lafayette, Jane Worman and husband Ken, Logansport, and Lisa Fleming, Logansport; a son, Jesse E. Fleming, Medina Ohio; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Daniel and Robert Fleming; one daughter-in-law, Alicia Fleming; and one granddaughter, Danielle Fleming.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Gundrum Funeral Home, 1603 E. Broadway, Logansport, with Pastor Joseph D. Wampler officiating. Burial will be at Davis Cemetery, Burnettsville, with full graveside military rites. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Gundrum Funeral Home.

**Ralph E. Jones**

Ralph E. JONES, 79, of 10269 17<sup>th</sup> Road, Argos, died at 7:10 p.m. Sunday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Joel D. Larimore**

Joel D. LARIMORE, 67, of Tarpon Springs, Fla., died Friday.

He is survived by his wife, Celia; children, Kelley Rensberger, Rochester, Jenni Baker, Trinity, Fla., and Missy Petitt, Holiday, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are being handled by Dobies Funeral Home, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

**Wilma L. Kistler**

Sept. 22, 1925-May 22, 2009

Wilma L. KISTLER, 83, of Bloomington and formerly of Royal Center, died at 7:45 p.m. Friday at Garden Villa Healthcare Center in Bloomington.

Born on Sept. 22, 1925, in Royal Center, she was the daughter of the late Lewis and Mary Ida (Keiper) McKee. On July 7, 1946, she married Calvin A. Kistler and he preceded her in death Jan. 1, 1992.

She was a member of the Arlington United Methodist Church, Bloomington. Wilma was a former librarian for the Greentown Public Library and the Ringling Museum of Art.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Janice Kistler; grandson, Jay Andrew Kistler; stepsister-in-law, Alice Monesmith; and nieces and nephews, Richard Sommers and wife Madaline, Carol Martin, Mary Sayers and husband Ed, Gerald McKee and wife Judy, and Karen Laidig and husband Bruce.

She was preceded in death by a son, Andrew Kistler; brothers, Robert and Lewis McKee; and a sister, Clara Sayers.

Services for Wilma L. Kistler were held Monday at Arlington United Methodist Church. Graveside services and burial will be at 3 p.m. today at Grass Creek Cemetery. Pastor David Sommers will officiate.

Local arrangements are being handled by Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, 304 S. Chicago St., Royal Center. Online condolences may be made to the Kistler family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**Sally Ray**

Sally RAY, 70, of 309 W. South St., Argos, died Friday at her residence.

Survivors include three daughters, Debbie Spoor, Plymouth, Donna Stiles, Argos, and Cheri Bottorff, Knox; two sons, Steve Ray, Kokomo, and Tim Ray, Plymouth; two sisters, Annabell Slone and Willa Slone, both of Warsaw; and five brothers, Lonnie Robinson, James Robinson, Ricky Robinson and Gary Robinson, all of Martin, Ky., and Claude Robinson, Warsaw.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

**Ralph E. Jones**

Ralph Edward JONES, 79, of 10269 17<sup>th</sup> Road, Argos, died Sunday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Coro J. (Moser) Jones, Argos; two daughters, Sara A. Smith, Argos, and Sandra L. Ringer, Plymouth; one son Randall S. Jones, Plymouth; two brothers, Ivan Jones, Cerro Gordo, Ill., and Denver Jones, Plymouth; and two sisters, Helen Jones, Champaign, Ill., and Evelyn Barr, North Manchester.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, and one hour prior to the funeral services at the church.

**Norma E. Kosmalski**

March 8, 1916-May 24, 2009

Norma Elaine KOSMALSKI, 93, of Ripley, W.Va., went home to be with her Lord on Sunday at the Ravenswood Care Center, Ravenswood, W.Va. She was a former resident of South Bend.

Norma was born March 8, 1916, in Fulton. She was the daughter of the late Walter A. Wood and Gladys F. Harpster Wood Dean.

In addition to her mother and father, she was preceded in death by her husband, Matthew B. Kosmalski; two sons, Gerald D. McIntyre and Don S. McIntyre, grandsons, Tom Burcham and Zackary Vaughn; a sister, Nova Bordner; a brother, Jack Wood; and many nieces and nephews.

Norma worked as a waitress in South Bend for many years. She was a charter member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit No. 26 in LaPorte and of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 0357.

Norma is survived by her daughters-in-law, Mary McIntyre, Bourbon, and Dianne McIntyre, Ripley, W.Va. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Tammy Sauer, Timothy McIntyre and Todd McIntyre, all of Bourbon, Denice Lloyd and Shawn McIntyre, both of Rochester, Don S. McIntyre, Charleston, W.Va., Beverly Paul, Elkhart, and Julie Milliser, Plymouth; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and a special niece, Marsha Causey, Kokomo.

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Highland Cemetery, South Bend, by Kaniewski Funeral Home.

Thursday, May 28, 2009

No Obituaries

Friday, May 29, 2009

### **Max Fisher**

March 25, 1943-May 28, 2009

Max Eugene FISHER, 66, of rural North Manchester, died at 9:53 a.m. Thursday at his home. He was born March 25, 1943, in Peru, Ind., to Ross and Maxine (Baldwin) Fisher.

Max was a 1962 graduate of Wabash High School. He first married Marcia McCain in August 1963; she survives in Akron; he then married Anna Ruth Riddle on July 22, 1983; she died July 28, 1986; then he married Rebecca Bowlby on March 21, 1987, in Wabash; she died July 25, 2008. Max was a firefighter for the city of Wabash from 1974 until his retirement in 1994. He was named, "Wabash Fireman of the Year" in 1981. He owned Car Recyclers of North Manchester from 1983 to 2006. He was founder and former owner, along with Bob Everson, of M & B Body Shop of Wabash. Max had been a member of Faith Outreach Center of Rochester since 2004, the church council since 2006, and had also served as an usher. He was a member of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International and the Retired Policemen's and Firemen's Association. He enjoyed working, mushroom hunting, basketball, and his cat, "Squeaky." He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, family, and friends.\

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Ross and Velma Fisher, North Manchester; his four children, Craig S. (Tammy) Fisher, Silver Lake; Melissa (Donald) Scott, Claypool, Gretchen (Chad) O'Banion, Marion, and Denitza J. Fisher, North Manchester; nine grandchildren, Mallory Hedington, Daryl Wright, Tanner Scott, and Kayla Scott, all of Claypool, Tyler Fisher, Bryce Fisher, and Treston Fisher, all of Silver Lake, Zachary O'Banion and Matthew O'Banion, both of Marion; brother, Michael D. (Sharon) Fisher, Wabash; sister, Karen (Danny) Howell, Van Wert, Ohio; sister-in-law, Sylvia Bowlby, Wabash; and his close friend, Sandy Knauer, Warsaw. He was preceded in death by his mother, Maxine.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Monday at 2 p.m. with Pastors Andrew Gathany, Dan Mundt, and Chris Howell officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Kosciusko County Hospice. The memorial guest book for Max may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### **Forrest Hounshell**

July 13, 1934-May 28, 2009

Forrest "Dee" HOUNSHELL, 74, of 1217 Jefferson St., Rochester, passed away at 5 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

He was born July 13, 1934, in Rochester to Ora "Orlie" and Ethel (Huff) Hounshell. On June 19, 1960, he married Arlene Bathrick at the First Baptist Church, Rochester, and she survives.

Dee lived most of his life in Fulton County, except for three years in Arizona. In 1953, he graduated from Richland Center High School. After graduation he entered the Army. He was a bulk milk route owner, operating in the Monterey and Culver area into the Dean Milk Co., and later drove for Coachman Industries.

Dee loved being with people. He has been involved with many area organizations: Swinging Dudes Square Dance Club, a charter member of the Rochester Jaycees, Rochester Lions Club, Richland Center IOOF and Moose Lodges. With his son, he was a member of the Boy Scouts and was involved in the Girl Scouts with his wife and daughters. For several years he looked forward to his role of Santa at Santa's House and the anticipation of seeing the excitement of the children. He was a member of the First Christian church.

With his family he liked doing crafts, and woodworking, but especially looked forward to family camping trips and reunions.

Dee enjoyed gospel, country and bluegrass music. He was inspired listening to Bill and Gloria Gaither, Gaither Vocal Band, and The Homecoming Friends as well as attending their concerts with his family. A special memory to him was meeting them in person.

Surviving with his wife is his son Jason (Angle) Hounshell, Mentone; daughters Cindy (Dave) Steininger, Rochester, Penny (Don) Bills, Wolcottville, Debbie (Mike) Walter, Nappanee, Jodi (Andrew) Fincher, Akron, Holly (John) Fearnow, Greenfield; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one feline granddaughter, Precious; brother-in-law, Charles N. Miller; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Flossie Mae Brockey and Freda F. Miller; and brother, James Carl Hounshell.

Due to his wishes, there will be no public viewing or services. A private, immediate family service will be held. His family will receive visitation with friends and family Saturday at New Life Church, Rochester, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorials may be made to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, the Ronald McDonald House, Indianapolis; or Hope Hospice, Rochester. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Saturday, May 30, 2009

### **Mary Louise Drudge**

Aug. 20, 1920-May 29, 2009

Mary Louise (Lukens) DRUDGE, 88, of 111 N. Whittenberger St., Akron, went home to heaven at 1:37 p.m. Friday.

Mary was born Aug. 20, 1920, in Wabash County to Lloyd B. and Mabel E. (Gaerte) Lukens. She was married Aug. 18, 1979, at Trinity Methodist Church in Warsaw to Richard O. Drudge; he survives. They shared nearly 30 years together, several of which they wintered in Florida where they made many dear friends.

While raising her daughters, she was a farm wife and also was employed with Yeager Insurance in Warsaw. She had later worked at Union Tool, also in Warsaw. For the past 10 months she resided at Grace Village Assisted Living where she made many acquaintances. All her life she was an avid reader, most recently with the assistance of books on tape. She loved flowers and liked to plant and garden. She lived most of her life in Akron, graduating from Akron High School where she was a cheerleader for the Akron Flyers basketball team. She was a member of the First United



Methodist Church in Warsaw. She attended the Akron United Methodist Church and the St. John's United Methodist Church, Sebring, Fla.

Mary is survived by her husband, Richard, Akron; three daughters, Patricia and husband Richard Goshert, Warsaw, Diane and husband Bud Zolman, Mishawaka, and Peggy and husband Bill Gilger, Woodstock, Ill.; one stepdaughter, Diane Medlen, Ark., two stepsons, Chuck and wife Darlene Drudge, Akron, and Denny and wife Cheryl Drudge, Lafayette; one brother Donald and wife Leone Lukens, Iowa; 11 grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and two cousins, Mary Ellen and Alice Hunter, both of North Manchester. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Ruth May (Lukens) Ganes; one brother, Harold Lukens, one granddaughter, Jacque Gizzi; and one stepgranddaughter, Amanda Drudge.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Karen Ottjes officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Edward Stanley**

Edward STANLEY, 94, died Thursday, May 21, at his home in Nokomis, Fla. He was a longtime resident of Logansport.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sue Stanley, Nokomis, Fla.; two daughters, Susan Keller, Longwood, Fla., and Margaret Downs, Rochester; and one son, Michael, Nokomis, Fla.

A celebration of his life will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 18 at Riverside Community Building, Logansport.

Monday, June 1, 2009

### **Dortha Watnes nee Powers**

Nov, 10, 1915-May 30, 2009

Dortha (Dorothy) Margaret WATNES, 93, of 681 North U.S. 35, Winamac, died Saturday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Winamac.

Born Nov. 10, 1915, in Pulaski County, she was the second child and daughter of Albert and Hazel Zellers Powers, who are both deceased. On

Feb. 8, 1941, she married John Richard Watnes in Indianapolis; he died there in 1989.

Watnes was a 1933 graduate of Pulaski High School and a 1939 graduate of the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in Lafayette; she devoted her life to nursing and upon retirement wintered in Lakeland, Fla. She spent her time making crafts that she enjoyed giving out to family and friends. The accomplishment she was most proud of was having been a faithful and dedicated fan of the Indianapolis 500 Speedway races. She never missed a race except for those that didn't run during World War II, until she was well into her 80s and unable to attend because of health. She was a member of Christ of Kings Catholic church in Indianapolis and more recently of St. Peter Catholic Church in Winamac.

Survivors include a son, John Richard Jr., Indianapolis, and three grandchildren; a sister, Lois Ann Meyer, Rensselaer; three brothers, Richard (Doris) Powers, Fort Madison, Iowa, and Ronald (Judith) and Robert (Beverly) Powers, all of Winamac.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Albert and Hazel; four infant children, Mary, Ann, Edward and Joe; two sisters, Thelma E. Powers and Lucile Powers Allen-Gast; and four brothers, James William, Thomas Robert, Carol Vernon and Harry Eugene.

A Christian burial service will be celebrated Tuesday at 3 p.m. in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery with Father Martin Sandhage as Celebrant. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. before the burial, at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel. In lieu of flowers, a Mass would be appreciated. Online condolences may be made at [www.harrisometzger.com](http://www.harrisometzger.com).

### **Jeanne Anne Urbin Markle**

Retired 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jeanne Anne Urbin MARKLE, R.N., 65, of 3919 Recreation Lane, Naples, Fla., died Friday at Rush Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Survivors include her husband, retired Lt. Col. Brian Cody Markle, Naples, Fla.; one daughter, Paige Simpson, Naples, Fla.; two sons, Patrick Markle, Charlotte, N.C., and Jeremy Markle, Louisville, Ky.; three sisters, Janet Rae Burkett, Rochester, Jill Leazenby, Carmel, and Joy Troutman, Rochester, and one brother, Jack Urbin, Kewanna.

There will be two services in Indiana: Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church at Seventh and Jefferson streets, Rochester, with visitation two hours prior to the service, and Sunday, June 21, at 3 p.m. at the Hampton Inn, Kokomo, with visitation two hours prior to the service. A service will also be held in Florida on June 7 in Naples.

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

**Maxine Conley**

Maxine CONLEY, 76, of Rochester, died at 1:30 a.m. Monday at Pulaski Health Center, Winamac.

Arrangements are pending at the good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Jeanne Anne Urbin Markle**

Retired 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jeanne Anne Urbin MARKLE, .N., 65, of 3919 Recreation Lane, Naples, include her mother, Ruth Nellans Urbin, Rochester; husband, retired Lt. Col. Brian Cody Markle, Naples, Fla.; one daughter, Paige Simpson, Naples, Fla.; two sons, Patrick Markle, Charlotte, N.C., and Jeremy Markle, Louisville, Ky.; three sisters, Janet Rae Burkett, Rochester, Jill Leazenby, Carlel, and Joy Troutman, Rochester; and one brother Jack Urbin, Kewanna.

There will be two services in Indiana: Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church at Seventh and Jefferson streets, Rochester, with visitation two hours prior to the service, and Sunday, June 21, at 3 p.m. at the Hampton Inn, Kokomo, with visitation two hours prior to the service. A service will also be held in Florida on June 7 in Naples.

**Abigail Kaye Parker**

Abigail Kaye PARKER, age 5 months, daughter of Jason and Ashlee Parker, Claypool, died at 7:36 p.m. Sunday at St. Vincent-Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

**Maxine Conley**

Maxine CONLEY, 76, of 624 E. 13th St., Winamac, and formerly of Rochester, died at 1:30 a.m. Monday at Pulaski Health Care Center, Winamac.

Maxine is survived by two daughters, Tammy Brown, Culver, and Melody Pine, Bruce Lake; two sons, Joseph Conley, Rochester, and Troy Conley, Akron; a sister, Imogene Coddle, Claypool; and a brother, Merl Jackson, Buchanan, Mich.

Private family services will be held. Good Family Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

### **Anna R. Faulstich**

Anna R. FAULSTICH, 96, Monterey, died Tuesday at the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements, which are pending.

### **Abigail Kaye Parker**

Dec. 1, 2008 - May 31, 2009

Abigail Kaye PARKER, 6 months, 7337 S. 600 West, Claypool, died at 7:36 p.m. Sunday at St. Vincent-Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born Dec. 1, 2008, in Fort Wayne, the daughter of Jason K. and Ashlee M. (Bouse) Parker.

She is survived by her parents, Jason and Ashlee Parker, Claypool; one brother, Karl Parker, Claypool; maternal grandparents, Terry and Susan Bouse, Silver Lake; paternal grandparents, Rick and Jill Parker, Claypool; maternal great-grandmother, Hildreth Wolfe, South Whitley; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Warsaw Community Church, 2300 Ranch Road, Warsaw, with Pastor Denny Wilson officiating. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kate's Kart Children's Book Service or St. Vincent-Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.

### **Linda L. Teel**

Sept. 28, 1968-June 1, 2009

Linda L. TEEL, 40, 7424 S. 325 East, Macy, passed away at 11:24 p.m. Monday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She was born Sept. 28, 1968, in Rochester, the daughter of Kenneth Slater and Barbara (Campbell) Slater Broughton. On Aug. 15, 1992, in Fulton, she married Jim Teel and he survives.

Mrs. Teel was a 1988 Caston High School graduate and had worked at Lau Industries in Rochester for many years. She enjoyed ceramics, scrapbooking, participating in the Fulton Fun Days festivities and spending time with her children.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Teel, Athens, Ind.; children, Shyann Teel, Macy, and Taylor Teel, Macy; sister Brenda K. Slater, Fulton; half brother, Chuck and wife Janelle Taylor, Warsaw; father and stepmother, Kenneth and Pam Slater, Kewanna; mother and stepfather, Barbara and

Kirby Broughton, Burnettsville; mother-in-law and husband, Jim and Judy Teel Green, Rochester, and cousins, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Gale and Lucille Slater, and father-in-law, Bob Teel.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Bruce Russell 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 Fulton cemetery, Fulton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Thursday, June 4, 2009

**Anna R. Faulstich**

Anna R. FAULSTICH, 96, Monterey, died Tuesday at Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson.

Anna is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

**Thomas E. Smith**

Thomas E. SMITH, 55, of 10 Coral Drive, Rochester, died at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday at 1025 Madison St., Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, June 5, 2009

**Arlene Allen**

Word has been received of the death of Dorothy Arlene (Bickham) ALLEN, 80, 1115 Wabash Ave., Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Thomas E. Smith**

Thomas Eugene SMITH, 55, of 10 Coral Drive, Rochester, died unexpectedly Tuesday at 1025 Madison St., Rochester.

Tom is survived by two daughters, Glenda Smith, Evansville, and Alicia Smith, North Manchester; a sister, Tammy Black, Gainesville, Fla.; and five brothers, Timothy Smith, North Manchester, Terry Smith, Athens,

Ind., Todd Smith, North Manchester, Theodore Smith, Merrillville, and Trevor Smith, South Whitley.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from noon until the service.

### **Mickey J. Taylor**

Mickey Joe TAYLOR, 56, Denver, Ind., died Wednesday at his residence after a courageous battle with cancer.

Survivors include a son, Benjamin Isaac Taylor and his mother, Patty Anderson, Bunker Hill; sister, Lisa A. Hardwick, Peru, Ind.; sister Linda Pownall and husband Wayne, Peru, Ind.; and his special companion, Janie Townsend, Denver, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mexico Baptist Church, Mexico., Ind. Friends are invited to call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Ind., is handling arrangements.

Saturday, June 6, 2009

### **Arlene Allen**

Feb. 6, 1929-June 3, 2009

Dorothy Arlene (Bickham) ALLEN, 80, 1115 Wabash Ave., Rochester, went home to see her Jesus at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center in Rochester.

She was born in Fairfax, Okla., to Clifford and Hettie Hope (Miller) Bickham just as the Great Depression was about to cripple the country, the fourth of five children. Five years later, desperate to find work, her car mechanic father moved his family to Indiana, first to Hammond and then Dyer.

Following World War II she married Don Austgen, a sailor home from the sea. Their four children, all surviving, are daughters Donna Frisinger and husband Barry, of Rochester; Susie Fogarty, of Griffith; Debbie Bair, of Merrillville; and son Donnie Austgen and wife Glenda, of Hessville.

Arlene married Mickey Dinges, a Griffith police officer in 1967. They had one daughter, also surviving, Kelly Woodcox and husband Ben, of Rochester.

In 1983 she married her best friend, husband Don Allen. They enjoyed camping and visiting most of Indiana's state parks. They celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary May 28.

For several years, Arlene worked at Life Care Center as a C.N.A., and later at Switches in Leiters Ford. She was a member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church at Bruce Lake, and attended Faith Outreach Center.

An accomplished artist, she loved making crafts of all sorts - from sewing dolls to painting and decorating the birdhouses constructed by hubby Don. Always out to earn an extra dime, her daughters affectionately referred to her as "The Queen of Garage Sales" because of her meticulous expertise in putting them together, something she began long before today's "yard-sale-mania" became fashionable.

She was also a voracious reader, and traveled the world through the hundreds of books she digested. She loved music, dancing and singing, and instilled that passion into her children - whether harmonizing with them around the supper dishes or jitterbugging to Dick Clark's Band Stand.

Stray animals often found their way to Arlene and Don's home, where they were promptly adopted, their present menagerie consisting of three persnickety cats and one mixed breed collie dog.

In addition to her husband and children, Arlene is survived by younger sister Sharon Dee Thomas and her husband Jimmy, of Dyer, as well as nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arlene was preceded in death by both of her parents; two brothers, Tom and Cliff Bickham; and one sister, Madeline Miller.

A memorial homecoming celebration is planned at Faith Outreach Center, 1125 E. Ninth St., Rochester, on Monday evening at 6 p.m. to be officiated by Pastor Dan Mundt, Pastor Ben Woodcox and Pastor Donna Frisinger. Visitation will be at the church prior to the service from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Hope Hospice in Rochester, either directly to them or through Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Michael D. Callahan**

Michael D. CALLAHAN, of 2209 Poets Drive, Rochester, died Friday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Arrangements are pending with Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Taylor W. Wilson**

Taylor W. "Ed" WILSON, 91, 1725 Colonial Drive, Rochester, died at 11:25 a.m. Friday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Monday, June 8, 2009

### **Ruth Ann Anderson**

July 1, 1922-June 5, 2009

Ruth Ann ANDERSON, 86, of Kewanna, passed away at 1:25 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph Regional center in South Bend.

Born July 1, 1922, in Kewanna, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Lelia (Leasure) Tomlinson. On Dec. 20, 1941, she was married to Arthur J. Anderson and he preceded her in death Sept. 17, 1996.

Ruth Ann was a 1940 graduate of Kewanna High School. She retired from Farmers & Merchants Bank in Kewanna and Rochester, where she worked as a teller and bank officer for many years. Ruth Ann was a member of the Kewanna United Methodist Church and a former member of the Order of Eastern Star, Kewanna. She enjoyed helping others and her hobbies also included caning chairs, painting and crafts. She also enjoyed mowing her yard.

Survivors include two daughters, Joyce A. Luhnnow, Kewanna, and Becky J. Lincoln, South Bend; two sisters, Mildred McColley and Beth Weller (Ray), both of Kewanna; five grandchildren, Doug Luhnnow (Beth) and Angie Luhnnow, both of Kewanna, Chris Riffle (Hank), Akron, Leslie Halterman (Dennis), Madison, Wis., and Sara Edwards (Adam), South Bend; and eight great-grandchildren, Brad, Amber and Adam Luhnnow, Kyle and Brittany Riffle, Lauren Halterman, and Kahlan and Lilly Edwards.

She was also preceded in death by sons-in-law James R. Lincoln and Fred W. Luhnnow and sister, Lois Kumler.

Services for Ruth Ann Anderson will be held at 11 a.m. today at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna, with visitation one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Steven McPeck and Pastor Steve Tufts will officiate and burial will be in Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kewanna UMC, P.O. Box 398, Kewanna, IN 46939. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).



**Michael D. Callahan**

Oct. 26, 1954-June 5, 2009

Michael D. CALLAHAN, 54, who resided at 2209 Poets Drive, Rochester, passed away Friday at 7:15 a.m. at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Mike was born Oct. 26, 1954, in Flint, Mich., as the son of David and Joanne (Wise) Callahan. He was an East Noble High School graduate in the Class of 1972 and also graduated from Alma College, Alma, Mich., in 1976. He was married Oct. 6, 1979, in the Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, to Karen Jackson.

Mike was in sales for the past six years for Rochester Homes Inc. He was a member of the Manitou Moose Lodge 1107 and the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks 2120, both of Rochester.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, at home; two daughters, Kristy Christopher and husband Noel, Chicago, and Amy Callahan, Indianapolis; his mother, Joanne Callahan, Rochester; father, David and wife Suzanne Callahan, Fort Wayne; a sister, Keri Jacobs and husband Phillip, Wolcottville; two brothers, Larry and wife Sandy Callahan, Fowler, and Dan and wife Cindy Callahan, Fremont; his mother-in-law, Ruby Jackson, Rochester; and six nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Lake Manitou home of Kenny and Julie Anderson, 2807 Goose Pond Road, Rochester.

Memorials may be made to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, the Lake Manitou Association, or the July 4th Fireworks Fund. Envelopes will be available at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**James Lee Carr**

March 23, 1949-June 6, 2009

James Lee CARR, 60, of Noblesville, died Saturday at his home. He was born March 23, 1949, at Logansport to Ralph A. and Betty Lou (Randolph) Carr.

Mr. Carr received his Bachelor of science and master of science in agriculture education and later earned an master of science in school administration. He taught school for two years at Clinton Prairie, and then taught school and later became assistant principal at Sheridan High School, where he served for 18 years. He then accepted the assistant principal's post

at Hamilton Heights High School where he was currently working and had for 16 years.

He was a member of Cicero Christian Church and the Indiana Association of School Principals.

He was a small aircraft pilot and motorcyclist. He also enjoyed hunting, archery, waterskiing and golf.

He married DeLure (Beal) Carr on Aug. 30, 1969. She survives him. Also surviving is his mother, Betty Lou Carr, South Bend; two sons, Jamison M. Carr, Chicago, and Daniel R. Carr, St. Louis, Mo.; two brothers, Steve Carr, Andover, Mass., and Randy Carr, Rochester; a sister, Cathy Davenport, South Bend; and a grandchild, Alaina Marie Carr, Frankton.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph A. Carr.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Cicero Christian Church. Pastor Tim Lueking will officiate. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cicero Christian Church or the American Cancer Society, c/o Hartley Funeral Homes, P.O. Box 407, Cicero, IN 46034.

### **Mariam I. Johnson**

March 2, 1947-June 6, 2009

Mariam I. JOHNSON, 62, passed away Saturday in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Mariam was born March 2, 1947, in Logansport, to Charles and Mary (Armstrong) Johnson.

Survivors include one sister, Jane Hall, Fulton; one brother, Roy Johnson, Rochester; five nephews; and one great-niece and her companion, Harry Miller, Westville.

Mariam was the past town clerk in Hamlet, a past Starke County auditor and worked as a clerk for the Starke County Court for many years.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. CDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, with Father Anthony Spanley officiating. Friends may call Tuesday from 4 p.m. until the time of services at the funeral home. A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. CDT at the Center E.U.B. Church Cemetery in Galveston, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Starke County Historical Society.

**Diana M. Norris**

Diana M. NORRIS, 32, North Liberty, died Saturday at 6:35 p.m. at the Hospice House, South Bend.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Todd Peterson**

June 16, 1964–June 6, 2009

Todd PETERSON, 44, of 8623 E. 450 North, Mentone, died at 12:08 a.m. Saturday due to injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on Indiana 19 south of Mentone.

Todd was born June 16, 1964, in Rochester, to Richard L. and Jerilyn (Craig) Peterson. He had been engaged to Tina Lloyd, of Mentone for more than 12 years.

He was employed by the Indiana Department of Transportation, currently as a foreman at the Winamac subdistrict Rochester unit. He was a 1982 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School, where he was a three year letterman in baseball and football. He also played on the 1979 Tippecanoe Valley state champion football team. He was a member of ABATE of Indiana Region 1, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 852, Rochester, and the NRA. He was a Harley Davidson enthusiast and enjoyed NASCAR, where Dale Sr. and Dale Jr. were his favorite drivers.

He is survived by his fiancée, Tina, Mentone; three children, Trenton Peterson and twins Taylor and Trey Peterson, all of Mentone; parents, Richard and Jerilyn Peterson, Mentone; maternal grandmother, Elnora Craig, Rochester; one sister, Diane and husband Rod Eaton, Rochester; one brother, Chris and wife Dawn Peterson, Mentone; and two nieces and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joe and Mary Isabelle Peterson and George Craig.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Rodney Ruberg officiating. Burial will be in Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Peterson Children Trust Fund through the Mentone branch of Lake City Bank. Online condolences can be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

**Taylor W. Wilson**

June 20, 1917–June 5, 2009

Taylor W. “Ed” WILSON, 91, 1725 Colonial Drive, Rochester, passed away at 11:25 a.m. Friday at his residence.

He was born June 20, 1917, in Donnellson, Ill., the son of Jeremiah T. and Alvera (Dunn) Wilson. Ed lived his early years in Illinois and Indiana, graduating from Frankfort High School in 1935. After graduation, he went to work for A & P Grocery Stores and was sent to Rochester as manager of the local store. He then worked for a factory that had a contract with the government to make Army fatigues.

On May 31, 1941, in Plymouth, he married Imogene Baber and the two of them just celebrated their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Ed joined the Army Air Forces during World War II, where he spent three years, trained as bombardier on one of the new B-29s, and flew 27 missions in the Asian Pacific. During this time his crew was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and three Air Medals. When the war was over Ed came home to Rochester and his family. He proceeded to take advantage of the GI bill and enrolled in college, completing a degree in business and accounting. His first job was in Akron as office manager at Pike Lumber Co. After 10 years, Ed decided that he wanted to go into business for himself and opened a clothing store for men and women. He retired after 25 years.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Connie and husband Evan Kessler, Brownsburg, and Laurie and husband Jim Venable, LaGrange, Ky.; grandchildren, Lisa Katchka (Christian Ostermann), Washington D.C., Kinsey Katchka, Raleigh, N.C., Matt (Shelli) Venable, Joliet, Ill., and Ben Venable, LaGrange, Ky.; two sisters, Alleen Burkman, Janesville, Wis., and Ann McGillem, West Lafayette.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Gary Joe Wilson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home in Rochester with Pastor Maurice Grindle officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at the IOOF 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).

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

**Margaret O. Bair**

Margaret O. BAIR, 91, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died Sunday in her home, where she had resided the past two months. She was formerly of 107 E. Mary Mac Drive, Warsaw.

Margaret is survived by her husband, James, at home; and two sons, Tom Bair, Rochester, and Steven R. Bair, Cumming, Ga.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

**Michael D. Callahan**

Michael D. CALLAHAN, 54, 2209 Poets Drive, Rochester, died Friday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, at home; two daughters, Kristy Christopher and husband Noel, Chicago, and Amy Callahan, Indianapolis; his mother, Joanne Callahan, Rochester; father, David and wife Suzanne Callahan, Fort Wayne; a sister, Keri Jacobs and husband Phillip, Wolcottville; two brothers, Larry and wife Sandy Callahan, Fowler, and Dan and wife Cindy Callahan, Fremont; his mother-in-law, Ruby Jackson, Rochester; a brother-in-law, Ken Jackson and wife Pat; and six nieces and nephews.

**Glenn Everett Hedrick Jr.**

Glenn Everett HEDRICK Jr., 54, formerly of Rochester, died Tuesday, June 2, in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Survivors include, of Fort Pierce, Fla., his wife, Nakamya Hedrick; sons, Michael Hedrick and Catilin Barker; daughter, Summer Foss; and mother, Carol Sue Coleman. Also surviving are his sisters, Mary Senters, Baxley, Ga., and Lisa Jean Wiles, Fort Pierce, Fla.

Services were held Monday with cremation to follow. Arrangements are under the direction of Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service, Fort Pierce, Fla.

**Tivola R. Hunter**

Tivola R. HUNTER, 89, Mexico, Ind., died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, Ind.

Survivors include three sisters, Claudette Riley, Amboy, Betty York, Peru, Ind., and Joan Case, Nashville, Tenn.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mexico Church of the Brethren with visitation one hour before the service. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Ind., is handling arrangements.

### **Diana M. Norris**

Diana Michelle NORRIS, 32, North Liberty, died Saturday at Hospice House of South Bend, following a three week illness.

Survivors include her parents, Steven and Sandra Norris, Pottsboro, Texas; daughter, Aerial Bryan, Argos; son, Aiden Norris, Goshen; sister, Amber Norris, Euless, Texas; and brothers, Michael and Jon Norris, both of Pottsboro, Texas.

Cremation has taken place and burial is to be at a later date at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Arrangements have been entrusted to Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **Marguriet Quimby**

Aug. 25, 1930-June 8, 2009

Marguriet QUIMBY, 78, 14725 19th Road, Argos, died at 1:45 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, following a brief illness.

Marguriet was born Aug. 25, 1930, in Cheraw, Colo. She was the daughter of Ray Stanley and Thomas Clyde (Whitehead) Carlisle. She was married Oct. 8, 1949, in Goshen, to Ernest Lamar Quimby Sr. He preceded her in death May 31, 2003.

She had lived in the Argos community since 1948 coming from Colorado. She was a seamstress at Hart, Schaffner & Marx in Rochester for 25 years, and retired in 1995.

She is survived by three daughters, Valerie Wallis and companion Sharron Anderson, Fort Wayne, Marguriet (Peg) Quimby and companion Rae Stutzman, Beaver Dam, and Pixie Dawn Harness, Argos; five sons, Ronald Lamar Quimby and wife Karen, Argos, Stanley Martin Quimby and wife Susan, South Bend, Thomas Clyde Quimby and wife Chris, Argos, Ernest Lamar Quimby Jr., Rochester, and Michael Olive Quimby and wife Jennifer, Argos; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Delia May Stevenson and husband Melvin, New Mexico, and Olive Wallace, Colorado; and one brother, Stanley Carlisle and wife Imo Gene, Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a sister.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Valerie Wallis officiating. Burial will be in Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

### **Mary Louise Yates**

Sept. 16, 1937-June 7, 2009

Mary Louise YATES, 71, of Warsaw, died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Mary Louise was born Sept. 16, 1937, in Bonanza, Ky., to Adam and Hulda (Mead) Meade. On Dec. 30, 1955, in Indiana, Mary Louise married Denvil Yates. She had lived in Indiana since the early '50s.

She was a laborer at Creighton Brothers and belonged to Gods Highway to Heaven Church, Warsaw.

She is survived by her husband, Denvil Yates, Pierceton; four daughters, Alicia Jean (Melvin) Miller, Pierceton, Kattie Ann (John) Amburgy, Rochester, Carolyn (Arnold) Shepherd, Warsaw, and Charlene (Jerry) Wogoman, Rochester; one son, Arthur (Lorene) Yates, Warsaw; one brother, Bennie Meade, Palestine; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, three brothers and one grandchild, Thomas Miller.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements. Services will be at Gods Highway to Heaven Church, 555 W. Weber St., Warsaw, on Thursday at 10 a.m. with Pastor Bob Brown officiating. Visitation will be 2 p.m. Wednesday until the time of the service Thursday. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorials may be made to the Yates family. To sign the guest book or send condolences electronically, go to [mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com](http://mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com).

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

### **Charles D. Saner**

Charles D. "Chuck" SANER, 70, of 234 W. Northpointe Ave., Huntington, and formerly of Akron and Warren, died Monday at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Lily Saner, Huntington; five daughters, Dianna Baker, Warsaw, Lynette Howatt, Syracuse, Yvonne Grage, Little Rock, Ark., Crissy Allison, Silver Lake, and Stella Bradford, North Manchester; and one brother, Fred Saner, Silver Lake.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with visitation from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Margaret O. Bair**

Margaret O. BAIR, 91, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, passed away at 7:35 p.m. Sunday in her home, where she had resided the past two months. She was formerly of 107 E. Mary Mac Drive, Warsaw.

Margaret was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 22, 1917, the daughter of the late Hugh and Elizabeth Mouser Murphy. She became the wife of James R. Bair on June 14, 1941, in Seymore.

As an educator, Margaret was keenly interested in children and the process of education. She pursued her teaching degree at Ball State Teacher's College and graduated in 1939. Miss Margaret embarked on her teaching career with Fort Wayne Community Schools, teaching young learners with special needs. Later she accepted an assignment with the Warsaw Community Schools that spanned more than 2 1/2 decades. Margaret focused on and enjoyed the aspects of early childhood education, teaching her first-grade students for 25 years before retiring.

Margaret's memberships included Warsaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Indiana Retired Teacher's Association and the CLIO Literacy Society. To relax she enjoyed reading a good book.

Margaret is survived by her husband, James, at home; two sons Tom Bair and wife Sue, Rochester, and Steven R. Bair, Cumming, Ga.; and four grandchildren, Chris Bair and fiancée Kerri Skowron, Orlando, Fla., Matt Bair, Rochester, Jill Longfellow and husband Steve, Estero, Fla., and Tessa Bair, Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Marie Kiess; and a brother, Dr. Kenneth Murphy.

A celebration of the life of Margaret Bair will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Junior Bose officiating. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made in her name to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).



Thursday, June 11, 1009

**Rebecca Emelyn Crabtree**

Emelyn CRABTREE, 90, passed on peacefully from congestive heart failure at the Highland Terrace Nursing Center in Camas, Wash., on the afternoon of May 31, 2009.

Emelyn was born on March 12, 1919, to Lawrence and Ora May Brown Castle in Rochester. In October 1937 she married Donald Love of Akron. Their children are Terry Suzanne born in 1940 and Kenneth Eugene born in 1943. She and Mr. Love were divorced in 1946. After residing in Rochester for several years, she and the children moved to Traverse City, Mich. In the fall of 1951, feeling the need for change, she moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where she lived until 1974.

She was a prolific writer and had taken Creative Writing classes during her early retirement years. She had been involved in sales most of her adult life and had a passion for her gift shop, Cappia Gift House, selling fine crystal, china and silver.

Emelyn found her soul mate in Russell F. Crabtree of Washington, D.C., and they were married in October of 1960. They had many good times on driving excursions to scenic spots around the Southwestern United States, especially enjoying the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico. In 1974 they moved to Valencia, Calif., to be near their children, Kenneth and Terry, who had moved to California in 1962 and 1965 respectively. Emelyn had maintained contact with many friends and relatives in Rochester and she and Russell had gone back for many visits, including several Rochester High School class reunions. Loving husband, Russell Crabtree, passed on in February of 1981. In November of 2003 Emelyn moved from Valencia, Calif., to the home of her son Ken and his wife Julie, now living in Battle Ground, Wash. She loved the quiet peacefulness and greenery of the Pacific Northwest.

Emelyn is survived by her daughter, Terry Schwartz and her husband Richard; son, Kenneth Love and his wife Julie; grandchildren, Linda, Rick, Lesleen, and Craig Schwartz, and Jon and Marc Love; and her sister and brother, Betty Gordon and Pete Castle, both of Rochester. She was preceded in death by her older sister, Lola Castle Alexander in 1962.

Emelyn has requested that there be no service or memorial on her behalf. Arrangements for cremation were handled by the Neptune Society in Portland, Ore.

### **Dorris L. Harrold**

Mr. Dorris L. HARROLD, 88, 8208 W. 1175 South, Akron, died at 6:44 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Miami County, to Ernest and Altha Hamilton Harrold. He was married Nov. 26, 1942, to Mildred O. Craig at their home, where she has lived her entire life.

Dorris was a farmer raising registered Angus cattle and a seed corn dealer for PAG for many years, and he also trucked livestock.

Dorris graduated from Beaver Dam High School in 1938. He was a member of the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church for 59 years. He was proud of being a Beaver Dam 4-H club leader for 18 years. Dorris also served on the Kosciusko County Drainage Board. He also was a member of the Indiana Angus Association. He received a 50 year historic Angus herd honor from the American Angus Association. He worked at the Claypool Sale Barn for 18 years. He also loved John Deere tractors and Angus cattle shows.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, Akron; daughter, Sharon and husband Dr. Richard Sommers, Silver Lake; son, Richard and wife Vicki Harrold, Akron; grandchildren, Jill and Dan Harker, Hope, Janelle and husband Brian Deatsman, Leesburg, and Jason and Tonia Harrold, Claypool; and great-grandchildren, Luke and Chase Harker, Collin Deatsman, and Noah Harrold.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastors Butch Troke and Evelyn Haney officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County and the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church. Contributions may also be made to the American Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64506.

Friday, June 12, 2009

### **Barbara E. Reisman**

July 25, 1932 - June 10, 2009

Barbara Ellen REISMAN, 76, of 6799 Bridge St., Monterey, died at 8:40 a.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

Barbara was born July 25, 1932, in Leiters Ford to the late Hugh Albert and Helen Vernice Castleman Stamm. She married Earl Charles Reisman on Sept. 4, 1965, in Plymouth, and he survives.

She was a 1950 graduate of Monterey High School. She attended nurses training in South Bend. She was a former operator for General Telephone in Logansport. She also had worked at Hart, Schaffner & Marx in Rochester and Stamm Insurance in Monterey. She loved to garden, read and watch football, especially Notre Dame football. She also loved her cats. Her family was her strength and had a zest for life.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Earl, Monterey; two daughters, Debe (William) Fred, Rochester, and Kathy (Ken) Black, Buford, Ga.; son, Steve (Mary) Reisman, Mercer, Wis.; two grandsons, Scott (Lisa) Fred, Rochester, and Stacy Reisman, Warsaw; two granddaughters, Tara (Danny) Taylor, Kokomo, and Tiffany Reisman, Mercer, Wis.; two great-granddaughters, Megan Fred and Ashley Fred, both of Rochester; and brother, John Stamm, Cathedral City, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, John S. Reisman.

Service will be held at Frain Mortuary, 305 E. Main St., Winamac, at 3 p.m. Sunday, with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Burial of cremains will take place in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Bruce Lake. Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Diabetes Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association. Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.frainmortuary.com](http://www.frainmortuary.com).

### **Don R. White**

Feb. 19, 1931 - June 10, 2009

Don R. WHITE, 78, of Winamac, passed away at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

Born Feb. 19, 1931, in Star City, he was the son of the late Daniel S. and Martha H. (Hood) White. On Dec. 14, 1957, he married Norine Lehiy and she preceded him in death May 8, 1991.

He was a graduate of Star City High School.

Don formerly owned and operated a pulp wood company in Winamac for many years. He also worked as an insurance agent at First Union Bank & Trust in Winamac and later for J.I. Case in Winamac, retiring in 1990. Most recently, he retired from INDOT where he worked as subdistrict manager.

He was a member of F & AM and Scottish Rite in South Bend, and also of the Moose Lodge No. 1107 in Rochester. His hobbies included woodworking, buying tools, riding his scooter and spending time with friends.

Survivors include one son, Robert A. White, one sister, Patricia Powers, and a special friend, Barbara Reeves, all of Winamac.

He was also preceded in death by one son, Douglas R. White, on Jan. 15, 1971; one brother, Daniel White; and one sister, Mary Ann White Planck.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 304 S. Chicago St., Royal Center. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday at the funeral home. The Rev. Glen Myers will officiate and burial will be in Winamac Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation and online condolences may be made to the White family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Saturday, June 13, 2009

### **Charlotte Mae Westerman**

Charlotte Mae WESTERMAN, 1, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, died Tuesday, June 2.

She was the daughter of J. Andrew, formerly of Star City, and Catherine Westerman, formerly of Sydney, Australia.

Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel.

### **Ronald E. Scott**

Ronald E. SCOTT, 77, 1464 Monroe St., died at 10:05 p.m. Thursday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Virgil Bahney**

Virgil "Butch" BAHNEY, 70, Akron, died at 5:15 a.m. Friday at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Monday, June 15, 2009

### **Virgil U. Bahney**

Nov. 16, 1938 - June 12, 2009

Virgil U. "Butch" BAHNEY, 70 of 12244 E. 225 South, Akron, died at 5:15 a.m. Friday at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Virgil was born Nov. 16, 1938, in Akron, to Urban S. and Nellie E. (Dillsaver) Bahney. He was married June 3, 1962, at the Akron Church of God to Reta Y. Hopkins; she survives at home.

He retired in 2000 from Square D in Peru where he worked in the maintenance department. Prior to his employment with Square D and serving in the Marines he worked as a welder.

He was a 1956 graduate of Gilead High School, and a member of the Moose Lodge No. 249, Peru.

He is survived by his wife, Reta Bahney, Akron; a son, Paul Bahney, Rochester; two daughters, Denise Messer with friend Gene Slone, Warsaw, and Lisa Bahney with partner Dessen Rink, Goshen; one sister, Bonnie "Collene" Miller, Gilead; two brothers, Marvin and wife Carol Bahney, Akron, and John and wife Barb Bahney, Macy; five grandchildren, Ashley Bahney, Logan and Jerrica Messer, and Dustin and Bailey Rink.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Bobbie Bahney on Nov. 8, 1997.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Stroke Association or an organization of the donor's choice. Online condolences can be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Charles R. Bradley**

Charles Raymond BRADLEY, 71, of 7262 18th Road, Argos, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Diann L. Bradley, Argos; daughter, Ann Bradley, Argos; sons, John Robert Bradley, Argos, James Thomas Bradley, Argos, and Joseph Scott Bradley, Lake Butler, Fla.; brother, Robert Eugene Bradley, New Palestine, Wyo.; and sister, Iva Marie Koffman, Indianapolis.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Argos High School auditorium, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, Shelbyville, with a rosary service at 12:30 p.m. and funeral services at 1 p.m.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **John D. Hall**

John David HALL, 74, of 1340 Lakeview Bend, Rochester, died Saturday at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Brent Kramer**

Brent "Cosmo" KRAMER, 49, of 3535 N. Strawberry Lane, Rochester, died Saturday.

Survivors include one son, Seth Douglas Kramer, Hollywood, Fla.; one daughter, Tina Conley, Peru, Ind.; mother, Janice Duzenbery, Plymouth; friend, Cathy Hart Kramer, Angola; two sisters, Kim Bope, Plymouth, and Colleen Norman, Delphi; and three brothers, Rick Kramer, Amston, Conn., Scott Sopher, Fort Myers, Fla., and Fred Sumpter, Rochester.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and an hour prior to services at the funeral home.

**ReJene H. Tatum**

ReJene Howard TATUM, 86, died Thursday at home in Mexico, Ind.

Survivors include three sisters, Nell Jane Fouts, Joyce Mounts, and Joellen Sharp, all of Peru, Ind.; one brother, Jon Howard, Wabash; son, Tom Tatum, Mexico, Ind.; and stepdaughter, DeRhon Jordan, Powderly, Texas.

Services will be at 7 p.m. today at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Ind., with visitation two hours before the service.

**Aaron J. Wakal**

Aaron James WAKAL, 25, of Peru, Ind., died Thursday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, after a short-term illness.

Survivors include his wife, Coda Marie (Fouts) Wakal, Peru, Ind.; father, Benjamin, Peru, Ind.; mother, Marcia Miller and husband Kevin, Perrysburg; one sister, Michelle Richardson and husband Joshua, Peru, Ind.; two brothers, Isaiah Landon and Kevin Roscoe Miller, Perrysburg; and his first child to be born January 1, 2010.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Skinner Worship Chapel, Twelve Mile. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the church.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Ind., is handling arrangements.

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

**Lester E. Blackburn**

Lester E. BLACKBURN, 94, of 2369 S. Country Club Road, Warsaw, and formerly of Mentone, died at 12:55 a.m. Monday at Grace Village Health Care of Winona Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Blackburn, North Manchester; son, Burdell Blackburn, Warsaw; three daughters, Sue Ellen Rupert, Columbia City, Linda Jones, Claypool, and DiAnne Smith, Claypool; and two stepdaughters, Janet and Debbie.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

### **Brent Kramer**

Feb. 1, 1960-June 13, 2009

Brent "Cozmo" KRAMER, 49, of 3535 N. Strawberry Lane, Rochester, died at 4:05 a.m. Saturday.

He was born Feb. 1, 1960. He was married June 27, 1980, in Rochester to Cathy Hart.

Brent was a 1978 graduate of Rochester High School. He embraced the open road with his 18-wheeler as he most usually drove to locations around the Midwest. He was given a CB handle by his buddies - answering to Cozmo. He currently drove for Wayne Trucking, but also had driven for Dean Foods Co. and Foodliner.

As Santa Claus, he took great pride with serving many of our local children by checking their lists, offering a hardy laugh or a resounding ho-ho-ho that only Santa can convey. Some of Cozmo's favorite times were the moments he spent fishing with his dad on the Tippecanoe. He and his dad also shared many good times enjoying the quiet solitude of the woods while hunting deer. He enjoyed listening to country music or rock 'n' roll.

Catching the wind on his 2005 Harley-Davidson allowed Cozmo the greatest of all freedoms. There was nothing like cruising the country roads of northern Indiana. Cozmo many times rode in larger groups, as a member of the Patriot Guard, ABATE or the Legion Riders. His other memberships included the Eagles, Moose Lodge, the Sons of the American Legion, and the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post No. 36. Cozmo loved a good joke. He was notorious for telling jokes or texting them to friends. He will be remembered for his enduring laugh and occasional practical jokes. Cozmo always had a way to keep things light and lively.

He is survived by one son, Seth Douglas Kramer, Hollywood, Fla.; one daughter, Tina Conley, Peru; two grandchildren, Chase and Jade Conley, Peru; mothers, Janice Duzenbery and husband Don, Plymouth, and June Kramer, Rochester; friend, Cathy Hart Kramer, Angola; two sisters, Kim Bope and husband Tim, Plymouth, and Colleen Norman and husband Rob, Delphi; three brothers, Rick Kramer, Amston, Conn., Scott Sopher,

Fort Myers, Fla., and Fred Sumpter, Rochester; one sister-in-law, Karen Sumpter, Rochester; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; and "Woody" his African Grey Parrot.

He was preceded in death by his father Charles Robert Kramer in 2006, his brother Judson Sumpter in 2002 and his granddaughter Samantha Conley.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Brent Douglas "Cozmo" Kramer will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Brian Sewell officiating. Friends may visit with his family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home. He will be laid to rest at the family plot in the Athens/Hoover Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to the American Legion Riders, Mooseheart, or the American Diabetes Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Emerson V. Overmyer**

June 22, 1919-June 15, 2009

Emerson V. OVERMYER, 89, of 624 E. 750 South, Rochester, passed away at 7:40 a.m. Monday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He was born July 22, 1919, in Logansport, the son of Vern and Della (Wynn) Overmyer. On July 29, 1940, in Elizabethtown, Ky., he married Rosanna L. "Rosie" Zartman. She preceded him in death March 8, 1998.

Mr. Overmyer had retired from the former Torrington Industries, now Lau Industries, Rochester. He had also been a carpenter and a farmer. Mr. Overmyer enjoyed working on various mechanical items and working in his yard. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He especially enjoyed his Thursday lunch outings with his good friend Ned Rentschler.

Survivors include his daughter, Judy and husband Lonnie Shelton, Rochester; grandson, T.J. Shelton, Rochester; stepgrandchild, Catherine and husband Leonard Kaiser, Apache Junction, Ariz.; and three stepgreat-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his special companions: Susie, his feline companion, and Precious, his canine companion.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Arlene DuBois, and stepgrandson, Jerry Shelton.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Fulton Cemetery with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 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).

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

**Ronald E. Scott**

Ronald E. SCOTT, 77, of 1464 Monroe St., Rochester, died at 10:05 p.m. Thursday at his residence.

Survivors include three daughters, Terri Sweet and Regina Lloyd, both of Rochester, and Rene' Schmeltz, Fort Wayne; one son, Dennis Scott, Granger; and two sisters, Carol Conrad, Florida, and Betty Griffen, Ariz.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Rochester. The Good Family Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

**John D. Hall**

John David HALL, 74, formerly of 1340 Lakeview Bend, Rochester, died at 12:25 p.m. Saturday at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Hall; and two sons, William D. Schmicker, Orinda, Calif., and Richard D. Schmicker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation two hours prior to the service.

Thursday, June 18, 2009

No Obituaries

Friday, June 19, 2009

**John D. Hall**

John David HALL, 75, formerly of 1340 Lakeview Bend, Rochester, died at 12:25 p.m. Saturday at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester.

John was born Aug. 12, 1933, in Logansport to Lonnie O. and Francis Lee Orcutt Hall, and both preceded him in death. He was married May 19, 1973, to Betty Sweany; she survives.

In 2001, John moved to Rochester from Logansport, where he worked in law enforcement with the Logansport Police Department. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during the Korean War and a Logansport High School graduate. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, William D. Schmicker and wife Nathalie, Orinda, Calif., and Richard D. Schmicker and wife Wendy of El Cajon, Calif.; three grandchildren, Gena A. Schwartz and husband Stephen, Manhattan, N.Y., Joseph Blair Schmicker, San Francisco, Calif., and Tristan Schmicker, El Cajon, Calif.; cousin, Ann Hansen; and aunt, Alice Lee Rehm.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Brian Sewell officiating. Friends may visit with the family in the funeral home for two hours prior to the service. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Saturday, June 20, 2009

No Obituaries

Monday, June 22, 2009

### **Mary R. Bedics**

June 14, 1964-June 20, 2009

Mary R. BEDICS, 45, 4011 17B Road, Tippecanoe, passed away at 6:28 a.m. Saturday at her residence.

Mrs. Bedics was born June 14, 1964, in Rochester, the daughter of Dan Shafer and Karen (Border) Turner. She was a 1983 graduate of Rochester High School. On Aug. 20, 1994, in Rochester, she married Joey J. Bedics and he survives.

Mrs. Bedics had worked at the Fashion Bug in Warsaw. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She was a huge fan of NASCAR, especially Jeff Gordon, enjoyed Harley-Davidson motorcycles and apparel, and enjoyed shopping for clothes and shoes.

Survivors include her husband, Joey J. Bedics, Tippecanoe; daughter, Amber Rose Kuebcke, Rochester; sons, Mitchell Alan Howard, Rochester, and Kyle Bedics, Kokomo; grandchildren, Asia Herd, Rochester, Christopher Kuebcke, Rochester, and Ashton Kuebcke, Rochester; mother, Karen Turner, Rochester; father, Dan Shafer, Rochester; brother, William Arthur and wife Samantha Shafer, Brownsburg; godparents, Joanne Loper, Cromwell, and Jerry Covington, Rochester; father- and mother-in-law, Paul and Diana Bedics, Tippecanoe; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Dairl E. Border, Flora and Richard Rudaski, and Chester and Evelyn Shafer.

Funeral services will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Internment will take place at a later date at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Karl E. Smith**

Karl Edward SMITH, 82, Twelve Mile, died at 4:35 p.m. Saturday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Divola F. (Bloomer) Smith; one son, William E. Smith, Edmond, Okla.; daughter, Karla C. Padfield, Twelve Mile; and four sisters, Marjorie Henson, Rosanna Scott, Phyllis Wicker, and Martina Meyers, all of Logansport.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Twelve Mile United Methodist Church. Friends are invited to call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Ind., is handling arrangements.

### **Marguerite E. Zechiel**

Marguerite E. ZECHIEL, 95, of Culver, died Saturday at 6439 W. Indiana 110, Culver.

Survivors include her brother, Ferris Zechiel, Culver; and sister, Elisabeth Davis, Culver.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

### **Gerald W. Harshman**

Gerald W. HARSHMAN, 78, of 7717 Camabraw Park Lane, Akron, died at 9:35 a.m. Monday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

### **Ruthann Leffel**

Ruthann LEFFEL, 80, Jeffersonton, Va., and formerly of New York state, died Saturday afternoon in Virginia.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Delores Hodson, of Peru, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Ind. Friends are invited to call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Janice L. Spohn**

Janice L. SPOHN, 79, of Golden Years Homestead, Fort Wayne, died Friday at her residence.

Survivors include her sister, Jean Lee, of Fort Wayne.

Private internment will take place in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

**Bill Russell**

Bill RUSSELL, 62, 8077 W. 400 North, Rochester (Leiters Ford), died Tuesday afternoon.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

Thursday, June 25, 2009

**Rosemary Drake**

Rosemary "Rose" DRAKE, 85, 504 Mitchell Drive, No. 6, Rochester, died at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her daughters, Ethel E. Posey, Arlington, Texas, Rosemary "Rosie" M. Miller, Argos, Frances "Fran" A. Houin, Plymouth, and Nancy Heminger, Plymouth; son, Patrick P. Thomas, Etna Green; and brothers, Richard "Dick" Weiland, Plymouth, and Bernard "Ben" Weiland, Rochester.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

**William Russell**

William "Bill" RUSSELL, 62, of 8077 W. 400 North, Leiters Ford, died Tuesday in a farming accident on one of his farms.

Survivors include his wife, Beth Lucille (Davis) Russell; one son, Scott Russell, Plain City, Utah; two daughters, Gretchan Johnson and Haidee Temme, both of Leiters Ford; two stepsons, Jim Davis, Monticello, and Mike Davis, Aults, Okla.; and one stepdaughter, Sarah Davis, Monticello.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

**Beth Ann Smith**

Nov. 22, 1966 - June 21, 2009

Beth Ann (Lee) SMITH, 42, Peru, Ind., passed away at 11:40 a.m. Sunday in Steuben County.

She was born in Bowling Green, Ohio, on Nov. 22, 1966, the daughter of Charles Andrew and Nancy Patton Lee. Beth married Christopher McClain Smith in Toledo, Ohio, on Nov. 16, 1991. He survives.

Beth held a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio State University and was employed by Medex in Dublin, Ohio, from 1990 to 1995. She has served as a volunteer throughout the Peru school system for the past 13 years, and also as a parent volunteer at St. Charles School.

Beth attended the St. Charles Catholic Church and the Main Street United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Miami County YMCA board of directors, and a supporter of the Northern Indiana Community Foundation.

Survivors include her husband, Chris; her daughter, Abigail Elizabeth Smith; her son, Cameron McClain Smith; her mother, Nancy Felix; her brother, Mark Andrew Lee; her sister, Libby Lee Adams; and her in-laws, Rebecca and Terry W. Smith. Her father, Charles Andrew Lee, preceded her in death.

A gathering of family and friends and a memorial service for Beth will be held at a later date following the release of her children from the hospital.

In lieu of flowers, friends of the Smith's have set up a memorial fund to honor Beth Smith and provide support for Abigail and Cameron's rehabilitation and college needs. All contributions should be sent to the Beth Smith Memorial Fund, C/O Edgewood Management, 350 Park Ave., 18th Floor, New York, NY 10022.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, Ind.

Friday, June 26, 2009

### **Rosemary Drake**

May 29, 1924 - June 24, 2009

Rosemary "Rose" DRAKE, 85, 504 Mitchell Drive, No. 6, Rochester, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 29, 1924, in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Edwin and Marie (O'Neil) Weiland. In October of 1943, she married Robert L. Thomas. He preceded her in death in 1954. In March of 1956, she married C. Merle Drake. He preceded her in death in 1979.

Mrs. Drake retired from Wagner Technologies in Plymouth. She was a member of the Moose Lodge, VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She was an avid quilter, enjoyed helping others through various charities, enjoyed machine embroidering, riding on the lake and spending time with her friends at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Survivors include her daughters, Ethel E. and husband Howard Posey, Arlington, Texas, Rosemary "Rosie" M. and husband Raymond Miller, Argos, Frances "Fran" A. Houin, Plymouth, and Nancy Heminger, Plymouth; son, Patrick P. and wife Joyce Thomas, Etna Green; grandchildren, Karen and husband Robert Guzman, Mesquite, Texas, Sharon Posey, Grand Prairie, Texas, Michelle and husband Tim Reichert, Etna Green, Kimberly "Kim" and husband Greg Storen, Carmel, Dawn and husband John Bradley, Argos, Craig Miller, Argos, Terry and wife Alicia Houin, Norfolk, Va., Tracy Houin, Norfolk, Va., Thomas Houin and fiancée Crystal Ensign, Plymouth, Mark and wife Suzi Heminger, Bremen, and Chris Heminger, Crystal River, Fla.; great-grandchildren, Courtney and Colton Miller, Chelsea, Sabrina and Jessica Bradley, Lena Rose Houin, Marley Mae and McLayne Maya Houin, Abbey, Olivia and Ike Reichert, Marcus, Jeremy and Anthony Guzman, Emma and Kelsey Storen, and Tristan Ray Posey; and brothers, Richard "Dick" Weiland, Plymouth, and Bernard "Ben" Weiland, Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Robert L.V. Thomas; grandson, Jason L. Guzman; brother, Eddie Weiland; sisters, Loretta Panek and Teresa Pucik; and sons-in-law, Charles Heminger and David Houin.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Joe Lampton officiating. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

"Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of Love."

### **William E. Russell**

August 12, 1946 - June 23, 2009

It was Tuesday afternoon, June 23. An apparent routine day of disking the fields turned to tragedy and great sadness when Michael, Bill's grandson and key farming partner, found him down in the field and unresponsive, on one of the family's farms. William "Bill" RUSSELL, 62, of 8077 W. 400 North, Leiters Ford, was born in Kewanna to Everett W. and Pauline Ault Russell on Aug. 12, 1946. He was one of three children growing up with sisters Barbara and Becky.

As a young man, Bill grew up on his family's Richland Township farm. A hobby of his youth was hunting rabbits and fishing on the farm. He was a graduate of the Argos High School Class of 1964. He attended Fort Wayne Business College and studied accounting. Later our country beckoned him; answering the call, Bill was a proud member of the U.S. Army serving during the Vietnam War. During his tour of duty he was awarded two Bronze Stars.

On Sept. 20, 1969, in Leiters Ford, he married Victoria Bell "Vicky" McGlothlin. Their marriage spanned nearly 40 years. Vicky passed away April 5, 2008, following a valiant fight with cancer. Their union produced three children: Scott, Gretchen and Haidee. On Jan. 31, 2009, in Logansport, he married Beth Lucile Davis, who survives at home.

Bill was a skilled man and versatile with many interests. He worked at Sealed Power until its closing. Later he was an employee of the Pat Hiatt Construction Co. Bill served the Aubbee community for 39 years as a volunteer firefighter and many of those years as chief, until his health required he step aside. As an entrepreneur Bill founded the Able Home Care Service back in 1982 and was co-owner of the company. Bill continued to drive the school bus for the Culver Community Schools.

With a desire to serve his community and friends Bill was currently a member of the Fulton County Board of Zoning Appeals, the Aubbeenaubbee Improvement Corp. and served as a former member of the hazardous waste committee.

Bill enjoyed several passions in life: his church, his family, farming and 4-H. An active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he fulfilled many callings as a servant to his church. Farming and 4-H were paramount to his family. As the patriarch of the Russell clan, Bill instilled traditional family values and work ethic to his children and grandchildren. Togetherness was a key element of this close-knit family's

success. Whether it was the special care given to the cattle or goats or sharing trade secrets and techniques on construction - Bill was there to lead the family pack. It was just a few years back that the family erected a barn with Grandpa Bill overseeing the project. With sheer guts and determination Bill battled cancer's grasp and prevailed as a survivor. He leaves behind his family who loved and adored him, the church family with whom he worshiped, along with his buddies at the Marshall County 4-H Beef Barn, students whom he safely took to school and returned home each day, the Aubbee Volunteer Firefighters and the many friends he made along the pathways of life's journey to cherish his memory of the many good times they shared.

Survivors include wife Beth at home; one son, Scott Russell and wife Kellie and their children Claire, Madeline, Laura, Jessica, Katelyn and Evelyn, all of Plain City, Utah; and two daughters, Gretchen Johnson and husband Scott and their children Michael, Renae, Rebekah and Elizabeth, and Haidee Temme and husband Michael and their children Zachary, Russell, and Alexandra, all of Leiters Ford. Bill's extended children include Kristina Risner, Richard Ganshow, Karla and husband Mitch Rutledge, Rob and Kira Bettcher, and his foreign exchange daughter Jantje Roder of Germany. Also surviving are two stepsons, Jim Davis and wife Jessica, of Monticello, and Mike Davis and wife Kelly of Aults, Okla.; a stepdaughter Sarah Davis and companion Josh Isom of Monticello; seven grandchildren of his extended family; five stepgrandchildren; his faithful and loving canine companion, Wilson, a springer spaniel; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, first wife, and two sisters, Barbara Wagoner and Becky Nelson.

A celebration of the life of Mr. William "Bill" Russell will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester, with President William Tincher presiding. Friends may visit with his family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and an hour prior to services. He will be laid to rest at the Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post and the Manitou Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Russell Grandchildren 4-H Group in care of Haidee Temme. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).



Saturday, June 27, 2009

No Obituaries

Monday, June 29, 2009

**Joseph W. Dague**

May 6, 1921 - June 26, 2009

Joseph Wesley DAGUE, 88, passed away Friday at his house near Grass Creek. He was born May 6, 1921, in Cass County to Samuel and Trella (Nichols) Dague.

He graduated from Metea High School in 1939. He married Dorothy K. Hamon, in 1941 in Connersville. During the early years of their marriage he worked for Bill Hubenthal on his farm, then he traveled to seventeen states trimming trees for approximately 1 1/2 years, then he worked for the Wabash Railroad until he joined the Air Force in 1943 and was chosen to go to cadet school, from which he graduated in 1945 as a pilot. After graduation he became a second lieutenant. He flew C-46s and C-47s and dropped paratroopers and pulled gliders.

Joe also served in Vietnam flying a C-119 gunship called "The Shadow" in the 930th Squadron and later flew A-37 jets. He retired after 30 years on active and reserve status as a lieutenant colonel from the Air Force.

For over 50 years, Joe kept his pilot's license and flew his own plane whenever he could, bringing great joy to all he shared the ride with.

Dorothy and Joe established the family farm in 1947 in partnership with his brother Ivan Dague. Later he and Dorothy farmed with help from their family. After that he was in partnership in the dairy and grain farm with son Jim for over 35 years.

Joe was a charter member of the Cass-Fulton Flying Farmers in 1951. He was elected several terms as trustee of Wayne Township. He was instrumental in the formation of the Caston School District and was also president of the school board.

He was elected to the County Council of Fulton County.

He was instrumental in starting and was a charter member of the Grass Creek Lions Club and served as president and in other various positions for several terms throughout the years. He was leader dog chairman for the district for 15 years and served five years as law camp chairman for the district, and he went on numerous Lions service trips to Mexico and Latin America. In 1996-97, Joe was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the highest honor a Lion can achieve.

Joe was a member of the Metea Baptist Church for well over 60 years, and a deacon for several of those years.

In recent years he took great joy in sitting on the front porch listening to the laughter of his grandkids and great-grandkids and watching them play.

Joe and Dorothy recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. Forever together.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; his children, Joseph E. Dague (Dee), Judith K. Uhrich (Robert), and James L. Dague (Peggy), all of Kewanna, Jean Galloway, Hallettsville, Texas, and Jeffery N. Dague (Lisa), Monticello; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ivan (Thelma) and Robert; one sister, Dorothy Tatman; his son, John Robert, and daughter, June Louise Schuler; his son-in-law, James Galloway; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

This life was a better place because we were loved by him.

Visitation will be held today from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with a Lions memorial service held at 8 p.m. Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Metea Baptist Church, with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Pastor Bill Cordes will officiate. Burial will be in the Metea Cemetery with full military graveside rights.

Memorials may be made to the Grass Creek Lions Club or the Metea Baptist Church.

### **LaVerne E. Geiger**

LaVerne E. GEIGER, 90, of Culver, died Thursday at 16957 18B Road, Culver.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis A. Geiger and Michael L. Geiger, both of Culver.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Culver Masonic Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home of Culver is in charge of arrangements.

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

### **W. Wayne Kline**

W. Wayne KLINE, 93, of Culver, died at 5:05 a.m. Monday at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements, which are incomplete.

**Sherri Rae Stutzman**

April 25, 1955 - June 27, 2009

Sherri Rae STUTZMAN, 54, of 6791 W. 100 North, Warsaw, died Saturday at her residence.

Sherri was born April 25, 1955, in Warsaw to Richard and Wanda (Hudson) Kehoe. She was married May 22, 1980, to Gary Stutzman.

She worked for Valley Elementary, completed two apprenticeships for RR Donnelley, worked for Zimmer Inc. and delivered mail.

Sherri loved the outdoors, gardening, Valley athletics, students at Valley and being with family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Gary, Warsaw; brothers, Richard Kehoe Jr. (Kerry), Winona Lake, and Kerry Kehoe, Warsaw; sister, Sheila (Rick) Ellis, Leesburg; sons, Nicholas (Shawna) Stutzman, Fort Wayne, and Ross Stutzman, Austin, Texas; daughter, Sara (Randy) Wilde, Richman, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with Richard Kehoe officiating. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

Memorials may be sent to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice Inc., P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581, or to Kosciusko County Cancer Care Fund, P.O. Box 1810, Warsaw, IN 46582. To sign the guest book or send condolences electronically, go to [www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com](http://www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com).

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

**Carl L. Branson**

Carl L. BRANSON, 78, of Griffith, died Monday at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; children, Vickie Bruce, Star City, and Terry Branson, Bordentown, N.J.; and brother, Harold Branson, Munster.

Funeral services will be Thursday at noon at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in Bruce Lake, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the service. There will also be visitation Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at White Funeral Home, Griffith.

Local arrangements are being handled by Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel.

**Catherine Jean Smith**

Nov. 25, 1947 - June 24, 2009

Catherine Jean SMITH nee Batson, 61, of Glen Carbon, Ill., and formerly of Rochester and Warsaw, died at 1 a.m. Wednesday at her residence.

Cathy was born in South Bend on Nov. 25, 1947, to Harry Batson and Eleanor Batson nee Lindsley. She obtained her bachelor's degree in accounting from Ivy Tech, and retired as an accountant. She was a devoted pet lover.

Cathy is survived by her mother, Eleanor, Leesburg; children, Vinicia "Nikki" Schleicher (Larry), Edwardsville, Ill., and Laura Ballinger-Morales (Carlos), Fowler; three grandchildren, with a fourth expected in September, Brittany "Cat" Schleicher, Edwardsville, Ill., and Sabrina and Rafael Morales, both of Fowler; brothers and sisters, Bruce Batson, South Bend, Harry Batson, Leesburg, and Nancy Grocke (Ted), Leesburg; and her dear friend, Gerald "Butch" Wygant, Glen Carbon, Ill.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Larry Batson, and one sister Mary Ellen Batson.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 6 p.m., with visitation from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at Herbert A. Kassly Funeral Home Ltd., 515 Vandalia, Collinsville, Ill. The Rev. Jim Donahue will officiate. Cathy's wishes were to be cremated.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association and the Granite City Animal Protection Agency.

Thursday, July 2, 2009

**Cora Bowers**

Cora BOWERS, 91, of Akron and formerly of Athens, died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Myron D. Kizer**

Myron D. KIZER, 91, died Sept. 11, 2008. His family, including daughter Linda Nix Perdue and son Steve Kizer, will bury his ashes during a graveside service at Mentone Cemetery on Sunday at noon.

Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling the service.

**William W. Kline**

William Wayne KLINE, 93, of Culver, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Survivors include his son, Robert Kline, Culver; and daughters, Carol Troester, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and Patricia Mann, Naples, Fla.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Bonine-Odom Funeral Home of Culver is in charge of arrangements.

Friday, July 3, 2009

**Daniel R. Bowen**

Aug. 8, 1955 - July 2, 2009

Daniel Ray BOWEN, 53, 407 Westwood Lane, Rochester, passed away at 3:34 a.m. Thursday at his brother's residence in Plymouth.

He was born Aug. 8, 1955, in Plymouth, the son of George Elder Sr. and Jane (Back) Bowen.

Mr. Bowen was employed at Denny and Co. in Plymouth. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

Survivors include his daughter, Karla Haddix-Bowen, Plymouth; granddaughter, Sandra Felix, Plymouth; father, George Elder Sr., Knox; sisters, Cheryl and husband John Himes, Plymouth, Stephanie and husband John Hoke, LaPorte, Monica and husband Eric Kean, Knox, Della and husband Ernie Kean, Knox, Dannell and husband Jeffy Escalanti, Knox, and Shantell and husband Justin Hedinger, Monticello; brothers, Don and wife Joann Bowen, Culver, Phillip Bowen, Montpelier, Ohio, Jeffrey and wife Julie Bowen, Plymouth, Bruce and wife Wendy Bowen, Culver, George and wife Monica Elder Jr., Knox, and Mark and wife Becky Elder, Knox; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Jane and Richard Bowen, and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor George Elder Jr. officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Cora M. Bowers**

Jan. 17, 1918 - July 1, 2009

Cora M. BOWERS, 91, of 121 Marcus Drive, Akron, and formerly of Athens, Ind. where she lived for over 50 years, died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Cora was born Jan. 17, 1918, in Kosciusko County to John and Vida (Fields) Fretz. She was married Jan. 17, 1936, at Tippecanoe to Raymond D. Bowers, who preceded her in death Dec. 10, 1997.

Cora retired in 1984 after being the assistant manager at Blumenthal's Women's Apparel for over 30 years, as well as a homemaker.

Cora was valedictorian of the Tippecanoe High School Class of 1935. She also was a member of the Athens United Methodist Church. She was a member of the service guild of the Akron Church of God. She always attended the Akron Senior Site, where she enjoyed fellowship and games. Cora loved music and played seven different instruments. In her early years she played in a dance band. Some of her hobbies were teaching children to bake, sewing clothes for several generations of her family, planting flowers and gardening, and cooking meals for others. Cora always loved and enjoyed her family.

Cora is survived by two daughters, Jean and husband Robert R. Gates, Austin, Texas, and Harriet Swartz and companion Skip Swick, Athens; one son, Michael R. and wife Ruby Bowers, Athens; four grandchildren, Robert Gates Jr., Houston, Texas, Sondra Jackson, Peru, Ind., Chrissy Mills, Akron, and Ryan Bowers, Santa Rosa, Calif.; great-grandchildren, Donna, Robert, Misty, Nathan, Amy, Julia, Kennedy, Payton, and Sydney; and two sisters, Virginia and husband Verl Hoagland, North Manchester, and Alice Swager, Fremont.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, Wilford and Ralph Fretz; one sister, Edna Abbott; and son-in-law Larry Swartz.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Terry Marker officiating. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Athens Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Athens United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

**Richard A. Fry**

Richard A. FRY, 60, of 5786 N. Lake Shore Drive, Macy, died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He is survived by his daughter, Tina McIntire, Tippecanoe; son Richard Fry, Akron; mother, Edna Fry, Macy; three sisters, Vrena Fry, Linda Kidwell, and Beverly Fry; and brother, Tom Fry.

In honoring his wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral services. Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of local arrangements.

### **Margie Warren**

Margie WARREN, 81, Rochester, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, July 4, 2009

No Obituaries - Holiday

Monday, July 6, 2009

### **Betty L. Owens**

May 24, 1933 - July 4, 2009

Betty L. OWENS, 76, of Mexico, Ind., died at 2:34 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born in Miami County on May 24, 1933, to Bert W. and Ina G. (Conner) Postill. On April 14, 1951, she married Donald H. Owens, who preceded her in death Oct. 15, 2005.

Betty was a homemaker. She attended Mexico Baptist Church and was a member of the Eastern Star. She was a 1951 graduate of Mexico High School.

She is survived by four sons, Nelson and Jeanne Owens, Mexico, Norman Owens, Peru, Ind., Dean and Peggy Owens, Mexico, and Donald and Stephanie Owens, Mexico; a daughter, Nancy and Alan Gohn, Rochester; grandchildren, Kim Bentley, Kris Owens, Carrie Owens, Tiffany Owens, Michelle Gohn, Chelsea Gohn, Wesley Gohn, Jennifer Whitcomb, Sean Duffey and Erin Duffey; and great-grandchildren, Delaney Bentley and Cohen Duffey.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastors Bill Steiner and Don Ritchey officiating. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Light Fund.

**Iris O. Stockdale**

Iris O. STOCKDALE, 94, of Mexico, Ind., died Saturday at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru, Ind.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

**Margie Warren**

Margie "Aileen" WARREN, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She is survived by a daughter, Patty Elnora Markham, Drakesville, Iowa; and two sons, Glen Dale McVay, Rochester, and Jack James Markham, Boonville.

Private family services will be at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Interment will take place in Wabash.

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

**Arthur Birk**

Arthur "Art" BIRK, of Culver, died Monday.

Arrangements are pending with the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

**Arthur A. Birk**

Arthur A. BIRK, 75, of Culver, died at 12:43 p.m. Monday at Porter Hospital, Valparaiso.

Arrangements are pending with the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

**Marguerite M. Frost**

Former Rochester resident, Marguerite Mitchell FROST, of Mundelein, Ill., died Dec. 1, 2008. A graveside service honoring her life will be Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home.



Thursday, July 9, 2009

**Beth Ann Smith**

Beth Ann (Lee) SMITH, 42, Peru, died June 21 in Steuben County.

Her memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru. Friends and family will gather at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, Ind., from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday.

**Delores June Underwood**

Delores June (Wills) UNDERWOOD, 87, 913 Kildeer Court, Zionsville, and formerly of Grass Creek, died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, July 10, 2009

**Arthur E. Birk**

Arthur E. BIRK, 75, of Culver, died Monday at 12:43 p.m. at Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Birk; son William Birk, Culver; daughter Ruth Birk, Culver; and his brother, Richard Birk.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church. There will be no visitation.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

**Marguerite Mitchell Frost**

Jan. 9, 1917 - Dec. 1, 2008

Former Rochester resident, Marguerite Mitchell FROST, of Mundelein, Ill., passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family Dec. 1, 2008, at Libertyville Manor Nursing Care Facility in Libertyville, Ill., where she had been cared for, for the past three years.

Born Jan. 9, 1917, she grew up in Rochester, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Mitchell. Margy was one of the oldest living graduates of Rochester High School as a member of the Class of 1935. She later graduated from Indiana University, being certified with a Bachelor of Arts in art education. She taught art for many years in Lafayette, at The Lafayette Art Gallery, and in the Mundelein, Ill., area.

Margy was married for many years to the late Robert Frost of Purdue University. With great pride she raised four children and saw them all attend college; her three sons served our country during the Vietnam War. Margy taught at Fairhaven Elementary School and Diamond Lake School, both in Mundelein, Ill. Her skill of lettering the Old English Script was requested for many graduation and special certificates, both at Purdue and in the Mundelein area. She taught elementary education, art and also taught special education reading classes.

After retirement, Margy was able to pursue her quick-sketch cartooning and was a featured artist at many events and festivals. She prided herself with the ability to recognize and teach the "Instant Artists of America." This was accomplished by utilizing no more than 12 pen strokes of permanent marker on a white or clear plastic bag to create a unique, custom caricature. When the artistic creation was complete, it was displayed in a window.

In addition she enjoyed producing her watercolor paintings and portraits. Marguerite also considered herself to be a "fiber artist," evidenced by her many unique crocheted creations.

While living in West Lafayette, she enjoyed membership in a women's sketch group. Marguerite also was a member of Tri-Kappa, Rochester, and a 19-year member of American Legion Auxiliary, Mundelein Unit 867.

She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Philbrick and husband George, Palatine, Ill.; sons, David Frost, Mundelein, Ill., Jack Frost and wife Linda, Maryland; daughter-in-law Nadine (the late John) Frost, Washington state; grandchildren, Bryan Frost, Washington state, and Andrea Frost, Alaska; her sisters, Carol Mitchell Bennett and husband Carl, Indiana, and Elaine Mitchell VanLue and husband Bill, Florida; her brother, Robert Mitchell and wife Janice, Pittsboro; cousin Helen Jean Warnock and husband Verlin, Michigan; her brother-in-law, John (and the late Virginia) Frost, North Carolina; and nine nieces and nephews. Marguerite always gave to others, expecting nothing in return. She will be dearly missed and leaves a great legacy to cherish her memory.

A graveside service honoring the life of Marguerite Mitchell Frost will be held Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. The Rev. Junior Bose will officiate at her services. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Delores June Underwood**

Delores June (Wills) UNDERWOOD, 87, 913 Kildeer Court, Zionsville, and formerly of Grass Creek, died Wednesday at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, Charles E. Underwood, Zionsville; daughters, Suzanne Hughes, Marion, Bonnie Higgins, Orange, Calif., June Ellen Freeman, Westfield, and Lori Strickland, Okatie, S.C.; and sons, Richard Underwood, Walnut Creek, Calif., and Tom Underwood, Zionsville.

Private services will be observed. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, July 11, 2009

### **James R. Dice**

Sept. 30, 1949 - July 9, 2009

James R. "Jim" DICE, 59, 858 W. 700 South, Rochester, died at 10:20 p.m. Thursday at his daughter's residence in Fulton.

He was born Sept. 30, 1949, in Logansport, the son of Paul K. and Mildred (Reed) Dice. On Dec. 8, 1972, in Richland Center, he married Vickie Hunt and she survives.

Mr. Dice worked at Topp Industries Inc., Rochester, in quality control. He had also owned and operated Dice's Mini Mart, Fulton, Dice Oil Co., Fulton, and had been manager at United Oil at the corner of Indiana 25 and Indiana 14, Rochester. He had been in the United States Air Force Reserves, a member of the Rochester Eagles Lodge and American Legion Post. He loved to sing karaoke, go camping, especially sitting around the campfire, and was an avid pool player.

Survivors include his wife, Vickie Dice, Rochester; his son, James P. Dice and companion Stacy Manns, Akron; his daughter, Kimberly and husband Mike Spoor, Fulton; five grandchildren, Courtnee Dice, Makenna Ritter, and Marcus Ritter, all of Fulton, and Whitney Dice and Ryan Dice, both of Akron; sister, Lou Ann White, Fort Wayne; and two nephews, David Glenn Hunt II, Kokomo, and Rick Allen White, Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Monday, July 13, 2009

**Delores Mae Irwin**

Delores "Dee" Mae IRWIN, 77, of 577 N. Michigan St., Argos, died at 8:27 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Michael Scott**

Michael SCOTT, 64, of 3864 S. Indiana 25, Mentone (Palestine, Ind.), died Friday in the emergency room of Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include two brothers, M. LeRoy Scott, Huntington, and Ronald Scott, Mentone.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with visitation for one-half hour before the service.

**Susan Mae Smith**

Susan Mae SMITH, 35, of 3331 17th Road, Bourbon, died at 7:35 p.m. Thursday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

**Tom Felda**

Tom FELDA, 44, of Lancaster, Ohio, died Sunday in Lost Hollow Campgrounds in Hocking County.

He is survived by his daughter, Christy Felda, son Steve Felda, and stepfather Bud Wiseman, all of Lancaster, Ohio; stepmother Shirley Felda, and brothers, Jim (Kari) Felda and Chuck Felda, all of Kewanna; sister Tammy (Ken) Clancey, McCarthur, Ohio; stepbrothers, Mark (Lori) Wiseman and Buddy Wiseman Jr., and stepsisters, Cheryl Beatty and Theresa Wiseman, all of Lancaster, Ohio; and special friend Steve Harmon, Lancaster, Ohio.

The funeral service will be held Thursday in the Frank E. Smith Funeral Home Chapel, Lancaster, Ohio. Friends may visit Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Delores Mae Irwin**

Jan. 17, 1932 - July 11, 2009

Delores "Dee" Mae IRWIN, 77, of 577 N. Michigan St., Argos, died at 8:27 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Hospital of South Bend following a lengthy illness.

She was born Jan. 17, 1932, in Hammond to Rex E. and Mary I. (Sackville) Fites. She lived in the Argos community since 1951, and she lived her entire life in the Marshall County area. She was married July 1, 1951, at Summit Chapel near Bourbon, to Gene Irwin; he preceded her in death May 27, 1996.

She retired after 21 years at Citrus Hill Manufacturing, in Plymouth; and worked nearly five years at Weight Watchers in Plymouth. She was a graduate of Tippecanoe High School Class of 1950. She was a member of the Argos United Methodist Church and was actively involved with the choir and Spiritual Care Giver. She was also a member of Saint Joseph Hospital Auxiliary Unit No. 10, Marshall County Christian Women's Club, Sounds of Hope, Choir School (board of directors), and Marshall County Meals On Wheels.

She is survived by her daughter, Colette Knott and husband Gary, Zionsville; son Curtis Irwin, Etna Green; two grandsons, Aaron and Stefan Knott, Zionsville; a sister, Mary LaTurner and husband Bob, Normal, Ill.; and a brother, Donald Fites and wife Sylvia, Peoria, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St., Argos, with the Rev. Ken Walker and the Rev. Jim Irwin officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Friends may visit with the family Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, and one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St., Argos, IN 46501, or Epworth Forest Choir School, P.O. Box 759, LaPorte, IN 46352. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

**Vivienne Rush**

Vivienne RUSH, 66, Kokomo, died at 1:55 a.m. Monday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Hasler & Stout Funeral Home, Greentown.

### **Susan Mae Smith**

Susan Mae SMITH, 35, of 3331 17th Road, Bourbon, died Thursday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Survivors include her fiance, Greg L. Kinsey, Bourbon; three children, Kristina Carroll, Etna Green, and Christopher and Kirsten Carroll, Bourbon; parents, Frank and Odessa Smith, New York; three brothers, Keith Smith, Kenneth Smith and Gary Smith, all of New York; and one sister, Nancy Wade, New York.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

### **Carmen M. Nutt**

Carmen M. NUTT, 96, 215 E. 10th St., Rochester, died Monday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include her brother, Don Wert, Rochester.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Vivienne L. Rush**

May 29, 1943 - July 13, 2009

Vivienne Leeann RUSH, 66, Kokomo, died at 1:55 a.m. Monday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

Vivienne was born May 29, 1943, in Long Beach, Calif., to Reeford Hall and Maree (Kern) Hall. She married Thomas E. Rush on July 1, 1966; he passed away Aug. 21, 2003.

Vivienne received a GED from Logansport High School. She worked for Chrysler Kokomo Transmission Plant as an inspector and retired in 2004. She was a member of Local 685 of the UAW. Vivienne loved her family and working outside.

She is survived by her father, Reeford Hall, Sheridan; her son, Floyd Rude and fiancée Genia Abell, Logansport; two daughters, Dennine (Ron) Doran, Goshen, and Sheila (Rick) Lautenbacher, Herrin, Ill.; six grandchildren, Tammy Doran, Francis Rude, Brandon Doran, Brandi Crow, Krystle Lautenbacher and Charlie Lautenbacher; seven great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Frank (Kathey) Hall, Healy, Ark., Judy (Terry)

Emmons, Villages, Fla., Kay Sixbey, Sheridan, and Marty (Sue) Hall, Sturgeon, Mo.; companion Bob Brumley, Windfall; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Maree Kern Ramsey, stepmother Sue Hall, husband Thomas Rush and brother Jerry Hall.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Hasler & Stout Funeral Home, 112 E. Main St., Greentown, with Pastor Steve Allen officiating. Burial will be at New Hope Cemetery following the service. Calling hours are from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be made at [www.hasler-stout.com](http://www.hasler-stout.com).

Thursday, July 16, 2009

### **Florence Dawald Miller**

Jan. 1, 1914 - July 14, 2009

Florence Dawald MILLER, 95, of Wesley Manor, Frankfort, died Tuesday at St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove.

Florence was born Jan. 1, 1914, in Fulton County to John and Estie (Robbins) Dawald. She married Harold Earl Miller in 1932. He passed away in 1969.

Florence graduated from Fulton High School in 1932 and was a magnetic inspector for aircraft during World War II. She was a gifted quilter with many awards.

Florence lived in Rochester, then in her daughter's home on Long Island, N.Y., then moved to Wesley Manor in 2007. She taught sewing and was owner and instructor of Ceramics in Rochester. She was a member of the Fulton County Historical Society, Rebekah Lodge and Smithtown Quilting Guild.

She is survived by two daughters, Sonya Hoover, Weiss, New York City, N.Y., and Nedra Miller Carlson, Long Island, N.Y.; one sister, Shirley Newell, formerly of Michigantown; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and one brother, Robert.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Amanda Reid Memorial Chapel, Wesley Manor, Frankfort, with one hour of calling prior to the service. Chaplain Ron Mann will officiate. Calling hours are from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at Genda Funeral Home, 608 N. Main St., Frankfort.

Memorials may be made to Fulton County Public Library, P.O. Box 206, Fulton, IN 46931.

Online condolences may be directed to [www.gendafuneralhome.com](http://www.gendafuneralhome.com).

Friday, July 17, 2009

**Ryan J. Cox**

Ryan Jacob "R.J.": COX, age 3, of 812 E. Rochester St., Akron, died at 8:43 p.m. Wednesday at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron.

Saturday, July 18, 2009

**Ryan J. Cox**

April 5, 2006 - July 15, 2009

Ryan Jacob "R.J." COX, 3, of 812 E. Rochester St., Akron, died at 8:43 p.m. Wednesday at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

He was born April 5, 2006, in Warsaw, to Donald Mark Cox and Sonia K. (Yates) Cox. He lived in Akron all of his life.

He is survived by his parents; sisters, Shelby Cox, Akron, and Shawna Whitt, Paintsville, Ky.; brothers, Arron Cox and Aubrey, Fort Wayne, and Bryan Cox, Atwood; his grandparents, Vernon and Helen Cox, Akron, and William and Judy Yates, Akron; and great-grandmother Laura Swihart, Akron.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Akron Church of God. Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Akron Church of God with the Rev. Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children Stem Cell Transplant Unit. Online condolences can be made at [earllovefh@gmail.com](mailto:earllovefh@gmail.com).

Monday, July 20, 2009

No Obituaries

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

**Bonnie Dean Brown**

Bonnie Dean BROWN, 81, born in Fulton County, died Saturday at Windsor Estates, Kokomo.



Services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo, with calling two hours prior to services.

**Terry Lee Moriarty**

Terry Lee MORIARTY, 67, of Elkhart and formerly of Marshall County, died Sunday at 7:30 a.m. in Elkhart.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Russell J. Salyer**

Russell J. SALYER, 55, of Rochester, died Sunday at 2240 W. Toto Road, North Judson.

Survivors include four sons, Clinton Salyer, Rochester, Russell Jr. Salyer, Rochester, Matthew Salyer, Culver, and Jason Salyer, Rochester; one daughter, Tonya Warner, Plymouth; one brother, Linville Salyer, Salyersville, Ky.; and three sisters, Oleta Bohac, North Judson, Geneva Burton, Knox, and Betty Waldorf, Greenville, Ky.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Magoffin Co. Funeral Home, Salyersville, Ky. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carver Baptist Church in Salyersville, Ky.

**Marion L. Shafer**

Marion L. SHAFER, 94, of 635 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, died at 8:05 p.m. Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

**Marie Helen Imler**

Nov. 11, 1917 - July 16, 2009

Marie Helen IMLER, 91, of Flora, died at 12:20 a.m. Thursday at Milner Community Health Care, Rossville, where she had resided for the past year.

Marie was born Nov. 11, 1917, in Logansport to Michael and Mamie (Kilgas) Dluzak.

Marie graduated from Logansport High School in 1936. She was a machine operator at Rockwell International, Flora, and she was also employed at Pioneer Seeds, Flora, during the harvest season. She attended

Flora United Methodist Church. She enjoyed needlepoint, gardening, flowers and walking; she also enjoyed cooking and going to auctions.

She was treasured mother to her children.

She is survived by two sons, David Dluzak and friend Janet Blair, Rochester, and Bill Imler, Flora; three daughters, Susan Angle, Flora, Jane Imler, Logansport, and Jean Imler and spouse Glen Hammond, Lafayette; one sister, Evelyn Aikman, Evanston, Ill.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Lucille Johnson and Mildred "Mid" Hickman.

Services and visitation were held Sunday at Baker Funeral Home in Flora. Burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

Memorials may be made to Serenity Hospice, 209 E. Fifth St., Fowler, IN 47944.

### **Marion Lucille Shafer**

Marion Lucille SHAFER, 94, of Plymouth and formerly of Argos, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, following a brief illness.

Survivors include her daughters, Paula Wahl, Bancroft, Mich., Nancy Reed, Frederick, Md., and Martha Dean, Argos.

Friends may visit with the family Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bancroft First Congregational Church, Bancroft, Mich. Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and at 2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Thursday, July 23, 2009

### **Marian Eileen Burnett**

Oct. 22, 1917 - July 16, 2009

Marian Eileen BURNETT, 91, of Fort Wayne, passed away quietly in her sleep July 16, 2009.

She was born Oct. 22, 1917, in Macy to the late Ben and Mary Mullican. In 1939, she married the late James F. Burnett of Paragon.

Eileen graduated from Rochester High School and in 1939 from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. After her marriage in 1939, the couple resided in Indianapolis, where she worked as a school nurse, an emergency room nurse at Danville Hospital, and several doctor's offices.

Eileen was an auxiliary member of Fire Department No. 9 of Wayne Township and worked at precinct polls during elections. She was a faithful

member of Mount Olive U.M.C. for 67 years and was actively involved with the mission committee and Sara Circle.

Eileen was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Michael Burnett and sister Kathleen Lowe. Survivors include her son, Robert Burnett, Fort Wayne; her daughter, Karen (Jerry) Frost, formerly of Quito, Ecuador, and now of Fort Mill, S.C.; grandchildren, Rachel (Carter) Savoie, Indianapolis, Christopher (Laura) Burnett, Fort Wayne; Rob Frost, Bowling Green, Ohio, and David (Lexi) Frost, Charlotte, N.C.; and great-grandchildren Lucy Frost and Devren and John Burnett.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to VNA & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 or Mount Olive U.M.C. 1449 S. Highschool Road, Indianapolis, IN 46241.

A memorial service will be held at the Mount Olive U.M.C. on Saturday at 11 a.m.

### **William Harold Hassenplug**

William Harold HASSENPLUG, 78, of West Lafayette and Donna, Texas, died July 17, 2009, at Indiana Veterans' Home, West Lafayette.

Survivors include his children, Daniel Hassenplug, Kewanna, Bunnie Cleland, Chesapeake, Va., and Steve Hassenplug, West Lafayette; and a sister, Gretta Felabom, Warsaw.

A memorial service will be at son Steve's home in West Lafayette on Saturday. The Grinsteiner Funeral Home, Indianapolis, is handling arrangements.

### **Michael Wayne Kester**

July 28, 1982 - July 21, 2009

Michael "Mikie" Wayne KESTER, 26, of Harmony, died Tuesday at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis following a battle with cancer.

He was born in Clay County on July 28, 1982, the son of Charles Michael and Georgia (Lawrence) Kester.

Michael graduated from Northview High School with the Class of 2001 and attended IVY Tech Community College. Mikie worked for Kester Logging for several years. He married Rebecca Steen on Dec. 17, 2005. Most recently he worked for Pike Lumber Co. as a logger. He was a member of the Bass Club. He also participated in the Hunters Helping Hunters program. In his free time he enjoyed hunting and fishing, riding his "Rhino" UTV, and spending time with his family, friends and dogs. He was also an avid Indianapolis Colts football fan.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Rosanna Lawrence and Norman Wayne and Bertha L. Kester; and his cousin, Brianna Wilkerson.

Survivors include his wife, Becky, Harmony; parents Charles Michael and Georgia Kester, Brazil, Ind.; a sister, Sara Kester, Brazil, Ind.; in-laws Jim and Bonnie Steen, Greencastle; sisters-in-law Vickie DeWitt and Cassie Steen, both of Greencastle; brothers-in-law David Steen and Gerrick Steen, both of Greencastle; grandfather Glenn Lawrence, Brazil, Ind.; special aunt and uncle Jerry and Mary Jane Kester, Reelsville; as well as several aunts, uncles and extended family members and a beloved basset hound, Titus.

Services will be at Lawson-Miller Chapel Saturday at 11 a.m. with Pastor Bob Kumpf officiating. Burial will follow at Calcutta Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hunters Helping Hunters, 1695 N. Main St., Auburn, IN 46706. Visit [www.lawson-millerchapel.com](http://www.lawson-millerchapel.com) to light a candle in his memory.

### **Edna M. Taber**

Feb. 21, 1920 - July 20, 2009

Edna M. TABER, 89, of Culver, passed away at 6:04 p.m. Monday, at home.

Edna was born Feb. 21, 1920, in Rich Grove Township in Pulaski County to August and Johanna (Hoeckelberg) Tetzloff. She was married July 11, 1945, in North Judson to William W. Taber. He preceded her in death in 1991.

Edna was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver. She gave 32 years of service to the Culver-Union Township Public Library. She loved working crossword puzzles and feeding the birds. She also loved cats.

Edna is survived by her sons, Robert E. Taber, Plymouth, and James (Cynthia) and William L. Taber, Indianapolis; and two grandchildren, Matthew (Casey) Taber and Jaime Taber, both of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother and one sister.

A time of sharing with the family will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, with the Rev. Larry Saunders officiating. Memorials may be given to Wesley United Methodist Church or to REAL Services in Culver.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com).

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Friday, July 24, 2009

**Mary Lou Brown**

June 6, 1928 - July 22, 2009

Mary Lou BROWN, 81, of Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, and formerly of Culver, crossed to the loving arms of her Lord and Savior on Wednesday.

Lou was born in Fort Wayne on June 6, 1928. She was the daughter of Hershal and Fern Strang, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son, Dave (Karen) Brown, Great Valley, N.Y.; three daughters, Deb (Dan) Gross, Leiters Ford, Pat (Larry) Hisey, Rochester, and Sandy Brown (Bob Schilling), Culver; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lou was a member of the VFW. She occasionally attended Grace United Church of Christ. Some of the jobs she had in her lifetime were working for a plumber, telephone operator, short order cook at The Shack and taxi driver.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver.

Memorials may be given to Grace United Church of Christ or REAL services of Culver. Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com).

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, assisted in the arrangements.

**Larry Dishner**

Larry DISHNER, 58, of 4684 N. Indiana 25, Rochester, died Thursday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Joan E. Tipmore**

Joan E. (Barr) TIPMORE, 88, Marion, Ala., and formerly of Rochester, died Dec. 12, 2008, in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Memorial graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, July 25, 2009

**James J. Bridge**

July 18, 1927 - July 23, 2009

Services for James J. BRIDGE, 82, of Logansport and formerly of Royal Center, will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 304 S. Chicago St., Royal Center.

He passed away at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the McKinney House in Logansport.

Born July 18, 1927, in Monticello, he was the son of the late Harry and Gavis (Baer) Bridge. On Nov. 5, 1954, he married Carol Sue Kirkpatrick and she preceded him in death Feb. 21, 1968.

He was a 1945 Royal Center High School graduate and World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Jim was a dairy farmer, retiring in 1975. He also worked for the Cass County Highway Department, from which he retired in 1995.

Jim was an avid Chicago Cub and IU fan and he enjoyed mushroom hunting, treasure and milk bottle collecting, and going to auctions.

Surviving are his sons, Ernie L. Bridge and wife Vickie and Harry A. Bridge and wife Deb, both of Royal Center, Stephen Elliott, St. Augustine, Fla., and Stuart Elliott, Urbana; his daughters, Cathy Redmon and husband Bob, Arizona, Barbara Fleckenstein and husband Larry, Lafayette, Deborah Strange and husband Art, Oak Hill, Va., and Pamela Ford and husband Keith, Roann; a brother, Robert Bridge and wife Carol, Rochester; a sister, Kay Humphrey and husband Bob, Zionsville; and 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his second wife, Marjorie Leona Bridge on Dec. 3, 2007, and his brother, Dudley Bridge.

Dr. James Elliott will officiate at the services and burial with military rites will be at Kistler Cemetery in Royal Center. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the William K. Vernon Scholarship Fund in care of Community State Bank, Attn: Jess Robinson, Box 370, Royal Center, IN 46978. Online condolences may be made at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**Larry L. Dishner**

Mr. Larry L. DISHNER, 58, of Rochester, died Thursday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Leslie Dishner, at home; two daughters, Vicki Rush, Logansport, and Misty Church, Hiddenite, N.C.; two sons, Jeremy Dishner, Taylorsville, N.C., and James Dishner, Logansport; and two sisters, Dollena Buckley, Peoria, Ill., and Nettie Bosworth, Marion.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to the service in the funeral home.

Monday, July 27, 2009

### **Jack L. Eisenman**

Jan. 19, 1947 - July 17, 2009

Jack L. EISENMAN, 62, of The Woodlands, Texas, and formerly of Rochester, passed away July 17 at his home.

Jack was born Jan. 19, 1947, to Howard and Mary Eisenman, formerly of Rochester, both of whom preceded him in death.

Jack's first love was always golf, when he was still able to play the game, but eating came in as a close second. His favorite pastime was listening to music of all kinds by all groups. He was also an avid Astros fan, and he loved to watch Notre Dame and the Indiana Hoosiers on television. He also loved to watch Texas Tech's basketball team play, when Bobby Knight was still coaching them. Bobby was his all-time favorite coach.

Jack is survived by his loving fiancée of 13 years, Sandra L. Jones; his son, Brandon Eisenman and wife Kari Lynn, Anderson, Texas; two stepdaughters, Charity Queret and husband Chris, Spring, Texas, and Tiffany Lee and husband Roper, Livingston, Texas; two sisters, Betty Vance and husband Bill, Rochester, and Carolyn Deeds and husband Tink, Rochester; sister-in-law Sue Eisenman, Rochester; his grandchildren, Kelsie and Hallie Eisenman, Ryder and Autumn Lee, and Rowan Queret; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives; and his in-laws, Dutch and Betty Dettinger, of The Woodlands.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Raymond Eisenman, formerly of Rochester.

A memorial service in Jack's honor will be at the Copperwood Apartments, The Woodlands, Texas, on Friday at 3 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made in Jack's name to help defray the medical costs that accumulated during his recent illness. Checks should be made out to St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and mailed to Sandra L. Jones, 4407 S. Panther Creek Drive, Apt. 337, The Woodlands, TX 77381, as the hospital has requested.

### **Edward D. Gamble**

Edward D. GAMBLE, 95, of 418 W. 6th St., Rochester, died at 9:10 p.m. Friday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

### **Thomas L. Harris**

Oct. 11, 1933 - July 25, 2009

Thomas L. HARRIS, 75, 508 Miller St., Fulton, passed away at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Life Care Center in Rochester.

He was born Oct. 11, 1933, in Roann, the son of Russell and Elizabeth (Faviote) Harris. On July 17, 1956, in Akron, he married Joan Gearhart, and she survives.

Mr. Harris was a U.S. Army veteran and had retired as a meatcutter from Wilt's and Lynn's grocery stores in Rochester. He had served as a volunteer fireman for the Fulton-Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department for over 37 years. He enjoyed attending athletic events and was an avid euchre player.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Harris, Fulton; his son, David Harris, Macy; his daughter, Tammy and husband Mike Olinger, Fulton; his grandchildren, Dave Harris, Monticello, Josh Olinger, Logansport, Britney and husband Kyle Middleton, Fulton, Joel Harris, Mexico, Ind., and John Harris, Mexico, Ind.; his great-grandchildren, Makena Middleton, Fulton, and Khloe Harris, Monticello; his brothers, Robert and wife Ruth Harris, North Manchester, Ronald and wife Avis Harris, Roann; his sisters, Patsy Sucher, Roann, and Darlene and husband Keith Ballee, Denver, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers James Harris and Larry Harris.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Revs. Steve Fleck, Bruce Russell and George Hapner officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, with military graveside services by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton-Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).



**Ellen J. Tarr**

Ellen J. TARR, 87, of 1002 S. Main St., Dunkirk, died Saturday at Jay County Hospital, Portland, Ind.

Survivors include her children, Alfred Tarr, Hamilton, Wash., Gary Tarr, Portland, Ind., Stanley Tarr, Kokomo, and Rebecca Meade, Rochester; and two brothers, Dr. Ronald Harshman, West Lafayette, and John Harshman, Anderson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel.

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

**Ruth Ann Deaton**

Mrs. Ruth Ann DEATON, 71, P.O. Box 34, Macy, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her husband, Earl, at home; two daughters, Lora Ann Chester, Chili, Ind., and Shari Lynn Simonson, Rochester; two sons, Charles Kenneth Deaton and William Earl Deaton, both of Macy; two sisters, Ruby Mawbly and Judy DePlant, both of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and one brother, Lee Francis, Flint, Mich.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

**Edward D. Gamble**

Edward D. GAMBLE, 95, of 418 W. 6th St., Rochester, died at 9:10 p.m. Friday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

**Ruth Ann Deaton**

July 17, 1938 - July 26, 2009

Mrs. Ruth Ann DEATON, 71, P.O. Box 34, Macy, passed away at 10:38 p.m. Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Ruth was born July 17, 1938, the daughter of the late Elhannon and Anna Lowry Francis in Hazzard, Ky. Ruth and Earl Deaton were married Sept. 28, 1957, in Fulton.

Ruth was employed at Hart, Schaffner and Marx for over 20 years until the Rochester plant was closed. Most recently she was one of the friendly ladies serving her customers at the Nickles Bakery. She could also be found at Earl's side assisting him with their family deer processing business.

Ruth's memberships included the Manitou VFW No. 1343 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary No. 852 and the DAR. Ruth was a Wednesday night regular in the Pin-Toppler's League at Quick's Lanes. She was also an avid bingo player gaming at the local Eagles or at the Moose in Peru.

Paramount in her life was her family. She was delighted with visits from the grandchildren and the greats. For them she knit custom piece afghans, scarves and mittens. Crocheting was another forte of hers, and in her plan were special gifts for her family and close friends. Ruth shared many great family memories with their annual visits to Florida while visiting her sisters.

She is survived by her husband Earl, at home; her daughter, Lora Ann Chester and husband Jim, Chili, and their children Jason Huff, Joni Popejoy and husband David, Jeffery Mitchell Jr. and Keith Mitchell, Brandy Edwards and husband B.J., and Keegan Chester; her daughter, Shari Lynn Simonson and husband Brian, Rochester, and their children Brandon Arven and Bradlee Arven; her son, Charles Kenneth Deaton, Macy, and his children Teffeny Deaton, Charles Deaton Jr. and Danyell Chobic; her son, William Earl Deaton and wife Pamela, Macy, and their children Calvin Earl Deaton, Jesse Dolen, Miranda Dolen and Jason Dolen; 17 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruby Mawby and husband Sid, St. Petersburg, Fla., and Judy DePlant, St. Petersburg, Fla.; one brother, Lee Francis, Flint, Mich.; one sister-in-law, Lora Davis, Macy; and a special family friend, John Powell, Macy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Lyda Van Burnt and Pat Francis; a brother, John "Joe" Francis; a great-granddaughter, Nevaeh Huff; and a great-grandson, Damon Huff.

A celebration of the life of Ruth Deaton will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Skip Shambarger officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will be in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Edward W. Gamble**

Mr. Edward Woodrow GAMBLE, 95, of 418 West 6th St., Rochester, died Friday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Survivors include two sons, Fredrick Lee Gamble, Pensacola, Fla., and John Gamble, Plymouth; and one sister, Kathrine Houk, New Carlisle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

### **Orville J. Smith**

Oct. 1, 1929 - July 27, 2009

Orville J. "Jr." SMITH, 79, 9215 E. Division Road, Akron, died Monday at 11:37 p.m. at his residence, following a brief illness.

Orville was born Oct. 1, 1929, in Winamac to Orville M. and Mary Frances (Nierzurcki) Smith. He was married Jan. 12, 1957, in Winamac to Rosanna McLean. He lived 47 years in the Akron community after moving from Winamac.

He graduated in 1948 from Star City High School, where he excelled as a basketball player. He served two years in the Army during the Korean conflict and was a dairy farmer all of his life.

Orville was a former Cub Scout leader in Akron. He loved to coon hunt and fish and was a fan of the Colts and IU. He loved to play cards at the Den in Akron, and he loved feeding his birds and sitting on the front porch visiting with his family.

He is survived by four children, John J. Smith (Linda), Rochester, Wendy (Steve) O'Dell, Rochester, Paul Martin Smith, Rochester, and Wesley Smith, Akron; six grandchildren, John J. Smith, Lafayette, Brooke R. Smith, Warsaw, Samantha Smith, Peru, Ind., Alyson Smith, Warsaw, Jason (Andrea) Smith, Wabash, and Stephanie Moore, Indianapolis; two great-grandchildren, Colton and Emerson Avery Smith, Wabash; two sisters, Berniece Trapp, Winamac, and Doris Moore, Fond du Lac, Wis.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sister, Leona Rausch.

Visitation is Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron. Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Phil Pratt and the Rev. Walter Kronberg officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to an organization of the giver's choice. Online condolences may be sent to earllovefh@gmail.com.

Thursday, July 30, 2009

No Obituaries

Friday, July 31, 2009

**Edward W. Gamble**

July 17, 1914 - July 24, 2009

Mr. Edward W. GAMBLE, 95, of 418 W. 6th St., Rochester, passed away at 9:10 p.m. Friday, July 24, at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Edward was born in Allenport, Pa., on July 17, 1914, the son of the late Robert and Lillie Craven Gamble. He had lived in the Rochester community for 70 years, coming from Hammond.

Ed and Orlepha Pontious were married Nov. 25, 1939, in Hammond; she preceded him in death in 1957. He married Mary Louise Wolf on Aug. 14, 1965, in Rochester, and she preceded him in death in 1996.

As one of nine children, Edward was a twin to his brother Edwin. He learned a solid work ethic early in life and was counted on to work and help his family out with chores. He was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps and a lifetime member of the UAW and Eagles. As an elder Ed assisted with preaching responsibilities for the reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints near Hibbard. In 1969 he retired as a machinist from Bendix Corp.

Ed was a familiar face enjoying coffee and conversation in the earlier years at Maggie's, then at the Evergreen and most recently at Tweedle D's. As an inventor, Ed tinkered in his workshop creating domestic inventions or modifying and fabricating present ones to meet his family's needs for whatever challenges life presented.

To relax he enjoyed watching television or simply observed the behaviors of his backyard friends, the birds and squirrels. Taking a ride through the countryside was also a favorite activity immensely enjoyed by Ed.

Ed is survived by two sons, Fredrick Lee Gamble and wife Linda, Pensacola, Fla., and John Gamble and wife Connie, Plymouth; two grandchildren, Carl Gamble and wife Terri, Brighton, Iowa, and Eric Gamble and wife Jeanette, Sebring, Fla.; six great-grandchildren, Evan, Ashley, Cody, Tyler, Alexandra, and Dakotah; one sister, Kathryn Houk and husband Robert, New Carlisle; and three nieces, Donna Jean Miller and husband Ronnie, Colleen Dillard, Rochester, and Jane Ann Hall, Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wives; two sons in infancy; and seven brothers and sisters, Edwin C., Elroy, Mary, Lillie, Rene, Betty, and Delbert.

A celebration of the life of Ed Gamble will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will follow the services at the Leiters Ford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society or United Ministries Food Pantry, Rochester, or Neighborhood Center, Plymouth.

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

### **Joseph G. Voreis**

Joseph G. VOREIS, 28, of 11476 Michigan Road, Plymouth, died at 4:36 p.m. Thursday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Saturday, August 1, 2009

### **Keeley Shay Marie Barnes**

Keeley Shay Marie BARNES, 9 months, of 831 Cherry Tree Lane, Rochester, died at 8:23 p.m. Thursday at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis. She had been ill since birth.

She is survived by her parents, Lacy Clemons-Anderson and Shaun Barnes; two sisters, Haylee Dawn Barnes and Jayda Lynn Barnes; and one brother, Cayden Joseph Holloway.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Good Family Funeral Home. Friends may visit two hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

### **Joel Aaron Brugh**

Joel Aaron BRUGH, 31, of 3118 N. 600 West, Rochester, drowned Tuesday at Daily Lake south of Livingston, Mont.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Mac Dale Davidson**

June 1, 1951 – July 31, 2009

Mac Dale DAVIDSON, 58, of Twelve Mile, died Friday at 1:30 a.m. at his residence.

Mac was born June 1, 1951, in Logansport to Dale and Betty (Shaver) Davidson. He was married Oct. 24, 1970, in Fulton, to Cynthia E. Williams.

For over 30 years Mac helped construct grain bins with his dad at Davidson Construction. Mac had also worked as a truck driver.

Mac served six years in the Indiana National Guard and was a member of American Legion Post No. 60. Mac was a 19670 graduate of Caston High School, where he participated in track, basketball and football.

Mac is survived by his wife, Cynthia, Twelve Mile; three daughters, Tonya Hartman and husband Howard, Lucerne, Kimberly Davidson, Macy, and Angela York and husband Toby, Rochester; his son, Mathew Davidson, Kokomo; his parents, Dale and Betty Davidson, Logansport; two sisters, Sandy Shaw, Twelve Mile and Donna Christianson, Twelve Mile; and eight grandchildren, Brant Hartman, Brock Hartman, Brady Hartman, Colton Welker, Meagan York, Wesley York, Haley York and Lucas Graham.

One son, Aaron Christopher Davidson, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Bruce Russell officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Metea Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975.

**Constance B. Loer**

June 3, 1926 – July 30, 2009

Constance "Connie" B. LOER, 83, of Cardinal Nursing and Rehabilitation, 1121 E. LaSalle Ave., South Bend, and formerly of Akron, died Thursday at 2:20 p.m. at the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, South Bend.

Constance was born June 3, 1926, in Madrid, Mo., to David and Gracie Irene (Irvine) Redd. She was married Sept. 3, 1941, in Huntington to John Charles Loer, who preceded her in death May 26, 1964.

Constance graduated in 1942 from Swayzee High School. She moved to Burket from Kokomo in 1958 and lived in the Kosciusko County area most of her life. She worked at Penguin Point on Detroit Street as a night supervisor for over 20 years, and worked at DePuy in the shipping department for over 20 years, retiring in 1994.

She was a 4-H leader for several years and baked wedding cakes for people.

She is survived by three children, Bernard (Liz) Loer, Kokomo, John "J.R." (Donna) Loer, Warsaw, and Brenda (Mike) Zarembka, Granger; six grandchildren, Jeff Loer, Terry Loer, Stacy Loer, Brandon Loer, Jennifer (Zarembka) Anderson, and Marcus Zarembka; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her brother, Ralph Redd.

Visitation will be Sunday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester, St., Akron. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Wanda Carter officiating. Burial will be at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be sent to earlloveh@gmail.com.

### **Dierdre M. Strube**

Sept. 21, 1918 – July 30, 2009

Dierdre M. STRUBE, 90, 8033 S. Indiana 25, Rochester, passed away at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

She was born Sept. 21, 1918, in Tipton Township, Cass County, the daughter of Carl L. and Mabel Ruth (Jones) Shaff. She married John M. Strube on Dec. 9, 1950, in Nyona Lake. He preceded her in death June 2, 1981.

Mrs. Strube attended Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis). She was a registered nurse, retiring in 1983 from Memorial Hospital, Logansport, and in 1994 from Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport. She was a member of the Fulton United Methodist Church, where she was a former trustee, a member of the choir and a ladies aid. She was also a former member of the Fulton County chorale club.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Lucile Shaff, Logansport; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; her sister, Mrs. Geraldine Cook; and three brothers, Samuel J. Shaff, Don R. Shaff, and Carl Francis Shaff.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Fulton United Methodist Church, Fulton, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at the Fulton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Fulton United Methodist Church. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Homes, Fulton.

Monday, August 3, 2009

**Keeley Shay Marie Barnes**

Dec. 2, 2008 – July 30, 2009

Keeley Shay Marie BARNES, 7 months and 28 days old, of 831 Cherry Tree Lane, Rochester, died at 8:23 p.m. Thursday at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis. She had been ill since her birth on Dec. 2, 2008.

Keeley enjoyed playing with her brother and sisters. She smiled while listening to lullabies and other soft music. Keeley took comfort from the hugs and kisses from her dad and mom. She appreciated the children's stories and fairy tales read by grandma. Keeley's favorite toys were her cool rattles and plush pink flamingo and giraffe. Her eyes twinkled with adoration and excitement with all of the love and affection she was surrounded with from her loving family.

She is survived by her parents, Shaun and Lacy Clemons-Anderson Barnes; two sisters, Haylee Dawn Barnes and Jayda Lynn Barnes; one brother, Cayden Joseph Holloway; maternal grandparents, Tina Russell and Tyler Maule, Rochester, Glen "Andy" and Mitzi Anderson, Rochester, and Billy and Jackie Clemons, Lebanon, Ind.; paternal grandparents, Troy Barnes, Rochester, and Dawn and Tony Nerd, Warsaw; maternal great-grandparents, Patricia and Robin Fitterling, Leiters Ford, George and Kin Thomas, Bozeman, Mont., Donald and Edith Groleau, Rochester, and Lois Anderson, Iowa; paternal great-grandparents, Janet Howard, North Manchester, Allen and Ellen Fischer, Denver, Ind., and Mike and Lois Lyons, Rochester.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home. Friends may visit two hours prior to the service. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

**J. C. Beck**

Lifelong Culver resident J. C. BECK died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver. He was 94 years old.

Survivors include his wife, Olive Beck, of Culver; son Robert Thompson, of DeLong; daughter Janet Beck Baker, of Culver; son Terry Beck, of Defiance, Ohio; and son Tim Beck, of Valparaiso.

A time of visitation with the family will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Grace United Church of Christ in Culver. Services will follow at the church at 2 p.m.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.



**Joel A. Brugh**

Joel A. BRUGH, 31, of 3118 N. 500 West, Rochester, died Tuesday at Dailey Lake, Emigrant, Mont.

Survivors include his parents, James A. and Ronda Hood Brugh, Rochester; three brothers, Joshua Brugh, South Bend, Jason Brugh, Livingston, Mont., and Jim Brugh, Mishawaka; and one sister, Audra Brugh, San Diego, Calif.

Services will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the Good Family Funeral Home., Rochester, with visitation two hours prior to the service.

**Vada Conley**

Aug. 27, 1938 – Aug. 1, 2009

Vada CONLEY, 70, 3762 W. Old Road 30, Warsaw, and formerly of Rochester, passed away at 2:18 a.m. Saturday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 27, 1938, in Mount Sterling, Ky., the daughter of Kelly and Sally (Shepherd) Shepherd. In 1956, in Athens, Ind., she married Wheeler Conley, and he survives.

Mrs. Conley had retired from Camcar Textron, now Acument Global Technologies, Rochester. She had attended the Living Hope Ministries and the Lighthouse in Warsaw. She enjoyed going to garage sales, fishing, canning and baking.

Survivors include her husband, Wheeler Conley, Rochester; two daughters, Priscilla and husband Jimmy Nash, Warsaw, and Cheryl and husband Dan Felda, Monterey; four sons, Terry Conley, Rochester, Timothy Conley, Rochester, Bart and wife Trena Conley, Rochester, and Matthew Conley, Rochester; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Jenny Lynn Conley; and all her brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. William Whitaker officiating. Friends may call from noon to funeral time at the funeral home. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vada Conley Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbors@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbors@rtcol.com).

**Joseph G. Voreis**

Joseph Glendon VOREIS, 28, of 11476 Michigan Road, Plymouth, died Thursday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Andrea Voreis, Plymouth; his children, Dylan Joseph Voreis and Madison Lynn Voreis, both of Plymouth; his father, William "Bill" L. Voreis, Argos; his mother, Rebecca Collins, Plymouth; his brother, William Voreis Jr., Argos; and two sisters, Jennifer Wethe, Phoenix, Ariz., and Angela Reese, Plymouth.

Friends may visit with the family today from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the St. Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth. A celebration of the Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Plymouth.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

### **John D. Galbreath**

John D. "Jack" GALBREATH, 70, of Bruce Lake, died Monday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel.

### **Lois Louise Hutts**

Oct. 8, 1914 – Aug. 2, 2009

Lois Louise HUTTS, 94, of 2615 Wolfs Point Drive Rochester, and formerly of South Bend, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Sunday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She was born Oct. 8, 1914, in Strawn, Ill., the daughter of Ray and Hattie (Trebess) Downs. In 1949 she married Burton Hutts, and he preceded her in death in 1978.

Mrs. Hutts had been a homemaker and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty Haun, Rochester; her grandchildren, Michael and wife Janet Young, Longview, Mass., and Steve and wife Staci Young, El Paso, Ill.; her stepgrandson, Eric and wife Denise Haun, Wytheville, Va.; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; brothers Warren Downs, Lubbock, Texas, and Donald Downs, Knox; sister Esther Choitz, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Horace Downs and Bud Downs; and sister Ines Seibert.

Graveside services will be a 1 p.m. Friday at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Randy Waddle**

Randy “Rusty” WADDLE, 53, of Tippecanoe Shores, Tippecanoe, died Monday at 3 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

### **Joel Aaron Brugh**

Sept. 6, 1977 – July 28, 2009

Joel Aaron BRUGH, 31, 3118 N. 600 West, Rochester died at 7:30 p.m., at Dailey Lake, Emigrant, Mont.

Born Sept. 6, 1977 to James A. and Ronda Hood Brugh, Joel was one of five children. He shared his childhood with brothers Joshua, Jason and Jim and sister Audra. Joel was a 1996 graduate of the Culver Military Academy. During his years at the academy he played on the men’s soccer team. He was appointed captain of the team his senior year.

A significant part of Joel’s childhood was creating memories of the summers spent in Hackensack, Minn., on Lake IXL. It was there Joel developed a keen love and appreciation for nature and our environment, and honed his skills with fresh water fishing. There was nothing quite like catching the limit of bluegill, bass and other delectable pan fish while enjoying the time spent with his brothers and family.

Following graduation Joel attended Ancilla College for a few semesters. The life of an adventurer beckoned him. Exploring his options, he moved to Alaska. Embracing his love of the outdoors and water, he became a deckhand on a charter fishing boat.

It wasn’t long till Joel engaged in specialized training to become a boat captain, studying in California. He ascended through the ranks for the past eight years and served in the past three years as captain and charter fishing guide on a 40-foot fishing boat. His winters were spent off the shores of Maui, Hawaii. With great joy and anticipation, he looked forward to the summers off the shores of Alaska in the Pacific. Joel enjoyed making friends and guiding them to the locales of best fishing. Whether it was salmon, cod or halibut, Joel was there to help them land the catch of the day!

The summer of 2009 brought yet another challenge for Joel. He enrolled in distance learning with the University of Phoenix. He was taking classes to professionalize himself with studies in marine biology. Nearly

halfway through the academic rigors he was planning to enroll in the fall at Humboldt College in California in pursuit of his bachelor's degree.

At this time he shared his brother Jason's home in Livingston, Mont. This led to the opportunity to pursue another love, vegetable gardening. The terrain wasn't well suited, but with Joel's modifications – blending of soils, fertilizer – the unsuitable grounds became a point of beauty that will yield a bountiful crop. Time off from studies also allowed him and Jason to fish for walleyed pike on serene and picturesque Lake Dailey. He also enjoyed playtime and games with his niece Tenaya, whom he dearly loved and adored.

For Joel there were never too many adventures. As an accomplished traveler he visited numerous countries, learned foreign culture and made many friends. In Europe. While traveling in South America he enjoyed his vacations to Ecuador and Columbia.

Joel embraced life and lived it to the fullest, garnering many friends along life's path. Nature, fishing, marine life and seabirds were his passions. Whether it was the success of landing the big one – or enjoying the succulent fruits of his labors in his strawberry patch – Joel was happy with life. Of paramount importance was his family. Distance wasn't an obstacle as he stayed in touch, conveying the breaking news or chatting about routine daily events – Joel was on his cell reporting in.

Joel was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, and he would want you to know he has now joined forces with the greatest fisherman of all time.

Joel leaves his family and his fishing buddies, who loved and adored him to cherish the memories of all of the good times they shared.

Joel is survived by his parents, Jim and Ronda Hood Brugh, Rochester; three brothers, Joshua Brugh and wife Mandie, South Bend, Jason Brugh and wife Teena and their daughters Sierra and Tenaya, Livingston, Mont., and Jim Brugh, Mishawaka; one sister, Audra Brugh, San Diego, Calif.; his maternal grandmother, Doris Hood, Rochester; and his paternal grandparents Joseph and Mildred Brugh, Rochester.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Joel Aaron Brugh will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Father Burt Woolson will officiate. Friends may visit with his family from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials maybe made to Adopt-A-Seabird, Alaska Sea Life Center, P.O. Box 1329, Seward, AK 99664-1329. 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).

**John D. Galbreath**

April 15, 1939 – Aug. 3, 2009

John D. “Jack” GALBREATH, 70, of Bruce Lake, passed away at 5:05 a.m. Monday at his residence.

Born April 15, 1939, in Winamac, he was the son of the late Chester and Orilla (Lincoln) Galbreath. On July 20, 1985, he married Peggy Morgan, and she survives.

Jack formerly worked in the family businesses of Galbreath Inc. and Gal-Fab Inc. in Winamac for many years. He was also a U.S. Army veteran. Jack’s hobbies were working and spending time with his family and friends.

He was a member of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Winamac.

Survivors include his wife,, Peggy Galbreath, Bruce Lake; his sons, Daniel D. Galbreath and wife Judy, Birmingham Ala., John Eric Galbreath and wife Shelle, Winamac, Philip “Flip” Crawford, Winamac, and Morgan Carr, Chicago; his daughters, Rebecca Galbreath, Winamac and Rose Hubbard and husband Jim, Howe, Okla.; his brother, Donald Galbreath and wife Dee, Winamac; and his sister, Betty Kloenne and husband Robert, Logansport. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Myra Jordan and Shirley Howard.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna, where military rites will be performed at 6 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pulaski County Food Pantry, Human Services Building, 115 W. Pearl St., Winamac, IN 46996 and/or Kewanna Church of Christ, P.O. Box 337, Kewanna, IN 46939. Online condolences maybe made to the Galbreath family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**Randy Waddle**

Jan. 5, 1956 – Aug. 3, 2009

Randy “Rusty” WADDLE, 53, of 7677 N. Tippecanoe Shores, Tippecanoe, died at 3:02 p.m. Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after a short illness.

Rusty was born Jan. 5, 1956, in Warsaw to Homer and Jane (Groves) Waddle. He was married May 29, 1997, in Warsaw to Edna Chrisman, and she survives.

He formerly worked for Zimmer Orthopedics and Depuy.

He loved coon hunting, ice fishing and his dogs. He was a member of the Sportsmen & Farmer's Conservation Club for six years, where he voluntarily tended to the grounds.

Rusty is survived by his wife, Edna, Tippecanoe; one daughter, Melanie and husband Billy Ladwig, Warsaw; three sons, Jason Waddle, Warsaw, Jacob Waddle, Rochester, and Zachary and wife Sara Waddle, Daytona Beach, Fla.; three stepchildren, Arron and wife Emily Stavedahl, Beaver Dam, Amy and husband Donnie Wamper, North Manchester, and Richard and wife Trisha Stavedahl, Warsaw; five sisters, Alma and husband Terry Neidig, Bourbon, Laura and husband Mike Norton, Palestine, Ind., Robin and husband Tony Foreman, Warsaw, Ginger and husband Roger White, Palestine, Ind., and Callie and husband Ricky Deeter, Pierceton; two brothers, Scott Waddle, Mentone, and Philip and wife Jenny Waddle, Akron; and fourteen grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandchild.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Terry Bradford officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sportsmen & Farmer's Conservation Club. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Thursday, August 6, 2009

### **Katherine S. Wright**

Katharine S. WRIGHT, 71, of Bruce Lake died at 7:25 p.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport.

Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel.

Friday, August 7, 2009

### **Mildred I. Batten**

Mildred I. BATTEN, 90, of 912 Sunflower Lane, Rochester, died at noon Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Katherine S. Wright**

July 20, 1938 – Aug. 4, 2009

Services for Katherine S. WRIGHT, 71, of Bruce Lake, will be at noon Saturday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, 304 S. Chicago St., Royal Center.

She passed away at 7:25 p.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport.

Born July 20, 1938, in Kewanna, she was the daughter of the late Lovell and Frances (Engle) Hurlburt. On Oct. 6, 1956, she married Robert L. Wright Sr., and he preceded her in death on Nov. 28, 2005.

She was a member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

Katherine retired from Controls Inc. in Rochester and had also been a waitress at the Dam Landing in Rochester and the Lion's Den at Lake Bruce. She enjoyed walking, playing bingo and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her daughters, Dianna Johns and husband Troy, Logansport, and Pamela K. Becker and husband Kaye, Plymouth; son Robert L. Wright Jr., Logansport; her brothers, Chester and Kenneth Wayne; and sister Patricia. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Holly, Ashley, Tiffany and Matthew.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Blaine.

Pastor Scott Ellison will officiate at her service and burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bruce Lake.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com)

Saturday, August 8, 2009

**Mildred I. Batten**

Mrs. Mildred I. BATTEN, 90, of 912 Sunflower Lane, Rochester, formerly of South Bend, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mildred is survived by a daughter, Jean Batten, Richmond, Ind.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

**Marjorie F. Martens**

Mrs. Marjorie F. MARTENS, 86, of 217 W. 10th St., Rochester, died at 4 a.m. Friday at her residence.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilee Diener, Wabash, and Michelle Winterrowd, Rochester; two sons, Murro Martens, Argyle, Texas, and Mark Martens, Rochester; and brother Edgar McCracken, Sioux City, Iowa.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Monday, August 10, 2009

**Leola J. DeMont**

Leola June DeMONT, 79, of 5330 E. Sagebrush St., Apache Junction, Ariz., and formerly of 309 Indiana Ave., Argos, died Sunday at 12:02 a.m. at Paradise Valley Senior Retreat, Paradise Valley, Ariz.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Marjorie F. Martens**

Mrs. Marjorie F. MARTENS, 86, of 217 W. 10th St., Rochester, died at 4 a.m. Friday at her residence.

On April 3, 1923, Marjorie F. Martens was born to Harry and Bess Saunders McCracken in Manilla, Iowa. She grew up with the company of two loving brothers, Murro and Edgar. She was a 1941 graduate of Manilla High School, where she enjoyed many social activities, but especially enjoyed hitting the hardwoods playing basketball.

After high school, patriotism beckoned her to serve our country as a WAVE with the United States Navy. She served from 1942 to 1945 as an aviation machinist, attaining the rank of second class at the time of her honorable discharge. Marge returned to Sioux City, Iowa, where she attended Morningside College studying elementary education. She graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor of Arts. There was no doubt that Marge was an active lifelong learner - but soon after the arrival of her family to Indiana in 1960, she completed her master's degree in elementary education at Indiana University-Kokomo.

On Aug. 6, 1947, in Manilla, Iowa, Marge was united in marriage to the love of her life and best friend, Clarence G. Martens. Their union produced four children, Murro, Marilee, Mark and Michelle. Over the years



the family tree has blossomed to add seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Martens was a 20-year esteemed teaching veteran at Rochester's Columbia Elementary School. With love and enthusiasm for teaching, and her students, she assisted them with laying the important foundation of all learning. She was charged to introduce them to formal education in kindergarten. Mrs. Martens is remembered for creating a loving environment to nurture her students, and using music as an important tool.

An active community member, Marge was a nearly 50-year member of Grace United Methodist Church, where for many years she was a member of the Bells of Grace and the Chancel Choir. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Elks Club, Women's Golf League, and the Fulton County Retired Teachers Association. For nearly 20 years Clarence and Marge migrated to the Citrus Park Community wintering in Bonita Springs, Fla. It was at this locale that Marge and friends participated with the group the Belles of Harmony, a women's barbershop chorus. She was also an original member of the Park's hand bell choir. Marge supplied the accompaniment on piano for the men's vocal group, The Cordsmen.

Of supreme importance to Marge was her family. As the matriarch, Marge was there for her legacy of three generations. She loved and adored her grandchildren. She followed their adventures in academics, athletics, theatre, music and dance, rarely missing a recital, contest or production, always being there as their No. 1 cheerleader. In her spare time she crocheted afghans for her family and special friends. With the gentle and loving touch only a grandma can give, she looked forward to hosting the family, creating the feast and celebrating Christmas or the special birthday milestone.

Marge leaves a legacy to her former students and colleagues, the ladies of the links, her pals at Citrus Park, her family of Grace church, her devoted and loving children, adoring grandchildren, faithful four great-grandchildren, and a host of friends she made along the journey of life; all will remember the many good times they shared, cherishing her memory.

Marge is survived by two daughters, Marilee Diener and husband John, Wabash, and Michelle Winterrowd and husband Jeff, Rochester; two sons, Murro Martens and wife Darla, Argyle, Texas, and Mark Martens and wife Betty, Rochester; her grandchildren, Kevin Martens and wife Cara, Flower Mound, Texas, Kurt Martens and wife Zazzye, Frisco, Texas, J.T. Diener and wife Kelli, Greenwood, Nathaniel Diener and wife Mallori, Honduras, Katie Martens, McAllen, Texas, David Diener and fiancée Danielle Schaeffer, Wabash, and Sadie Martens, Rochester; and her great-

grandchildren, Cale Martens and Riley Martens, Flower Mound, Texas, and Rebekah Diener, Greenwood, and Sienna Martens, Frisco, Texas; and brother Edgar McCracken, Sioux City, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her brother, Murro McCracken, in 1941.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Marjorie F. McCracken Martens will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Her service will be officiated by the Rev. Maurice Grindle. Visitation will be at the funeral home today from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service. Military honors will be accorded by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post and the Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars. She will rest eternally next to her beloved husband, Clarence, at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to Columbia Elementary Library, Grace United Methodist Church or Hope Hospice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Clifford D. Pickens**

Clifford D. PICKENS, 79, of Lucerne, died Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Cliff was born Aug. 12, 1929, in Kewanna to Frank E. and Blanche M. (Morris) Pickens. He was married May 4, 1951, in Young America, Ind., to Georgiann Riemenschneider, who survives.

A retired farmer, Cliff also drove a school bus for 51 years.

Cliff was a 1949 graduate of Metea High School, a member of the Metea Baptist Church, past worthy patron of the Fulton Order of the Eastern Star, past worshipfull master of the Fulton Masonic Lodge No. 665, and past president of the third wheel patrol for the Shrine Club in Logansport. He was a member of the Logansport Shrine Club, 32 degree Scottish rite member of South Bend and Indianapolis Murat Shrine, and a current member of the Rochester Moose Lodge No. 1107.

Cliff enjoyed gardening and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife, Georgiann Pickens, Lucerne; his son, Monte Pickens and wife Corinne, Rochester; his daughter, Pam Grable and husband Denny, Springboro, Ohio, his brother, Ralph Pickens and wife Ondah, Lucerne; sister Esther Books, Rochester; his grandson Brian Grable and wife Kelly, Salem, Mass.; two granddaughters, Jill Topich and husband Jim, Mason, Ohio, and Lindsey Dunithan and husband Matt, Bellville, Ill.; stepgranddaughter, Britt Fansler, Greenwood; great-grandchildren, James

Topich and Jodie Topich, Mason, Ohio, and Ava Grable, Salem, Mass.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Helen Smith, Mabel Burrous, Edna Annis, and Opal Pickens; five brothers, Herman, Raymond, Frank Jr., Robert and Clyde Pickens; one son, Ronald Pickens; one great-granddaughter, Jacqueline Topich; and his stepmother, Hazel Pickens.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Metea Baptist Church, Lucerne, with Pastor Bill Cordes and Pastor Bob Cree officiating. Burial will be at Metea Cemetery, Metea. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Gundrum Funeral Home and one hour prior to services at the church. There will also be Masonic services and a Shrine service.

Memorials may be made to Shiners Hospitals for Children.

### **Susan B. Stough**

Susan B. STOUGH, 86, of Maple Road, Plymouth, died Sunday morning at Bremen Health Care Center, Bremen.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Stough; two daughters, Cheryl Campbell, Madison, and Debbie Symon, Rochester; two sons, John Blackburn, South Bend, and David Stough Sr., Plymouth; and one brother, Richard Webb, Mentone.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Lakeville United Methodist Church. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville.

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

### **Susan B. Blackburn-Stough**

Jan. 27, 1923 - Aug. 9, 2009

Susan B. BLACKBURN-STOUGH, age 86, of Maple Road, Plymouth, passed away at 6:20 a.m. Sunday at Bremen Health Care Center, Bremen.

Susan worked in the courthouse in Plymouth and then retired in 1988 from Lapaz Grain Co. after 18-plus years of service. Susan was born Jan. 27, 1923, in Decatur, Mich., to the late Archie and Henrietta (VanDenBurg) Webb and lived in northern Indiana most of her life. On July 5, 1943, she married Wayne Blackburn, who preceded her in death Feb. 2, 1970. Then, Jan. 17, 1976, she married Ronald Stough, who survives.

Susan graduated from Grass Creek High School. She was also a beauty school graduate and worked many years as a beautician. She was a longtime active member at Lakeville United Methodist Church, where she

was part of the sewing circle, served on the administrative board and taught Sunday school. She also worked many years on the election board in Marshall County and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 123 in Macy. She especially loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Susan and Ronald spent the winters in Homosassa, Fla., for the past 20 years and loved to camp with friends prior to that.

Also surviving, along with husband Ronald, are two daughters, Cheryl (Tom) Campbell, Madison, and Debbie (Terry) Symon, Rochester; and two sons, John (Faye) Blackburn, South Bend, and David (Jeanette) Stough Sr., Plymouth. There are eight grandchildren, Brian Campbell, Troy Blackburn, David Stough, Libby Blackburn, Jennifer Bikneris, Kelly Rector, Ryan Stough and Elizabeth Symon; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Richard (Alice) Webb, Mentone.

Two brothers, Frank and Robert Webb, preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Lakeville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Larry Dimick and the Rev. David Cross will officiate. Burial will follow at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Contributions in memory of Susan B. Blackburn-Stough may be made to the Lakeville United Methodist Church, 610 N. Michigan St., Lakeville, IN 46536 or Center for Hospice and Palliative Care Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637. Online condolences may made at [www.palmerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.palmerfuneralhomes.com).

### **Bryce McNamee Burton**

Aug. 16, 1922 - Aug. 9, 2009

Bryce McNamee BURTON, 86, passed away in the early evening Sunday at his home in Redington Beach, Fla. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Elnora Smiley Burton, six daughters, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Burton was born Aug. 16, 1922, in Danville, Ill., and was the son of Bryce B. Burton (d. 1943) and Minnie M. Burton (d. 1981) and was raised and educated in Hoopeston, Ill. After attending Purdue University, Mr. Burton located in Rochester and formed Burton Mechanical Contractors, and later, a national subsidiary, Airvac Manufacturing.

He was a member of the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts, Bel-Air Country Club and during his many years in Rochester, was a member of the Rochester Masonic Lodge No. 79. He was president of the Fulton County

Board of Aviation Commissioners and a longtime board member of the State Exchange Bank in Culver. Mr. Burton was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Roger Branigin in 1967.

Mr. Burton's daughters with Julia Ann Burton (d. 2000) are Ann Furnivall (Steve), of Rochester; Linda Hatch (Mike), of Redington Shores, Fla.; Nanci Cummings (Larry), of Dryden, Mich.; Kathy Burton, of Show Low, Ariz.; Christine Arnold (Jeff), of Indianapolis; and Rebecca Burton, of Carmel. He is also survived by Mark Smiley (Jane), of Rochester, Rae Ann Roberts (Gary), of New Castle, and Corinne Pickens (Monte), of Rochester.

Cremation and family services will be handled by Anderson McQueen Funeral & Cremation Services, 7820 38th Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

### **Leola June DeMont**

Leola June DeMONT, 79, of 4801 E. Beryl Ave., Paradise Valley, Ariz., and formerly of 309 Indiana Ave., Argos, died Sunday at 12:02 a.m. at Paradise Valley Senior Retreat, Paradise Valley, Ariz.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews; and special life friend Jeffery Brown and his daughter, Jacklyn Gentry, Phoenix, Ariz.

Friends may visit with the family Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **Marjorie F. Martens**

Mrs. Marjorie F. MARTENS, 86, of 217 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, died at 4 a.m. Friday at her residence.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilee Diener, Wabash, and Michelle Winterrowd, Rochester; two sons, Murro Martens, Argyle, Texas, and Mark Martens, Rochester; and both Edgar McCracken, Sioux City, Iowa.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation for one hour prior to the service.

### **Harold Sellers**

Harold SELLERS, 94, Monterey, died at 8:45 a.m. Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements, which are incomplete.

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

**Bryce McNamee Burton**

Bryce McNamee BURTON, 86, who died Sunday at home in Redington Beach, Fla., is also survived by the children of his wife, Elnora Rouch Burton: Corinne Smiley Pickens, Rochester, Rae Ann Smiley Roberts, New Castle, and Mayor Mark L. Smiley, Rochester.

Cremation and family services will be handled by Anderson McQueen Funeral & Cremation Services, St. Petersburg, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

**Leola June DeMont**

Leola June DeMONT, 79, of 4801 E. Beryl Ave., Paradise Valley, Ariz., and formerly of 309 Indiana Ave., Argos, died Sunday at 12:02 a.m. at Paradise Valley Senior Retreat, Paradise Valley, Ariz.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews; and special friend Jeffery Brown and his daughter, Jacklyn Gentry, Phoenix, Ariz.

Friends may visit with the family Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Harold J. Sellers**

Harold J. SELLERS, 94, of Monterey, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Survivors include one son, Randy Sellers, Monterey; three daughters, Carol Sue Ely, Monterey, Phyllis Whiting, Monterey, and Barbara Hall, Homedale, Idaho; two brothers, Paul Sellers and Jim Sellers, both of Knox; and one sister, Glenda Salzer, Knox.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Kirsten M. Taylor**

Kirsten M. TAYLOR, 17, 1325 W. Sixth St., Rochester, passed away at 6:06 p.m. Monday in Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, August 13, 2009

**John W. Chadwick**

John W. CHADWICK, 86, of Culver, died at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements, which are incomplete.

Friday, August 14, 2009

**Steven L. Beatty**

Steven Lee BEATTY, 54, of 1486 Park Road, Rochester, died Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**John W. Chadwick**

John W. CHADWICK, 86, of Culver, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include several cousins and nephews in England.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Culver Academies Memorial Chapel. There will be no visitation.

**Mary E. Guise**

Mary E. GUISE, 91, of Culver, died at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements, which are incomplete.

**Wanda Smith**

Wanda SMITH, 71, of 4959 N. Indiana 25, Rochester, died Thursday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd Smith; two daughters, Robin Lee Simmons, Pleasant, S.C., and Julie Baker, Portland, Ore.; one son, Michael D. Smith, Pensacola, Fla.; one sister, Susie, Los Angeles; and one brother, Charles Farber, Woodland Hills, Calif.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the First Church of God, Rochester. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

**Kirsten M. Taylor**

March 11, 1992 – Aug. 10, 2009

Kirsten M. TAYLOR, 17, of 1325 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester, passed away at 6:06 p.m. Monday in Rochester.

She was born March 11, 1992, in Plymouth, the daughter of Karen (Taylor) Simpson and James Rendon.

Miss Taylor was a senior at Rochester High School. She enjoyed photography and drawing.

Survivors include her parents, Karen Simpson and partner Cassandra Jones, Rochester, and James and wife Monique Rendon, Rochester, N.Y.; her sisters, Tabitha Simpson, Rochester, and Fawn Rendon, Fallon Rendon and Felicita Rendon, Rochester, N.Y.; stepsister Amanda Simpson, Rochester; stepbrother J.T. Jones, Rochester; her maternal grandparents, Eddie and Becky Taylor, Rochester; her paternal grandparents, Melinda Morales, California, and Francisco Rendon, Tampa, Fla.; great-grandmother Felicita Rendon, Guatemala; her maternal aunts and uncles, Edward Taylor and Lisa Birk, Gary Taylor, Jeff Taylor, and Paula Holcomb and husband Jeff Holcomb; her paternal aunts and uncles, Christopher Morales, Starr Morales, Brittney Morales, and Henry Morales; her maternal cousins, Phillip Taylor, Rebecca Taylor and Eddie Holcomb; and her special cousins, John Slater, Melissa Slater, Corbin Slater, Kayla Birk and Jeffery Birk.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Jesse Thomas, her great-grandmother, Virginia Ivy, and aunt Melissa Slater.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kirsten M. Taylor Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Saturday, August 15, 2009

**Mary E. Guise**

July 24, 1918 - Aug. 12, 2009

Mary E. GUISE, 91, of Culver, passed away Wednesday at 9:50 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor of Culver.

Mary was born July 24, 1918, in Winamac, one of two children born to Orin and Aura (Henry) Crane. She graduated from Star City High School



in the Class of 1936. Mary fell in love and married Curtis Guise on March 21, 1942. They raised two children together.

Mary retired as a telephone operator from Indiana Bell after working at the office on Lakeview Street in Culver. She later worked at the Culver Military Academies, where she retired after 37 years. She was a faithful member of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Culver, where she was an active member of the choir for many years. She also helped in the church thrift shop for many years. Mary had the reputation for making wonderful pies for people.

Mary is survived by her son, Stephen Guise, of Culver; and daughter, Mary Jane Guise, of Logansport. She is also survived by her cousins, Elizabeth Smith, of Millersbeach, Becky Swerdon, of Portage, and Lee Freel, of Walworth, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and sister.

A time of visitation with the family will be held Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, where the Rev. Larry Saunders will officiate the service at 11 a.m. Monday. Interment will follow at the Bruce Lake Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at [www.bonineodom.com](http://www.bonineodom.com).

### **Wanda Smith**

Dec. 15, 1937 - Aug. 13, 2009

Mrs. Wanda Jerrine SMITH, 71, of 4959 N. Indiana 25, Rochester, passed away at 8:22 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Wanda was born in Woodland Hills, Calif., on Dec. 15, 1937, the daughter of the late Louis and Merlene (Robinson) Farber. Wanda and Lloyd "Dean" Smith were married Jan. 11, 1958, in the chapel at the naval hospital in Quantico, Va.

Wanda was married to her best friend Lloyd "Dean" Smith for nearly 51 1/2 years. Their union yielded four children, Robin, Julie, Michael and Steven. The family tree grew over the years with the additions of grandchildren Park, Ashlyn and Aaron.

As a homemaker and mom, she is remembered as the "best cook," always preparing the most delectable foods for her family. Togetherness always prevailed as she prepared the meals and Dean made certain the kitchen was cleaned up by handling the dishes detail.

Wanda also enjoyed crocheting baby blankets, scarves, mittens and table cloths. She shared her special creations as gifts for family and special

friends. She also kept busy decorating her home and arranging flowers. A trip out shopping and lunching was a favorite activity, shared with her girlfriends.

A devoted member of the First Church of God, Wanda was a member of the Sisterhood Group. She also thoughtfully sent birthday and anniversary greetings to all of her church family.

Wanda is survived by her husband, Lloyd; two daughters, Robin L. Simmons, Pleasant, S.C., and Julie Baker and husband John, Portland, Ore.; a son, Michael D. Smith and wife Lorie, Pensacola, Fla.; three grandchildren, Park Simmons, Ashlyn Smith and Aaron Smith; a sister, Susie, Los Angeles; and a brother, Charles Farber, Woodland Hills, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Steven C. Smith in 1988, and two sisters.

A celebration of the life of Wanda Smith will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the First Church of God, Rochester, with the Rev. Larry Dodge officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, and one hour prior to the service in the church. Interment will follow the service at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

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

Monday, August 17, 2009

### **Steven L. Beatty**

Steven Lee BEATTY, 54, of 1486 Park Road, Rochester, died Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include two sons, Derek Lee Beatty and Ryan Daniel Beatty, both of Rochester; two brothers, Dennis Guyer and Gary Beatty, both of Rochester; and his parents, Loren Lee and Flossie Louise Eash Beatty, Rochester.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit with his family on Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

### **Martha N. Cleavenger**

Martha N. CLEAVENGER, 87, formerly of Culver, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Survivors include her children, James Turner, Columbus, Ohio, and Sally Shriner, Mishawaka.

Visitation with the family will be at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday. Services will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

**Steven L. Beatty**

April 2, 1955 - Aug. 13, 2009

Steven Lee BEATTY, 54, of 1486 Park Road, Rochester, died at 11:47 a.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Steve was born April 2, 1955, in Marshall County to Loren Lee and Flossie Louise Eash Beatty, Rochester, both of whom survive. He was married Sept. 26, 1987, at Mt. Hope Church northwest of Rochester to Becky Hawk; they were later divorced.

Steve was employed at Rochester Iron Metals as a mechanic, and he was formerly employed at Rochester City Dray for nearly 20 years.

He was a member of the Rochester High School Class of 1973.

Steve was a volunteer member of the Aubbeenaubbee Township Fire Department for over 15 years. He enjoyed drag racing, visiting some of the tracks around the area with Jon Hammel or watching the races on TV. He was fascinated with Harley-Davidson motorcycles. A dog lover, Steve's favorite canine companion was Niki, his faithful dachshund.

As a family man, Steve enjoyed mushroom hunting with his dad in Michigan and Wisconsin. Over the years he took his sons on many camping trips to the state park in Winamac. He taught them about nature, appreciation of the environment and other outdoor skills. Steve had a passion for barbecuing, grilling out almost year round. His specialties were hamburgers and bratwursts. Many mornings before work Steve could be found on the city park basketball courts shooting hoops with his son Ryan.

Survivors include two sons, Derek Lee Beatty and Ryan Daniel Beatty, both of Rochester; two brothers, Dennis Guyer and Gary Beatty, both of Rochester; and his parents, Loren Lee and Flossie Louise Eash Beatty, Rochester. Several aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

Preceding him in death was an infant sister, Debra S. Beatty

A celebration of the life of Mr. Steven Lee Beatty will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Pastors Dan Mundt and Bob Metzger will officiate. Friends may visit with his family on Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. He will be laid to rest at the Akron Cemetery.

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

**Linda M. Schnieb**

May 22, 1940 - Aug. 17, 2009

Linda M. SCHNIEB, 69, of Rochester, died Monday at 11:20 a.m. at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Linda was born May 22, 1940, in Logansport, to Charles and Malinda J. Birkel Pugh. She was married March 6, 1983, in Logansport to Jerry L. Schnieb, who preceded her in death Jan. 21.

Linda worked as a bookkeeper for Holiday Inn in Logansport.

She was a member of the Eagles Lodge No. 323 Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Schnieb also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and reading.

Survivors include her four stepdaughters, Kathy Combs and husband Daryl, Alabama, Carol Hunt and husband Todd, Georgia, Karen Daily, Logansport, and Joyce Moss and companion Dennis Harris, Kokomo; two stepsons, Keith Cunningham and wife Missy, Monticello, and Eric Schnieb and companion Shelby Allen, Tennessee; several stepgrandchildren; several stepgreat-grandchildren; three brothers, Joe Pugh and wife Ramona, Columbus, Sam Pugh and wife Betty Jo, Rochester, Bill Pugh, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Aaron Gross officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice.

**Jimmie N. Johnson**

Dec. 17, 1930 - Aug. 15, 2009

Jimmie N. JOHNSON, 78, of Rochester, formerly of Fortville, died Saturday in Indianapolis.

He was born Dec. 17, 1930, in Fortville to Victor and Margaret (Hiney) Johnson.

He was a 1949 graduate of the old Fortville High School and worked many jobs, including farming in Fulton County and later in the circulation department for The Rochester Sentinel. Jimmie was also a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War. He was a member of the Fortville F&AM No. 207, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by son Jimmie L. (Jean) Johnson, Kewanna; son Jamie N. Johnson, Greenfield; daughter Becky (Doug) Fields, Greenfield; daughter

Vicki (Greg) Gruell, Greenfield; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Sam McClintock.

A private family graveside burial will be held at Gravel Lawn Cemetery, Fortville, following cremation.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. Online condolences may be shared at [www.sealsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sealsfuneralhome.com).

### **Martha L. Shireman**

Martha L. SHIREMAN, 75, of 12635 W. 900 South, Akron, died Sunday at Manor Care at Summer Trace, Carmel.

She is survived by one daughter, Paula K. Shireman, M.D., San Antonio, Texas; two sons, Greg L. Shireman, Schaumburg, Ill., and Mark A. Shireman, Carmel; and one sister, Mary Randall-Florey, Warsaw.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, Akron. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

### **John F. Nicodemus**

July 14, 1930 - Aug. 17, 2009

John F. NICODEMUS, 79, of 401 N. Virgil St., Akron, died at 10:20 p.m. Monday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

John was born July 14, 1930, in Fulton County to Max and Nellie Myrtle McCain Nicodemus.

John was a farm laborer throughout his life. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving from 1950 to 1952. He liked to talk and visit with people on the streets of Akron. He also enjoyed watching the Little League Baseball at the park.

John is survived by his daughter, Cheryl, Florida; two stepsons, Andrew Woods, Minnesota, and Michael Woods, Texas; two sisters, Mary and husband William Day, Roann, and Marjorie Sutton, Akron; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Edwin and Robert E. Nicodemus; three sisters, Hazel, Doris and Wilma; and one niece.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Robert Jarboe officiating. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in

Athens Cemetery, where graveside military rites will be conducted by the American Legion and VFW posts of Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Martha L. Shireman**

Feb. 8, 1934 - Aug. 16, 2009

Martha L. SHIREMAN, 75, of 12635 W. 900 South, Akron, died at 7:55 p.m. Sunday at Manor Care at Summer Trace, Carmel. She had been in failing health since 2005.

Martha was born Feb. 8, 1934, in Kosciusko County to Omer and Pauline Poor Drudge; she was born at the same residence she lived at her entire life. She was married July 2, 1955, at Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, Akron, to Paul E. Shireman, who preceded her in death Aug. 18, 1995.

Martha was the extension agent for Fulton County for 21 years.

Martha graduated from Beaver Dam High School in 1951. She then attended Purdue University and graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science in home economics. She taught home economics at Akron High School for five years.

Martha was a member of the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church. She was also a member of Alpha Delta Phi sorority, the John Purdue Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She loved Purdue University and had season tickets to Purdue football games for over 40 years.

Martha is survived by one daughter, Paula K. Shireman, M.D., and husband Patrick Conroy, San Antonio, Texas; two sons, Greg L. and wife Julie Shireman, Schaumburg, Ill., and Mark A. and wife Margret Shireman, Carmel; eight grandchildren, Jeffery, Alan, Grant, Derek, Jack, Patrick, Paul and Aine; and one sister, Mary Randall-Florey and husband Monte Florey, Warsaw.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul E. Shireman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, Akron, with the Rev. Butch Troke and the Rev. Jacqueline Foley officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Burial will be in Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, Akron. Online condolences may be sent to [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Thursday, August 20, 2009

**Allen F. Grube**

Allen F. GRUBE, 73, of 1206 Elizabeth St., Rochester, died at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, August 21, 2009

**Allen F. Grube**

Oct. 19, 1935 - Aug. 19, 2009

Mr. Allen F. GRUBE, 73, of 1206 Elizabeth St., Rochester, passed away at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday at his residence. He had been in failing health the past two months.

He was born, one of nine children, in Fulton County on Oct. 19, 1935, to the late Jennings B. and Bertha F. Little Grube, and he was a lifetime county resident.

Allen was a proud graduate of Rochester High School and a member of the Central Indiana Conference champion football team in 1953. He served our country in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1960.

He retired from the Chrysler Corp. in Kokomo in 2000, where he worked as an electrician for 23 years. He was a member of the United Auto Workers Local 685 of Kokomo. He was also a former 19-year employee of Dean Foods Co., Rochester.

Allen and M. "Sue" Anderson were married Oct. 19, 1957, in Prairie Grove, near Kewanna.

As a family man, he loved to take his friends and family, especially the grandchildren, for ice cream. Grandpa knew where to find the best scoop, wherever he was traveling around the U.S.

Camping, fishing and car shows were also favorite outings that the family enjoyed.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Grube, at home; two daughters, Cynthia D. Kegley, Rochester, and Jennifer L. Grube, Nyona Lake; one son, Brent L. Grube, Kokomo; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandsons; two sisters, Dorothy Etcheson, Noblesville, and Betty Dunlap and husband Kenny, Fort Myers, Fla.; three brothers, Paul Grube and wife Pat, Rochester, Eldon Grube and wife Linda, Kokomo, and Carl Grube and wife Pearl, Kewanna; two sisters-in-law, Louise Grube, Rochester, and Stella Grube, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Walter, Rex and Max Grube.

A celebration of the life of Allen Grube will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Larry Dodge officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 9 a.m. Saturday through the hour of the service in the funeral home. Military rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Interment will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Fulton County Cancer Society or to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtc.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtc.com).

### **Kevin Rush**

Kevin RUSH, 50, of 7413 E. 900 North, Twelve Mile, died at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Paul G. Starr**

Paul Gene STARR, 71, of Estero, Fla., died Aug. 2.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Barrett-Starr, Wichita, Kan.; one son, Todd A. Starr, Naperville, Ill.; three daughters, Shann R. Laccabue, Tampa, Fla., Lynn M. Zito, Viera, Fla., and Dr. Kara K. James, Wichita, Kan.; and his mother, Norma J. Starr, Rochester.

Services were at Becker Funeral Home, Clermont, Fla., on Aug. 10.

Saturday, August 22, 2009

### **Lori Ann Greer**

May 9, 1963 - Aug. 20, 2009

Lori Ann GREER, 46, of 12735 S. 700 West, Silver Lake, died at 9:36 p.m. Thursday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, due to complications from a surgery Aug. 4.

Lori was born May 9, 1963, in Lansing, Mich., to Lynn Vern and Patricia Ann Schofield Lawrence. She was married Nov. 12, 1983, in Lansing to Robert D. Greer Jr., and he survives.

Lori was a Tippecanoe Valley High School lunch lady as well as a homemaker.

Lori graduated from Everett High School in Lansing, Mich., in 1981. She received her associate degree from Great Lakes Bible College in



Lansing in 1983. Lori was a member of the Rochester church of Christ, where she served as a preschool board member as well as Sunday school teacher. Also, she volunteered for many activities involving 4-H and was a member of the goat committee. Lori and her husband, Robert, had recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. She had been part of the Fulton County Extension Choral Club. She was a devoted wife, mother and friend to all. She enjoyed baby-sitting.

Survivors include her husband, Robert, Silver Lake; mother Patricia Lawrence, Lansing, Mich.; daughter Nikkole Lynn Greer, Silver Lake; son Matthew Robert Greer, Silver Lake; her brother, Mark Lynn and wife Sandy Lawrence, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; four nieces, Jennifer Lawrence, Stephanie Bennett, Cassie and husband Cam Jones, and Angela Bennett; six nephews, Benjamin Lawrence, Keith Bennett, Tyler Bennett, Joshua Bennett, Adam Hicks and Nate Hicks; mother-in-law Darla Greer, Kewanna; and two sisters-in-law, Christy and husband Don Bennett, Kewanna, and Jana and husband James Hicks, Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lynn Vern Lawrence, in 1987; and her father-in-law, Robert D. Greer, in 1996.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with visitation one hour prior to the service at Rochester church of Christ, 120 E. 5th St., Rochester. Minister Jim Dillinger will officiate. There will also be visitation from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Burial will be in Kewanna IOOF Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greer Children Memorial College Fund through Beacon Credit Union. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **C. Anne Swihart**

Jan. 1, 1936 - Aug. 20, 2009

C. Anne SWIHART, 73, of 2704 E. Macy-Gilead Road, Macy, died unexpectedly at 2:32 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital Emergency Room, Rochester.

Anne was born Jan. 1, 1936, in Tippecanoe to Claude and Mildred Lowrey Rhodes. She was married Dec. 3, 1955, in Athens, Ind., to Jack E. Swihart, and he survives.

Anne worked as a nurse's aide and as a factory worker at Wen Products in Akron and Dekko in Claypool.

Anne attended Tippecanoe High School. She was an animal lover and was very fond of hummingbirds. Also, she enjoyed being friends with the Amish.

Survivors include her husband, Jack, Gilead; one daughter, Kim and husband Dave Yoder, Mexico, Ind.; three sons, Stuart and wife Cindy Swihart, Goshen, Ricci and wife Patti Swihart, Gilead, and Brett and wife Julie Swihart, Bourbon; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Judy Cormican, Tippecanoe, and Janet and husband Chuck Loomis, Russell, Kan.; and two brothers, Tom and wife Merilee Rhodes, Pueblo, Colo., and Larry Rhodes, Parker, Kan.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kelby Swihart, in 1997; and one sister, Linda "Susie" Rhodes.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery, Gilead.

Memorial contributions may be made to Olive Branch Church of God or to Rosie's Retreat and Rescue Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Monday, August 24, 2009

### **Nedra J. Hurley**

Nedra J. HURLEY, 59, of Indianapolis, formerly of Kewanna, died at 1:40 p.m. Saturday at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel.

### **Kevin Rush**

Kevin RUSH, 50, of 7413 E. County Road 900 North, Twelve Mile, died Wednesday at his residence from a sudden illness.

Survivors include his mother, Elsie Rush, Rochester; two sisters, Carla Ringler, Ocklawaha, Fla., and Lucinda Rudd, Rochester.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

**Nedra J. Hurley**

July 11, 1950 – Aug. 22, 2009

Services for Nedra J. HURLEY, 59, of Indianapolis, formerly of Kewanna, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Ann Catholic Church in Kewanna.

She passed away at 1:40 p.m. Saturday at her residence after a 2-year battle with ovarian cancer, the silent killer.

Born July 11, 1950, in Rochester, she was the daughter of Clurel and Jeanette (Mutchler) Hunter. On Aug. 16, 1970, she was married to Pete Hurley, and he survives.

Nedra was a 1968 Kewanna High School graduate and she was a former dental assistant for Dr. Barco in Winamac. She retired in 1983 from the United States Air Force as a sergeant and was also a homemaker.

She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Indianapolis and a former member of the American Legion.

Nedra enjoyed cooking, reading and traveling.

Survivors include her husband, Pete Hurley; two sons, Robert A. Hurley IV and wife Andrea, and Matthew T. Hurley, both of Indianapolis; mother Jeanette Hunter, Rochester; her brother, Phillip Hunter and wife Cherlyn, Linden; and four sisters, Sara Hoffman and husband Howard and Donna Rude and husband Steve, both of Rochester, Dianne Smith and husband Jim, Plymouth, and Cynthia Biggs and husband Larry, Logansport. She is also survived by two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clurel Hunter.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna.

Father Bert Woolson will officiate and burial with military rites will be in Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made to the Hurley family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

**Laurie Ann Marks-Zieber**

Laurie Ann MARKS-ZIEBER, 40, died of natural causes at her home, 315 W. Dewey St., Bremen, on Monday.

She is survived by her mother Marsha L. Shaffer Marks Rudd, Rochester; her husband, James K. "Jim" Zieber, Bremen; five children, Brittany J. Zieber, Richard D. Zieber, Dakota J. Zieber, Ronnie W. Zieber and Johnny R. Zieber, all of Bremen; a sister, Shannon J. Nelson, Rochester; and two brothers, Rodney L. Marks, Rochester, and Anthoni C. Marks, Plymouth.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the services at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

### **Marjorie R. Crabill Zeller**

Marjorie R. Crabill ZELLER, 89, 1304 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, August 27, 2009

### **Betty Hatfield**

Betty HATFIELD, 64, of 1535 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Lot 39, Rochester, died at 8:38 a.m. Wednesday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Blanche O. Smith**

Jan. 20, 1912 - Aug. 25, 2009

Blanche O. SMITH, 97, of Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester, and a former longtime Mentone resident, died at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Grace Village Health Care, Winona Lake.

Blanche was born Jan. 20, 1912, in Kosciusko County to Ora A. and Pearl Morgan Smith.

Blanche retired from Midwest Spring in Mentone. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She graduated from Beaver Dam High School.

Survivors include one son, Glenn "Pee Wee" and wife Diana Smith, Rochester; two grandsons, Shane and wife Krista Smith, Murray, Ky., and T.J. Smith, Mentone; and two great-grandchildren, London and Peyton Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents and six brothers, Morgan, Ray, Max, Paul, Oliver and Chester.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Graveside services will follow at Mentone Cemetery with the Rev. Phil Pratt officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kosciusko County Home Care and Hospice. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Patricia N. Stair**

Patricia "Patty" N. STAIR, 57, of Kewanna, died Aug. 19 at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her two brothers, David M. Stair, Peru, Ind., and Donald E. Stair Sr., Rochester; and three sisters, Beverly E. Barnett, Vivian H. Bauman and Melissa M. Stair, all of Kewanna.

Memorial services were held Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Community Seventh-day Adventist Church in Monterey.

### **Marjorie R. Crabill Zeller**

Feb. 1, 1920 - Aug. 25, 2009

Mrs. Marjorie R. Crabill ZELLER, 89, of 1304 Wabash Ave., Rochester, passed away Tuesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Marjorie was born in Fulton County on Feb. 1, 1920, the daughter of the late Virgil LeRoy and Edith Mae Wood Garner.

Calvin D. Crabill and Marjorie were married April 17, 1938, in Donaldson. He preceded her in death April 16, 1974. Marjorie married Lester W. Zeller on Aug. 31, 1983, in the Upper Room, Nashville, Tenn. He preceded her in death March 11, 2007.

She was a homemaker and assisted many people with housekeeping. Marjorie had also been employed at the County Home and the Geneva Center, both of Rochester. She was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir and assisted with many other projects. She enjoyed reading and making latch hook pictures. Her collection of cardinals filled almost every shelf in her home.

Marjorie is survived by five daughters, Carole Hupf and husband Ray, Henderson, Nev., Sharon Harried and husband Doug, Trenton, Ill., Judy Lewis and husband Jerry, Rochester, Nancy Bowman and husband Ed, Fort Wayne, and Joyce Skinner and husband Chuck, Lynn Haven, Fla.; daughter-in-law Esther Crabill, Fort Wayne; sister Doris Craigo, Middlebury; one brother, Charles Garner and wife Priscilla, Syracuse; 16 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; a son, Donald Crabill, in 1999; and two brothers, Paul Garner and Gerald Garner.

A celebration of the life of Marjorie Crabill Zeller will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Will Lawson officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church and Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Friday August 28, 2009

### **William Clay ShROUT Jr.**

William Clay SHROUT Jr., 82, 15160 SE 122nd Ave., Clackamas, Ore., born in Fulton County, died Tuesday at Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center, Clackamas, Ore.

Survivors include his wife, Julia ShROUT; sister Christine Watkins; daughter Linda Villalva; and two sons, Terry ShROUT and Rick ShROUT.

Visitation will be Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lincoln Memorial Park & Funeral Home, Portland, Ore. Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in the McGuire Auditorium at Warner Pacific College, Portland, Ore.

Saturday, August 29, 2009

### **Betty Sue Hatfield**

Mrs. Betty Sue HATFIELD, 64, of 1535 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Lot 39, Rochester, died Wednesday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She is survived by her husband Lloyd Hatfield, Rochester, and two brothers.

Private family graveside services were held at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester.

Good Family Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

### **Debra K. Johnson**

Debra K. JOHNSON, 53, of 373 W. 7th St., Peru, Ind., died Thursday at Caring Hands Healthcare and Rehab, Peru, Ind.

Survivors include one daughter, Brandi Sharp, Peru, Ind.; two sisters, Rita Dewitt, Nyona Lake, and Linda Foster, Anderson; and two brothers, Bob Wolf, Montana, and Terry Wolf, Peru, Ind.

Following Debra's wishes, there will be no public services. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

Monday, August 31, 2009

**Marie Orangias**

Marie ORANGIAS, 84, of Culver, died Sunday at her daughter's home in Rochester.

Funeral arrangements are pending with the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

**Marie Orangias**

Marie ORANGIAS, 84, of Culver, died Sunday at her daughter's home in Rochester.

Survivors include two sons, Charles Orangias and Anthony Orangias, both of Culver; four daughters, Gloria Hainsworth, Carol Stream, Ill., Carol Ziert, Carol Stream, Ill., Linda Pettie, New Caney, Texas, and Gail Orangias, Rochester; two stepsons, Frank Orangias, Melrose Park, Ill., and Daniel Orangias, Louisville, Ky.; two stepdaughters, Mildred Gatti, Sarasota, Fla., and Rose Bartz, Murietta, Calif.; and four sisters, Leona McFarland, Culver, Ida Brettin, Grovertown, Hannah Kuczwarra, Naperville, Ill., and Lydia Kuczwarra, Culver.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

**James J. Willard**

Nov. 16, 1927 – Aug. 27, 2009

Mr. James J. WILLARD, 81, of Henderson, Nev., passed away at 1:10 a.m. Thursday from complications following heart surgery.

He was born, one of five children, in Rochester on Nov. 16, 1927, to the late Daniel and Ethel Willard.

Jim graduated from Rochester High School in 1945 and joined the U.S. Army. He served our country from 1944 to 1954. Jim graduated from Ohio State University and received his Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago.

Jim and Friederike "Fritzi" Kocher were married in Vienna, Austria, Oct. 24, 1951. Jim and Fritzi enjoyed a wonderful life and true partnership.

They worked together, played together and traveled the world together. Jim was a kind and generous man, who dearly loved his wife.

Survivors include his wife, Fritzi, at home; two sisters, Wanda Willard Bolda, in Richmond, Va., and Kathryn S. Adams, in Rochester; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, William C. and Dorney E. Willard.

A celebration of life will be held today at Davis Memorial Park, 6200 S. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas, Nev., at 2 p.m. followed by full military rites and interment. Friends may visit the memorial guest book at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

### **Dorothy M. Chizum**

Mrs. Dorothy M. CHIZUM, 92, of 1546 Park Road, Rochester, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Rochester, where she had resided the past four years.

Dorothy is survived by two daughters, Margaret J. Dewitt, Kewanna, and Mary Ann Eckardt, Hingham, Mass.; and a sister, Lois Doud, Rochester.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, with visitation two hours prior to the service.

Thursday, September 3, 2009

### **Eileen W. Butler**

Eileen W. BUTLER, 81, of Culver, died at 10:21 a.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements, which are incomplete.

### **Dorothy M. Chizum**

Sept. 14, 1916 – Sept. 1, 2009

Mrs. Dorothy M. CHIZUM, 92, of 1546 Park Road, Rochester, passed away at 2:25 a.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center of Rochester, where she had resided the past four years.

Dorothy was born Sept. 14, 1916, in Pulaski County, the daughter of the late Samuel and Icy Pearl Garst Lamb. She became the bride of H. Marion Chizum on June 6, 1937, in Fulton County. He preceded her in death on March 7, 1997. Their marriage lasted nearly six decades.



As a resident of Fulton County, Dorothy was a graduate of Kewanna High School. She was a homemaker and assisted her husband in the running of the family farm. Beautiful and bountiful gardens, delicious cakes and shaped candy mints were just a few of the things she was well-known for.

Dorothy was an active member of many organizations, including DAR; Order of Eastern Star, of Fulton, Kewanna and No. 70 Rochester; and Garden Club, and she was a 4-H leader. She was also involved with many of the ladies activities in her church.

Dorothy is survived by two daughters, Margaret J. DeWitt, Kewanna, and Mary Ann Eckardt, Hingham, Mass.; six grandchildren, Beth Burch and husband Eric, Rochester, Becky Young and husband Lance, Rochester, Bryan DeWitt, Kewanna, Shaun McCarty, Columbus, Ohio, Cara Chavez and husband Everett, Denver, Colo., and Cosima Zehring, Framingham, Mass.; seven great-grandchildren, Aaron Ewing, London, U.K., Amy Berkshire and husband Pat, Wheatfield, Alyssa Owens and husband Roy, St. Louis, Mo., Annika Chavez, Denver, Colo., Brad Burch, Rochester, Traci Burch, Rochester, and Sarah Burch, Rochester; five great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Lois Doud, Rochester; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a granddaughter, Barbara Killian, in 2005; four sisters, Isabelle M. Brockey, Bernice Falconer, Mildred Brockey and Isabelle Lamb; two brothers, Frank Lamb and Marion Lamb; and a son-in-law, Bill DeWitt, on Sept. 30, 2005.

A celebration of the life of Dorothy Chizum will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m. through the hour of the service in the funeral home. Interment will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in her name to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Lee Taylor**

April 14, 1923 – Sept. 1, 2009

Lee TAYLOR, a former resident of Delaware County, died Tuesday morning at his home in Fulton. He was 86 years of age.

Born in Muncie on April 14, 1923, he was the son of Mary and Herbert Lee Taylor Sr. He graduated from high school in Eaton and soon after entered the U.S. Navy. He served in the Pacific theater during World War II and after 23 years retired from military service. Lee went on to work for Bethlehem Steel in Gary and spent over 10 years at Lobdell-Emory in

Argos before retiring as a maintenance supervisor during the late 1980s. He was a member of Fulton Baptist Temple who enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He loved to read and in earlier years enjoyed fishing and traveling.

Survivors include two sons, Dan Taylor, Denver, Colo., and Joe Taylor and wife Chris, Columbus, Ohio; a daughter, Leesa Sexton and husband Edward, Fulton; a half brother, Scott Whicher, Oregon; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Shirley D. Taylor, who died in 2006. His parents are also deceased.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Meacham Funeral Service, Albany. Burial will follow at Strong Cemetery with military services provided by Veterans of Delaware County Honor Guard. Visiting hours will be held on Friday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to Women's Care Center, 224 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Friday, September 4, 2009

No Obituaries

Saturday, September 5, 2009

### **Eileen W. Butler**

Eileen W. BUTLER, 81, of Culver, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Survivors include her husband, Robert E. Butler, Culver; four sons, Gary Butler, Knox, James Butler, Culver, Jeffrey Jenkins, Indianapolis, and Scott Jenkins, South Carolina; and a sister, Ruby Herzak, Dunedin, Fla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Grace United Church of Christ, Culver, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

### **Alberta R. Keene**

Jan. 6, 1948-Sept. 4, 2009

Mrs. Alberta Rose KEENE, 61, of 3872 N. 650 East, Rochester, passed away at 2 a.m. Friday at her residence.

Alberta was born in Fulton County on Jan. 6, 1948, to the late Albert and Rose Doyle McCloughan. She was a lifetime resident of Fulton County. She was the office manager for Morgan Chiropractic of Akron.

As a proud Flyer, Alberta graduated as a member of the Class of 1966 from Akron High School. She took great joy with the sport of roller skating. She and brother John took to the area rinks, competing in the skate dance routines. Her favorite rink was Rock Lake, east of Akron, where she was a member of the Rockettes.

Alberta was united in marriage to her best friend and love of her life Robert H. Keene on Feb. 3, 1968, in Tippecanoe. Their 41 1/2 year marriage yielded two children, Jackie and Randy. Over the years two grandchildren, Jamison and Jazzden, were added to the family tree.

Over the years Alberta grew bountiful vegetable and beautiful flower gardens around their family home. She canned and froze the harvest for the family's use during the winter. She appreciated the wildlife of her backyard and fed the birds year round. Among her favorite visitors was the hummingbird.

A favorite location of relaxation was the area motocross tracks. She organized the tailgate parties and was designated as No. 1 cheerleader of the family's drivers, husband Bob, son Randy and most recently daughter-in-law Sarah. On occasion she was known to critique the driving of Bob.

Alberta is survived by her husband, Robert, at home; a daughter, Jackie Wyatt and husband Mark, Warsaw; a son, Randy Keene and wife Sarah, Waterloo; two grandchildren, Jamison and Jazzden; two sisters, Gloria Reed, Akron, and Sara Hoppus, Mentone; one brother, John McCloughan and wife Bonnie, Greensburg, Ky.; mother-in-law, Delia Keene, Tippecanoe; and her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her father-in-law, Glen Keene; and an infant granddaughter, Sidney Wyatt.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. A private family service will be held on Tuesday. Interment will be in the Tippecanoe Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, September 7, 2009

No Obituaries – Holiday

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

**Ina M. Davis**

March 4, 1922-Sept. 5, 2009

Ina M. DAVIS, 87, of 601 E. Rochester St., Akron, died at 10:12 p.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester. She had been ill since December.

Ina was born March 4, 1922, at Carbarnear, New Finland, to William Bond Taylor and Martha Mahany Taylor. She was married Sept. 6, 1940, to Francis C. Davis, who preceded her in death July 6, 2008.

Ina graduated from St. Johns High School in New Finland. She met and married her husband Francis while he was serving in the U.S. military and became a housewife and homemaker. She had lived in Akron since 1963.

Ina was a former member of the Moose Auxiliary in Rochester.

Survivors include two sons, Francis R. "Butch" (Wanda) Davis, Akron, and William H. Davis, Jeffersonville; one brother, Gordon (Shirley) Taylor, Blairsville, Ga.; three sisters, Nora (Bud) Davis, Warsaw, Joan (Dave) Broomfield, St. Johns, New Finland, and Rosa (Joe) Butler, St. Johns, New Finland; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, George and Ray Taylor; and one granddaughter, Amy Katherine Davis.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Olive Branch Church of God, 4581 E. 1200 North, Roann, IN 46974. Online condolences may be sent to earllovefh@gmail.com.

**Ronald L. Kuhn**

Ronald L. "Ronnie" KUHN, 70, of LaGrange/Fort Wayne, and formerly of Akron, died Wednesday, Aug. 26, at his home in LaGrange.

He is survived by his wife, Dianne, and children, Kristie and Kip.

Services were held at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. There will be a private family memorial service at a later date.

**Deloris M. Kuhn**

May 15, 1945-Sept. 5, 2009

Deloris May KUHN, 64, of 2946 W. 500 North, Rochester, went to be with her Lord at 7:20 a.m. Saturday at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Deloris was born May 15, 1945, in Vincennes to Charles Leo and Deloris Moore Warren, both of whom preceded her in death. She was married May 15, 1995, in Mishawaka, to Larry Lee Kuhn, who survives at home.

Deloris was a domestic engineer and mother of five. She was most recently employed as a prep cook for the Log House Restaurant in Argos.

Deloris was a member of Jordan Baptist Church, Argos, and she also attended First Baptist Church in Hudson, Fla. Deloris and Larry were both very active with their church families. They both volunteered at the food pantry in Hudson, Fla. Deloris served as choir director and Sunday school teacher for several area Baptist churches.

Deloris graduated from Indianapolis Technical High School in 1963. To relax, she enjoyed the serenity of nature while fishing with Larry in private waterfront locations for bass, blue gill, and crappie. Deloris always planted beautiful vegetable and flower gardens around her home.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Lee Kuhn, at home; three daughters, Sheryl Egyhazi and companion Bob Berndt, Mishawaka, Diana Holowatuk and husband Bob, Lapaz, and Treasa Stoltz and husband David, Mishawaka; two sons, Donald Tate and wife Teresa, Georgetown, S.C., and Jeff Tate, Aurora, Ill.; two sisters, Pam Detering and husband Don, Vincennes, and Judy Arnold, Plainfield; grandchildren Marisha, Kelsey, Connor and Lexi Egyhazi, Kayla and Nathan Holowatuk, Kyle Carson, Bethany, Taylor, Brooke, and Clay Stoltz, and Diana Tate; one stepdaughter, Tracy Farah and husband Chris, Las Vegas, Nev.; two stepgrandchildren, Alexander and Kayla Farah; and her faithful canine companion, Boomer the Shih Tzu, and her loving feline companions, Dude and Beth, her domestic shorthair cats.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Deloris May Kuhn will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Tom Tupps officiating. Friends may visit with her family from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be made to Hope Hospice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Flossie B. Lance**

Flossie B. LANCE, 102, formerly of Wabash and Roann but most recently of Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester, died at 5:40 a.m. Monday at Peabody Retirement Community.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Phebe C. McFarland**

Phebe C. McFARLAND, 74, of Plymouth, died at 10:20 a.m. Sunday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements, which are incomplete.

**Dennis W. Sheets**

Dennis W. "Denny" SHEETS, 71, of Fishers, died Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Sheets; a son, Jeff Sheets; a daughter, Michele Sheets; and a brother, Arnie Sheets.

Services were Aug. 29 at Castleton United Methodist Church, Indianapolis.

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

**Evelyn G. Gentry**

Evelyn G. GENTRY, 83, of Brownsburg, died Monday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include two sons, Preston Gentry, Brownsburg, and Terry Gentry, Carmel; a brother, Harry Eskridge, Plymouth; and a sister, Orfajean Wentzel, Culver.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

**Flossie B. Lance**

Sept. 18, 1906-Sept. 7, 2009

Flossie B. LANCE, 102, of Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester and formerly of the Wabash and Roann areas, died at 5:40 a.m. Monday at Peabody Retirement Community. She was eleven days short of her 103rd birthday.

Flossie was born Sept. 18, 1906, in Miami County to Truman and Stella Shoemaker Hartzler. She married Arvol Lance on June 30, 1930; he passed away Aug. 24, 1942.

She retired from General Tire in Wabash in 1971 where she had worked for over 20 years; she also worked many other jobs to support her family due to losing her husband early in life.

Flossie graduated from Gilead High School. She was a member of the Olive Branch Church of God for many years and she also attended the Wabash First Church of God. She was involved in the Women's Missionary Society of the Wabash First Church of God. She was a wonderful seamstress, a great cook and loved to travel with her family after retirement. She was a very family oriented person and cared deeply about other people. Flossie tried hard to keep her family together. Flossie was the oldest living resident of Peabody Retirement Community.

She is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Cook, Indianapolis, and Beverly and husband Dale Coplen, Akron; three sons, Don and wife Sue Lance, Warsaw, Jack and wife Nancy Lance, North Manchester, and Ivan and wife Della Lance, North Manchester; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; six sisters, Clara Hartzler, Nettie Miller, Nellie Manor, Mabelle Ramsey, Mary Polk, and Mildred Thompson; and five brothers, Floyd Hartzler, Orville "Pete" Hartzler, Russell "Bob" Hartzler, Lester "Joe" Hartzler, and Forrest "Bud" Hartzler.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday. Burial will be at Enterprize Cemetery, Roann.

Memorial contributions may be made to Peabody Retirement Community Caring Circle. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Phebe C. McFarland**

Phebe C. McFARLAND, 74, of Plymouth, died Sunday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include two sons, Mike McFarland, Plymouth, and Randy McFarland, Argos.

There will be no visitation. Services will be at a later date. Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Thursday, September 10, 2009

No Obituaries

Friday, September 11, 2009

No Obituaries

Saturday, September 12, 2009

No Obituaries

Monday, September 14, 2009

**Pauline Stanley**

Feb. 27, 1920-Sept. 13, 2009

Pauline STANLEY, 89, of Koontz Lake, passed away Sunday in Elkhart Hospice House, Elkhart.

Mrs. Stanley was born Feb. 27, 1920, in Fulton County to Frank and Nellie (Hartman) Moore and lived at Koontz Lake for 68 years, coming from Wabash. On Oct. 21, 1939, in Bargsersville she was married to Carl Stanley, who preceded her in death in 1994.

Mrs. Stanley and husband Carl were the owners and operators of Stanley Marina at Koontz Lake for many years. She was a former member of the Moose Lodge of Plymouth and the Walkerton Women's Community Club.

Survivors include two sons, Larry (Martha) Stanley, Chesterton, and David (Donna) Stanley, Koontz Lake; two daughters, Judy (Stan) Marks, Elkhart, and Rita (Bryan) Black, Mesa, Ariz.; twelve grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Linda Schenk; three brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. Central time at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, with visitation for one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Koontz Lake Lions Club.

**Jean Ann Wagoner**

March 24, 1935-Sept. 11, 2009

Jean Ann WAGONER, 74, formerly of Rochester, passed away Friday at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Oakland City.

She was born March 24, 1935, in Rochester to Robert and Ruth (Casper) Krathwohl. She lived in Rochester for many years, moving to Bonita Springs, Fla., in 1982 and returning to Rochester in 2000, then later



moving to Princeton. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Rochester.

Jean is survived by her daughter, Lynda (David) Cumberland, Patoka; two sons, Larry (Julie) Wagoner, Auburn, and Master Sgt. Layne (Denise) Wagoner, Hot Springs Village, Ark.; five grandchildren, Shannon (Ross) Key, Patoka, Stacy (Jim) Pomeroy, Lake Worth, Fla., Eric (Ingrid) Wagoner, Indianapolis, Jenny (Ryan) Faber, Indianapolis, and Evan Wagoner, Auburn; seven great-grandchildren; and two brothers, David (Marcia) Krathwohl, Fishers, and John (Judy) Krathwohl, Advance.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, John E. Wagoner, on Feb. 28, 2009.

Funeral services will be held graveside Saturday at 1 p.m. at the IOOF Cemetery in Rochester with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Family will be receiving guests from noon until service time at the cemetery. Colvin Funeral Home in Princeton is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be sent online at [www.colvinfuneralhome.com](http://www.colvinfuneralhome.com).

### **Melvin E. Weaver**

Aug. 15, 1934-Sept. 12, 2009

Melvin Earl WEAVER, of 1924 Rosemont Ave., Warsaw, passed away at his residence Saturday at 5 p.m. at the age of 75.

Melvin was born Aug. 15, 1934, in Petersburg to the late Grace (Fett) and Homer Franklin Weaver. He was married June 4, 1994, in Warsaw to June Evelyn May, who survives.

Melvin enlisted in the U.S. Navy on Feb. 1, 1953, serving in the Korean conflict until his honorable discharge Aug. 12, 1955. Prior to moving to Warsaw in 1989, he lived and worked in Van Wert, Ohio, and Wabash, where he was employed as a house parent at White's Institute. He worked as a maintenance man and bus driver for Warsaw School Corp. until his retirement in 2007. Mr. Weaver was a resident of Kosciusko County for the past 20 years, and he was a member of Warsaw Wesleyan Church.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, June Weaver, Warsaw; six sons, Jim (Cindi) Weaver, Fairfield, Ohio, Dennis Weaver, Warsaw, David Gross, Talma, Bill Weaver, Louisville, Ky., Ryan (Theresa) Weaver, Flemington, N.J., and Brett (Susan) Weaver, Fort Wayne; and five daughters, Diane (Mike) Sopher, Roann, Cristie (Dan) Sweeny, Silver Lake, Shelly Thomas, Warsaw, Cara (Troy) Franks, Larwill, and Laura (Matt) Preston, Green Bay, Wis. He also leaves behind 21 grandchildren; two

brothers, Harold (Mary) Weaver, Lima, Ohio, and Gerald (Phyllis) Weaver, Detroit, Mich.; and one sister, Marilyn (Heb) Hanthorn, Lima, Ohio.

Mr. Weaver was preceded in death by his parents, and his daughter, Kathy.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw. His funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastors Gale Janofski and Andy Weaver officiating. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post No. 49 and VFW Post No. 1126, both of Warsaw. Burial will be at Sycamore Cemetery, Talma.

Online condolences may be sent through the Redpath-Fruth Web site at [www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com](http://www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com).

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

### **Susan K. Baker Fout**

Susan K. Baker FOUT, 50, of Culver, died Sunday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Survivors include her mother, Bea Baker, Culver; three sisters, Debra Reinhold, Culver, Vickie Zehner, Monterey, and Julie Romig, Culver; and a brother, Jim Baker, Culver.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Culver. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, and also for one hour prior to the service at the church.

### **Martha R. Miller**

Martha R. MILLER, 83, of 1421 Pontiac St., Rochester, died Monday at Clarion Hospital, Lafayette.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

No Obituaries

Thursday, September 17, 2009

### **Frances J. Hardee**

Frances J. HARDEE, 78, of 406 W. Marshall St., Argos, died at 12:11 a.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Agros.

### **Martha R. Miller**

Martha R. MILLER, 83, of 1421 Pontiac St., Rochester, died Monday at Clarian Arnett Hospital, Lafayette.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Donald Edward Miller, Rochester; a daughter, Donna Ann Lancaster, San Antonio, Texas; three sons, Larry Miller, Lafayette, Donald Miller Jr., Rochester, and William Miller, Zanesville, Ohio; a sister, Esther Naomi Chris, Union, Ohio; a brother, Gene Marshall, Whittier, Calif.; and a half brother, Ray Marshall, Frost Proof, Fla.

A celebration of the life of Martha R. Miller will be at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

### **Dana R. Zartman**

Jan. 27, 1957-Sept. 16, 2009

Dana Ray ZARTMAN, 52, Rochester, passed away at 4:50 a.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Born Jan. 27, 1957, in Rochester, he was the son of Forest "Bud" and Harriet R. Hoehne Zartman. On Nov. 14, 1981, at the Mexico Church of the Brethren he was married to Jill K. Scott.

He was a member of the Fulton Baptist Temple and Awana game leader. He was a 1975 graduate of Caston High School where he played basketball and held the shot put and discus school records for several years. He was a self-employed carpenter.

Dana was known as a wonderful husband, dad, brother and friend. He leaves behind his wife, Jill; his mother, Harriet; one son, Silas B. Zartman, Rochester; one daughter, Erica L. Zartman, Rochester; one sister, Jo Willis, Macy; one brother, Randy Zartman, Macy; his mother-in-law, Bea Scott, Logansport; two sisters-in-law, Cyrena (Ray) Staller, Logansport, and Julie (Dave) Fred, Kewanna; two brothers-in-law, Kevin (Cindy) Scott, Logansport, and Dana (Kelly) Scott, Logansport; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Forest "Bud" Zartman; his father-in-law, Carl J. Scott; and his brother-in-law, Benny J. Willis.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fulton Baptist Temple with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Burial will follow in Fulton Cemetery. Friends are invited to call from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice or Fulton Baptist Temple. Condolences may be left online at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Friday September 18, 2009

### **Naomi Livingston**

Naomi LIVINGSTON, 69, of 854 E. 700 North, died at 7:40 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Marvin Ramer**

Marvin RAMER, 2 days old, son of Lewis and Rachel Martin Ramer, of 18551 Ironwood Road, Argos, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Survivors include his parents and a brother, Leroy M. Ramer, at home.

Services were held Thursday. Arrangements were entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Jean Ann Wagoner**

Jean Ann WAGONER, 74, formerly of Rochester, died Friday, Sept. 11, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Oakland City.

Survivors include one daughter, Lynda Cumberland, Patoka; two sons, Larry Wagoner, Auburn, and Master Sgt. Layne Wagoner, Hot Springs Village, Ark.; and two brothers, David Krathwohl, Fishers, and John Krathwohl, Advance.

Public graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family for one hour prior to the service at the cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of local arrangements.

Saturday, September 19, 2009

### **Frances N. Adams**

Dec. 6, 1936-Sept. 17, 2009

Frances Nina Murphy ADAMS, 72, of Mason Health Care, Warsaw, and formerly of Augusta, Ga., died at 11:20 p.m. Thursday at Mason Health Care.

Frances was born Dec. 6, 1936, in Kosciusko County to Howard and Nina Norman Murphy. She was married Dec. 6, 1974, in Warsaw to William Phil Adams, who passed away July 6, 2009.

Frances was a homemaker. She graduated from Warsaw High School in 1956. Frances loved embroidery and loved kids. She served as a school crossing guard in Augusta, Ga.

She is survived by five stepchildren; five sisters, Rosalee Bernhard, South Whitley, Vivian Heeter and friend Sam Grant, South Whitley, Patti and husband Randy Holler, South Whitley, Jeannie Cooper, Rochester, and Kathy Metzger, North Manchester; and three brothers, Lawrence and wife Dana Murphy, Enterprise, Ala., Donald and wife Susie Murphy, South Whitley, and Maurice and wife Jane Murphy, Akron.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two brothers, Robert Wayne Murphy and Michael Howard Murphy.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Gerald Burton**

Gerald "Jerry" BURTON, 86, of Plymouth, died Thursday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Arrangements are pending with the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

### **Frances J. Hardee**

Frances Jean HARDEE, 78, of 406 W. Marshall St., Argos, died Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, following a brief illness.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin Hardee, Argos, and Vernon Hardee, Show Low, Ariz.; one daughter, Karen Smith, Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Betty Helvie, Kokomo; and one brother, Dale Edwards, Ames, Iowa.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the South Lawn Cemetery in Tucson, Ariz.; a memorial service will be held at a later date in Argos. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Naomi R. Livingston**

July 24, 1940-Sept. 16, 2009

Naomi Ruth LIVINGSTON, 69, of 854 E. 700 North, Rochester, passed away at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Naomi was born July 24, 1940, in Peru, Ind., the daughter of the late Lawrence and Icea T. Ahnert. She lived most of her life in the Rochester community. On Dec. 2, 1966, she married her lifetime friend, William Murray Livingston Jr., in Akron.

Each spring Naomi enjoyed planting a vegetable garden and flowers that enhanced the beauty of her home. At harvest time she could be found in the kitchen canning and freezing the bountiful crop. She is remembered for the fudge and candies she made at the holidays. Cooking and baking for family was her forte. Naomi enjoyed sewing and quilting, creating custom gifts for special friends and family.

Reading all kinds of literature was a joy and source of relaxation. She also enjoyed listening to music and dancing. With her outgoing personality she made many friends throughout life's journey, never meeting a stranger. Naomi was the matriarch of her family, and her family brought her the greatest joy. Nothing delighted her more than being in the company of her children, grandchildren and the great-grandchildren.

She is survived by six daughters, Constance Marie Bunn, Sharpsville, Delores "Dee Dee" Chilcutt and husband Randall, Peru, Ind., Brenda Lee Stevens and husband Phillip, Rochester, Trina Lynnette Livingston Rumsey and husband Jeremy D., Chili, Ind., Naomi Elizabeth Allen and husband John, Wilmette, Ill., and Janeen E. Clark and husband Anthony, Rochester; one son, William M. Livingston III and wife Stacy L., Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren, Christopher Michael Bunn Sr., Joshua Richard Bunn, Gabriella Marie Bunn, Billie Jo Chilcutt, Randall Chilcutt Jr., Charles Andrew Chilcutt, James Ryan Chilcutt, Michael D. Figlio, John W. Figlio, Philip W. Stevens, Carlotta Stevens, Stefani Lynnette Livingston Judy, Hannah Elizabeth Rumsey, Noah Timothy Rumsey, Sophia Elizabeth Allen, Stella Naomi Allen, Lilia Mary Allen, Donny Clark, Jada M. Livingston, and William M. Livingston IV; six great-grandchildren, Christopher Michael Bunn Jr., Austin Tyler Bunn, Jakob Roberts, Devon Roberts, Samuel Chilcutt, and Brendan W. Figlio; one sister, Shirley Heckathorn and husband Phil, Macy; and one brother, George Morris, Rochester. Her canine companion, Baby, a Chihuahua and fox terrier mix, and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Leah Anna Chilcutt; and a sister, Carol Morris.

A celebration of the life of Naomi Ruth Livingston will be at 6 p.m. Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Jerry Pitman officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday in the funeral home. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, Ind.

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

Monday, September 21, 2009

### **Helen I. Brown**

Helen I. BROWN, 92, of Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, and formerly of Rochester, died at 5:20 a.m. Sunday at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Jerry J. Hults**

Oct. 25, 1933-Sept. 19, 2009

Jerry J. HULTS, 75, of Carmel and formerly of Twelve Mile, died at 4:55 p.m. Saturday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Jerry was born Oct. 25, 1933, in Logansport to Floyd R. and Pearl Marie Wilson Hults. He was married July 13, 1958, in Fletchers Lake to Shirley R. Champ.

He retired from the Norfolk Southern Railroad after 35 years as a conductor and also served as a general chairman of the United Transportation Union. He was a member of the Royal Center Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis, Democratic Club of Hamilton County and St. Marks United Methodist Church of Carmel. Jerry was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army and a 1953 graduate of Logansport High School.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley R. Hults, Carmel; his daughter, Beth A. Hults, St. Louis, Mo.; his son, Michael J. Hults and wife Carolyn A., Chicago; two brothers, Edsel W. Hults and wife Dorothy, Logansport, and Wayne P. Hults, Hot Springs, Ark.; two sisters, Hazel Zimmerman and husband Martin, Logansport, and Linda Schlick, Logansport; grandchildren Connor Hults and Tyler Hults, Chicago; his brother-in-law Gary Champ and wife Jane, Fletchers Lake; his sister-in-law, Carol Haimbaugh and husband Mack, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport. Burial will be at Bethlehem United Methodist Cemetery, Twelve Mile. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Masonic services will be held at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday evening, also at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Indianapolis Salvation Army at P.O. Box 984, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

### **Helen I. Brown**

Helen I. BROWN, 92, Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, and formerly of Rochester, passed away at 5:20 a.m. Sunday at her residence.

She was born May 26, 1917, in Muskegon, Mich., the daughter of Oda William and Elsie Fern (Townsend) Dague. On March 20, 1938, she married Jesse Arthur Brown in Indianapolis. He preceded her in death June 15, 1993.

Mrs. Brown had been a homemaker and had worked at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. She had been a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, Fulton County Choral Club, Square Dance Club, Canasta Club and the Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, needlepoint and making quilts.

Survivors include her daughters, Joyce and husband David Mills, Urbana, Carol and husband David Warner, Warsaw, and Beth Mikesell, Warsaw; her sons, Walter and wife Sherry Brown, Brownsburg, and Richard A. and wife Elaine Brown, Rochester; her grandchildren, Maribeth Callicot, North Manchester, Andrew Mills, Camden, S.C., Mark Warner, Warsaw, Gregory Warner, Fort Mills, S.C., Scott Mikesell, Weston, Ohio, Brian Mikesell, Mill River, Mass., Chad Mikesell, Columbia City, Julia Crady, Pittsboro, Skip Brown, Indianapolis, Cami Zook, Speedway, Nicholas Brown, Delphi, Aaron Brown, Knoxville, Tenn., and Grace Brown, Rochester; ten great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Betty Dague, Galveston, Ella Mae Holloway, Rochester, and Jean Brown, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one grandchild, one brother and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Caring Circle of Peabody Retirement Community or the First Presbyterian Church. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Walter W. Kronberg**

The Rev. Walter W. KRONBERG, 82, of 2218 Wolf's Point Drive, Rochester, died Wednesday near Suceava, Romania, while on a mission trip.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

### **Gerald O. Burton**

Gerald "Jerry" O. BURTON, 86, of Plymouth, died Thursday at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, Plymouth; son John Burton, Anderson; his daughters, Marsha Harmon, Beth Davis and Kelly Janicki, all of California, and Joy Good and Barbara Weichselfelder, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Betty Burton, Elwood.

A time of sharing of memories with Jerry's family will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. The celebration service will immediately follow.

### **Walter W. Kronberg**

The Rev. Walter W. KRONBERG, 81, of Wolf's Point Drive, Rochester, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, in Suceava, Romania, while ministering for the Lord.

Survivors include his wife, Edith E. Kronberg; three daughters, Cindy Pennington, New Berlin, Wis., Linda Smith, Rochester, and Karen Hawk, Albion; and a sister, Emma Morgan, Scranton, Pa.

A celebration of the life of the Rev. Walter W. Kronberg will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the First Assembly of God, Sweetgum Road at West 18th Street, Rochester. The Rev. Kronberg's family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday evening and one hour prior to services at the church. The Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, has been entrusted with arrangements.

**Keenan L. Martin**

April 24, 1963-Sept. 17, 2009

Keenan L. MARTIN, 46, Bradenton, Fla., after a courageous battle with cancer, passed away Thursday.

Born in Rochester on April 24, 1963, he moved to Florida in 1965.

He is survived by his wife, Kelli, Bradenton, Fla.; mother Janet (Richard) Harvey, Palmetto, Fla.; sons Kory and Kyle, Bradenton, Fla.; stepchildren Nikki, Jason and Ethan, Bradenton, Fla.; sisters Heather Snyder, North Carolina, and Ambyr Young, Bradenton, Fla.; nieces and nephews Jeramy and Amanda Young, Bradenton, Fla., and Joshua, Nycole and Jessika Snyder, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lewis "Red" Martin; sister Kinda Kaye Martin; paternal grandparents Lewis and Martha Ellen Martin; and maternal grandparents Hershel and Edith Teel.

A celebration of the life of Keenan Martin will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church of Palmetto, Fla. Arrangements have been entrusted to Griffith-Cline Funeral Home, Bradenton, Fla.

Keenan was dearly loved by all who knew him. He will forever be missed by his family and friends.

Thursday, September 24, 2009

**Walter W. Kronberg**

Jan. 14, 1928-Sept. 16, 2009

The Rev. Walter W. KRONBERG, 81 years, 8 months and 2 days, of Wolf's Point Drive, Rochester, departed this life on Wednesday, Sept. 16, while ministering for the Lord in Suceava, Romania. It was he and wife Edith's 17th annual pilgrimage to Romania and Moldova, always made during the summer.

Walter was born to John Carl and Wilhelmina Kronberg on Jan. 14, 1928, in Springfield, Ill. He shared many good memories of growing up with his five sisters, Emma, Elfreida, Mitilda, Hermine and Johanna.

On April 4, 1949, in Paola, Kan., Walter wed his best friend and love of his life, Edith Parks. Their union spanned 60 years and produced three lovely daughters, Cindy, Linda and Karen. The Rev. Walter took his family on the road to share the word of the gospel, organizing tent crusades. They traveled in their "Silver Bullet" Airstream mobile home and with unity and teamwork set up their portable house of the Lord - the tent and chairs that seated 2,000-plus friends. It was a huge endeavor but each of the girls knew their assignment and completed their part with perfection. The family met

many people, made 100s of friends and added members to their extended family during over 20 years of service to the Lord during the crusades.

Reverend Walter was an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God for over 60 years. He graduated from the Eastern Assemblies of God Bible College in Reading, Pa. - currently known as Valley Forge Christian College. He continued his studies at the Southwestern University of the Assemblies of God, Waxahachie, Texas.

As a veteran evangelist of over 50 years, the Rev. Walter participated with the Voice of Healing and Christ for the Nations, which later served as a launching pad for his work in the field of missions. His life passion for Christ included ministry across the United States and Canada. His mission work included the countries of Romania, Moldova, Israel, Argentina, Bulgaria and Germany.

The Rev. Walter is remembered as a successful businessman in our community. He built, owned and operated the Paradise Auto/Truck Plaza. As a creative business entrepreneur he developed Country Meadows Mobile Estates located south and west of Rochester. S&K Trucking was a transport service owned and operated by Walter. At Kronberg Acres Farms, the family raised pigs, cows and horses. They also planted annual crops of beans, corn and hay.

Following their retirement Walter and Edith enjoyed wintering for six years in Florida's Sebring-Lake Placid community. They appreciated the various aspects of nature while fishing on Lake Clay and Lake Okeechobee. Lake Clay was the site where Walter once reeled in a 9 1/2-pound bass, which he later mounted. Walter enjoyed the challenges of landing the catch of the day on the waters of Lake Manitou. He was delighted to catch bass, blue gill or crappie.

The Rev. Walter's woodshop offered him a change of pace and a special place to relax. With a special eye for creating custom designed furniture, he would fill the requests of his family from Adirondack chairs, a study table, an outdoor swing or a seasonal valet, to designer shadow boxes. All that was needed was a picture and the Rev. Walter - an extraordinary woodworker - would set his strategic planning and logistics in motion. He hand selected the woods to be incorporated - always including cherry, walnut or oak - to create another heirloom for his family.

He is survived by his wife, Edith E. Kronberg, at home; three daughters, Cindy and the Rev. Dean Pennington, New Berlin, Wis., Linda and John Smith, Rochester, and Karen and Brian Hawk, Albion; nine grandchildren, Karie Underwood, Lexington, Ky., Christopher Pennington, Franklin, Wis., Stacey Pennington, Oak Creek, Wis., Brooke Smith,

Warsaw, John J. Smith, Lafayette, Cassandra Stapleton, South Bend, Elizabeth Fisher, San Francisco, Calif., and Alayna Fisher and Adam Fisher, Albion; and a sister, Emma and Reynold Morgan, Scranton, Pa. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Carl and Wilhelmina Kronberg; four sisters, Elfrieda Sohl, Mitilda Gonos, Hermine Henderson and Johanna Wilkins; and a brother-in-law, the Rev. Clifton Wilkins Sr. Three brothers also passed away in infancy.

A celebration of the life of the Rev. Walter W. Kronberg will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Assembly of God, Sweetgum Road at West 18th Street, Rochester, with the Rev. Donald Gifford officiating. The Rev. Kronberg's family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday evening and an hour prior to services at the church. The Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, has been entrusted with arrangements.

Preferred memorials may be made to Faith for Today Inc. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

#### **Glen A. Lockwood**

Glen A. LOCKWOOD, 85, of Macy, died at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

#### **Helen Richter**

Helen RICHTER, 83, a former Rochester resident, died at 11:25 a.m. Tuesday at the Hearth at Stones Crossing, Greenwood.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home.

Friday, September 25, 2009

#### **Barbara J. Chappel**

Barbara J. CHAPPEL, 76, of 404 E. Rural St., Akron, died Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include two sons, Steven Chappel, Columbia City, and David Chappel, Akron; two sisters, Sue, Georgia, and Sandy, Connecticut; and a very good friend, Lovie Mathias, Akron.

Following Barbara's wishes, there will be no public services. Arrangements are being handled by Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Glen A. Lockwood**

Glen A. LOCKWOOD, 85, of 13553 Macy-Millark Road, Macy, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Survivors include three sons, Willis D. Halterman, Rochester, Lewis Halterman, Peru, Ind., and Lessel "Les" L. Halterman, Macy; two sisters, Maxine Fogle and Alene Clevenger, both of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; and one brother, Jewell Dean Ware, Warsaw, Mo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Helen Lucille Rans Richter**

Sept. 17, 1926-Sept. 22, 2009

Helen Lucille Rans RICHTER, 83, a former Fulton and Rochester resident, passed away at 11:25 a.m. Tuesday at the Hearth at Stones Crossing, Greenwood.

Helen was born Sept. 17, 1926, in Winamac to Paul and Tressi Reinholt Brown, both of whom preceded her in death. Helen first married Richard Rans, who preceded her in death. Later she married Dean Shepherd, who also preceded her in death. She then married Dean Richter, who passed away.

Helen attended First Baptist Church, Rochester, and she was a 1944 graduate of Winamac High School.

Helen was a faithful and dedicated employee of Hart Schaffner & Marx, retiring in 1978. Later she was a server at the Moose Lodge. She served as inseam seamstress with Hart, the most demanding of any position. One of her favorite past times was not surprising - sewing. She delighted in making clothing for her sons or creating custom designed outfits for special occasions for herself.

Hitting the links was an opportunity she enjoyed. Among her favorite courses were Mill Creek and the Elks', both of Rochester, and a couple of courses near Carmel. Helen enjoyed the sport of fishing. Many memories were made in the Arkansas waters of Greer Fairy Lake. It was here that she fished for trout, bass and blue gill. More recently she fished on Lake Manitou.

Helen was passionate about her family and always looked forward to holidays and special occasions when everyone joined in family celebrations. Spending time with her grandchildren was a great joy in her life and she adored her six great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Jim Rans, Fulton, and Jack Rans and wife Pam, Indianapolis; four grandchildren, Jamie Hunter and husband Aaron, Indianapolis, Jacqueline Savage and husband Jeff, Brownsburg, Jessica Rans, Indianapolis, and Jason Rans and wife Jennifer, Monticello; six great-grandchildren, Brianna, Jameson, Jonathon, Elijah, Benjamin and Victoria; one daughter-in-law, Mary Schere, Sumpter, N.C.; and one canine companion, Daisy the Malti-Chi.

A celebration of the life of Helen Rans Richter will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Helen's family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home. She will be laid to rest in the Fulton Cemetery.

Memorials in lieu of flowers 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).

Saturday, September 26, 2009

### **Frances J. Hardee**

A memorial service for Frances Jean HARDEE, Argos, who died Wednesday, Sept. 16, will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Garden Court Apartments, Argos. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **Roy V. Hoagland**

Roy Verl HOAGLAND, 47, of 10327 E. Indiana 14, Akron, died Friday, Sept. 18, at his residence.

Roy was born May 2, 1962, in La Mesa County, Calif., to Verl Everett and Florence Virginia Fretz Hoagland.

He was employed at Rochester Metal Products for 17 years. He graduated from Manchester High School in 1981. Roy loved steam locomotives.

He is survived by his parents, Verl and Virginia Hoagland, North Manchester; one sister, Lois and husband John Rodgers, Anaheim, Calif.; one niece, Janet Eichenlaub, Anaheim, Calif.; and one nephew, Scot Rodgers, Anchorage, Alaska.

Following Roy's wishes, no services will be held.

Arrangements are by Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Online condolences may be sent through [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

**Glen A. Lockwood**

March 28, 1924-Sept. 22, 2009

Glen A. LOCKWOOD, 85, of 13553 Macy-Millark Road, Macy, died Tuesday at 12:59 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Glen was born March 28, 1924, in Valley Falls, Kan., to Dennis Delbert and Grace Forbes Lockwood, both of whom preceded him in death. He was married Nov. 6, 1951, in Cheyenne, Wyo., to Opal Irene Lewis Halterman, who preceded him in death in 1992.

Glen was a heavy equipment operator for NIPSCO and retired in 1983 following 30 years of dedicated service.

Glen served in the Civilian Conservation Corps until it was dissolved in 1942. As a patriot, our country beckoned him for service. He joined the U.S. Army on Jan. 8, 1943. His tour of duty included the Rhineland battle and campaign in France; at this time he was awarded a Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal. His other decorations included a European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, an American Theater Campaign Ribbon, one Overseas Bar, the Victory Ribbon and an Army of Occupation of Germany Ribbon. On Feb. 5, 1946, he was honorably discharged.

Over the years Glen enjoyed travels from coast to coast seeing sights across America. One of his favorite destinations was Excelsior Springs, Mo., where his family lived. Glen had a passion for cars. He loved struttin' his stuff by cruising, always in a late model car.

Gramps is remembered for his distinct and twinkling "Pea-green eyes!" The grandkids will always remember Gramps Glen proclaiming, "I'm Underdog, and I came to save the day!" When learning to drive there was no better teacher than Gramps. To relax Glen loved the racing scene; whether it was NASCAR or Indy Car, he was glued to the TV. Watching the old Westerns was also a delight. Cheering for the Indianapolis Colts was his idea of a perfect Sunday afternoon.

Glen's favorite hangouts were the Evergreen Cafe and the Paradise Truck Stop Restaurant. It was a daily ritual that he would meet his coffee buddies and hang out. While drinking the brew, they would solve the world's problems. It was these locales where friendships evolved into friends for life. The guys would affirm that Glen was second to none in the storytelling department. He was the inventor of convincing tall tales. Glen will be missed by his loving family, his loyal pals at the coffee table and the many friends he made along life's journey to cherish his memory.

Survivors include three sons, Willis D. Halterman and wife Clymenia, Rochester, Lewis Halterman and wife Shirley, Peru, Ind., and Lessel "Les" L. Halterman and wife Donna, Macy; eight grandchildren, Brenda Holmes

and husband Rodney, Rochester, Angela Condon and husband Shawn, Rochester, Bob Halterman and wife Sherry, Macy, Susie Griffith, Disco, Gary Halterman and wife Loretta, Chili, Ind., Crystal Noakes and husband Tim, Logansport, Steve Halterman, Marion, and David Halterman and wife Lisa, Macy, two sisters, Maxine Fogle and Alene Clevenger, both of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; and one brother, Jewell Dean Ware and wife Carol, Warsaw, Mo.

Preceding Mr. Lockwood in death are his parents, one grandson, two granddaughters and one daughter-in-law.

Graveside services celebrating the life of Mr. Glen A. Lockwood will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Pastor Jason See will officiate. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Preferred memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Ruth Uebel**

Ruth UEBEL, 92, of Culver, died at 7:40 p.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements, which are incomplete.

Monday, September 28, 2009

### **Eva F. Leap**

Sept. 6, 1920-Sept. 25, 2009

Eva Fae LEAP, 89, of Culver, went to be with her Lord at 10:06 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth.

Born Sept. 6, 1920, near Jubilee school east of Kewanna in Fulton County, she was the daughter of the late Loran and Floy (Caldwell) Leap. She lived in Aubbeenaubbee Township until 1970 when she moved to Culver.

Eva was a 1936 Leiters Ford High School graduate. She was a member of and pianist at Zion Gospel Chapel until it closed and she then attended Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Culver for the last 10 years. Eva was very devoted to her family; she loved animals, music, flowers and gardening.

She retired in 1976 from Ball Band Co., now known as Uniroyal, in Mishawaka, to where she commuted weekly for over 33 years.



Survivors include her sister-in-law, Gladys Leap, Culver; six nieces and nephews, Ann Blair, Mentone, John Leap and wife Debbie, Rochester, Patsy Holcomb and husband Jerry, Anderson, Luanne Phillips, Fairborn, Ohio, Leon Sims and friend Brenda, Burr Oak, and Loran Sims and wife Linda, Warsaw. She is also survived by several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; twin sister, Treva Leap; sister Beulah Adams; sister Frances Sims; and brother Manson Leap.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna with Pastor Ron Lewellen officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 401 S. Main St., Culver, IN 46511. Arrangements have been entrusted to Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

### **Ruth E. Uebel**

Ruth Elizabeth (Bossert) UEBEL, Culver, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Survivors include her sister, Frances Gilbert, Powell, Ohio; and two sons, David, Colorado, and Mark, Martinsville.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the church. The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

### **Dr. P.D. Aluning**

Word has been received that former Rochester physician Dr. P. D. ALUNING, 81, died Thursday in Sparks, Nev. No formal services are planned.

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

### **Naomi R. Brockey**

Oct. 31, 1917-Sept. 28, 2009

Naomi Ruth BROCKEY, 91, of 2001 Boulevard St., Rochester, passed away at 8:25 p.m. Monday at her residence.

Naomi was born in Bruce Lake Station on Oct. 31, 1917, the daughter of the late Frank and Ollie Hanshey Henricks. She was first married to

Willis Green on July 1, 1939, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; he preceded her in death. She married Leonard Brockey in 1969, and he preceded her in death in 1990.

Naomi's forte was food preparation. She utilized her culinary skills at many notable establishments including the Du Drop Inn, the Bergoff Cafe, the Hamburger Hut and Flagpole. Later she and husband Leonard owned and operated the Sportsman's on the southwest side of Lake Manitou.

Naomi enjoyed fishing for blue gill and crappie. She and her family also looked forward to cruising the lake, enjoying nature and the beautiful sunsets. Many great memories were made on the annual mushroom hunting trips to Michigan. One such trip yielded many yellow morels sprouting prominently through the newly fallen snow.

Her love for kids resulted in baby-sitting for many children over the years. Grandma's touch was felt by many including Jared and Aaron Lynch. Many fond memories and lifelong relationships resulted. Aaron is credited with getting her out of her burning home in 2002. Following the fire she spent several weeks in the Fort Wayne burn unit and then several months recovering at her granddaughter's home.

Naomi was a longtime member of the Manitou Moose Family Center. They looked forward to her visits Friday nights following the fire by reserving her a table. Many friendships were developed and cherished around that table. She was also a lifetime member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Naomi is survived by her son, James W. Green and wife Judy Teel, Rochester, and their children: David Green and wife Candace, St. Michael, Minn., Michael Green and wife Janet, Minot, N.D., Lisa Townsend and husband Linc, Rochester, James Teel, Rochester, and their nine grandchildren; her son, John Green, Rochester, and his daughters: Shoda Beehler and husband Troy, Rochester, and Stefanie McDonald and husband Rusty, Rochester, and his four grandchildren with another to arrive in January 2010; her stepdaughter, Lynette Brugh, Rochester, and her children: Trisha Lewis and husband Brian, Rochester, Randy Utter and wife Jen, Rochester, Rick Utter and wife Teri, Rochester, and her stepdaughter's four grandchildren; her stepson, James Brockey and wife Becky, Flower Mound, Texas, and their children: Elizabeth Brockey, Flower Mound, Texas, and Rachel Brockey, Flower Mound, Texas; her sister, Mary Hudkins and husband Francis, Bruce Lake Station; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Cuba Brackett; and the four Henricks brothers, Carl, Paul, Daniel and Woodlawn "Bud."

A celebration of the life of Naomi Ruth Brockey will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Don Meyer officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in her name to the Women of the Moose or to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Martha Rose Miller**

Sept. 24, 1925-Sept. 14, 2009

Obituary of Martha Rose MILLER, Lafayette, written by Martha ...  
May 2009.

Martha was born Sept. 24, 1925, in Richmond, Ind., to William P. Marshall and Ruth L. Marshall, both deceased.

On Feb. 19, 1949, she married Donald E. Miller Sr., who survives. They have one daughter, Donna Lancaster, San Antonio, Texas; and four sons, Larry D. Miller and wife Tammy, Lafayette, Donald E. Miller Jr. and wife Yolanda, Rochester, William L. Miller and wife Donna, Zanesville, Ohio, and Rickey Joe Miller, deceased. They have 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Martha was cashier and bookkeeper of the Dan Cohen shoe store in Richmond, Ind. The deputy county clerk in Richmond, she issued her own marriage license to Donald. She then worked 29 1/2 years at Hart Schaffner & Marx in Rochester. She retired from there Jan. 31, 1995.

Martha is survived by her husband, Donald; one stepdaughter; three sons and their spouses; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Esther Chris, Union, Ohio; one brother, Gene, Whittier, Calif., one half brother, Ray, Frostproof, Fla.; and nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. She was preceded in death by one son, three sisters, two brothers, three stepbrothers and one stepsister.

Martha died at Clarion Arnett Hospital on Sept. 14, 2009. Funeral services were held Sept. 19, 2009, at the Good Family Funeral Home in Rochester with the Rev. Ron Humphrey, of Plymouth, officiating.

She is buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Rochester.

Thursday, October 1, 2009

### **Terry Dixon**

Terry DIXON, 64, Akron, died Wednesday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Eugene W. Riester**

Eugene "Gene" W. RIESTER, 87, Culver, died Tuesday at Miller's Marry Manor, Culver.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements, which are incomplete.

Friday, October 2, 2009

**Kathy Braasch**

Kathy BRAASCH, 52, died at 10:39 p.m. Tuesday at her residence, 113 S. First St., Argos.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**F. B. Morris Jr.**

Nov. 27, 1930-Sept. 30, 2009

F. B. "Don" MORRIS Jr., 78, Hartford City, died unexpectedly Wednesday morning in his home.

Don was born Nov. 27, 1930, in Montpelier to Franklin B. and Edna (McDonald) Morris Sr. A graduate of Hartford City High School in 1949, he had participated in all sports.

Don worked for Indiana Bell and AT&T from 1949 to his retirement in 1990. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and aboard a ship in the Mediterranean from Feb. 1, 1951, to Feb. 20, 1954.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Elks Lodge No. 625 for over 50 years, Telephone Pioneers, the Blackford County Historical Society and a member and past commander of American Legion Post No. 159. Don loved to garden and loved his dogs Heidi and Dozer.

Surviving are his wife, Leta Alice (Willmann) Morris; three daughters, Linette (Chris) Schaden, Los Angeles, Calif., Laurie (Tom) Long, Rochester, and Lisa (Steve) Rogers, Muncie; one son, Lane (Angeline) Morris, Indianapolis; two sisters, Hope (Lawrence) Fleming, Hartford City, and Jane Ann Murrell, South Bend; eight grandchildren, Stephanie (John) Collins, Katey and Maggie Schaden, Nathaniel and Jordan Long, Meredith and Adrienne Rogers, and Courtney (Kyle) Mealy; and one great-grandchild, Grayson Mealy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Lindsey; two sisters, Elaine Lannoy and Phyllis Williams; and a brother, James Morris.

The Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated by Father Dave Newton at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 209 S. Spring St., Hartford City. Burial will be made in the Hartford City Cemetery, with military rites. Friends may call at Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

A Christian wake service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Blackford High School Athletic Department; Blackford County Cancer Support Group, c/o Blackford Community Foundation, P.O. Box 327, Hartford City, IN 47348; St. John's Building Fund; or masses.

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

Saturday, October 3, 2009

### **Katherine Braasch**

Katherine "Kathy" BRAASCH, 52, of 113 S. First St., Argos, died Tuesday at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Braasch, Argos; two sons, Stephen A. Braasch Jr., Argos, and Shane R. Braasch, Lafayette; one daughter, Stephanie Braasch, Plymouth; her mother, Geraldine Wittchen, Knox; four sisters, Pam Green, Plymouth, Laura Raczkowski, Plymouth, Rhonda Bolen, Louisiana, and Juanita Fugate, Rochester; three brothers, Orben Barnett, Knox, Douglas Miller, Michigan City, and Paul Miller, North Judson; and her maternal grandmother, Emma Lou Puckett, Knox.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Plymouth Baptist Church, Plymouth. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

### **Hulda R. Winterrowd**

Hulda Ruth WINTERROWD, 89, formerly of Rochester, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Arrangements are pending at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Monday, October 5, 2009

**Lelia F. Smiley**

Lelia Fern SMILEY, 75, of 17519 Juniper Road, Argos, died Saturday at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Smiley, Argos, two sons, James Smiley, Briarbush, Ala., and William Smiley, Jones, Mich.; two daughters, Nancy Smiley and Connie Bradford, both of Plymouth; and one sister, Bernice Green, Elko Nev.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

**Eva L. Benedict**

Eva L. BENEDICT, 90, of 316 Woodies Lane, Bremen, died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday at Bremen Health Care Center.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Robert E. Butcher**

Oct. 1, 1928-Oct. 3, 2009

Robert E. BUTCHER, 81, of rural Roann, died at 7:06 p.m. Saturday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, Ind.

He was born Oct. 1, 1928, in Kokomo to John C. and Leora J. (Worden) Butcher.

He was a 1947 Chili High School graduate. Robert married Thelma Strong in Twelve Mile on May 28, 1950. He was a self-employed concrete contractor from 1962-1990, and he attended Olive Branch Church of God, Roann. Robert made caramel corn and worked many area festivals. He also loved to mow grass.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Butcher, Roann; four children, Mary Ann Cox, Orange Park, Fla., Ray (Sharon) Butcher, Peru, Ind., Peggy (Randy) Myers, Roann, and Donna (Alan) Klok, Peru, Ind.; two brothers, Ronnie (Lynda) Butcher, Roann, and David (Debbie) Butcher, Peru, Ind.; one sister, Charlotte (Ron) Hoff, Conrath, Wis.; eight grandchildren, James Cox, Orange Park, Fla., Shawn (Chad) Flora, Laotto, Michael (Nichole) Ferguson, Westfield, Carmen (Dan) Laudenschlager, Fishers, Adam (Ronda)

Myers, Marion, Wendy (Jon) Gipson, Macy, Robert (Laura) Cox, Orange Park, Fla., and Angela Butcher, Peru, Ind.; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and Fred Butcher; and two sisters, Martha Crull and Genevie Schroll.

Funeral services will be held at Olive Branch Church of God, 4581 E. 1200 North, Roann, on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Preferred memorial is Olive Branch Church of God.

Arrangements are by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Roann.

The memorial guest book for Robert may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### **Terry L. Dixon**

Dec. 25, 1945-Sept. 30, 2009

Terry L. DIXON, 63, of 105 Marcus Drive, Akron, died at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday; he was found at his residence.

Terry was born Dec. 25, 1945, in Kosciusko County. He was an over the road truck driver pulling recreational vehicles. He also had various other jobs in the area.

Terry was a part of the Class of 1964 at Akron High School. Terry served in the U.S. Army in Germany. He was a regular attendee of the Akron Nutrition Site. He also enjoyed his time spent at the Akron Good-to-Go Mini Mart.

He is survived by his daughter, Heather Dixon, South Bend; grandson Christopher Ellis; sister Victoria Jasper, Palm Springs, Calif.; and nephews Eric and wife Anna Jasper, San Francisco, Calif., and Justin Jasper and companion Lauren, Los Angeles, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Irene Dixon Baber, and his aunt and uncle, Alma and Tom Hauptert.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Marilyn Kruger speaking. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery, Athens, Ind. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Akron Senior Nutrition Site. Online condolences made be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

No Obituaries

Thursday, October 8, 2009

**Eva L. Benedict**

Oct. 18, 1918-Oct. 4, 2009

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15.

Eva Louise BENEDICT, 90, formerly of rural Argos, passed away peacefully from this life into eternal life on Sunday at Bremen Health Care Center.

She was born in a farmhouse on the Fulton/Marshall county line road on Oct. 18, 1918. Her parents were the late Dean and Fern (Roose) Nellans. She married a high school classmate and the love of her life, Clinton E. Benedict on Feb. 21, 1942, in a stone farmhouse just south and east of Argos. They were blessed with 53 years of marriage.

Eva was named after Miss Eva Wingert, a former Argos teacher. She worked hard as a child and often recalled standing on a chair to make cakes for the hired hands on the farm.

She graduated from Richland Center High School in 1936 where she was awarded the Good Citizenship Award. She then attended Manchester College. She graduated from a two-year normal course, received her life teaching license, and later received her Bachelor of Science from Manchester College in 1962.

Eva taught elementary school in Marshall and Fulton counties for 24 years. She was a member of the Indiana and National Retired Teachers Association. Her mother, two daughters and a granddaughter have been educators for four generations totaling more than 120 years! She was proud of her teaching family.

Since her husband served in World War II, she proudly displayed a star in her window for nearly five years. They wrote to one another daily. Clinton served in the Army at Fort Hayes near Columbus, Ohio, where she taught Bible school and they both taught Sunday school classes. Her husband served as a chief warrant officer in the European theater of operations. He served in England, France and Italy.

She was very creative and enjoyed baking, gardening and traveling. She made it possible for her family to vacation to California, the Grand Canyon, Florida, the Black Hills, the Great Smokey Mountains, the Rocky Mountains, and Yosemite and Glacier National Parks.



She was a member of Argos Bible Church and the "31" Home Economics Club.

Eva was a very loving and devoted mother to her two daughters, Mary K. Goller (David), Mishawaka, and Linda L. Overmyer (David), Tippecanoe. She dearly loved her two granddaughters, Lisa M. Overmyer, Virginia, and Melissa M. Yoho, Mishawaka. Also surviving is a great-granddaughter, Emma Grace Buszkiewicz. In addition one cousin, Ruth Schrader, Chesterton, and several nieces and nephews are surviving.

Her husband, Clinton E. Benedict; parents, Dean and Fern Nellans; and her brothers Dee D. and Robert K. Nellans, preceded her in death.

Eva's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude for the wonderful care given to her by Dr. Jason Marker and the Bremen Health Care Center.

The Earl-Grossman Funeral Home in Argos is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. The funeral will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Argos Bible Church with visitation one hour before the service and Pastor Phillip Platz officiating.

There will be a private burial service at the Richland Center Cemetery, north of Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Argos Bible Church.

Friday, October 9, 2009

### **Steven L. Fields**

Steven L. FIELDS, 57, of 908 Walnut St., Anderson, died Sept. 2 at his residence.

Survivors include his sister, Dianna Eley, Anderson; and his daughter, Jasmine Herr, South Bend.

A memorial to honor Steven will be held at Shades State Park near Crawfordsville on Oct. 17 at 1 p.m.

### **Paul W. Tucker**

Paul William "Bill" TUCKER, 73, of 5390 S. Old U.S. 31, Macy, died at 12:28 a.m. Thursday at Wabash County Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, October 10, 2009

**Frank R. DeVries**

April 21, 1917-Oct. 8, 2009

Frank R. DeVRIES, age 92, of Munster and formerly of Cedar Lake, passed away Thursday.

Frank was a longtime farmer and a member of Munster Christian Reformed Church.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Grace (Eenigenburg, nee Kuipers); his sons, Sid (Judy), Rochester, Tom (Janell), Cedar Lake, and James (Cyndee), Dyer; his daughters, Fran (Paul) Zuidema, Darien, Ill., Doreen (Al) Bultema, Cedar Lake, and Claire (Joseph) Kusbel, Highland; 22 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; his stepchildren, Linda (Terry) VanderAa, Wes Eenigenburg, Cheryl (Jeremy) Gil, Dorinda (late Doug) Eenigenburg, and Kurt (Cheryl) Eenigenburg; 16 stepgrandchildren; and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 52 years, Theresa (nee Wichers); brothers John and George; sister Angeline Hamming; and stepsons Doug and Wayne Eenigenburg.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Munster Christian Reformed Church, 214 Ridge Road, Munster, with the Rev. Herman Schutt officiating. Interment will be at the Oakridge Cemetery, Lansing, Ill. Friends may visit with the family on Monday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Munster Christian Reformed Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rest Haven Christian Services, 18601 North Creek Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60477.

Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home ([www.schroederlauer.com](http://www.schroederlauer.com)) is in charge of arrangements.

**Edgert Scott**

Edgert SCOTT, 48, Roann, died Friday morning in Tippecanoe County from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Monday, October 12, 2009

No Obituaries - Holiday

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

**Laura L. Bowers**

April 1, 1954-Oct. 10, 2009

Laura L. BOWERS, 55, of 952 Park St., Rochester, passed away at 12:54 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She was born April 1, 1954, in Rochester, the daughter of George W. and Lois K. (Gordon) Bowers Jr.

Miss Bowers had worked for Rochester Metal Products and had been an art teacher at Francesville and Hobart elementary schools. She was a graduate of the Herron School of Art in Indianapolis. She enjoyed collecting Longaberger Baskets and Precious Memories. She had been an active participant in the Rochester Metals Chili Cookoff team, Fulton County Literacy Coalition Spell Bowl, Rotary Trivia Contest Night and American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Survivors include her brothers, Ronald P. Bowers, Rochester, and Michael Bowers, North Webster; and her sisters, Linda Bowers, Rochester, and Cathy Bowers, Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Leukemia Society. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**James J. Croy**

James J. CROY, 39, of Culver, died Monday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements, which are incomplete.

**John W. Iles**

Nov. 9, 1957-Oct. 10, 2009

John W. ILES, 51, of Logansport, died Saturday at 5:15 a.m. at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis.

John was born Nov. 9, 1957, in Logansport, the son of Charles E. Tow and Carole Iles. He was married June 21, 1986, in Akron to Dianna Bollhoefer.

John worked as a QMA for the Logansport State Hospital for 30 years. He was a 1975 graduate of Logansport High School, a member of the First United Methodist Church, and a former member of the Logansport Eagles Lodge No. 323. John was an avid Indiana Hoosier fan, and he also loved to watch the Oakland Raiders.

He is survived by his wife, Dianna Iles, Logansport; three daughters, Rachel Iles, Logansport, Olivia Iles, Logansport, and Ariel Iles, Logansport; one son, Wesley Iles, Logansport; his mother, Carole Palmer, Monticello; one brother, Steve Tow, Indianapolis; two sisters-in-law, Debra Mathias and husband David, Akron, and Donna Runkle and husband Jeff, Rochester; two brothers-in-law, Dennis Bollhoefer and wife Andrea, Prescott Valley, Ariz., and Dan Fox and wife Julie, Plymouth; his mother-in-law, Rosella Osborn, Plymouth; his father-in-law, Marvin Osborn, Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles Iles II and Geneva Iles; and his uncle, Charles Iles III.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at First United Methodist Church, Logansport, with Pastors Larry Zehring, Bill Shannon and Mike Dominick officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be for one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Iles children savings account at Logansport Savings Bank or St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis.

Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, is in charge of the arrangements.

### **Ed Scott**

Ed SCOTT, 48, of Roann, died Friday in Tippecanoe County.

Survivors include his wife, Cari Scott; his father, Eddie R. Scott, Kinlichee, Ariz.; his mother, Irene Holland, Rabbit Brush, Ariz.; two sons, Elliott and Canaan Scott; his father- and mother-in-law, Wayne and Cheryl Brooks, Sheridan; and his sister-in-law, Letha Scolley and husband Ed, Sheridan.

Visitation will be today at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. No local services are scheduled.

### **Paul W. Tucker**

Oct. 14, 1935-Oct. 8, 2009

Paul William "Bill" TUCKER, 73, of 5390 South Old U.S. 31, Macy, passed away at 12:28 p.m. Thursday at Wabash County Hospital. He had been in failing health for one year.

He was born Oct. 14, 1935, in Santa Ana, Mo., and was raised by his mother and stepfather, Joseph and Margaret Forwood Pryor.

He took as his bride the former Anna B. Rogers on Aug. 14, 1954, in Logansport. She preceded him in death Nov. 22, 2004. They lived most of their lives in this community.

Bill had a unique passion for automobiles, especially the Cadillac. Not many live their dream, but Bill did on a daily basis, restoring and repairing automobiles. He was a loyal and faithful employee of Shultz Body Shop, Rochester, for over 20 years. He also had worked for Donato's Body Shop of Logansport.

Bill had a tender heart when it came to his family. He cherished the memories made with his wife, daughters and grandchildren.

He is survived by three daughters, Cynthia E. Tucker, Macy, the Rev. Melody L. Krisher and husband the Rev. William, Arnold, Mo., and Diane L. Gall, Peru, Ind.; six grandchildren, Sheila Clingler, Monterey, Barbara Silver and husband Russ, Portland, Ore., Patrick Krisher, Arnold, Mo., Joshua Krisher and wife Elisha, House Springs, Mo., David Mayhew and wife Beth, Huntington, and Anna Burton and husband Andrew, Wabash; and six great-grandchildren with another on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; a son, Gregory M. Tucker, in infancy in 1958; and a son-in-law, James Gall, Nov. 3, 2005.

A celebration of the life of Paul William "Bill" Tucker will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Father Bert Woolson and the Rev. William Krisher officiating. Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will follow the service at Mud Creek Chapel Cemetery, Macy.

Memorials may be made in Bill's name to the Fulton County Cancer Association or Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Wilma L. Sosbe**

March 28, 1929-Oct. 10, 2009

Wilma L. SOSBE, 80, of Rochester, passed away at 12:35 p.m. Saturday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born March 28, 1929, in Kokomo to the late William F. and Gladys (Lillard) Gollner. On June 12, 1948, she married Charles W. Sosbe; he preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and also worked for Dr. Radpour as a secretary.

Surviving are two sons, Charles W. Sosbe Jr. and wife Karen, and Timothy R. Sosbe and wife Debra; two daughters, Debora K. Piercy and husband Stanley, and Linda S. Wagoner and husband Michael; her grandchildren, Christopher Sosbe and wife Amy, Jennifer Goad and husband Christopher, Nicole Parkhurst and husband Russell, Nathan Lauderbaugh and wife Ashley, Boyd Piercy and wife Laura, Erin Piercy, Adam Piercy and wife Wanda, Lindsay O'Leary and husband Ryan, Daniel Wagoner and wife Erin, and Stacey Sosbe; her great-grandchildren, Alexander Sosbe, Trevor Goad, Lucy Goad, Kynzie Shane, Christopher Parkhurst, Kayla Parkhurst, Hailey Snethens, Samuel Piercy, and Jacob Wagoner; and her two babies, cats Goldie and Sputnik.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Gollner; and two sisters, Mary Harrison and Helen Aeschliman. She loved her family dearly and enjoyed gardening and watching her grandson race minisprints.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., Kokomo, with Pastor John McCoy officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hope Hospice, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975. Online condolences may be given to the Sosbe family at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com).

### **Makena Wyhbrew-Weisenberger**

Makena WHYBREW-WEISENBERGER, 9 days old, of 3567 W. 1350 North, Macy, died at 8:42 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

### **James J. Croy**

James "Jimmy" Joseph CROY, 39, of Culver, died Monday in Culver.

Survivors include his parents, Scott and Debbie Croy; his lifelong partner, Michele Trusty, Culver; his son, Justin James Croy, Culver; his sister, Ragan Croy Breiter, Flower Mound, Texas; and his brother, Nathanael J. Croy, Flower Mound, Texas.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Gospel Lighthouse Church, Delong. Visitation will be at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver, on Thursday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and for one hour prior to the service at the church.

**Makena K. Whybrew-Weisenberger**

Oct. 3, 2009-Oct. 12, 2009

Makena Kay WHYBREW-WEISENBERGER, 9 days old, 3567 W. 1350 North, Macy, passed away at 8:42 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She was born on Oct. 3 in Warsaw, the daughter of Keisha Whybrew and Cory Weisenberger.

Survivors include her parents, Keisha Whybrew and Cory Weisenberger, Macy; her sister, Gabriella Whybrew, Macy; her grandmothers, Tamra Whybrew, Tippecanoe, and Ronda Moore, Warsaw; her great-grandparents, Donna Smith and Glenn Smith, Tippecanoe, and Rosey Moore and Arte Moore, Wabash; her aunts, Nicole Whybrew, Peru, Ind., Rebel Alderfer, Macy, Leslie Weisenberger, Fort Wayne, and Nicole Easterday, Kokomo; her uncles, Jared Rylands, Peru, Ind., and Leroy Alderfer, Macy; her great-uncles and great-aunts, Tilman Whybrew and Denise Whybrew, Tippecanoe, James Whybrew and Linda Whybrew, Bourbon, and Stacy and Chuck McColley, Wabash; and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by great-aunt Kimberly Whybrew Bolen, second cousins Tasha and James Dale Whybrew Bolen, great-great-grandparents Irene and Tillman Whybrew and Richard and Lorriene Peterson, great-grandpa James Whybrew, cousin Trey Alderfer, great-grandparents Weisenberger, great-great-aunt Helen Webb, and great-great-uncle James Booth.

Burial and graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Palestine Cemetery, Palestine, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Makena Whybrew-Weisenberger Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, October 15, 2009

**Kenneth D. Edwards**

Kenneth D. EDWARDS, 91, of Groveland, Fla., passed away Sunday.

Survivors include his daughter, Kay Graef, Indianapolis; and his sons, Richard Edwards, Groveland, Fla., Ted Edwards, Rochester, and Larry Edwards, Gaylord, Mich.

No services are scheduled. Arrangements were entrusted to Brewer & Sons Funeral Home, Groveland Chapel, Groveland, Fla.

Friday, October 16, 2009

### **Lenville Denney**

April 3, 1949-Oct. 15, 2009

Lenville "Tom" DENNEY, 60, of 1418 E. Olson Road, Rochester, died at 7:10 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

He was born April 3, 1949, in Jackson, Ohio, to Charles and Mary Carpenter Denney. He was married Aug. 19, 2006, to Shirley A. Joplin Floyd, and she survives.

He was a security guard at the Miami County Correctional Facility. He enjoyed watching football.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Denney, Rochester; four daughters, Shera Denney, Missoula, Mont., Mary Denney, Warsaw, Crystal Floyd, Rochester, and Anita and husband Gary Webb, Chesapeake, Ohio; four sons, Andy Denney, Tennessee, Caleb Denney, Nappanee, Josh Denney, Warsaw, and Bruce and wife Theresa Floyd, Akron; two brothers, Lee Denney and Kevin and wife Ruth Denney, all of Jackson, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Bible Way Ministries Church, 687 Brentwood Drive, Akron, with Pastor Richard Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Jackson, Ohio. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com). Memorial contributions may be made to a local Boys & Girls club.

### **Kenneth D. Edwards**

Oct. 5, 1918-Oct. 11, 2009

Kenneth D. EDWARDS, 91, of Groveland, Fla., passed away Sunday.

Kenneth was born Oct. 5, 1918, in Kosciusko County, and he moved to Florida in 1991.



Kenneth was of the Methodist faith. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge Lincoln No. 523 in Macy, and he was also a member of the Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine Club. He owned Kenny's Hardware in Macy for 30 years prior to moving to Florida.

He is survived by his daughter, Kay Graef (Kurt), Indianapolis; his sons, Richard Edwards (Linda), Groveland, Fla., Ted Edwards (Markie), Rochester, and Larry Edwards (Candi), Gaylord, Mich.; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Miriam.

No services are scheduled. Arrangements were entrusted to Brewer & Sons Funeral Home, Groveland Chapel, 132 E. Magnolia St., Groveland, Fla.: [www.brewerfuneral.com](http://www.brewerfuneral.com).

### **Wendell W. Nelson**

Wendell W. NELSON, 79, of 522 State St., Culver, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, at home; five children, Wendy Nelson, Kokomo, Judy Heliste, Carmel, Shirley Nelson-Ford, Vernon Hills, Ill., Terry Nelson, Argos, and Tracey Morris, Palm Coast, Fla.; and a brother, Glen Nelson, Highland.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the New Oak Hill Chapel at New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth, with visitation from 10:30 a.m. through the hour of the service. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of the arrangements.

Saturday, October 17, 2009

### **Lenville Denney**

April 3, 1949-Oct. 15, 2009

Lenville "Tom" DENNEY, 60, of 1418 E. Olson Road, Rochester, died at 7:10 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

He was born April 3, 1949, in Jackson, Ohio, to Charles and Mary Carpenter Denney. He was married Aug. 19, 2006, to Shirley A. Joplin Floyd, and she survives.

He was a security guard at the Miami County Correctional Facility. He enjoyed watching football.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Denney, Rochester; four daughters, Shera Denney, Missoula, Mont., Mary Denney, Warsaw, Crystal Floyd, Rochester, and Anita and husband Gary Webb, Chesapeake, Ohio; four sons, Andy Denney, Tennessee, Caleb Denney, Nappanee, Josh

Denney, Warsaw, and Bruce and wife Theresa Floyd, Akron; two brothers, Lee Denney and Kevin and wife Ruth Denney, all of Jackson, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today at Bible Way Ministries Church, 687 Brentwood Drive, Akron, with Pastor Richard Nelson Iseton officiating. Burial will be in Jackson, Ohio. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service today at the church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com). Memorial contributions may be made to a local Boys & Girls club.

### **Kaldyne L. Smith**

Kaidyne Lee SMITH was stillborn Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He is survived by his mother, Debra A. Smith.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Bethel Cemetery on Gumwood Road northeast of Argos.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Monday, October 19, 2009

No Obituaries

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

### **Glenrose E. Bunn**

Glenrose E. BUNN, 97, 1460 Franklin St., Rochester, died at 11:43 a.m. Monday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Philip K. Lash**

July 19, 1919-Oct. 19, 2009

Philip K. LASH, 90, 6391 S. Indiana 19, Mentone, died at 8:50 a.m. Monday at the Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Philip was born to Raymond and Zelda Blue Lash on July 19, 1919, in Harrison Township, Kosciusko County, where he was a lifetime area

resident. He was married April 14, 1956, at Burket to Violet E. Jones who passed away Nov. 22, 1986.

Philip was a school teacher at Mentone High School and Junior High teaching agriculture and science for five years. Along with teaching he was a grain and livestock farmer.

Philip graduated from Beaver Dam High School in 1937. Then he attended Purdue University where he studied agriculture and graduated in 1941. Philip also served his country in World War II in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Mentone Masonic Lodge for years and the Mentone United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Ann and husband Paul Branson, South Whitley; his son, John and wife Darlene Lash, Mentone; and three grandchildren, Laura Lash, Indianapolis, David and wife Kyla Lash, Mentone, and Sarah Lash, Mentone.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Eleanor Chamberlain and Ruth Ellison.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Doris Smith and Pastor Terry Vanlaningham officiating. By the families' request, there will be no visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice and Kosciusko County Helping Hands. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **Amber Starr McMillian**

Amber Starr McMILLIAN, 30, of 112 W. Williams St., Argos, died at 10:23 p.m. Friday following a car accident near Koontz Lake.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

### **Glenrose E. Bunn**

July 11, 1912-Oct. 19, 2009

Mrs. Glenrose E. BUNN, 97, of 1460 Franklin St., Rochester, passed away at 11:53 a.m. Monday at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Glenrose was born in Mentone on July 11, 1912, the daughter of the late George and Nora Hall Nuell. She had lived most of her life in this community.

Glenrose married Ralph B. Bunn on Sept. 19, 1927. They were married for 67 years until his passing in 1994, and together worked hard on the farm while raising their family. Glenrose was remembered for the hearty meals she prepared and the delectable pies she baked. She was the mother of Robert and Donna but through the years the family tree blossomed. As the matriarch of the family, she oversaw five generations, including eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren and 11 triple greats. All of her children loved and adored Grandma.

Living nearly a century, at 97 years old Glenrose had a remarkable memory and was as sharp as a tack remembering the good times she'd enjoyed through the years. Things were not always easy as she and husband Ralph worked diligently on the farm making everything count - it was especially tough during the years of our Great Depression. Always at her husband's side, they raised Holsteins and grew wheat, beans, corn and hay. In addition to her work on the farm she worked at Rochester's Radio Factory and Indiana Metal Products.

At home, Glenrose's pride in her surroundings was always evident with the many flowers she planted annually. She enjoyed manicuring her yard and just digging in the dirt. This 68-year resident of Richland Township was also a loyal member of the Richland Center United Methodist Church, the What Not Home Ec Club and a 60-plus-year member of the Naomi Rebekah Lodge No. 859.

Glenrose is survived by her daughter, Donna Hart, Logansport; eight grandchildren, Debby Krebs and husband Rick, Elizabeth, Ralph Hart and wife Barb, Rochester, Cathy Kramer and Mike Clark, Hudson, Jody Hart and wife Nancy, Talma, Lee-Ann Stanley and husband Jim, Chicago, Ill., Holly Rentschler, League City, Texas, Jerry Bunn and wife Gayle, Fulton, and Greg Bunn, Fla.; 13 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Robert Lee Bunn, on Dec. 4, 1978; a son-in-law, Don Hart, on Aug. 7, 1972; a sister, Geraldine Nuell; and four brothers, Albert, Kenny, Alvin "Shorty," and George.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Private family services will be held Thursday, with Pastor Thad Stewart officiating. Interment will follow at the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Richland Center United Methodist Church or to the Hickory Creek Activity Fund. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Mildred R. Christenson**

Jan. 31, 1910-Oct. 19, 2009

Mildred Rose CHRISTENSON, 99, 3586 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, and formerly of Racine, Wis., passed away at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

She was born Jan. 31, 1910, in North Cape, Wis., the daughter of Henry and Anna (Jenson) Markison. On Aug. 19, 1938, in Racine, Wis., she married Ray Christenson. He preceded her in death April 22, 1981.

Mrs. Christenson had been a secretary for the YMCA in Racine, Wis., and a homemaker. She was a member of the Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Racine, Wis., and enjoyed gardening, flowers and reading.

Survivors include her son, Don and wife Marianne Christenson, Rochester; her grandchildren, Greg and wife Maria Christenson, McCordsville, and Jennifer Christenson, Kendallville; and her great-grandchildren, Seth Christenson and Alexa Christenson, both of McCordsville.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her brother, Elmer Markison.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at West Lawn Memorial Park, Racine, Wis.

Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Amber Starr McMillen**

Amber Starr McMILLEN, 30, of 112 W. Williams St., Argos, died Friday near Koontz Lake.

Survivors include three children, Seth Garrison, Haley McMillen and Nikko McMillen; her father, Richard L. Dixon Jr., Argos; and three brothers, Ricky Dixon, Lapaz, Chad Isom, and Jason Banister, Plymouth.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Marilyn Weaver**

Marilyn WEAVER, 76, of 13337 Fourth Road, Plymouth, died Sunday in Elkhart Hospice House.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Weaver, at home; three children, Daniel Weaver and Mike Weaver, both of Plymouth, and Susan Weaver, Delray Beach, Fla.; and her brother, Charles Lyle Gordon, Plymouth.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth. Visitation will be Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Thursday, October 22, 2009

**Bobby J. Galloway**

April 30, 1947-Oct. 20, 2009

Mr. Bobby Joe GALLOWAY, 62, of 1907 E. Schoolview Drive, Rochester, passed away Tuesday at his residence.

Bobby was born in Logansport on April 30, 1947, the son of John Francés and Mary Fultz Galloway.

Bobby was a proud graduate with the Pioneer High School Class of 1965. Following graduation he was beckoned by our country; answering the call he enlisted with the U.S. Army and served for a three-year stint in North Korea. Following his return he married the love of his life and best friend Vicki Maroney in Logansport on Aug. 17, 1968. Their union spanned over four decades and produced two children, Traci and Toby. They lived in Rochester for 40 years, coming from Royal Center.

As a loyal and dedicated employee of Talma Fastner for over 30 years, Bobby served on the management team until his retirement due to health concerns in 1996. Over the years he and brother John took advanced classes for welding and management at Ivy Tech and Notre Dame.

In the late '60s and early '70s, the Galloway brothers enjoyed the racing scene at Bunker Hill Speedway. Bobby is remembered for taking the checkered flag as he raced across the finish line in his '55 Chevy known to all as "Badman." He enjoyed playing in the men's softball league during this time. The thrill of speed was enjoyed by the brothers as they were known to race to work from Logansport to Talma in record time. Of course this was prior to the advent of radar.

The game of golf was a passion for Bobby. Not long ago he played at least five or six days a week. He knew all of the courses around northern Indiana well. He was inspired by the challenges of many of the courses in Myrtle Beach, but his all-time favorite was Rochester's Mill Creek. It was here that Bobby was known to occasionally "sneak in" 36 holes a day. He was a member of the men's golf league champs for 2008; in 2000 he was crowned as the Eagles golf outing champ. He was a member of the foursome of brother John "Bus," Don Ramsey and Kerry Daine; they all enjoyed hitting the links and the guy time they shared. His greatest accomplishment was carding a lifetime total of six hole in ones!

The 19th hole was often spent at the Eagles with friends telling jokes and enjoying the view of Mill Creek. He was also a member of the Moose and Elks lodges. To relax he listened to Hank Williams Jr., Bob Seger and Travis Tritt. Bobby is remembered for the times shared with his family, especially the visits from the grandchildren and vacations to Florida and South Carolina.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Vicki, at home; a daughter, Traci Honkomp, Rochester; a son, Toby Galloway, Rochester; his mother, Mary Spurgeon, Logansport; a sister, Sandra Sue Sturdivant, Logansport; a brother, John F. Galloway and wife Gladys, Rochester; four grandchildren, Haley Honkomp, Indianapolis, Hunter Honkomp, Rochester, Logan Honkomp, Rochester, and Toby Joe Galloway Jr., Rochester; special friends, Don and Jackie Burkett, Rochester; and his canine companion, Roscoe, the Shih-Tzu.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A celebration of the life of Bobby Joe Galloway will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Larry Pyeatt officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home. Interment will follow the services at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The family requests donations in his name be made to the Eagles Scholarship Fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Friday, October 23, 2009

No Obituaries

Saturday, October 24, 2009

### **Florence Lee Scott**

Florence Lee SCOTT, 75, 1205 Bancroft Ave., Rochester, passed away at 7:03 p.m. Thursday in Rochester

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Monday, October 26, 2009

**Robert J. Redwelk Sr.**

Oct. 9, 1932-Oct. 24, 2009

Robert John REDWEIK Sr., 77, of 5556 S. 1100 West, Kewanna, died at 8 a.m. Saturday at his home.

Robert was born Oct. 9, 1932, in Schwegona-Tauroggen, Lithuania, to the late Karl Friedrich Redweik and Emma Meta Jokubait Redweik. He married Mildred Ellen Gudas on Nov. 10, 1956, in St. Peter Lutheran Church, North Judson, and she survives.

Robert served in the U.S. Army for two years during the Korean War era. He served in Austria and Germany.

He was a farmer and had worked as a millwright at the Plymouth Tube Co. in Winamac for 33 years.

Robert and his family emigrated to the United States from Germany in April of 1948. He became a U.S. citizen Dec. 8, 1953.

Robert was a member of the St. Luke Lutheran Church in Winamac, where he had served as a deacon and an usher. He was confirmed in Neustadt, Germany, in the Lutheran church by Pastor Kranz on March 31, 1946.

He received the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Americanism Award in 2004. Robert served on the Fulton County 4-H Council. He was an umpire for area Little League Baseball games. Robert attended Arrow Head RC&D activities with Millie.

Robert enjoyed time with his grandchildren, especially attending the grandchildren's sports events and activities.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Ellen Gudas Redweik, Kewanna; two sons, Robert John (Alisa Dubuisson) Redweik Jr., Tomball, Texas, and David Antony (Lora Dillman) Redweik, Twelve Mile; two daughters, Anita Meta Jo (Larry) Doan, Twelve Mile, and Susan Jane (Michael) Wood, Jeffersonville, Ohio; four grandsons, Garrett Robert Redweik, Graham Antony Joseph Redweik, D.L. "Trey" Doan III and Michael Patrick Wood II; seven granddaughters, Ryonn Parker Doan, Hayley Allison Redweik, Madison Taylor Redweik, Kirsten Renee Redweik, Lanier Michelle Redweik, Kourtnee Susan Baird and Kailee Allyn Baird; his sister, Olga Alma Matzat, Culver; and two brothers, Ewald Redweik, North Judson, and Roland Siegfried Redweik, North Judson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Meta Redweik and Marta Redweik, and brothers Arthur Redweik, Karl Paul Redweik and Edwin Redweik.



Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. EDT Wednesday at Frain Mortuary, Winamac, with Pastor Carl Fitchett officiating. Burial will take place in the Victor Chapel Cemetery in Star City. The American Legion and VFW will conduct military graveside services. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. EDT Tuesday at Frain Mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be given to an organization of the donor's choice. Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.frainmortuary.com](http://www.frainmortuary.com).

### **Florence Lee Scott**

Jan. 1, 1934-Oct. 22, 2009

Florence Lee SCOTT, 75, 1205 Bancroft Ave., Rochester, passed away at 7:03 p.m. Thursday in Rochester.

She was born Jan. 1, 1934, in Rochester, the daughter of Harry Lee and Ann (Bradley) Onstott. She married Harvey Scott on Nov. 20, 1954, in Rochester, and he preceded her in death.

Florence had worked at Rochester Metal Products and Paradise Truck Stop, and she had worked in distribution for The Rochester Sentinel. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir, the Fulton County Democratic Women's Club, Fulton County Players and R.S.V.P., and she had been an election poll worker and sang in the "Noteables" choir. She enjoyed watching old movies, Broadway plays, knitting and singing, and she was an avid reader.

Survivors include her sons, David A. and wife Linda Scott, Rochester, and William D. Scott, Kokomo; eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; her sisters, Phyllis and husband Allan Heminger, Rochester, Phoebe Lykowski, South Bend, Amy L. Onstott, Chicago, Ill., Susan Onstott, Rochester, and Helen Slisher, Rochester; her brothers, Paul and wife Beulah Onstott, Burkett, David Onstott, Athens, Ga., and Jim and wife Vicki Onstott, Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother, Stephen Onstott, in 1996; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, Rochester, with Dr. Mark Spencer officiating. Friends may call at the church from 9:30 a.m. till service time. Burial will be at a later time at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Edith M. Walters**

Edith May WALTERS, 90, of 4704 S. 1300 West, Mentone, died at 10:10 a.m. Saturday in the emergency room at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Thursday, October 27, 2009

**Mace J. Gellinger**

Mace J. GELLINGER, 83, of Logansport and formerly of Burnettsville, died Saturday at Woodbridge Health Campus in Logansport.

Survivors include his wife, Madella J. Gellinger, Logansport; his son, Calvin C. Gellinger, Logansport; his daughters, Tanya T. Leslie, Marble Canyon, Ariz., and Ginger D. Landis, Logansport; and his brother, Alfred Gellinger, Conroe, Texas.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Marocco Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with visitation two hours prior to the service. Visitation will also be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the chapel.

**Winfred E. Nusbaum**

July 13, 1954-Oct. 24, 2009

Winfred "Fred" E. NUSBAUM, 55, of 11409 Lapoynor St., Manor, Texas, died Saturday.

He is survived by his life partner, Cyndi McGrew, and stepsons Justin and Jared McGrew; his mother, Ethel Ludwig, and sisters Diantha Bradley, Melissa Grubbs and Orlandria Roberts, all of Rochester; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, a brother and a sister.

Private services will be held at a later date in Manor, Texas. Arrangements have been entrusted to Heart of Texas Cremation & Burial Service, Austin, Texas.

Cards may be sent to Cyndi McGrew at 11409 Lapoynor St., Manor, TX 78653.

**Edith M. Walters**

May 3, 1919-Oct. 24, 2009

Edith May WALTERS, 90, of 4704 S. 1300 West, Mentone, went peacefully to rejoice in the Lord with her husband Harold at 10:10 a.m. Saturday in the emergency room at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Edith was born May 3, 1919, in Kosciusko County to Casel and Audrea Zolman Whetstone. She was married April 16, 1938, to Harold H. Walters, who preceded her in death April 24, 1974.

Edith was a lifetime area resident.

She was a homemaker and she also worked at Teel's Restaurant for many years, and most recently she worked for Richard's Restaurant of Warsaw, where she took care of the salad bar and enjoyed serving people.

Edith graduated from Mentone High School in 1937. She was a member of the Talma United Methodist Church for 62 years, as well as the Talma Home Educational Club. Edith loved to cook for people, being a seamstress, gardening and tending to her animals, especially her cats.

She is survived by her son, Stephen L. Walters, Mentone; two granddaughters, Stephanie Olson, Warsaw, and Gina and husband Jason Slone, Warsaw; one grandson, Rodney and wife Mary Walters, Mishawaka; two sisters, Mary Emmeline Hoffman, Winona Lake, and Geneva Marie and husband Don Emmons, Sammamish, Wash.; her brother, Leon Willis and wife Ruth Whetstone, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and four great-grandchildren, Brooke Bri-Ann Walters, Rodney Cameron Walters, Patrick Donald Olson and Tabitha Jade Walters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Walters; brother Carl Boyd Whetstone; sister Delores June Whetstone; and daughter-in-law Rhonda Walters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Mike Beezley and the Rev. Will Lawson officiating. Burial will be in Mentone Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Talma United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

### **Gilbert M. Jaeger**

Gilbert Max JAEGER, 58, Rochester, died at 11:17 p.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, October 29, 2009

**Gilbert M. Jaeger**

Gilbert Max JAEGER, 58, of Rochester, died Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Jaeger, Rochester; his mother, Rose Jaeger, Crown Point; son Donald Jaeger, Las Vegas, Nev.; daughter Julie Jaeger, Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Dennis Jaeger, Rochester, and Greg Jaeger, Orlando, Fla.; and two sisters, Deb Snyder, Peru, Ind., and Pat Hayes, Crown Point.

Services will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, October 30, 2009

**Forrest M. Baker**

Forrest M. BAKER, 91, of Kewanna, died at 12:55 p.m. Thursday at Hickory Creek Healthcare Center, Winamac.

Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel.

**Mary A. Frye**

Mary Alice FRYE, 90, of Columbia City, died Wednesday at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Survivors include her six children, Richard Frye, Rome City, Phyllis Yeatts, Warren, Larry Frye, Rochester, Roger Frye, Trion, Ga., Steve Frye, Bryant, and John Frye, Columbia City; and one brother, John Ulmer, Warsaw.

Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home, Columbia City. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with visitation one hour prior to the service.

**Harold G. Pugh**

April 9, 1928-Oct. 28, 2009

Harold G. PUGH, 81, Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, Ind., passed away at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Mr. Pugh was born April 9, 1928, in LaPorte, the son of Paul Roscoe and Lucille Clara (Deeds) Pugh.

He was a member of the Macy Masonic Lodge, the Rochester Order of the Eastern Star and the Odd Fellows Lodge at Deedsville.

Survivors include his brothers, Jackson and wife Vivian Pugh, Peru, Ind., and Dale and wife Jan Pugh, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Pauline Martin.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Ind., with Pastor Sam Polito officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery.

Saturday, October 31, 2009

**Forrest M. Baker**

May 30, 1918-Oct. 29, 2009

Forrest M. BAKER, 91, of Kewanna, passed away at 12:55 p.m. Thursday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Winamac.

Born on May 30, 1918, in Lucerne, he was the son of the late Earl and Bessie (Murray) Baker. On Nov. 11, 1938, he married Elnora W. Yoder; she survives.

He was a 1936 graduate of Royal Center High School.

Mr. Baker was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of Kewanna United Methodist Church and a former member of the Royal Center Order of Eastern Star and Royal Center and Kewanna Masonic Lodges.

Mr. Baker loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed traveling, canoeing and helping friends, and he especially enjoyed their time living at Lake Bruce.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Elnora W. Baker; his son, Bruce M. Baker and wife Denise, Kewanna; his daughter, Karen J. Good and husband Joe, Kewanna; his brother, Dale Baker and wife Paula, Royal Center; and sister Helen Bonnell, Star City. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Kelly Smith (Mark), Jeffrey J. Good (Tonya), Ryan Baker (Leslie) and Daniel Baker (Andrea); eight great-grandchildren, Lindsey Smith, Kara Smith, Zachary Smith, Sami Good, Jeffrey J. Good, Tosha Nice, Allie Nice and Devin Good; and one great-great-grandson, Shayne Good. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by one sister, Thelma McVay.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. The Rev. Steven McPeck and Pastor David Sommers will officiate at the service, and burial will be in Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kewanna United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 398, Kewanna, IN 46939. Online condolences may be made to the Baker family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Monday, November 2, 2009

**Donald J. Baker**

May 1, 1925-Oct. 31, 2009

Donald J. BAKER, 84, of 9649 S. Indiana 19, Akron, died at 11:44 p.m. Saturday at his residence.

Don was born May 1, 1925, in Kosciusko County to George and Elta (Parker) Baker. He was married Jan. 3, 1945, in Silver Lake to Patricia A. Rowland, and she survives.

Don was a full-time dairy farmer and also worked for the Indiana state highway department. He graduated from Silver Lake High School in 1943. Don enjoyed his daily visits to the Akron Country Kitchen.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia A. Baker, Akron; daughter Pansy Jacob, Akron; three sons, Jacob and wife Adena Baker, Wetumpka, Ala.; Tom and wife Jane Baker, Claypool; and Ted and wife Nancy Baker, Warsaw; son-in-law Fred Koehlinger, Fremont; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Delta Shipley, Warsaw, and Gloria Shipley, Leesburg.

He was preceded in death by daughter Priscilla (Baker) Koehlinger, who passed away Jan. 30, 2008; and his sister, Phyllis Sittler.

At Don's request, services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with visitation hours from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be at Nichols Cemetery, Akron.

In lieu of flowers, Donald preferred donations be made to Kosciusko County Home Care and Hospice, Warsaw. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

**Jean A. Whitworth**

April 16, 1940-Nov. 2, 2009

Jean Ann WHITWORTH, 69, of Akron and formerly of Merrillville, died at 11:50 a.m. Monday at her residence.

Jean was born April 16, 1940, in Charleston, W.Va., to Otis and Odie Parsons Moore. She was married March 16, 1958, in Clinton to Carl Whitworth Jr., and he survives.

Jean was a homemaker. She graduated from Clinton High School in 1957.

She is survived by her husband, Carl, in Akron; her son, Carl Whitworth III and wife Lynn A., Indiana; two grandsons, Carl Whitworth IV and wife Melissa and Jeremy Whitworth and wife Nicole; granddaughter Cassandra Whitworth; daughter-in-law Sandra Whitworth, Silver Lake; and six great-grandchildren, Hailey, Taylor, Chase, Corynn, Jaxon and Kaiya Whitworth.

She was preceded in death by her son, Scott A. Whitworth Sr., grandson Scott A. Whitworth Jr., one sister and nine brothers.

Private family services are being held at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with speaker Tom Hudson officiating. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice and to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

### **Robyn Gail Petrin Blair**

Oct. 10, 1985-Nov. 2, 2009

Robyn Gail Petrin BLAIR went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday.

She was a 2004 graduate of South Vermillion High School, Clinton, where she was active in the band, 4-H and other activities. She packed a lot of life in 24 years, with a smile and laugh a mile wide and a heart of gold. She was born Oct. 10, 1985, to Randy and Kathy Petrin. In 2005 she married her high school sweetheart Michael Blair, who survives.

Robyn leaves behind her parents; two sons, Grant Allen and Randall Paul Blair; two sisters, Dawn Anne and Dave Miller, and Amanda and Eric Shell; grandparents Roberta Stewart and Thad and Julia Stewart; mother-and father-in-law Melinda and Mike Blair; sister-in-law Penny Debrowski; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jim and Loretta Blackburn.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Frist Funeral Home, Clinton, with the Rev. Larry Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Walnut

Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in the funeral home.

### **Francis Jones**

July 17, 1930-Nov. 3, 2009

Francis "Casey" JONES, 79, 2461 Liberty Road, Rochester, passed away at 10 a.m. Tuesday at his residence.

He was born July 17, 1930, in Kokomo, the son of Charles and Lillian (Korby) Jones. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1948 and attended the University of Notre Dame. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. On Oct. 20, 1951, in Rochester, he married Marilyn Ann Taylor. She preceded him in death on Dec. 2, 2008.

Mr. Jones was co-owner of Jones Implement Co. and Ad-Vance Magnetics Inc. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Elks Lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles and the American Legion. He enjoyed golfing and hunting.

Survivors include his sons, Charles and wife Pam Jones, Rochester, and Kevin Jones and companion Connie Ringle, Rochester; his daughters, Candace Jones, Rochester, and Christine Jones, Rochester; his grandchildren, Elizabeth and husband Scott Rentschler, Rochester, Aaron Jones, Rochester, Andrea and husband Scot Howdeshell, Rochester, Korby Jones, Rochester, Casey Porter Jones, Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Del., Jane Hooker, Rochester, and Jada Hooker, Rochester; great-grandchildren Tierney and Tori Rentschler, Rochester, and Mia and Emma Howdeshell, Rochester; his sister, Pamela and husband Jim Loebig, Rochester; his mother-in-law, Pauline Richhart, Rochester; and his brother-in-law, Terrance and wife Lesley Taylor, Roseville, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Jonathan Howard Kamp.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, United Ministries or to Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).



**Roberta Stewart**

Oct. 16, 1937-Nov. 2, 2009

Roberta "Bert" STEWART went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday.

She was born Oct. 16, 1937, to James Hardman and Ethel Wallace Hardman Klusner.

Bert was a retired nurse from Vermillion Convalescent Center, Clinton. After retiring she owned and operated "Granny's" inside Bellie Creek Village in Rockville. She was a wonderful cook.

She enjoyed reading her Bible, crafts and her family - most of all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who fondly called her "granny." She was a member of Victory Baptist Church in Clinton.

She is survived by three daughters, Kathy and Randy Petrin, Dana, Karen and Larry Jenkins, Rosedale, and Kim and Kevin Ross, Rockville; two sons, Thad Dale and Laura Stewart, Rochester, and Tom and Tari Stewart, Dana; sisters Beverly Falls, Mecca, Ethel Canaday, Wisconsin, and Wanda Pousler, Wisconsin; 14 grandchildren, Dawn Petrin Miller, Amanda Petrin Shell, Larry and Shane Jenkins and Shelly Rector, Kevin, Sara and Kelsie Ross, Thad Dale and Charlie Stewart, Carrie Bergman and Katie Stewart, and Billy and Lindsey; uncle Chet and Jenette Wallace; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather Joe Klusner; one granddaughter, Robyn Gail Petrin Blair, 24, who passed away unexpectedly in her sleep just hours prior to her granny's passing; two brothers, Richard and Robert Hardman; and one sister, Barbara Livingston.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Frist Funeral Home, Clinton, with the Rev. Larry Snyder officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Thursday, November 5, 2009

**Richard A. Marks**

Richard A. MARKS, 66, of Indianapolis, died at 9:40 a.m. Wednesday at Marquette Manor Healthcare in Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel.

Friday, November 6, 2009

No Obituaries.

Saturday, November 7, 2009

No Obituaries

Monday, November 9, 2009

**Flossie L. Eash Beatty**

Flossie Louise Eash BEATTY, 83, of 1139 S. Apple Tree Lane, Rochester, died at 10:10 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include her husband, Loren, at home; two sons, Dennis Guyer and Gary Beatty, both of Rochester; three sisters, Betty F. Brown, Lois Bruce and Jean Dyer, all of Michigan City; and a half sister, Pauline Vardaman, Rochester.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Akron Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Dorothy R. Montague**

Dorothy R. MONTAGUE, 70, of Akron, died Sunday at Hickory Creek at Rochester

Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**James R. Rans**

James "Jim" R. RANS Sr., 66, 504 Mitchell Drive, Rochester, died at 11:25 a.m. Saturday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Robert Tharp**

Robert "Bob" THARP, 87, of 3543 Wabash Ave., Rochester, died at 8:10 a.m. Saturday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Dee, at home; and two daughters, Cathy Lowe, Rochester, and Peggy Sue Smith, Osceola.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be in the funeral home from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service.

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

**Hazel G. Bridegroom**

Jan. 16, 1922-Nov. 7, 2009

Hazel G. BRIDEGROOM, 87, of 128 N. Brown St., Francesville, died at 3 p.m. Saturday at her residence.

Hazel was born Jan. 16, 1922, in Winamac to the late Cassius E. and Grace Opal Ren Adams. She married Arthur P. Bridegroom on March 21, 1942, at the Methodist parsonage in Winamac; he preceded her in death Nov. 2, 1998.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Francesville and the Ladies Aid of the church. She was a member of a home economics club.

Hazel worked as a clerk at the Weaver's IGA Grocery, Ehrlich Grocery and Burns Grocery in Francesville. She also worked as a cook at the Village Inn Restaurant in Francesville. Hazel was also a farm wife most of her early life.

Hazel enjoyed reading and watching the birds in her yard. She also enjoyed gardening and spending time with her grandchildren and her dogs.

Survivors include four daughters, Sharon Bridegroom, Loveland, Colo., Janet Bridegroom Onken, Winamac, Nancy and husband Howard Manion, Winamac, and Dale Ann and husband Alan McCracken, Camden; two sons, Irvin A. and wife Linda Bridegroom, Kewanna, and Daniel D. and wife Jackie Bridegroom, North Judson; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Agnes Buchholz, Brazil, Ind., and Elma Thompson, Logansport; and one uncle, Melbourne and wife Ann Adams, Hartford, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Arthur, one sister, three brothers and two grandchildren.

Private family services will be at Frain Mortuary Querry-Ulbricht Chapel, Francesville, with Pastor James Ketchen officiating. Burial will take place in the Roseland Cemetery, Francesville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Pulaski Memorial Hospice. Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.frainmortuary.com](http://www.frainmortuary.com).

**Dorothy R. Montague**

Dorothy R. MONTAGUE, 70, of 211 W. Water St., Akron, died Sunday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Survivors include three sons, Daniel Smelko, Akron, Michael Smelko, Lexington, Ky., and Robert Smith, Alabama; and three daughters, Teresa Smith, Georgia, Linda Deering, Hobart, and Debra Lancaster, Chicago, Ill.

No visitation or funeral services will take place at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

### **James R. Rans Sr.**

Oct. 9, 1943-Nov. 7, 2009

James "Jim" R. RANS Sr., 66, 504 Mitchell Drive, Rochester, passed away at 11:25 a.m. Saturday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

He was born on Oct. 9, 1943, in Rochester, the son of Ralph and Mildred (Van Meter) Rans. He married Donna K. Perkins on Aug. 31, 1974, in Converse. She preceded him in death on Jan. 21, 2009.

Mr. Rans had worked for Farm Bureau Co-op. He was a member of the Civil Defense and Fulton-Liberty Township Lions Club, and he was known to his CB club as "Sodbuster." He enjoyed farming, driving trucks, camping, spending his Saturday mornings at the Rochester Sale Barn, drinking coffee with old friends at the truck stop and playing Santa Claus during the holidays.

Survivors include his children, James R. and wife Melanie Rans Sr., Ohio, Dan and wife Nancy Rans, Akron, George Rans, Plymouth, Brandon Rans, Alexandria, Va., and Beth and husband Seamus Pinder, Fulton; his stepchildren, Betty and husband Tom Stroud, Fulton, Paula and husband Norman Moore, Rochester, Pat and wife Brandi Bilby, Fulton, and Jon and wife LaDonna Mitchell, Rochester; 18 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and brother Richard Lee Rans.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Revs. Thad Stewart and Jason See officiating. 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 Fulton Cemetery, Fulton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Alfred L. Ryan**

Alfred L. RYAN, 73, of 2026 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, died at 12:30 a.m. Monday at the Waters of Summit City Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

No Obituaries - Holiday

Thursday, November 12, 2009

**Carol R. Conrad**

Carol R. CONRAD, 61, of Twelve Mile, died Monday at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, L.D. Conrad, Twelve Mile; two sons, Jason Conrad, Twelve Mile, and Jon Conrad, Twelve Mile; one daughter, Jennifer Conrad, Twelve Mile; and one sister, Jennie Martin, Galveston, Ind.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport. Visitation was Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Marjorie J. Johnson-Andersen**

Marjorie June JOHNSON-ANDERSEN, 86, of 11671 19th Road, Argos, died Wednesday at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, Harold C. Andersen, Argos; four children, Beverly Gates, Argos, Dennis Johnson, Argos, Randy Johnson, Plymouth, and Barbara Hackett, Argos; four stepchildren, Sharon Allen, Pat Hoffman, Penny Peterson and Steve Andersen; and three sisters, Ruth Gordon, Plymouth, Lida Norris, Argos, and Betty Castleman, Argos.

Visitation will be Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

**Alfred L. Ryan**

Alfred L. RYAN, 73, of 2026 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, died Monday at the Waters of Summit City Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Ryan, Fort Wayne; three sons, Ronald Ryan, Fayetteville, N.C., Kevin Ryan, Lakeland, Fla., and James Ryan III, Norfolk, Va.; three daughters, Bunnie Sullivan, Fort Wayne, Laurie Rice, Papillion, Neb., and Linda Seewer, Louisville, Ky; and one sister, Donna Kamp, Argos.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation was Wednesday at the funeral home.

Friday, November 13, 2009

**Arlene P. Johnson**

May 14, 1939-Nov. 11, 2009

Arlene P. JOHNSON, 70, 1171 Valparaiso St., Kewanna, passed away at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the University of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, Ill.

She was born May 14, 1939, in Roseland, Ill., the daughter of Emil and Marie (Saltelli) Rossman. She married Donald Johnson on Dec. 31, 1958, in Chicago, Ill. He preceded her in death on May 6, 1988.

Mrs. Johnson had worked as a meat-packer for Carl Buddig Co. in Chicago, Ill., and after her retirement was a home health care provider. She was a member of the Lake Bruce Women's Club, Red Hat Society and had attended St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Winamac. She was an avid cleaner, and she enjoyed fishing, gardening and flowers.

Survivors include her children, Patty Johnson, Rochester, Randy and wife Jane Johnson, Hammond, Myra and husband Tom Schwahn, Osceola, Bill and wife Rose Johnson, N.C., Cathy and husband Jim Bowlas, Maryland, and Donald Robert "Butch" and wife Margaret Johnson Jr., Hayward, Md.; her grandchildren, Nicole, Katlyn, Mike, Teresa, Billie-Jo, Lynn, Angel, David, Suzie, Terry, Tera, Angela, Richard, Jenny, Felicia and Elicia; 26 great-grandchildren; her brother, Paul and wife Jackie Rossman, Ohio; and her sisters, Pauline and husband Norman Orr, Mayrester, Fla., and Rose and husband John Bratcher, Central City, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband; brothers Eddie, Emil and Eugene Johnson; and great-grandson Christopher Johnson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church, Rochester, with the Rev. James Wasmuth officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Oak Glen Lutheran Cemetery, Lansing, Ill.

Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Larry D. Miller**

Larry "Ralph" D. MILLER, 72, of 4442 W. 200 South, Warsaw, died Wednesday at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon J. Miller; one daughter, Angie Moore, Burket; three sons, Terry Miller, Claypool, Tony Miller, Warsaw, and Troy Miller, Warsaw; one sister, Shirley Newman, Warsaw; and one brother, Bobbie Miller, Fayetteville, N.C.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Saturday, November 14, 2009

**Opal E. Laughman**

Sept. 2, 1914-Nov. 12, 2009

Opal E. LAUGHMAN, 95, of Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester, and formerly of Warsaw, died at 9:08 p.m. Thursday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Opal was born Sept. 2, 1914, in Fulton County to Albert and Leona Ruth (Bryant) Smoker. She married Donald L. Laughman on Nov. 8, 1941, in Warsaw; he passed away Nov. 22, 2004.

She worked at Da-Lite Screen Co. of Warsaw and a Lawrence Slide Rule Co. in Peru, Ind., as well as being a homemaker.

Opal attended the Akron Church of God as well as the Warsaw Church of God. Opal always enjoyed getting together with family, reading and doing puzzles, and she enjoyed her trip to Hawaii with her husband and sister.

Survivors include two brothers, Ernest and wife Esther Smoker, North Manchester, and Wayne and wife Chaume Smoker, Louisiana, Mo.; seven nephews, Ernie and wife GeNelle Smoker, Ed and wife Lottie Smoker, Dick and wife Janice Smoker, Jim and wife Joanie Smoker, Dennis Smoker, Matt Smoker and Mike Smoker; and her nieces, Shelby and husband Cliff Wogoman, Phyllis and husband Emory Smith, Susan and husband Larry Beauchamp, Patricia Trower and Joyce Smoker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald L. Laughman; a sister, Freda Graham; a brother, Harold Smoker; and a nephew, Terry Smoker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Akron Church of God and the Salvation Army. Online condolences may be sent to [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

**Donald E. Miller Sr.**

The Rev. Donald E. MILLER Sr., 86, of 1421 Pontiac St., Rochester, died at 11:10 p.m. Thursday at his son's home in Lafayette.

Arrangements are pending with the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Jeff Shaw**

Kosciusko County sheriff's deputy Sgt. Jeff SHAW will be buried Tuesday at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Shaw's visitation is Monday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Warsaw Community Church and his funeral is at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. There is a public memorial for him outside the Sheriff's Department in Warsaw.

Indiana State Police said Shaw was driving west on Indiana 14, west of Kosciusko County Road 100 East, near Silver Lake, about 2:47 p.m. when a semi-truck crossed the center and slammed into his squad car.

Police said preliminary investigation by an ISP crash reconstructionist revealed Steven L. Byerly, 53, Fort Wayne, was driving at 1994 GMC straight truck, loaded with scaffolding, eastbound. The truck drove partially off the south side of the road. Byerly allegedly overcorrected and crossed the center line into Shaw's lane. Both vehicles caught fire shortly after impact.

Byerly suffered a minor head injury, police said, and was helped from his truck by a motorist who witnessed the crash. He was treated and released at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Shaw was extricated by fire fighters and pronounced dead at Kosciusko Community Hospital shortly after he arrived there. Cause of death was blunt force trauma.

He was an 11-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department and worked as a jailer four years prior to that. He is survived by his wife, Angela, and their children Nicholas, 9, and Isabella, 7.

State police said they do not suspect illegal drug use or alcohol played a role in the crash, which is still under investigation.

Monday, November 16, 2009

### **David F. Hoover**

David F. HOOVER, 68, of Peru, Ind., went to be with his Lord at 2:41 p.m. Saturday at his residence.

David was born July 27, 1941, to Mark and Virginia (Worthen) Hoover in Wabash. He was married Oct. 20, 1973, to Lona J. Bitterling; she survives.



David was a conductor and engineer for Norfolk & Southern Railroad, retiring from there after 33 years. He was a member of Zion Chapel Church in Peru, Ind., and he served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Survivors include his wife, Lona; seven children, April, Aaron, Autumn, Adam, Crystal, Randy and Lori; his mother-in-law, Helen Bitterling; his aunt Francis; his sister Brenda; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at Zion Chapel Church, 915 S. Broadway, Peru, Ind., on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. with Pastors Rod Correll, George Dinkel and Lew McKinney officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the church. Burial will be at Bruce Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons and Zion Chapel Church. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, Ind.

### **Donald E. Miller Sr.**

The Rev. Donald Edward MILLER Sr., 86, of 1421 Pontiac St., Rochester, died Thursday in Lafayette.

Survivors include one daughter, Donna A. Lancaster, San Antonio, Texas; three sons, Larry D. Miller, Lafayette, Donald E. Miller Jr., Rochester, and William L. Miller, Zanesville, Ohio; and one sister, Betty L. McFarland, Indianapolis.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation for one hour prior to the service.

### **Mattie L. Rainey**

Mattie L. RAINEY, 92, of Plymouth and formerly of Kewanna, died at 4 a.m. Saturday at Pilgrim Manor health care center in Plymouth.

Born April 2, 1917, in Hawkins County, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Rosa (Manes) MacLain. On May 15, 1937, she married Dorsie C. Rainey, and he preceded her in death on July 2, 1981.

Mattie was a former seamstress at Hart Schaffner & Marx in Rochester and had also been a cook at Kewanna High School.

Mattie was a member of Thornhope Community Holiness Church, and she enjoyed quilting and working in her flower garden.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Fox, Mitchell, and Carol Johnson, Fort Wayne; one son, Bruce Rainey and wife Joy, Dandridge, Tenn.; one brother, Lawrence MacLain and wife Mabel, Kewanna; seven sisters, Jessie Hines, Royal Center, Ruth Hart and husband James, Argos, Emily Brown, Knox, Flora Conley and husband Austin and Marilyn

Zartman and Gladys Stutzman, all of Plymouth, and Merle Isaacs, Fort Myers, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Samuel "Hugh" and William Clifford MacLain; two sisters, Roxie Fry and Blanche Culver; and one son, Paul Rainey

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna. Pastor David Webb will officiate and burial will be at Bruce Lake Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

### **Connie Nees Van Steenberg**

Connie Nees VANSTEENBERG, 64, of 502 Mitchell Drive, Apt. 1, Rochester, died Sunday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

### **Jerry DeVane Blanchard**

Jerry DeVane BLANCHARD, 65, of 302 Westwood Lane, Rochester, died at 2:18 p.m. Monday at Hospice Center of South Bend.

Arrangements are pending with Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Donald E. Miller Sr.**

Oct. 6, 1923-Nov. 12, 2009

The Rev. Donald Edward MILLER Sr., 86, of 1421 Pontiac St., Rochester, passed away at 11:10 p.m. Thursday in the home of his son in Lafayette.

Donald was born in Rushville on Oct. 6, 1923, the son of the late Sylvester and Gladys Divelbiss Miller. On Feb. 19, 1949, he married Martha Rose Marshall; she preceded him in death Sept. 14, 2009.

Sgt. Miller served in the U.S. Air Force for eight years during World War II, as a flight engineer, gunner and airplane mechanic. He was awarded many medals for his actions.

He retired from Mid-City Supply of Plymouth in 1985.

The Rev. Donald Miller was a retired minister of the United Pentecostal Church International. He was the founder and builder of the United Pentecostal Church in Winchester. He pastored the United Pentecostal Church in North Liberty. Donald also pioneered the United Pentecostal Church in Rochester. He and his wife were involved in the nursing home ministry for 10 years. Donald was a member of the House of Prayer (UPC), Plymouth.

He is survived by one daughter, Donna A. Lancaster, San Antonio, Texas; three sons, Larry D. Miller and wife Tammy, Lafayette, Donald E. Miller Jr. and wife Yolanda, Rochester, and William L. Miller and wife Donna, Zanesville, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Betty L. McFarland, Indianapolis; and aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and a son, Rickey Joe Miller.

A celebration of the life of the Rev. Donald Miller will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Ray Parnell officiating. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

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

### **Mattie L. Rainey**

April 2, 1917-Nov. 14, 2009

Mattie L. RAINEY, 92, of Plymouth and formerly of Kewanna, died at 4 a.m. Saturday at Pilgrim Manor health care center in Plymouth.

Born April 2, 1917, in Hawkins County, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Rosa (Manes) MacLain. On May 15, 1937, she married Dorsie C. Rainey, and he preceded her in death July 2, 1981.

Mattie was a former seamstress at Hart Schaffner & Marx in Rochester and had also been a cook at Kewanna High School.

Mattie was a member of Thornhope Community Holiness Church, and she enjoyed quilting and working in her flower garden.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Fox, Mitchell, and Carol Johnson, Fort Wayne; one son, Bruce Rainey and wife Joy, Dandridge, Tenn.; one brother, Lawrence MacLain and wife Mabel, Kewanna; seven sisters, Jessie Hines, Royal Center, Ruth Hart and husband James, Argos, Emily Brown, Knox, Flora Conley and husband Austin and Marilyn Zartman and Gladys Stutzman, all of Plymouth, and Merle Isaacs, Fort

Myers, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Samuel "Hugh" and William Clifford MacLain; two sisters, Roxie Fry and Blanche Culver; and one son, Paul Rainey.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna. Pastor David Webb will officiate and burial will be at Bruce Lake Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

### **Connie Nees Vansteenber**

Jan. 12, 1945-Nov. 15, 2009

Connie Nees VANSTEENBERG, 64, of 502 Mitchell Drive, Rochester, died at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Connie was born Jan. 12, 1945, in Rochester to William H. and Retha Bell Mikesell Nees, both of whom preceded her in death.

She was a seamstress at Rochester's Hart Schaffner & Marx until their plant closing.

Connie was a member of the Macy Christian Church where she served with the Ladies Aid. As a volunteer, she was a member of the Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary. To relax she enjoyed listening to the music of Elvis Presley. She enjoyed playing cards, especially a good game of euchre.

Connie enjoyed the camaraderie of her good friend Linda McGlothin. Together they ate out, ran errands or simply took a ride on a sunshiny day. Of greatest importance was her family. She treasured the times she shared and the great memories with her nieces and nephews, always looking forward to visits from them and sister-in-law Dorothy.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Dorothy Bryant, Rochester; three nieces, Treina Bradley and husband Ron, Rochester, Trudy Childes and husband Ray, Michigan City, and Rhonda Steffey, Michigan City; five nephews, Terry Long, Chicago, Ill., Gary Bryant and wife Chris, Rochester, Todd Bryant and wife Trina, Glendale, Ariz., and Ronnie Steffey and Steve Steffey, both of Michigan City; and loyal friend Linda McGlothin, Rochester.

Preceding her in death with her parents were one sister, Wiladene Long, and two brothers, Wilber Steffey and Virgil Bryant.

A celebration of the life of Connie Nees Vansteenber will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th

St., Rochester. Her family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the funeral home. Pastor David Welsh will officiate with interment to follow at Rochester's IOOF Cemetery.

Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Hickory Creek, Hope Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

### **John P. Larson**

John Paul LARSON, 63, of 117 E. 12th St., Rochester, died Tuesday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Beth, at home; a daughter, Taylor Larson, Peru, Ind.; four sons, John Larson, Kansas City, Mo., Ryne Martin, Indianapolis, D.J. Stair, Rochester, and William Stair, Rochester; his mother, Shirley Larson, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; and two sisters, Nancy Watts and Berta Sabatello, both of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation for one hour prior to the service.

Thursday, November 19, 2009

### **Okie L. Justice**

Okie Lester JUSTICE, 71, 751 E. Walnut St., Nappanee, died Tuesday at her residence.

Survivors include two daughters, Tabatha Blankenship, Florida, and Diana Blankenship, Florida; one son, Freddy Wayne Allen, Nappanee; and three sisters, Edith Jutus, Hurley, Va., Naoma Maple, Akron, and Retha Adams, Akron.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

### **John R. Larson**

July 24, 1946-Nov. 16, 2009

Mr. John Paul LARSON, 63, of 117 E. 12th St., Rochester, passed away at 6:15 p.m. Monday at his residence.

John was born in Washington, D.C., on July 24, 1946, the son of Jack and Shirley Kochevar Larson. He and Beth Martin were married on Aug. 20, 2005, in Rochester.

Always holding patriotism as a supreme ideal, John proudly served our country with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. His love for country and his desire to help his fellow vets was a lifetime commitment. John was a member of the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post and Manitou VFW. The past three years he was appointed as commander of the local V. Under his leadership the V grew and thrived. Many projects to modernize the club were completed under his watchful eye, including the additions of the cabana, remodeling of the kitchen, new piers and walk-in cooler. He initiated with great success the annual Ribfest celebration benefiting Hope Hospice.

To relax, John enjoyed fishing trips with his buddies to Minnesota's Lake Vermillion. It was here that they told fishing tales and actually caught the limit of walleye, blue gill and bass. He also enjoyed hitting the links with wife Beth during tournament time. John was a loyal member of the Eagles Lodge, and Manitou Moose Family Center. As a member of the Peru Moose Lodge, he served at the state level at various capacities, including governor.

John is survived by his wife, Beth, at home; a daughter, Taylor Larson, Peru, Ind.; four sons, John Larson, Kansas City, Mo., Ryne Martin, Indianapolis, D.J. Stair, Rochester, and William Stair, Rochester; his mother, Shirley Larson, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; two sisters, Nancy Watts, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and Berta Sabatello and husband Ted, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; two sisters-in-law, Jennie Mullet and husband Ryan, South Bend, and Missy Martin, Rochester; one brother-in-law, Kevin Martin, Rochester; mother-in-law, Sally Martin, Rochester; and two nieces, Tresa and Danielle Sabatello, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his father and a nephew, Jake Watts.

A celebration of the life of John Larson will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Tom Migonis and Jeff Hasse officiating. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Military rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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

**Debbie S. Whetstone**

May 6, 1955-Nov. 17, 2009

Debbie Sue WHETSTONE, 54, of 10437 Indiana 15, Silver Lake, died at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday at her residence.

Debbie was born May 6, 1955, in Warsaw to Carl and Alice (Depoy) Kissinger. She was married Nov. 23, 1973, in Warsaw to John Whetstone, who survives.

Debbie lived in Silver Lake for 11 1/2 years after moving from North Webster. She graduated in 1973 from Wawasee High School. She was co-owner with husband John of Whetstone Woodenware and managed their store at The Village at Winona. Along with her husband she conducted church services in their home and daily lived with the Lord in their life.

Survivors include her husband, John; ten children, Samuel (Jennifer) Whetstone, Wabash, Josiah Whetstone, North Manchester, Jeremiah Whetstone, Omaha, Neb., Hannah (Jesse) Bubb, Warsaw, Rebekah (Steve) Miller, Warsaw, and Jonathon Whetstone, Benjamin Whetstone, Jacob Whetstone, Nathan Whetstone and Rachel Whetstone, all of Silver Lake; three grandchildren; and one sister, Connie (Joe) Harlan, Cromwell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Alice Kissinger; and a brother, J.C. Kissinger.

A graveside service for family was held Wednesday at Lake View Cemetery in Silver Lake with Dwight Hammond officiating. Friends are invited to visit and console the family at the Mentone United Methodist Church from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Mentone on Saturday.

Arrangements were entrusted to Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the "Memorial Fund for Debbie Whetstone," Beacon Credit Union, P.O. Box 29, North Manchester 46962. Online condolences may be sent to earllovefh@gmail.com.

Friday, November 20, 2009

### **Jerry DeVane Blanchard**

Jerry DeVane BLANCHARD, 65, of 302 Westwood Lane, Rochester, died Monday at Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, South Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Sue, at home; two daughters, Kim Corbin and Tammy Boetsma, both of Rochester; three sons, Daniel Scott Blanchard and Christopher Blanchard, both of Austin, Texas, and Kairon Corbell, Rochester; and two brothers, Bobby Van Lue and Larry Van Lue, both of Rochester.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation for one hour prior to the service.

Saturday, November 21, 2009

**Helen Wyness Marr**

Sept. 5, 1957-Nov. 18, 2009

Helen Wyness MARR, 52, of Russiaville, passed away at 1:15 a.m. Wednesday in her home following an extended illness.

Helen was born Sept. 5, 1957, in Maracaibo, Venezuela, to Betty Lucy Eileen Thomas Marr and Dennis Trevor Llewellyn Marr, MBE, of Raglan, Wales, United Kingdom. Her father, Dennis, was the honorary British consul in Venezuela.

Helen spent her childhood in Venezuela and came to the United States in the 1970s to receive a high school education in Vermont. After graduation she was reunited with her parents in Marco Island, Fla., where she worked in hotel management for the Ritz-Carlton and Radisson Hotels. Helen remained in the Marco Island and Naples, Fla., area until moving to Indiana in 1991. Upon her move to Indiana she attended Indiana Wesleyan University and worked for the state of Indiana's Department of Education as a migrant case worker.

Helen enjoyed traveling to Florida to visit friends, made a trip to Venezuela and returned to Wales several times to visit her parents. She enjoyed music, friends, playing board games, golf, campfires, the outdoors and all of her animals including Boots, Buddy, Maddie, Emily, Schatzie and Ms. Celie. Helen was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the American Buckskin Association.

Helen is survived by a life "ole soul" companion, Linda Rae Politz, and Indiana Mom Helen Sr., both of Kokomo; one sister, Fiona Llewellyn Marr, Raglan, Wales; one niece, Dr. Eliana Romero Teague and husband Ryan Neilan Teague, and great-niece Alicia Rhys Teague, all of Houston, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville Chapel, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville. Pastor Jason Grant will officiate. Friends may call one hour before the service at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

Thank you to all the friends, family and neighbors for their fabulous support and prayers and to the Visiting Nurses Home Health Care and VNS Hospice for their caring hands and hearts.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to any of the following: the Hospice of your choice; the Scleroderma Foundation, Attn: Donations, 300



Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923, [www.sclerodermafoundation.com](http://www.sclerodermafoundation.com); the National Kidney Foundation, 30 E. 33rd St., New York, NY 10016; or to [www.nationalkidneyfoundation.com](http://www.nationalkidneyfoundation.com) (all in memory of Helen Marr).

Monday, November 23, 2009

**Doris M. Hillman**

Aug. 16, 1923-Nov. 21, 2009

Doris M. HILLMAN, 86, 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, and formerly of Battle Creek, Mich., passed away at 5:15 a.m. Saturday at her residence.

She was born Aug. 16, 1923, in Detroit, Mich., the daughter of Harold and Clara (Gruber) Weeks. After high school, she studied art at the University of Michigan. On July 7, 1942, at Lake Orion, Mich., she married Lyle L. Hillman. He preceded her in death Feb. 17, 2009. They moved to Battle Creek, Mich., in 1962 and resided there until 2008, when they settled in at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester.

Mrs. Hillman was a member of the Westlake Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek, Mich., Ladies of the Lake Quilters and the Cal-Co Quilters Guild. She was a fabric artist who enjoyed creating hand-pieced quilts and gathering her quilting friends. She was an accomplished needlewoman, creating hand-embroidered samples and decorative objects. She had retired from the Kellogg Co. after 23 years of service, and enjoyed birthday club and golf league in her younger days. Mrs. Hillman loved traveling with her daughters and enjoyed trips to the West Coast, New Orleans, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean.

Survivors include her daughters, Charis and husband Ron Conrad, Salem, Ore., and Lynn and husband Don Groenleer, Rochester; her son, Roy and wife Brenda Hillman, Battle Creek, Mich.; and five grandchildren, Loriel and husband Gerry Donaghy, Portland, Ore., Christopher Hillman and Jamie Hillman, both of Battle Creek, Mich., Nicholas and wife Kae Groenleer, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Chloe Conrad, Salem, Ore.

The family expresses their gratefulness for the loving staff at Wynnfield Crossing and the tender touch provided by Hope Hospice. God is good.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date at Westlake Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or the Westlake Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek, Mich.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Kenyon K. Jones**

Nov. 28, 1942-Nov. 21, 2009

Kenyon "Ken" Keith JONES, 66, of 7241 S. 875 West, Claypool, died Saturday at 1:57 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital Coronary ICU Fort

Wayne after suffering a massive heart attack Thursday. He died surrounded by his loving family.

Ken was born Nov. 28, 1942, in Mentone to Mervin and Bernice Sine Jones. He graduated from Mentone High School in 1960. On June 23, 1962, he married Linda L. Blackburn; she survives. He was a lifetime grain and livestock farmer. He loved to hunt and fish and loved to watch sports on TV. Ken was a loving husband, father and grandfather that will be greatly missed.

Ken is survived by his wife, Linda L. Jones, Claypool; six children, Melanie and husband Carl Rosander, Cassopolis, Mich., Sharon and husband Dan Roberts, Claypool, Audra and husband Jim Rhodes, Plymouth, Mervin and wife April Jones, Mentone, Keith and wife Nicole Jones, Akron, and Valinda Jones Warsaw; 10 grandchildren, Ryan and Kendra Roberts, Chelsea, Brittany and Grant Rhodes, Chase, Wade and Reed Jones, and Gretchen Jones and Jostyn Jones; four stepgrandchildren, Caleb and Devin Bandow (Jones); Tifanie Lacefield (Rosander) and April Doll (Rhodes).

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation for Ken will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, 101 North Tucker St. Mentone. Following Ken's wishes there will be a private family burial in the Mentone Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mentone Youth League or the Mentone EMS. Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

**Elsie E. Rush**

Elsie Etta RUSH, 83, 1224 Jefferson St., Rochester, died at 8:10 a.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

**Emily S. Henderson**

Emily S. HENDERSON, 66, Of 247 W. Marshall S., Lot No. 20-A, Argos, died at 12:02 p.m. Monday at her residence.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Doris M. Hillman**

Memorial services for Doris M. HILLMAN, Rochester, and formerly of Battle Creek, Mich., will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Westlake Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek, Mich., where friends are invited for fellowship after the service.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Elsie E. Rush**

Elsie Etta RUSH, 83, of 340 E. 18th St., Rochester, died at 8:10 a.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Elsie is survived by two daughters, Lucinda Rudd, Rochester, and Carla Ringle, Ocklawaha, Fla.; one sister, Gertie Townsend, Twelve Mile; and one brother, Leonard Musselman, Twelve Mile.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation two hours prior to the service.

**Jan Strem**

Jan STREM, 49, of 1230 Bittersweet Lane, Rochester, died at 11:37 a.m. Monday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Ellen C. Woolley-Boardman**

Feb. 11, 1912-Nov. 21, 2009

Ellen Clara WOOLLEY-BOARDMAN, 97, of Monticello, died at 9:20 a.m. Saturday at the Monticello Assisted Living & Healthcare Center in Monticello.

Ellen was born Feb. 11, 1912, in Kendall County, Ill., to Raymond Charles and Clara Minerva (Cheney) Woolley.

Ellen had lived in rural Monticello since 1949. She retired from the Monticello Assisted Living & Healthcare Center in Monticello in 1981. She had worked in housekeeping for 13 years. She was a member of the Sitka

Baptist Church in Sitka, rural White County. She enjoyed gardening, feeding the birds and working with all kinds of crafts. She was a charter member of the former Buffalo Conservation Club and the Buffalo PTO.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruth and husband Dick Buis, Indianapolis; three sons, Raymond Boardman, Rochester, Frank and wife Marilyn Boardman, Star City, and Royce "Snuff" and wife Connie Boardman, Buffalo; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Clifford and Charles Woolley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Miller-Roscka Funeral Home, Monticello, with Dr. James Elliott of the Sitka Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Hughes Cemetery in rural Monticello.

Memorials may be given to the Sitka Baptist Church or to the Monticello Assisted Living & Healthcare Center, both of Monticello. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

### **Emily S. Henderson**

Emily Sue HENDERSON, 66, of 247 W. Marshall St., Argos, died at 12:02 p.m. Monday at her residence.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Ryan and Pamela Rundburg, both of Argos; three sons, Rick McCall, Nappanee, Robert Henderson, Hoover, Ala., and Daniel Henderson, Plymouth; four sisters, Betty Fonderon, Florida, Peggy Clark, Jemison, Ala., Bernice Melton, Clayton, Ala., and Wanda Mills, Columbiana, Ala.; and four brothers, James Edward Smith Jr., Gulf Shores, Ala., Kenneth Lane Smith, Jemison, Ala., Glenn Alan Smith, Jemison, Ala., and Jerry Vance Smith, Columbiana, Ala.

Cremation has taken place and burial will be at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

### **Mary M. Riggle**

Oct. 1, 1917-Nov. 24, 2009

Mary Martha RIGGLE, 92, of Roachdale, passed away at Brownsburg Meadows on Tuesday morning at 12:20 a.m.

She was born Oct. 1, 1917, to Alvin E. and Mary Edith Stevens Ford. She married Richard D. (Buck) Riggle on Sept. 19, 1947, at Newport. He passed away on Nov. 2, 2008.

She attended the Roachdale Presbyterian Church and was co-owner of Riggle Repair and Upholstery Shop in Roachdale from 1962 to 1981.

Survivors include four sons, David (Brigitte) Gatlin, Crawfordsville, Danny (Diane) Westbrook, Fort Mill, S.C., Ron (Donna) Riggle, Rochester, and Charley (Phyllis) Riggle, Roachdale; one daughter, Kathy (Gary) Westbrook Collings, Zionsville; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Tom Gatlin.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Servies & Morgan Funeral Home, 102 E. Washington St., Roachdale, with the Rev. Alan Small officiating. Visitation will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Burial will be in Roachdale Cemetery following the services.

Memorials may be made either to the Roachdale Presbyterian Church at P.O. Box 189, Roachdale, IN 46172, or to Roachdale Community Garden Project made payable to Putnam County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 36, Roachdale, IN 46172. Online condolences may be made at [www.serviesmorgan.com](http://www.serviesmorgan.com).

### **Elsie E. Rush**

Aug. 18, 1926-Nov. 22, 2009

Elsie Etta RUSH, 83, formerly of 1224 Jefferson St., Rochester, passed away at 8:10 a.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

She was born in Twelve Mile on Aug. 18, 1926, to John and Pearl Vanatta Musselman.

Elsie and Harry Ray Rush were married in Rochester on Oct. 9, 1943; he preceded her in death in 1968.

As a dedicated employee of Torin Corp., now known as Lau, Elsie retired April 25, 1986. She was also a member of the Eagles Lodge of Logansport, and the local UAW.

As an avid sports fan, Elsie enjoyed rooting for the Cubs. In the winter when the crimson and cream took to the hardwoods, Elsie was in her favorite chair always ready to cheer for the Hoosiers. June brought the Round Barn Festival parade and Elsie looked forward to it and invited family and special friends to watch the parade from her home.

Of greatest importance to Elsie was her family. She looked forward to preparing a special meal for her family, and of course the meal was complemented with relaxing afterwards with great conversations. She was

always counted on to cook for the holidays, birthday celebrations, Sunday dinner and family reunions.

Elsie is survived by two daughters, Lucinda Rudd and husband Roy, Rochester, and Carla Ringler and husband Dennis, Ocklawaha, Fla.; four grandchildren, Gwendolyn Ringler, Travis Ringler, Troy Rudd, and Rodney Rudd and wife Shari; three great-grandchildren, Tyler Rudd, Sierra Rudd and Kailey Rudd; one sister, Gertie Townsend, Twelve Mile; one brother, Leonard Musselman, Twelve Mile; and special family member Russell Davidson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a son, Kevin Rush, on Aug. 19, 2009.

A celebration of the life of Elsie Etta Rush will be at 6 p.m. today in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Rod Ruberg officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

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

### **Jan C. Strem**

April 11, 1960-Nov. 23, 2009

Mr. Jan Carter STREM, 49, of 1230 Bittersweet Lane, Rochester, passed away at 11:37 a.m. Monday.

Jan was born April 11, 1960, in Crookston, Minn., to Jean and Pauline Jensen Strem. He grew up with brothers Todd and Cory. As a young man, he attended church and Sunday school usually sharing a ride with Leslie Carlstrom. In 1978, Jan graduated from Crookston High School. He lettered in tennis, football and basketball.

Following high school Jan attended the University of Minnesota in Duluth. He graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in accounting. On June 2, 1984, he married his best friend and the love of his life Leslie Carlstrom. Their union of 25 years yielded two handsome sons, Jaron and Logan, who, like their dad, are very talented athletically.

After a stint in Mason City, Iowa, the Stremms moved to Rochester in 1992. Jan was currently the northeast regional account manager for Specialty Fertilizer Products. Prior to this he was manager for Andersons Inc. He was also a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, the Elks Lodge No. 2120 and Moose Lodge Family Center No. 1107.

Jan dearly loved being with his family. He was a dedicated dad who was his sons' No. 1 fan. If he wasn't cheering wildly from the sidelines then

he was serving as a coach for the boys with basketball, football or baseball. As an armchair quarterback, Jan was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings and Twins. Watching with him and the family was Ebony his miniature schnauzer. During the summer months Jan could be seen meticulously grooming his lawn and landscaping. Jan always led the neighborhood pack in friendly competition with mowing and gardening.

Jan is remembered for his sense of humor and practical jokes. He found great joy in being with friends and getting together for celebrations. Making many friends along life's journey, Jan never knew a stranger. His twinkling eyes and warm smile will be missed by all of his family and friends cherishing his memory.

Jan is survived by his wife, Leslie, at home; two sons, Jaron Strem and special friend Bailey Quick, Indianapolis, and Logan Strem and close friend Trent Jamison, Rochester; his mother, Pauline Strem, Crookston, Minn.; two brothers, Todd Strem and wife Julie, Crookston, Minn., and Cory Strem, Deluth, Minn.; his uncle and aunt, Eldon Jallo and wife Lavonne, Fertile, Minn.; and a canine, Ebony, the miniature schnauzer.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, with the funeral service at 4 p.m., in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Maurice Grindle officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to his sons' education fund. 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).

Thursday, November 26, 2009

No Obituaries - Holiday

Friday, November 27, 2009

**Vernon R. Cox**

Vernon R. COX, 80, 106 N. Indiana 14, Akron, died at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron.

**Brenda J. Honeycutt**

Brenda J. HONEYCUTT, 63, of Rochester, died at 3:30 a.m. Thursday at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

**William Kindig**

Dec. 21, 1937-Nov. 1, 2009

William "Bill" KINDIG, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully Sunday evening, Nov. 1, after a long battle with cancer.

Bill was born Dec. 21, 1937, in Rochester to Floyd and Dorothy Dow Kindig. Bill graduated from Rochester High School in 1956. He then graduated from the University of Arizona and went on to Ojai, Calif. Bill retired from the Ojai school system after 46 years; he was the teacher of the year several times.

Bill loved to travel, watch Dodger games, work in the garden and visit with his grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his wife of 47 years, Brenda; daughters Kerry Holden (Jerry) and Kristy Sussman (Joe); son Kyle; grandchildren Trent and Brittany Holden and Olivia and Charlie Sussman; brothers Alex, Oxnard, Calif., and Phillip (Sandy), Rochester; and sister Cindy McLochlin (Rich), Rochester.

Services were held Nov. 7 at Ojai Presbyterian Church. Arrangements were entrusted to the Joseph Reardon Funeral Home, Ventura, Calif.

Saturday, November 28, 2009

**Susan D. Griffith**

Susan D. GRIFFITH, 59, 1640 E. 200 North, Rochester, died at 11:50 p.m. Thursday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Brenda J. Honeycutt**

May 10, 1946-Nov. 26, 2009

Brenda J. HONEYCUTT, 63, of Rochester, died at 3:30 a.m. Thursday at her home.

She was born May 10, 1946, in Paintsville, Ky., to Willis Roby Fairchild and Arlene (Murray) Fairchild Vanhooose.

Brenda married Danny Honeycutt in Paintsville on June 28, 1978. She was a homemaker and a member of the House of Prayer in Akron. She enjoyed working crafts.



She is survived by her husband, Danny Honeycutt, Rochester; three children, Carl "Doug" (Debbie) Stacy, Akron, Tammy Holloway, Rochester, and Joyce (Brian) Barrus, Roann; four grandchildren, Steven Shively, Rochester, Bryona Barrus, Roann, and Roger (Vanessa) Taylor and Ryan Taylor, both of Wabash; three brothers, Willis Lee (Ruby) Fairchild, LaFontaine, Mike (Angie) Sadler, Lagro, and Phillip (Linda) Sadler, Athens; and four sisters, Teresa (Bill) Honeycutt, Akron, Sheila (Darrell) Honeycutt, Rochester, and Paula Sloat and Mary (Dale) Luttrell, both of Wabash.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Victor Sadler, and a sister, Frances Osborne.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Monday at 1 p.m. with Pastor Robert Ritter officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery.

The memorial guest book for Brenda may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### **Larry L. McConkey**

Larry Lee McCONKEY, 67, of 976 Main St., Baxter, Tenn., died Thursday at Cookeville Regional Medical Center, Cookeville, Tenn.

Survivors included Crystal Duke, Nashville, Tenn., and Shad McConkey, Avon.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation two hours prior to the service.

### **Marianne Moore**

Marianne MOORE, 55, of 2204 Wolf's Point Drive, died at 9:42 a.m. Friday at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Joyce Ritchie**

Joyce RITCHIE, 48, Akron, died at 9:40 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Vernon R. Cox**

Vernon Richard COX, 80, of 106 N. Indiana 14, Akron, died at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Helen L. (Sell) Cox; one daughter, Diana Lynn Davis, Byron, Mich.; four sons, Jon Cox, Atwood, Mark Cox, Akron, Matthew Cox, Nappanee, and David Cox, Clermont, Fla.; and one sister, Anna Kay, Bradenton, Fla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Akron Church of God. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron.

Monday, November 30, 2009

### **Charles W. Balsbaugh**

Charles W. BALSBAUGH, 92, Denver, Ind., died Friday at Peabody Retirement Center, North Manchester.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia M. (Gilbert) Balsbaugh; three daughters, Jean A. Musselman, Linda M. Koenig and Peggy J. Wellsand, all of Denver; and his sister, Marguerite A. Buckingham, Warsaw.

Services were at 4 p.m. Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

### **Betty L. Benzing**

Sept. 9, 1924-Nov. 28, 2009

Betty L. BENZING, 85, of 337 Grace Village Drive, Winona Lake, and formerly of the Gilead area, died at 10:44 p.m. Saturday at Grace Village Healthcare, Winona Lake.

Betty was born Sept. 9, 1924, in Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, to Orville John and Sarah Elizabeth Lunsford Agnew. She was married July 3, 1942, at Celina, Ohio, to Walter Charles Benzing Sr.; he passed away July 4, 1989.

Betty was a homemaker and had worked at J.C. Penny in Warsaw, as well as being an aide at North Miami Elementary School and working at Kendall's Grocery in Akron.

Betty was a member of the Olive Branch Church of God, Roann. She was also a former member and past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star's Gilead chapter.

Survivors include two daughters, Ada and husband Peter Gross, Warsaw, and Marcinda "Cindy" and husband Nels Oneal, West Lafayette; four sons, Timothy and wife Rachel Gamble, Columbia, S.C., Wally Benzing, Janesville, Wis., Robert and wife Marie Benzing, Akron, and William and wife Trisha Benzing, Columbia City; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one brother-in-law, Norm and wife Wendy Benzing, Warsaw.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Lowell Burrus officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Olive Branch Church of God or Gideons International. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

### **David L. Upp**

Feb. 14, 1933-Nov. 28, 2009

David Lee UPP, 76, of 320 Madison St., Rochester, died at 11:47 a.m. Saturday at his residence.

David was born Feb. 14, 1933, in Richman, to Arvil and Anna Karney Upp, both of whom preceded him in death. He was married June 6, 1968, in Rochester to Barbara A. Springer, who passed away Sept. 9, 2007.

After high school Dave answered the call of his country and served with the United States Air Force. Returning to Fulton County he was a dedicated and loyal member of the Rochester Fire Department for 26 1/2 years from Sept. 13, 1966, through March 31, 1992. He later worked at Eschbach's Ace Hardware and later Superior Sample till 2007.

Dave was an avid collector of all varieties of knives. He also had an interesting collection of walking sticks. Dave enjoyed woodworking and crafts with wife Barb till her passing. To relax he would stay mentally sharp with the challenges of crossword puzzles or creating custom graph paper designs.

Survivors include his son, Jerry Upp, Fisher, W.Va.; his sister-in-law, Kathie Adams and husband Kevin, Rochester; his brother-in-law, Charles Wallace, Lafayette; three family friends, Marcia Utter, Kewanna, and Calvin Reffett and wife Verna Lee, Rochester; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his parents, wife Barb, his daughter Julie Upp in 1965, brothers Charles Upp and Jim Upp, and sister Marie Upp.

A celebration of the life of David Lee Upp will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. The Rev. Bill Chappel, Rochester Fire Department chaplain, will officiate. Friends may visit with his family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and an hour prior to his service at the funeral home. Dave will be honored with military and firefighter's rites.

Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Rochester Fire Department. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Helen M. Foster**

Helen M. FOSTER, 88, of Rochester, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include a daughter, Diana Johnson, Marion; and a sister, Margaret Kirby, Crestline, Ohio.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with visitation for one hour prior to the service.

**Marianne Moore**

Marianne MOORE, 55, 2204 Wolf's Point Drive, Rochester, died Friday at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Moore, at home; two daughters, Tiffany Brooks, Whitehouse, Tenn., and Natalie Harlan, Granger; one son, Broderick "Brody" Moore, Rochester; her parents, LaMar and Ann Johnson, Elkhart; and one brother, Alan Johnson, Bristol.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Joyce R. Ritchie**

Joyce Rose RITCHIE, 48, 407 Rural St., Akron, died Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include two sons, Branden Ritchie and Kyle Ritchie, both of Rochester; her father, Adam Ritchie, Big Sandy, Tenn.; three sisters, Linda Marie Scott and Nervie Allen, both of Big Sandy, Tenn., and Patty Gamble, Columbia City; four brothers, Terry Diedrich, Hamlet, Roger Ritchie, Big Sandy, Tenn., Maverick Diedrich, Knox, and Ronnie Lemmon, Columbia City.

Services will be at 4 p.m. today at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation for one hour prior to the service.

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

### **Marianne Moore**

Aug. 27, 1954-Nov. 27, 2009

Marianne Johnson MOORE, 55 years and 3 months, of 2204 Wolf's Point Drive, Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family as she left her Earthly bondage, ascending to the heavens to meet her Lord on Friday at 9:32 a.m. at the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

As a lifelong resident of the Rochester community, Marianne was the daughter of LaMar and Ann Metzler Johnson. She was born Aug. 27, 1954, in Rochester. She grew up with older brother Alan just around the corner from her future husband, Steve. Marianne was a proud member of the Rochester High School Class of 1972. She played the clarinet for the RHS band. Marianne was a vibrant member of the Pom-Pom Corps, cheering for the athletic teams and performing precision drills at the halftime shows. Later she landed the coveted appointment of being Zebbie, the Zebras beloved mascot, who energized the fans and team.

Also during high school she was employed at the Collin's Burger Dairy Store. It was here that Steve and some of his football cronies dropped by to check Marianne out. After graduation Marianne headed to Milwaukee's Patricia Stevens College. Steve continued his studies at Indiana State in Terre Haute. It was said that Marianne made a few trips to Terre Haute and the romance evolved.

Following her graduation from Patricia Stevens, best friends Steve and Marianne married later that summer on Aug. 18, 1973. Their vows were solemnized by Father Harold Weller and witnessed by best man Tom Grosvenor and maid of honor Mary Beth Schroder Carroll at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester. A honeymoon trip to New Orleans followed. Their loving marriage spanned just over 3 1/2 decades and produced two beautiful daughters, Tiffany and Natalie, and a handsome son, Brody. The family tree continued to grow over the years with the addition of five grandchildren.

Marianne was baptized on Easter in 1978 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with godparents Rick and Sparkle Figlio at her side. Marianne developed many lifelong friendships. She dearly looked forward to catching up on the latest and chatting to her phone friends Becca Miller and Mary Ann Boyer. For nearly 25 years in the darkness of early morning, she donned her walking gear and met up with gal pal Val Grosvenor to strut their stuff, staying fit and of course enjoying great conversations. Never at a loss for words, Marianne looked forward to conversing with their

neighborhood friends, the Albrights and Hendersons; she had a unique ability to brighten the day of anyone she met with her positive attitude and sense of humor.

As a member of the Chicago Bears and Notre Dame fan clubs by default, Marianne enjoyed their campus visits, always including a stroll by the Grotto. She was a 31-year member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, an alumnus member of Psi Iota Xi sorority and a member of the Professional Insurance Agents Association.

As dedicated business partners, Steve and Marianne owned and operated the Steve Moore Agency for 29 years. During this time they worked with office manager Sue McKinney. Marianne enjoyed their camaraderie and felt the closeness of a sister.

The proud owner of over 50 recipe books, Marianne was always at home in the kitchen. Creating new delectable dishes for the family to enjoy, she also prepared those favorites most in demand. Just weeks ago Marianne headed her noodle-making seminar, a family tradition and special art handed down by Grandma Ethel Johnson. She rallied the troops to the kitchen - including Steve - to train them all with her special gift of creating the perfect flavor and textured noodles. They all so enjoyed the memories of that special day.

For the holidays, Marianne was the leader of the pack, preparing the family feast and hosting the holiday celebrations of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Whether it was chicken and noodles, sweet potatoes, endive or lasagna, no one could do it better than "Mom." Occasionally there was not enough time to dine and dash. Marianne remedied the problem with her customized "to go" carryouts: "Just honk and I'll be there!"

Just recently, grandchildren Gabriel and Connor, the young aspiring men of the mats, wrestled their first ever matches. It was another great day when "Memaw" and Papa traveled to Penn High School to cheer them on.

To relax Steve and Marianne enjoyed the solace and serenity of Lake Manitou. Together they pontooned, cruising the sparkling waters while enjoying an icy brew. Whether it was sunrise, sunset or the sunshine of midday, Marianne enjoyed the worship of the sun, bronzing her trim frame and feeling the warmth of the sunshine. It was this past fourth of July that Marianne orchestrated a successful family reunion at their home.

Savoring the taste of retirement last winter, Steve and Marianne went cruising in their motor home to visit LaMar and Ann and spent nearly six weeks in Florida. It was also the perfect mode of transportation when traveling to Maryland and Nashville to visit the grandchildren. What made it

really special was that Ashley, Baby Lorrie and Carly would also accompany them, providing the finest feline security system.

Family vacations always included an abundance of sunshine and water. The summertime brought the annual pilgrimage to Minnesota's Lake Vermillion. It was here that Marianne would relax, catching the rays while Steve fished for the limit. Their vacations to Hawaii created some of the best memories, especially visits to Maui and Kauai. The Florida Gulf Coast's Treasure Island was the scene of a more than 25-year spring break tradition. All of these locales were perfect for lovers of sun. Did Marianne call out, "Happy Hour?" It's 5 p.m. somewhere!

As "Memaw," Marianne knitted unique afghans for each of her grandchildren. Counted cross-stitch was also a forte, creating custom gifts for family and special friends. Paramount in her life were her friends and family. It was reflected in the random acts of kindness Marianne performed on a daily basis. She will be remembered for thoughtfulness, extraordinary culinary abilities, her twinkling blue eyes, warm smile, uncanny sense of humor and dedication to her family and friends. It was Marianne who could light up a room with her effervescent persona. Her legacy will continue to live in the hearts of the many lives she touched. Leaving her endearing and adoring family, and many loyal friends she made along her journey in life, to cherish her memory remembering the many good times they shared.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Moore, at home; two daughters, Tiffany Brooks with husband Steven "Tivo" and 2-year-old daughter Rylee, Whitehouse, Tenn., and Natalie Harlan with children, 7-year-old Connor, 5-year-old Gabriel, and 4-year-old Isabel, Granger, one son, Broderick "Brody" Moore with wife Jeni and daughter Payton, Rochester - the family is awaiting the arrival of, with great expectations, the newest addition to the family, a granddaughter to be named Molly Marianne Moore, scheduled to arrive on Dec. 16 - her parents, LaMar and Ann Johnson, Elkhart and Zolfo Springs, Fla.; one brother, Alan Johnson and wife Diane, Elkhart; her grandmother, Mary Alice Wagoner, Kalamazoo, Mich.; her mother-in-law, Mary I. Moore, Rochester; one sister-in-law, Sharon Moore, Rochester; one niece, Amy Jo Gillespie; two nephews, Chad Johnson and Casey Johnson; two aunts, Pearley Jewell, Palm Springs, Calif., and Linda Marquart and husband John, Kalamazoo, Mich.; and three feline companions, Ashley the tortoise point and Carly the blue seal point, both Himalayan, and Baby Lorrie, the domestic short hair.

Welcoming her at heaven's gates is paternal grandmother Ethel Johnson, maternal grandfather Jerry Metzler, aunt Mabel Barnes and father-in-law Bud Moore, along with many other relatives and old friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Marianne Moore at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester. Friends may visit with her family from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, where at 7 p.m. her loving husband of 36 years, Steve, will host a celebration of her life. There will be opportunities for friends to tell stories and remember the good times they shared. Thursday following her church service, Marianne will be laid to eternal rest in the family plot at the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Fulton County Humane Society Building Fund. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to her family through [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Helen M. Foster**

July 5, 1921-Nov. 28, 2009

Helen M. FOSTER, 88, of Life Care Center, Rochester, died at 6:35 p.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Helen was born July 5, 1921, in Cedar Grove, W.Va., to Allen and Marjorie Bannister Bland. She was married June 26, 1942, at Charleston, W.Va., to Edgar A. Foster, who passed away March 9, 1998.

Helen was a homemaker and had also worked at General Tire of Wabash.

Survivors include a daughter, Diana Johnson, Marion; eight grandchildren, Tonja and husband Brian Lemler, Tippecanoe, Jennifer and husband Arcenio Rumbaoa, Indianapolis, and also Steve, Tina, Christina, Rachel, Ryan and Anthony; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret and husband Ralph Kirby, Crestline, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar; her daughter, Carol Cox, who passed away in 1966; her son, Paul Foster, who passed away in October 1995; a granddaughter; a grandson; and two brothers, Junior and Claude Bland.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Matt Elliott officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).



**Susan D. Griffith**

July 9, 1950-Nov. 26, 2009

Susan Darlene Halterman GRIFFITH, 59, 1640 E. 200 North, Rochester, passed away at 11:50 p.m. Thursday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

She was born July 9, 1950, in Rochester, the daughter of Lewis A. and Jean Darlene (Sullivan) Halterman.

Ms. Griffith had retired from the Fulton County Emergency Management Agency, Rochester. She enjoyed watching NASCAR, candle-making, crochet, working on the computer and puzzles.

Survivors include her children, Michael and wife Tracy Williams, Rochester, Michelle Williams and fiance Steve Kohlsdorf, Brookville, and Melissa and husband Frank Collier, Strausburg, Colo.; father and stepmother Lewis A. and Shirley Halterman, Peru, Ind.; her sister, Cris and husband Tim Noakes, Logansport; her brothers, Gary and wife Loretta Halterman, Macy, and Robert and wife Sherry Halterman, Macy; her stepbrother, Conrad and wife Krista Warder, Peru, Ind.; stepsister Shannon Cloutier, Peru, Ind.; grandchildren Courtney Thompson, Rochester, Robert Woods, Rochester, Braxton Williams, Strausburg, Colo., Lexz Collier, Strausburg, Colo., Andrew Collier, Strausburg, Colo., Alivia Williams, Rochester, Alison Williams, Rochester, and Amy Williams, Rochester; and great-grandchild Brilynn Cox, Rochester.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jean Darlene Halterman, on Oct. 16, 1987; and niece Dawn S. Bearman on Aug. 16, 2008.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Roy Hinrichsen officiating. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to service time Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Plainview Cemetery, Macy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Fulton County Emergency Management Agency Volunteer Program. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

**Shirley Bramble Scheffer**

Shirley Bramble SCHEFFER, 66, of 2342 E. 200 North, Rochester, died Tuesday at St. Vincent Hospital of Indianapolis.

Survivors include her husband, Donald, at home; two daughters, Penny Shireman, Rochester, and Lori Eaton, Caledonia, Mich.; three sisters, Carol Jensen, Rochester, Donna Reynolds, Remington, and Darlene

Bulington, Remington; and two brothers, Larry Atkinson, Monticello, and Steve Atkinson, Pontiac, Ill.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

### **Michele Tyler**

Michele TYLER, 34, of 319 Main St., Rochester, died at 9:15 p.m. Monday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, December 3, 2009

### **Sharon L. Downey**

Sharon Lee DOWNEY, 62, of Fort Myers, Fla, and formerly of 1605-1 Madison St. Rochester, died Tuesday at her residence in Florida.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Dean L. Neff**

Dean L. NEFF, 52, of Culver, died Tuesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include two brothers, Kenneth Neff, Culver, and Steve Neff, Indianapolis; a son, Daniel Neff, Aurora, Mo.; and three daughters, McKenzie Amey, Aurora, Mo., Allice Neff, Missouri, and Becca Neff, Missouri.

A graveside service will be at Culver Masonic Cemetery on Saturday at 11 a.m. Visitation will be at Odom Funeral Home, Culver, on Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### **Shirley Bramble Scheffer**

July 7, 1943-Dec. 1, 2009

Shirley Bramble SCHEFFER, 66, of 2342 E. 200 North, Rochester, passed away at 6:40 a.m. Tuesday at St. Vincent Hospital of Indianapolis.

Shirley was born July 7, 1943, on the Nebraska Plains to C. Cecil and June Warren Atkinson. She grew up as one of eight children. Her loving family was composed of three sisters and four brothers with all of the girls born first. As a child Shirley and her sisters helped their mom with their little brothers. Nearly fearless, Shirley once built a playhouse on the top of a shed roof. It was completely furnished with a table and chairs, perfect for hosting tea parties, until her very concerned mother noticed what she'd

accomplished. As an adventurer, she also enjoyed the art of tree climbing, always aspiring to reach the top. Her sisters also recalled the invention of the "mud pie," a custom creation that they all prepared for brothers Larry and Charles to sample.

When brother Larry served in Vietnam, it was Shirley and her sisters who wrote letters diligently each day to spread cheer, support and keep him abreast on the daily events.

Shirley was a 1961 graduate of Remington High School. On June 11, 1961, Shirley was married to Harry L. Bramble. Two daughters, Penny and Lori, were added to the family tree. After nearly 36 years of marriage, Harry passed away on June 9, 1997.

During much of this time - 20 years - Shirley offered child care to many local teacher's children. It was the perfect blend, spending her days with children and having summers to spend with her daughters. She later earned a child development associate degree in early education and worked for Head Start. After a few years she went to Columbia school, assisting with the after-school program and cafeteria during the school day. She was liked and loved by the staff and students; with always a sparkle in her eyes and a pleasant smile, she was one who would help anyone, indeed. She later retired from Columbia in 2003 due to health reasons.

On Oct. 23, 2004, she became the bride of Donald Scheffer. They honeymooned on an Alaskan cruise following their wedding. Together they enjoyed traveling in the motor home, usually taking minivacations extending the weekend. Many trips were made to Michigan to see the grandkids. Other favorite locales were Myrtle Beach, Gatlinburg, Branson, Asheboro and a wonderful trip to the Dakotas. A couple of months ago they visited family in Joliet, Ill., enjoying a fantastic family reunion. Hoffman Lake was a great site for camping, and Shirley always enjoyed bingo, winning the jackpot on a few occasions.

Known for her collections Shirley amassed a collection of over 1,000 dolls during her lifetime. She also was the proud owner of a pedal car collection. Many interesting Longaberger Baskets and Fenton glass figurines could be found in special areas of her home.

One of her favorite modes of transportation was her custom golf cart. It always accompanied her and Don on their cross country jaunts and to the antique power shows. Shirley also enjoyed the rides in her golf cart with Abby and Faith - there was nothing more fun. Some of her best memories and greatest joys were of being with her granddaughters and spoiling them - allowing them to do almost anything.

Shirley was a dedicated member of the Riverview Community Church and the Logansport Doll Club. She loved celebrating Christmas and the preparations of the family feast. Shirley is remembered for the love she shared with children through the years and a great love for her family. She was a good Christian lady, a role model and the matriarch of her family. Shirley will be remembered by all of those whose lives she touched.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Donald, at home; two daughters, Penny Shireman and husband Ron, Rochester, and Lori Eaton and husband Shawn, Caledonia, Mich.; two granddaughters, Abby Shireman, Rochester, and Faith Eaton, Caledonia, Mich.; three sisters, Carol Jensen and husband Dean, Rochester, Donna Reynolds and husband Otis, Remington, and Darlene Bulington and friend Tim Tomicello, Remington; and two brothers, Larry Atkinson, Monticello, and Steve Atkinson, Pontiac, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, and two brothers, Ronald Ray Atkinson in 2009 and Charles Atkinson in 1986.

A celebration of the life of Shirley will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Rodney Ruberg officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the Remington Cemetery, Remington.

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

### **Darrell E. Wire**

Nov. 29, 1933-Dec. 1, 2009

Darrell E. WIRE, 76, of Fishers, passed away Tuesday at home.

Darrell was born Nov. 29, 1933, in Anderson to Moses and Blanche (Day) Wire.

Darrell was an Indianapolis Star newspaper deliverer for many years. He also worked for Kmart, Sears and Quickie Mart in Anderson; for Sun Blessed Golf Course; and for Clara's Pub as bartender.

His accomplished woodworking skills were evident in the shadow boxes and bird houses that he built. He also wrote poetry and enjoyed drawing.

He is survived by son Darrell Wire Jr., New Jersey; daughter Kristina Wilson, Texas; son Kelly Wire, New Mexico; daughter Sally Applegate, Franklin; sister Bonnie Menefee, Anderson; sister Jackie Shelburne, Rochester; brother David Wire, Indianapolis; sister Jewel Eason, Westfield; sister Linda Tucker, Fishers; brother Tom Wire, Noblesville; brother Mike

Wire, Noblesville; brother Ted Wire, Anderson; 10 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Betty (Felton) Wire; daughter Darleen Klaus; two sisters, Evelyn Fisher and Edith Hinshaw; and a brother, Ben Wire.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with calling beginning at 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Darrell, c/o Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Local arrangements were handled by Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, December 4, 2009

### **Douglas A. Biddle**

Douglas Allen BIDDLE, 45, of 7500 E. 25 North, Knox, died Nov. 23 at his residence.

Survivors include his son, Quinn Biddle, Hamlet; two brothers, Ron Biddle, Knox, and Tim Biddle, Akron; a sister, Kelly Biddle, St. Petersburg, Fla.; his mother, Stella Biddle, Knox; and two half sisters, Rhonda Biddle, San Jose, Calif., and Venesa Biddle, San Jose, Calif.

Memorial services will be at the Knox VFW on Sunday at 2 p.m.

### **Sharon L. Downey**

Sharon Lee DOWNEY, 62, formerly of Rochester and most recently of Fort Myers, Fla., died Tuesday at her residence.

Survivors include two daughters, Jackie King, Sarasota, Fla., and Beth Bickle, Rochester.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be Monday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services in the funeral home. There will also be visitation in Bruceville at the McClure-Utt Bruceville Chapel on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A public graveside service will be held at the Bruceville Cemetery on Thursday at 11 a.m. CST.

### **James P. Saltgiver**

James P. SALTSGIVER, 71, Pittsboro, passed away Wednesday.

James was a member of Living Christ Lutheran Church, Plainfield.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Saltgiver; daughters Jina (Scott) Scinta and Jane (Tony) Kron; stepson Michael (Debbie) Nix; brothers Keith

(Janet) Saltsgiver and Gary (Susan) Saltsgiver; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn Saltsgiver and Thelma (Schlemmer) Saltsgiver. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Joann Dean.

Visitation will be at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg, on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a memorial service at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Living Christ Lutheran Church, 4800 S. C.R. 600 East, Plainfield, IN 46168 or IU Simon Cancer Center, c/o IU Foundation, P.O. Box 660245, Indianapolis, IN 46266. Please indicate that the gift is in memory of James Saltsgiver.

Saturday, December 5, 2009

**Sharon L. Downey**

Oct. 8, 1947-Dec. 1, 2009

Former Rochester resident, Sharon Lee DOWNEY, 62, of Fort Myers, Fla., passed away unexpectedly at her residence on Tuesday.

Sharon was the daughter of Wayne and Marguerite Goodman Downey. She was born on Oct. 8, 1947, in Vincennes, and grew up with her sister Sally in Bruceville. In 1965, Sharon graduated with her class at North Knox High School. Seven years later, in 1972, she moved to Rochester.

Spending most of her adult life in the Rochester and Plymouth communities, she was employed early on at Topp's in the office. Interested in a variety of occupations, and known for her versatility, she enjoyed working at the Fulton County Welfare Department, WROI, Quick's Lanes and the Marshall County clerk's office. Sharon enjoyed the friendships she made with customers at Ribordy's and later Walgreen's Drug Store. In the mid-90s she began wintering on Florida's Gulf Coast. Enjoying the warmth year round, in 1998 she made Fort Myers her permanent residence. She most recently was a pharmacy technician at Costco of Fort Myers.

An avid reader, Sharon especially enjoyed the novels authored by Nora Roberts. She was delighted to dance and sing and was a member of the Sweet Adelines of Plymouth. She was also a life member of the First Christian Church. To chill out on a warm Florida day, Sharon could be found poolside, near her condo. She also enjoyed girls' nights out at the movies, hitting the festival events or dining at a favorite restaurant like Big Al's. Always enjoying being on the go, Sharon enjoyed visiting the local night spots.

A lover of the outdoor life, Sharon could be seen cruising on her bicycle while catching a cool breeze. Wading in the warm Gulf waters at Vanderbilt Beach, while watching the serenity of sunset, was another activity that brought great joy to Sharon.

Sharon is survived by two beautiful daughters, Jackie King with husband John and their children, Jordan, Jeremey, Jason, Jaimee, Jennifer and Janna, Sarasota, Fla., and Beth Bickle with husband Chris and their children, Renae and Bradly, Rochester; her children's father, William L. Pea, Eden Prairie, Minn.; a sister, Sally Keller and husband Max, Crawfordsville; a nephew, Keith Keller; two nieces, Karen Keller and husband Jeff and Kathy Lee and husband Toby; one great-nephew, Josh Keller; and three great-nieces, Kaitley and Ali Keller and Eliza Lee.

Preceding her in death were her parents and grandparents.

A celebration of the life of Sharon Lee Downey will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. The Rev. Ron Leichty will officiate. Friends may visit with her family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home. There will also be visitation in Bruceville at the McClure-Utt Bruceville Chapel on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A public graveside service will be held at the Bruceville Cemetery on Thursday at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Glen Turner presiding.

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

Monday, December 7, 2009

### **Julia M. Adley**

Julia Mae ADLEY, 85, of Rochester, died Sunday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Helen G. Ortman**

Helen G. ORTMAN, 92, of Greenwood and formerly of Logansport, died Friday at The Hearth at Stones Crossing in Greenwood.

Survivors include two sons, Don Ortman, Logansport, and Thomas Ortman, Indianapolis; and four daughters, Dorothy Kwiatkowski, Florida, Georgia Hickey, Tennessee, Donna Miller, Greenwood, and Barbara Steele Laferte, Greenwood.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at Marocco Funeral Chapel, Logansport.

**Lawrence G. Owens Sr.**

Lawrence G. OWENS Sr., 74, of 8300 20th Road, Argos, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Ann Tuttle**

Ann TUTTLE, 71, of 217 N. Michigan St., Argos, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor of Plymouth.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Michael J. Weller**

Michael J. WELLER, 60, of Peru, Ind., died Friday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Survivors include his mother, Miriam Sowers Weller, Peru; and one sister, Cindy Brandt, Peru.

Services will be at First Christian Church, Peru, on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Visitation will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, today from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8

**Julia M. Adley**

Julia Mae ADLEY, 85, of Rochester, died Sunday at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

Survivors include two daughters, Marsha Roberts and Mary Anne Heishman, both of Rochester; and one son, Carl Adley, Rochester.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.



**Allan B. Heminger**

April 24, 1920-Dec. 6, 2009

Allan B. HEMINGER, 89, 1924 Maple Court, Rochester, passed away at 5 p.m. Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born April 24, 1920, in Kewanna, the son of Whitfield and Edythe (Bothast) Heminger. He graduated from Fulton High School in 1939. In July of 1941 in Fulton, he married M. Jean Mills. She preceded him in death in August 1991. On Nov. 13, 1993, in Logansport, he married Phyllis (Onstott) Arone, and she survives.

Mr. Heminger worked as a finance company manager for 37 years, retiring from American General in 1979. He was a member of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Logansport, a life member of the Elks Lodge, Logansport, and life member of the Moose Lodge, Rochester. He was an avid music lover, played the organ, and became a vast collector of LPs, CDs and tapes.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Heminger, Rochester; and several cousins, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Douglas Mankell officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Logansport. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Lawrence G. Owens Sr.**

April 3, 1935-Dec. 6, 2009

Lawrence Gray OWENS Sr., 74, 8300 20th Road, Argos, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday at his residence following a lengthy illness.

Lawrence was born April 3, 1935, in Salyersville, Ky., to Elzie and Eda (Allen) Owens. He had lived in the Argos community since 1950, coming from the Bass Lake and Knox area. He was married to Vada (Scott) Owens on Dec. 30, 1955, in Plymouth.

He was a graduate of Argos High School with the Class of 1954.

Lawrence was a dairy farmer and had a route hauling milk for local farmers. He was an avid bowler, bowling in leagues in Rochester for the Plow Boy's team. He and his wife square danced with the Swinging Dudes.

Survivors include his wife, Vada Owens, Argos; two sons, L. Gray Owens Jr. and wife Sandy, Rochester, and Bryan Owens and wife B. Louise,

Tippecanoe; one daughter, Vonda Delf and husband Dale, Hamilton, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Allen Owens and Ray Owens; and a great-grandchild.

Friends may visit with the family Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Brian Sewell of the Whippoorwill Community Church, Rochester, officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com](mailto:memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com).

### **Marion M. Smith**

Sept. 25, 1919-Dec. 6, 2009

Marion "Smitty" M. SMITH, 90, of 507 S. Franklin St., Mentone, died at 10:55 p.m. Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Marion was born Sept. 25, 1919, in Kosciusko County to Alphas and Myrtle Brown Smith. He was married Dec. 24, 1941, in Plymouth to D. EvaBelle Brockey, who passed away Nov. 19, 2008.

Marion retired from NIPSCO in January of 1980 after 33 years. He was a lifetime resident of the Mentone area, graduating from Mentone High School in 1938. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving in World War II. He served as the former commander of the former Mentone American Legion, and was a member of the American Legion of Warsaw.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda and husband Stanley Phillips, Warsaw, and Patsy Ann and husband Mike Deardorff, Kansas City; four grandchildren, Ranai Smith, Vicki Cook, Jeff Deardorff and Becky Widler; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Delta Smelser, Mentone; and one brother, Frank and wife Jerry Smith, Mentone.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and six brothers.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Doris Smith officiating. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Mentone Cemetery, with graveside military rites performed by the American Legion of Warsaw.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kosciusko County Home Care and Hospice or to the Mentone United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent through [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

**Julia M. Adley**

June 21, 1924-Dec. 6, 2009

Julia Mae (Brown) ADLEY, 85, of 340 E. 18th St., Rochester, went to be with her Lord in heaven at 5:55 p.m. Sunday at Hickory Creek, Rochester.

Born June 21, 1924, in Millington, Ill., to Tommy and Mabel Brown, the only daughter of six children, she moved to Elkhart with her family when she was 2 years old. She graduated from Elkhart High School in June 1942. After graduation, she worked for an insurance company. From January 1943 until September 1944, she was an inventory control clerk for the musical instrument company C.G. Conn in Elkhart.

In October 1944, she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps. After completing basic training in Des Moines, Iowa, Julia served her country as a clerk-typist in the supply division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

It was there, in early 1946, she met the love of her life, Lloyd H. Adley. He had recently returned from service in New Guinea. Following a whirlwind romance, they wed on June 22, 1946. They returned to Elkhart when they were discharged from the service later that summer.

Not long after, they moved to Terre Haute where Lloyd attended Indiana State Teachers College. Julia worked as a secretary at the college and attended several classes. They especially enjoyed watching the Terre Haute Phillies - a farm team of Lloyd's beloved Philadelphia Phillies - play baseball.

After graduation, Lloyd taught math and science at Mooresville.

In 1951, they moved to Rochester where Lloyd taught at both Lincoln and Columbia schools. Julia worked at home raising their three children, Marsha, Mary Anne and Carl.

Summers were filled with trips to Elkhart for the large Brown family get-togethers where the adults played poker and the children played baseball.

The Adleys joined Rochester's St. Paul's United Brethren Church, which later merged to become Trinity United Methodist. The couple was active in the Come Join Us class and Julia became an integral member of the Service Circle, helping with funeral dinners and other circle projects.

Later, Lloyd took a job with Topps Mfg. Co. This job took the family to Kentucky and back again to Rochester.

With her children in school full time, Julia was employed as a secretary at Grace United Methodist Church from November 1966 to

September 1968. She then assumed secretarial duties at Rochester High School until her retirement in October 1975.

A support to Lloyd's many community and professional pursuits, Julia was active in her own right as a member of Rochester's Beta Mu Tri Kappa sorority.

As a couple, they enjoyed bowling, playing bridge and going to musical programs. They loved to travel and spent many vacations with their friends, Dean and Joyce Perdue.

After Lloyd's death Dec. 19, 1993, Julia continued to enjoy one of their favorite activities - a good meal out. They, and later, she, were regulars at Margaritta's restaurant. She would eat with friends and soak in the music by Barry the accordion player. Her requests usually involved Glenn Miller or other big band music.

As her health declined, Julia still sought connection with family and friends through cards, phone calls and visits. She took great pleasure in keeping track of her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's pursuits. She viewed it as her job to save newspaper clippings of their pictures, articles and honor rolls.

A resident of Hickory Creek for five years, she kept track of comings and goings at the nurses' station and throughout the building from her favorite rocking chair.

The matriarch of her family, she is survived by many loving family members: her children, Marsha and John Roberts, Mary Anne and Mark Heishman, and Carl and Cathy Adley, all of Rochester.

Her grandchildren, Jennie and Doug Smith, Rochester; Melanie and Nathan Miklos, Sharon, Pa.; Stacey Heishman, Indianapolis; Amy and Aaron Robbins, Warsaw; Arron McDaniel, Wakarusa; Shawn McDaniel, Atlanta, Mich.; Megan and P.J. Miller, Wakarusa; Ty, Joshua, Trey and Jared Adley, Rochester.

Her great-grandchildren, Isaac, Noah and Jesse Smith, Rochester; Ava Miklos, Sharon, Pa.; and Danica Miller, Wakarusa.

She is also survived by several nephews and nieces and her special friend and roommate, Burnice Crispen.

Preceding Julia in her death were her parents; her brothers Owen, Charles, Pete, Bill and Stan; her husband; and her granddaughter, Tracey Anne Heishman.

A celebration of the life of Julia Adley will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Buck Padilla and the Rev. Will Lawson Sr. officiating. Friends may visit with the family at the funeral home from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday and

for one hour prior to the service on Friday. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or Hickory Creek.

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

### **William H. Fish**

Dr. William H. FISH, 84, of 3418 Gregory Farm Village, Rochester, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Fish, Rochester; two daughters, Deborah Barrick, Indianapolis, and Jennifer Hott, Rochester; one son, Jack Price, Fort Wayne; one sister, Maxine Huffman, Pella, Iowa; and two brothers, John Fish, Raleigh, N.C., and Jance Fish, Des Moines, Iowa.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

### **Dorothy E. Henderson**

July 16, 1918-Dec. 8, 2009

Dorothy E. HENDERSON, 91, 4778 W. 1000 South, Kewanna, passed away at 2:15 a.m. Tuesday at her residence.

She was born July 16, 1918, in Pulaski County, the daughter of John and Mary (Trapp) Hauser. On Aug. 2, 1947, in Plymouth, she married James H. Henderson. He preceded her in death on July 17, 1987.

Mrs. Henderson was a homemaker. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening, crafts, mowing, canning, and working word search puzzles, and was an avid reader.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary and husband Tom Scher, Sumpter, S.C., and Joyce Henderson, Logansport; her grandchildren, Jason and wife Jeni Rans, Monticello, Carey and husband Matthew Zech, Lucerne, Stacey Purtee, Logansport, and Jamey and husband Brad Harper, Logansport; her great-grandchildren, Jameson Rans, Jonathon Rans, Elijah Yarber, and Brianna Yarber, all of Monticello, and Gage Harper, Logansport; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her brothers, Omer Hauser, Francis Hauser, Edward Hauser and Walter Hauser; and one sister, Ruth Hauser.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Rev. Dave Sommers officiating. Friends

may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cause for Paws, Logansport; American Heart Association; or the American Lung Association. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Wilnetta J. Kreisle**

Wilnetta "Billie" J. KREISLE, 83, Lafayette, and formerly of Rochester, died at 12:33 a.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, December 10, 2009

### **Dorothy E. Henderson**

July 16, 1918-Dec. 8, 2009

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She was preceded in death by her husband; her brothers, Omer Hauser, Francis Hauser, Edward Hauser and Walter Hauser; and one sister, Ruth Hauser.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Rev. Dave Sommers officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cause for Paws, Logansport; American Heart Association; or the American Lung Association. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Wilnetta J. Kreisle**

Jan. 9, 1926-Dec. 8, 2009

Wilnetta "Billie" Jean KREISLE, 83, of Lafayette and formerly of Rochester, passed away at 12:33 a.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Regional Health Center, Lafayette.

She was born Jan. 9, 1926, in New Castle, the daughter of Edgar and Glenden (Shore) Adamson. On June 14, 1947, in Rochester, she married John E. Kreisle. He preceded her in death Nov. 4, 2003.

Mrs. Kreisle had retired as a sales clerk. She attended Purdue University, where she was a cheerleader from 1946-1948, and was a member of Tri Kappa sorority. She attended Central Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, was an avid bridge player and an extreme supporter of Purdue University athletics, especially following the basketball and football teams. She also enjoyed looking out on the sunset and walking the beaches of Lake Michigan.

Survivors include her son, John Mark Kreisle, Appleton, Wis.; her daughters, Regina Ann Kreisle and life partner Dale Langusch, Lafayette, and Jennifer Karen Kreisle, Lafayette; and her grandchildren, Alisha and husband Bryan Moen, Hortonville, Wis., Stephanie Kreisle and fiance Mike Wells, Appleton, Wis., Eric M. Kreisle, Appleton, Wis., Michael J. Kreisle, Appleton, Wis., Brittinay Kreisle-Cosby, Lafayette, and Amy Kreisle-Cosby, Lafayette.

A memorial service will take place at 6 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Almost Home Humane Society, Lafayette, or Purdue University's John Purdue Club for the cheerleader program. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Friday, December 11, 2009

**Dale M. Felts**

Dale M. FELTS, 74, of Avon Park, Fla., and Silver Lake, passed away at 2:38 a.m. Thursday at Lake Placid Hospital, Lake Placid, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Dr. William H. Fish, D.O.**

Sept. 15, 1925-Dec. 7, 2009

Dr. William Henry FISH, D.O., 84, of 3418 Gregory Farm Village, Rochester, was surrounded by his loving family as he passed away Dec. 7, 2009, at 9:30 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Sept. 15, 1925, the son of Dr. John William and Nellie Lucille Orey Fish. As a young man he was one of four children growing up with sister Maxine and brothers John and Lance in Decatur, Ill.

In 1943, young Bill graduated from Decatur High School. He attended college briefly, then was recruited by the U.S. Army. He served our country during World War II in the European theater and was on active duty for nearly 2 1/2 years. During this time he was captured by the Germans and was a prisoner of war. Bill was serving as a member of the 93rd Chemical Mortar Battalion when he was captured in Chemnitz, Germany. He marched to Zschopan, Germany, where he was held in Stalag 4F. When the Russians bombed Zschopan from the east with heavy artillery, a group of American prisoners commandeered an old German bus and drove it back to Chemnitz, which had been declared an open city. It was here that Bill and other members of his battalion were met by the Red Cross, fed and transferred to Burfort, Germany. They continued on from there to Le Haire, France.

During his stint with the Army, Bill was decorated with the World War II Victory Medal, the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Prisoner of War Medal.

Upon his return as a civilian Bill resumed his studies at James Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. Four years later he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biology and secondary education. He continued his studies earning his master's at Pittsburgh Teacher's College in Pittsburgh, Kan. Deciding on a change of careers, with the thought of joining his dad, Dr. John, Bill enrolled in medical school at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. In 1956, he graduated with great pride and was known as Dr. William H. Fish, D.O.

Dr. Bill completed his residency at the South Bend Osteopathic Hospital, then opened his practice in Culver. Many of his patients were actually from the Rochester area, so he moved to Rochester in 1962, opening up his new practice. He was a current member of the community health care team at the Fulton County Medical Clinic, joining them in November 1992.



Dr. Bill was dedicated and compassionate to his patients. He was a remarkable doctor answering our community's health needs for over 53 years.

On June 15, 1985, nearly 25 years ago, Dr. Bill wed his best friend, Beverly Jana Price, in Rochester. Doc, a former member of the local Mustang Club, owned a small collection of "ponies." He had a 1969 Ford Mustang and a flashy 1970 Red Mach. Bev owned a 1989. A favorite activity for the duo was cruising in one of their Mustangs. Whether it was a short jaunt on a Sunday afternoon to dine out or enjoy ice cream, Bill enjoyed catching the breeze while cruising with Bev at his side in their convertible. They once took a convertible trip to the East Coast. Bill was accomplished with reducing his speed on the interstate and putting the top up without stopping.

As adventurers, Bill and Bev enjoyed the true beauty of our United States. One vacation took them out West to New Mexico. Sometimes, good friends Arnie and Laura Snipes accompanied them on their travels. More recently Virgil and Ellen Jana joined in on the journeys too. As a history buff, one of Bill's most coveted vacations was a visit to Washington, D.C. It was here they toured the Capitol, the White House, Arlington, and the monuments honoring the veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

To relax, Dr. Bill enjoyed drag racing. Taking command of his favorite dragster, "Bridesmaid," Bill hopped through the door to the driver's seat. His Ford Galaxy was hot, and two times he was runner-up, coming in second place at the National Drags, an annual event held in Indianapolis. In addition to his supreme skills with driving, Bill credited the great efforts of his good friends and pit crew - Chief Calvin Reffitt, Joe Morrow, Jim Mathias, Devon Miller and Ray Duzan - for the nearly perfect National results. Dr. Bill and his buddies could be found in other favorite drag strips including Bunker Hill and Osceola. Another favorite of Dr. Bill's was his 1967 Ford Fairlane.

As a photographer, Bill enjoyed his conversations with Eugene Foley on photography. An avid shutterbug, he had great interest in varied subjects from landscapes to animals, nature and other human interests. He also enjoyed tinkering with gasoline-powered model airplanes. Doc enjoyed listening to music, especially jazz. Maynard Ferguson, the Four Freshmen and Michael McDonald were among his favorites.

Dr. Bill was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, the American Medical Association, the Indiana Osteopathic Association, F&AM Masonic Lodge and the National Hot Rod Association. Dr. Bill will be greatly missed by his loving family, the medical staff and friends at the

clinic, and his many patients and friends he made along life's journey to cherish his memory of the many good times they shared.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly, at home; two daughters, Deborah Barrick and husband Chris, Indianapolis, and Jennifer Hott and husband Mark, Rochester; one son, Jack Price, Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Ryan William Fish, Jeremy Scott Fish, Joseph Henry Fish, Leah Catherine Barrick, and Carley Marie Hott; and one great-granddaughter, Sierra Fish. He is also survived by a sister, Dr. Maxine Huffman and husband Don, Pella, Iowa; two brothers, John Fish and wife Joann, Raleigh, N.C., and Lance Fish and wife Linda, Des Moines, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his health care assistant, nurse Gaylo Goss, who was always at his side in the clinic.

A celebration of the life of Dr. William "Bill" Fish will be held Saturday, at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Maurice Grindle officiating, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with his family from 1 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home, where the Masonic Lodge No. 79 of Rochester will conduct a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. He will be laid to eternal rest at the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., at a date to be determined. Members of the Manitou VFW No. 1343 and the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post will accord local military honors.

Preferred memorials may be made honoring his memory to the Grace United Methodist Church. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Saturday, December 12, 2009

### **Vidosava Graovac**

Vidosava GRAOVAC, 78, 705 Madison St., Rochester, and longtime resident of Badovinci, (Yugoslavia) Serbia, died Thursday at her residence.

Survivors include her sons, Danny Graovac, Rochester, and Dragoljub Graovac, Rochester; her sisters, Milanka Steker, Windsor, Ontario, Smilda Kojic, Badovinci, Serbia, and Dusanka Viltic, Sabac, Serbia; and one brother, Bata Rosic, Badovinci, Serbia.

Private services will take place.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Mary Galloway Spurgeon**

Sept. 21, 1916-Dec. 11, 2009

Mary Galloway SPURGEON, 93, Logansport, passed away at 12:25 a.m. Friday at WoodBridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Mary was born Sept. 21, 1916, in Cass County to Clarence Fultz and Margaret (Conn) Fultz. She was married to Donald Spurgeon, who preceded her in death.

Mary retired in 1981 from J.C. Penney Co., as catalog manager. She was a 1934 graduate of Royal Center High School.

Survivors include one son, John (Gladys) Galloway, Rochester; one daughter, Sandra Sturdivant, Logansport; one sister, Jane Conklin, Logansport; seven grandchildren, Sherry (Tom) Shipley, Rhonda (Dennis) Richey, Mike (Sharon) Smith, Jeff (Missy) Smith, John A. Galloway and friend Nancy Harvey, Tracie Honkomp, and Toby Galloway; 12 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Bobby J. Galloway; two brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Larry Pyeatt of the Rochester Church of God officiating. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Royal Center Cemetery.

Condolences and personal remembrances may be left online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

### **Michele L. Tyler**

Michele Lynn TYLER, 34, of 319 Main St., Rochester, died Nov. 30 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Michele is survived by her mother, Anna Tyler, Rochester; a brother, Ronald D. Tyler Jr., Rochester; and a sister, Jennifer Dople, Rochester.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation for one hour prior to the service.

Monday, December 14, 2009

### **Dale M. Felts**

Dale M. FELTS, 74, of Avon Park, Fla., and Silver Lake, passed away at 2:40 a.m. Thursday at Florida Hospital Lake Placid, Florida.

He was born June 28, 1935, in Rochester, the son of Howard and Helen (Goodwin) Felts. He served with the United States Navy during the Korean War and also served in the United States Marines Reserves. On April 4, 1963, in Louisville, Ky., he married Rosella Murfitt, and she survives.

Mr. Felts had been a farmer and had worked as a chemist for Farm Bureau. He had also worked at Chamberlain's, sold real estate for Manitou Realty and had owned and operated Felts' Snack Shoppe in Akron for many years. Later in life he obtained his licensed practical nurse certification and worked in the emergency room at Florida Hospital Lake Wells, Florida. He attended Roann Church of God, was an avid fisherman and loved to follow sports.

Survivors include his wife, Rosella Felts, Avon Park, Fla., six children, Patricia and husband Jeffery Stoops, Plainfield, Dairl and wife Nancy Sander, Akron, Melinda and husband Dave Pettet, Brook, Tina and husband George Dryer, Avon, Brian Felts, Avon Park, Fla., and Neil and wife Ellen Felts, Rochester; fifteen grandchildren, Roger, Rochelle, Lane, Marci, Leah, Autumn, Austin, Jamie, Israel, Ephraem, Andrew, Luke, Ashly, Casandra and Zachary; and two cousins, Kenny Felts and Susan Williams, both of San Diego, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Landen Felts.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus and the Rev. Jason See officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, 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 National Kidney Foundation. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Charles V. Justice**

Charles V. JUSTICE, 52, of Macy, died at 2:43 p.m. Saturday in his residence after a 16-month fight with cancer.

Charles was born Oct. 22, 1957, in Logansport to Charles L. and Esther E. Gunter Justice. He was married Nov. 16, 1985, in Fulton to Teresa A. Zartman.

Charlie began working in construction before becoming a mechanic and opening his own shop, which he operated for 24 years.

Charlie enjoyed gardening and loved animals. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing and boating during his numerous family camping trips to Mississinewa Reservoir and Dale Hollow Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa A. Zartman, Macy; two sons, Branden Justice and Bradley Justice, both of Macy; two sisters, Diana Byers and husband John, Marion, and Alberta Aaron and husband Larry, Daytona Beach, Fla.; his parents, Charles L. and Esther E. Justice, Logansport; his

father- and mother-in-law, Tom and Carolyn Zartman, Fulton; brother-in-law Ralph Lopez, Peru; two nephews, Eddie Lopez, Rochester, and Matthew Lopez, Atlanta, Ga.; two nieces, Jennifer Scoles and husband Andy, Knoxville, Tenn., and Kayla Chapman and husband Jeremy, Lucerne; and two brothers-in-law, David Zartman and wife Penny, Macy, and Jerry Zartman and wife Stephanie, Rochester.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Bruce Justice.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Jeff Russell officiating. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Howard Regional Hospice Services, 2800 S. Reed Road, Second Floor, Kokomo, IN 46902, or to Fulton Volunteer Fire Department, 507 N. Indiana 25, Fulton, IN 46931. You may sign the guest book and send online condolences at [www.gundrumfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundrumfuneralhome.com).

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

### **Hershel Jackson**

Hershel JACKSON, 94, died Friday at the Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor in St. Johns, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron.

### **Georgiana Lowe**

Georgiana LOWE, 86, 8537 S. 375 East, Macy, died at 11:48 a.m. Monday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Shirley M. Newell**

Oct. 1, 1911-Dec. 13, 2009

Shirley M. NEWELL, 98, former Michigantown resident, died at 5:45 p.m. Sunday at Wesley Manor, where she had been a resident the past four years.

Shirley was born Oct. 1, 1911, in Fulton County to John and Estie (Robbins) Dawald. She was married to Russell A. Newell on Sept. 4, 1932, and he preceded her in death Sept. 6, 1996.

Mrs. Newell was a 1930 graduate of Fulton High School. She was a homemaker and for several years, a beautician in Michigantown. Her memberships included the Michigantown Christian Church, where she was

Sunday school teacher for over 35 years, first president of the newly formed Women's Council, head of the first Missionary Committee, and Bible school teacher for over 50 years. She was a Gold Lady, and a member of WTCU and DAR. Mrs. Newell was 1975 Senior Queen of Clinton County and for many years, was a Girl Scout leader.

Survivors include two daughters, Sarah (Ralph) Webb, rural Frankfort, and Rosie (Jay) McKinney, rural Frankfort; one son, Marcus R. (Nina) Newell, Michigantown; nine grandchildren, Linda (Joe) Ray, Art Webb, Melissa (Ryan) Shuey, Jason McKinney, Lora (Kyle) Smith, Melody (Dave) Neal, R.D. (Kelly) Newell, Kimberly (Ted) Dunn and Todd (Janice) Newell; 17 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Rod Webb; a brother; and a sister.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Michigantown Christian Church. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Goodwin Funeral Home, Frankfort. Burial will be in Whiteman Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michigantown Christian Church; envelopes will be available. Online condolences may be made at [www.goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://www.goodwinfuneralhome.com).

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

### **Sharon A. Dille**

Sharon A. DILLE, 73, of 409 E. Walnut St., Argos, died Monday at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Dille, Argos; three sons, Bob Dille, Argos, Steve Dille, Argos, and Brian Dille, Plainfield; one daughter, Vicki Dille, Argos; two brothers, Jim Thompson, Warsaw, and Terry Thompson, Argos; and one sister, Judy Good, Argos.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation will be today from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

### **Hershel Jackson**

Hershel JACKSON, 94, of 615 N. Capital Ave., Lansing, Mich., died Friday at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, Mich.

Survivors include three sisters, Delphia Hackworth, Warsaw, Amanda Hackworth, North Manchester, and Carma Jean Barton, Fort Wayne; and four brothers, Junior Jackson, North Manchester, Eugene Jackson, Wabash, Kelly B. Jackson, Wabash, and Roy Jackson, South Whitley.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Georgianna Miller Lowe**

Aug. 24, 1923-Dec. 14, 2009

Georgianna "Jana" Miller LOWE, 86, 8537 S. 375 East, Macy, passed into the arms of her Heavenly Father at 11:48 a.m. Monday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She was born Aug. 24, 1923, in Peru, Ind., the daughter of Ralph and Frances (Hogantogler) Miller. She married Robert G. Lowe on June 1, 1946, in Carbondale, Ill., and he survives.

She served with the United States Navy as a corpsman during World War II. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed her family very much.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Robert G. Lowe, Macy; devoted daughter, Jana and husband Carl Crandall, Swayzee; two granddaughters, Andra Lowe and Leighann Rogers, both of Kokomo; one great-granddaughter, Modesty Bittner, Kokomo; one sister, Charlotte Johnson, Petersburg, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son Robert "Chuck" Lowe; brothers Ollie Miller, Lou Miller and Jerry Miller; sisters Rosalie McVay and Maxine Cole; and niece Jana Jane Shoemaker.

No services are scheduled. Memorial contributions may be made to any Children's Charity Organizations in Georgianna's memory. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Elsie M. Ringer**

Infant Elsie Maude RINGER, of Plymouth, died at 2:15 p.m. Monday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, December 17, 2009

No Obituaries

Friday, December 18, 2009

**Esther A. (Wharton) Lake**

Esther A. (Wharton) LAKE, 94, of Rochester and formerly of North Judson, died Wednesday at Hickory Creek at Rochester. Surviving is a sister, Elsie E. Turner, Rochester.

Services will be at noon Central time on Saturday at O'Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

**Ethel A. Ludwig**

Ethel A. LUDWIG, 88, 1100 Park Road, Rochester, died at 8:40 a.m. Thursday at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Richard B. Lutterbein**

Richard B. "Dick" LUTTERBEIN, 85, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 8:55 p.m. Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in an automobile accident earlier that day in DeKalb County. A second-generation owner and operator of Lutterbein Lumber Co. in Edgerton, Mr. Lutterbein currently served as CEO of Building Concepts, the parent company of Lutterbein Lumber Co., Cardinal Truss and Components, Lutterbein Properties, Cover-All Indiana, and Open Door and Window Co. He helped lead the company in building the American Homes in Japan project, which was a pioneering effort for American companies. He was a 1942 graduate of Edgerton High School, where he was a state champion in the high jump, and he then graduated from Heidelberg College. He was also a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Marines. Mr. Lutterbein was a member of John D. Smith Post No. 10 of the Edgerton American Legion and was able to participate in the Honor Flight Program visiting the World War II Memorial.

Mr. Lutterbein was a member of the Edgerton Rotary Club, of which he was a past president, Paul Harris Fellow and past Rotarian of the Year. He held a realtor's license in both Ohio and Indiana and was active in the Edgerton Historical Society. He was also instrumental in the efforts to open the Ohio Turnpike exit in northern Williams County. He was a former member of the Edgerton Masonic Lodge No. 357 F & AM and then the Bryan, Ohio, Masonic Lodge No. 215 F & AM and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Toledo. Mr. Lutterbein was a member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bryan, and had served on the church



council and was active in building the new church. Dick and his brother John were honored as "Citizens of the Year" in Edgerton for their longtime community service. He was a former member of Orchard Hills Country Club and was a longtime member of the board of directors of the First National Bank and also was an avid supporter of Edgerton athletics.

Richard B. Lutterbein was born Sept. 6, 1924, in Edgerton, Ohio, the son of Benjamin H. and Alma M. (Geiger) Lutterbein. He married Marilyn B. Uhlmann on June 19, 1949, in West Caldwell, N.J., and she preceded him in death Nov. 24, 2000.

He is survived by three daughters, Barbara Lutterbein, Akron, Diana (Dennis) Imbrock, Grove City, Ohio, and Susan (David) Buck, Centerville, Ohio; five grandchildren, Amelia (Jon) Shrum, Laura Imbrock, and Matthew, Christopher and Daniel Buck; and an honorary daughter, Cheryl Harker Keis. Also surviving are one brother, Edward Lutterbein, Webster, N.Y.; one sister, Marion (Paul) Rohrbaugh, West Lake, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Myrtle Lutterbein, Edgerton; his special friend, Fran Schlachter, Bryan, Ohio; and his special little buddy, Austin Huffman.

Preceding him in death in addition to his wife was a brother, John, in 2008.

Visitation for Richard B. "Dick" Lutterbein will be held Saturday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., followed by a Masonic service, in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bryan, Ohio. Services will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bryan with the Rev. Mary Beth Smith-Webb officiating. Private interment will take place Monday in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio, with graveside military rites conducted by John D. Smith Post No. 10 of the Edgerton American Legion.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials in the name of Richard B. "Dick" Lutterbein be given to the Edgerton Athletic Boosters or Trinity Lutheran Church in Bryan.

Saturday, December 19, 2009

### **Ethel A. Ludwig**

Ethel A. LUDWIG, 88, 1100 Park Road, Rochester, died Thursday at her residence.

Survivors include her daughters, Orlandria Roberts, Melissa Grubbs and Diantha Bradley, all of Rochester; two sisters, Betty Heflick, Yakima,

Wash., and Marie Wilhelm, Plymouth; and one brother, Lawrence Beam, Argos.

No services are scheduled. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Elsie M. Ringer**

Infant Elsie Maude RINGER, of 15183 W. 16th Road, Plymouth, was stillborn Monday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Survivors include her parents, Rodney and Jessica Faith Cannon Ringer; and her twin brother, Jacob Alfred Ringer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation for two hours prior to the service.

### **Maria J. Tom**

Maria J. TOM, 66, of 6306 Frontier Drive, Springfield, Va., and formerly of Argos, died at 1:45 a.m. Wednesday at Hospice In-Care, Arlington, Va.

Arrangements are pending with Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Monday, December 21, 2009

### **Marilyn A. Hall**

Dec. 30, 1934-Dec. 19, 2009

Marilyn Ann HALL, 75, of 300 E. 4th St., Rochester, died Saturday at 3:22 a.m. at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Marilyn was born Dec. 30, 1934, in Burket, the daughter of Mace Allen and Ida Pearl Matthews Holloway, both of whom preceded her in death. She was married March 11, 1950, at Warsaw, to Earl Clayton Hall, who survives

Marilyn owned and operated the Hall Cleaning Service of Rochester for nearly 22 years. Later she was an operator for the Rochester Telephone Co., and she worked at Topps Manufacturing and Life Care Center. Her memberships included the Fulton County Democratic Women's Club, which she had served as an officer; the Daughters of the American Revolution; Order of Eastern Star No. 70; former Homefront Club; and the Lake Manitou Women of the Moose.

As a nationally acclaimed author, Marilyn enjoyed expressing herself through poetry. Many of her works are published. She once earned the National Golden Poets Award for her excellent works in the realms of poetry. Creativity was her forte and arranging floral seasonal baskets for

special gifts for family and friends was a talent she shared. Many of her florals were recognized as champions at Fulton County 4-H fairs and the Indiana state fairs over her years of competition. If it involved a glue gun, Marilyn would get it done in style!

Known as the queen of garage sales, Marilyn and sister Margaret hosted the original, first such sale from their garage in Rochester. They were well-known for their support of others' sales, hopping in the car during the summer months on the Fridays and Saturdays and cruising the streets to return home with coveted treasures. Her handiwork included an arsenal of fine custom quilts that she made for family and special friends. She was also an avid collector of dolls and dishes.

As a gardener, Marilyn enriched the landscape of her home with a variety of beautiful flowers annually. The dominant flowers of choice were her orange poppies. Her family enjoyed many delectable dishes cooked especially by Mom. She's best remembered for her imaginative uses of jello. Her expertise exceeds the limits with everything from juggles, to salads and delicious desserts. As a fan of college basketball, Marilyn loved cheering for Indiana University's hurrying Hoosiers under head coach Bobby Knight.

Survivors include her loving husband of nearly 60 years, Earl Clayton Hall; three daughters, Vickie Snyder and husband Tom, Temperance, Mich., Kathy Powers and Deborah "Deb" Fultz and husband Jon, all of Rochester; eight grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter; two sisters, Mary Phillips, Warsaw, and Geri Hawley and husband Robert, Claypool; one brother, Nelson Holloway and wife Gladys, Burket; and one sister-in-law, Hilde Belle "Red" Holloway, Burket.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Charles Holloway.

A celebration of the life of Marilyn Ann Hall will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Chaplain Jason See will officiate. Friends may visit with her family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to her service. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to Hope Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Margaret L. Mills**

Dec. 8, 1924-Dec. 20, 2009

Margaret L. MILLS, 85, Macy, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Sunday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

She was born Dec. 8, 1924, in Macy, the daughter of Ray and Elzie Zartman. On April 27, 1946 she married Leroy Mills Jr., who survives.

Margaret was a member and had been an active Sunday school and vacation Bible school teacher at Perrysburg Baptist Church and attended Denver Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking, reading and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a 1942 graduate of Fulton High School.

Survivors include her husband, Leroy; her children, Linda Mills, Indianapolis, Jan Pike and spouse Jim, Indianapolis, Curt and wife Barbara Mills, Macy, and Kent and wife Sharon Mills, Denver; grandchildren, Jessica Pike, Indianapolis, Adam Pike, Indianapolis, Nathan Vandermark, Denver, and Myranda Rusie, Portland, Ore.; one great-grandchild; several nieces and nephews; and one aunt, Cecil Gorecki, Logansport.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Forest (Bud) Zartman and Phil Zartman; and her nephew, Dana Zartman.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Ind., with Pastor Steve Bate officiating. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Denver Baptist Church Building Fund or your favorite charity.

### **Myra E. Oliver**

Myra E. OLIVER, 94, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Culver, died Saturday at Woodview Health Center, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce Oliver, Fort Wayne, and Russell Oliver II, Raleigh, N.C.; and one sister, Elizabeth MacCauley, Clinton Township, Mich.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **Elijah S. Prophitt**

Elijah Samuel PROPHITT, 11 months, Logansport, was called to heaven at 6:04 p.m. Saturday at St. Vincent Women's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Elijah is survived by his parents, Micheal and Kimberly Dawn DeHaven Prophitt, Logansport.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Skinner Worship Chapel, Denver, with visitation between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

**Richard E. Purlee**

Nov. 25, 1942-Dec. 19, 2009

Richard E. PURLEE, 67, Mitchell, passed away at 9:15 p.m. Saturday at his residence with his wife and daughters by his side.

Born Nov. 25, 1942, in New Albany, he was the son of Richard S. and Esther L. (Oakes) Purlee. He married Suetta Yaney on Dec. 4, 2004.

He graduated from Bedford High School in 1960 and Indiana State University in 1964. His career in radio was spent at various radio stations including WBIW and WSAL. He was a great trombone player and played in the Tuxedo Junction band, loved jazz music and reading, and had a great sense of humor.

He served in the Indiana National Guard and was a member of the Cecil C. Martin American Legion Post No. 250.

Surviving are his wife, Suetta Purlee, Mitchell; four daughters, Lisa (Brian) Ayers, Walton, Elaine (Jeff) Sutton, Fulton, Karen (Matthew) Haseltine, Walton, and Kathy (Tony) Logan, Logansport; three stepchildren, Richard Young, Brazil, Leland (Correna) Ames, Paoli, and Kimberly Ames, Paoli; one sister, Barbara (Scott) Fultz, Bedford; eight grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

His parents preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mitchell Cemetery with military honors accorded by American Legion Post No. 250 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9107. Casket bearers will be Brian Ayers, Jeff Sutton, Matthew Haseltine, Richard Young, Leland Ames and Scott Fultz. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at Chastain Funeral Home, Mitchell.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.chastainfuneralhome.com](http://www.chastainfuneralhome.com).

**Elsie M. Ringer**

Dec. 14, 2009

Sweet infant, Elsie Maude RINGER, of 15183 W. 16th Road, Plymouth, was born into Heaven on 2:16 p.m. Monday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Elsie Maude is the precious daughter, who was dearly loved by her parents, Rodney and Jessica Faith Cannon Ringer.

She is survived by her parents; twin brother Jacob Alfred Ringer; her loving maternal grandparents, Charles and Nancy Cannon, Leiters Ford; and her adoring paternal grandparents Helen Ringer, Argos, and Gene and Robbie Ringer, Culver. Elsie Maude was cherished by her great-

grandparents, Robert and Doris Kirkland, Riverview, Fla., along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of Elsie Maude's arrival to Heaven will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Robert Metzger officiating. Friends may visit with her family at the funeral home two hours prior to her service. Interment will be in the Washington Cemetery, Culver.

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

### **Lonnie Shelton**

May 15, 1929-Dec. 20, 2009

Lonnie SHELTON, 80, 2890 N. Indiana 25, Rochester, passed away at 5:40 a.m. Sunday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He was born May 15, 1929, in Kokomo, the son of Boston and Martha (Phillips) Shelton. On Aug. 30, 1969, in Rochester, he married Judy Overmyer, and she survives.

Mr. Shelton was a retired welder from NIPSCO, having worked there for 38 years. He was a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church; Fraternal Order of Eagles, Rochester; and the Swingin' Dudes Square Dance Club. He was an avid fisherman, and loved to help family and friends with various jobs.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Shelton, Rochester; one son, T.J. Shelton and companion Angie Shidler, Rochester; a daughter-in-law Margaret Shelton, Gaffney, S.C.; one daughter, Kathy and husband Leonard Kaiser, Apache Junction, Ariz.; grandchildren David Shelton, Beech Park, Ill., Garrett Shelton, Gaffney, S.C., Erica, Arizona, and Stephanie, Arizona; seven great-grandchildren; three brothers, Bob and wife Juanita Shelton, Richmond, Harold Shelton, Richmond, and Bentley Shelton, Richmond; three sisters, Louise and husband Bob Mellinger, Middleville, Mich., Stella and husband Paul Davis, Richmond, and Shirley Hazelwander, Richmond; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jerry Shelton; two sisters, Gladys Craig and Ethel Hudson; and one nephew.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may call at the Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Margaret E. Zartman**

Margaret E. ZARTMAN, 64, Logansport, passed away at 12:10 p.m. Friday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born Jan. 22, 1945, in Roann, the daughter of Jessa and Wanita (Strouffe) Hapner. On Aug. 18, 1963, in Roann, she married L. Mark Zartman. He preceded her in death March 25, 1999.

Mrs. Zartman retired from the Logansport State Hospital as a certified dietitian. She was a member of the Miami Baptist Church, Adamsboro, and enjoyed gardening, fishing and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Wayne Zartman, Rochester, Martha Strayer, Logansport, Wendy Ward, Rochester, and Marcus and wife Tammy Zartman, Logansport; grandchildren Jessa Zartman, Rochester, Matt Zartman, Rochester, Taylor Zartman, Logansport, Avery Zartman, Logansport, Tiffany Zartman, Logansport, and Desirae Ward, Rochester; and her brother, the Rev. George and wife Beverly Hapner, Fulton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Dale Hapner and Pete Hapner.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Rev. Carol Sikler officiating. Friends may call from noon to time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Leukemia Society. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

**Maria J. Tom**

Marla Jean TOM, 66, of 6306 Frontier Drive, Springfield, Va., and formerly of Argos, died Wednesday at Hospice In-Care, Arlington, Va.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin Tom, Springfield, Va.; one son, Jason Tom, Fairfax, Va.; her mother, Rosebud Ferrell, Plymouth; and one sister, Deborah Kline, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

No Obituaries

Thursday, December 24, 2009

No Obituaries

Friday, December 25, 2009

No Obituaries – Holiday

Saturday, December 26, 2009

No Obituaries

Monday, December 28, 2009

**Nina A. Howat**

Nina Alice HOWAT, 69, of 824 Parkway Lane, Rochester, died at 1:08 p.m. Thursday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Penny S. Zartman**

April 25, 1958-Dec. 25, 2009

Penny Sue ZARTMAN, 51, of Macy, died at 5 p.m. Friday at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Penny was born April 25, 1958, in Logansport to Walter "Bill" and Carmen Hall Malott. She was married Nov. 20, 1993, in Logansport to David L. Zartman.

Penny was a homemaker and former employee of the Logansport Pizza Hut. She was a 1976 graduate of Logansport High School.

Survivors include her husband, David L. Zartman, Macy; one son, Kyle Unger, Fulton; one grandson, Brayden Lee Unger, Fulton; three sisters, Deb Myers and husband Mahlon, Peru, Faye Smith and husband Rex, Twelve Mile, and Sis Martindale and husband Joe, Kewanna; one sister-in-law, Teresa A. Justice, Macy; one brother-in-law, Jerry Zartman and wife Stephanie, Rochester; her father- and mother-in-law, Tom and Carolyn Zartman, Fulton; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Mike Malott.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery, Fulton.



Memorials may be made to the Brayden Unger Scholarship fund or the American Cancer Society. You may sign the guest book and send online condolences at [www.gundrumfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundrumfuneralhome.com).

**Raymond E. Kline**

Raymond E. KLINE, 92, of Oxford, Mich., and formerly of Culver, died Saturday at Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center in Clarkston, Mich.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements, which are incomplete.

**Aleta F. Long**

Aleta F. LONG, 91, of 659 S. 950 West, Etna Green, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw, where she had resided for the past three years.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara McQuinn, Forest, LuAnn Wiseman, Marcellus, Mich., and Linda Flenar, Etna Green; two sons, Larry Long, Warsaw, and Robert Long, Milford; and one sister, Hazel "Skip" Ewing, Etna Green.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, with visitation one hour prior to the service, at Etna Green Church of Christ. There will also be visitation from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

**Betty Montgomery**

Betty MONTGOMERY, 63, of Culver, died Friday at her residence. The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements, which are incomplete.

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

**Jerry J. Duzan**

Jerry J. DUZAN, 71, of Bellville, Ohio, and formerly of Silver Lake, passed away Dec. 20, 2009, from Alzheimer's.

Jerry was born July 29, 1938, in Dyer, to Joseph and Blanche (Raby) Duzan and graduated from Talma High School in 1957.

Following school Jerry joined the Navy where he served our military for four years.

Hardworking, Jerry enjoyed farming, raising cattle and harvesting grain. He also was a skilled electrician. Jerry loved being in the air; he was proud of obtaining his private pilot's license.

He is survived by three children, Michael Duzan, Palestine, Ind., Timothy Duzan, Fort Wayne, and Betty Jill Duzan, Beaver Dam Lake; granddaughter Sara; a great-grandchild; brother and sister-in-law Ray and Michelle Duzan, Talma; and sisters and brothers-in-law Beatrice and Larry Henry, Bellville, Ohio, and Dixie and Gene Curtis, Demotte.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Duzan; an infant; and two special nephews.

The Duzan family chose compassionate cremation services. The Bellville, Ohio, Snyder Funeral Home is honored to assist the Duzan family with services. Friends and family are encouraged to and may send online condolences by visiting [www.snyderfuneralhomes.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhomes.com).

### **Alice J. Friedrich**

June 25, 1921-Dec. 27, 2009

Alice J. FRIEDRICH, 88, of Kewanna, passed away Sunday at Woodbridge Health Campus of Logansport.

Born June 25, 1921, in Fulton County, she was the daughter of the late Virgil Lyman and Fleetie (Crippen) King. On April 13, 1941, she married John R. Friedrich, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 28, 1980.

She was a 1939 Fulton High School graduate and South Bend Business College graduate. Mrs. Friedrich was a homemaker. She was a member of Fulton Baptist Temple, Manitou Garden Club and Prairie Grove Home-Ec Club. Alice enjoyed candy making, flower gardening and bird watching.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Ann Jones and husband William and Katherine J. Smith and husband Allan, all of Kewanna; one son, Larry E. Friedrich and wife Gloria, Kewanna; one brother, Lyman King and wife Helen, Rochester; and one sister, Luella Emery and husband Doyne, Macy. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Jenny Smith and husband Leo, Galveston, Dale S. Friedrich and wife Regina, Pierceton, Amy J. Seeman and husband Dan, Greenfield, Jeff Smith and wife Diana, Kewanna; one grandson-in-law, Robert P. Kirkley and wife Cindy, Columbus, Ohio; and great-grandchildren Morgan Seeman, Ashleigh and Nataleigh Friedrich, Andrea, Andrew, Mark and Samuel Smith, and Zachary and Matthew Kirkley.

She was also preceded in death by granddaughter Lorraine Ann Jones Kirkley and sister Anna Hartman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Fulton Baptist Temple, 106 W. Dunn St., Fulton. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at

Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna, and also one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pastor Bruce Russell will officiate at the service and burial will be in Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery.

The family request memorial contributions be made to Fulton Baptist Temple. Online condolences may be made to the Friedrich family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

### **Dave Hardiman**

Dave HARDIMAN, 67, of Kewanna and formerly of Cedar Lake, died Thursday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Melva Hardiman, Kewanna; one daughter, Carolyn Thill, Illinois; four brothers, Arthur Hardiman, Lowell, Leamon Hardiman, Alabama, Billy Wayne Hardiman, Alabama, and Donnie Haynes, Mississippi; and two sisters, Marie Moore and Rita Ann Clark, both of Alabama.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel.

### **Raymond E. Kline**

Raymond Edgar KLINE, 92, of Culver and Fort Pierce, Fla., died Saturday at Clarkston Specialty Healthcare, Clarkston, Mich.

Survivors include one son, Tim Kline, Peru, Ind.; and one daughter, Carol Holtzclaw, Oxford, Mich.

Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with the funeral service at 2 p.m.

### **Betty R. Montgomery**

Betty R. MONTGOMERY, 63, of Culver, died Friday at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, L.B. Montgomery, Culver; two sons, Chuck Dilts and Joe Dilts, both of Culver; one daughter, Kimberly Dilts, Argos; one stepson, Anthony R. Montgomery, Kentucky; two stepdaughters, Christina Roberts and April, both of Kentucky; and one brother, John Armstrong, Monmouth, Ill.

Services will be at a later date. The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday, December 30, 2009

**Kenneth D. Bryant**

Kenneth D. BRYANT, 88, of 1204 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, died Tuesday at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Richard A. Davis**

Nov. 12, 1925-Dec. 25, 2009

Richard Alan "Dick" DAVIS, 84, died Friday.

He was born Nov. 12, 1925, in Williamsport, to Emerson and Edith Davis.

He was a veteran of World War II in Europe. His post-war Army career was as a chief radio repairman, reaching the rank of sergeant with the American Forces Network headquarters in Hoechst, Germany. His work with AFN entailed service and supply for GI broadcast stations all over Europe. He was commanded by Capt. Roy Neal, who later became the principal commentator for NBC News at all of the space launches from Cape Canaveral.

After service, he married Carolyn See and started his electronic business in Rochester. Moving to Florida in 1971, he became manager of a large dental lab that covered all of South Florida. In 1978 the family moved to Tallahassee, Fla., where he took an accounting position with the state of Florida's agency for health care administration. His duties were assessing and collecting fees from all of the hospitals in the state.

He is survived by his sister, Virginia Lee Rouse, Fort Myers, Fla., and Lafayette.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and son.

A memorial service will be held at Culley's Meadow Wood Funeral Home, Riggins Road, Tallahassee, Fla., on Saturday at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1727 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

**Jack W. Heskett**

Jack W. HESKETT, of West Chester, Pa., passed away Dec. 5, 2009.

He was the husband of Phyllis McCarter Heskett, who survives at Bellingham Apts., 1615 Boat Road, West Chester, PA 19380.

He is also survived by a daughter, Kathy Wyatt, West Chester, Pa.; a son, Dan Heskett, Doylestown, Pa; and his brother-in-law, Phil McCarter and wife Katie, Rochester.

Private services were held. Arrangements were handled by Donohue Funeral Home, Pennsylvania.

**Nina A. Howat**

Nina Alice HOWAT, 68, of 824 Parkway Lane, Rochester, died Thursday at St. Vincents Hospital, Indianapolis.

Survivors include her husband, Terry Howat Sr., Rochester; and her children, Michael Howard, Rochester, Mark Howard, Rochester, Aaron Wayne Howat, Terry Fred Howat and Anita Marie Howat.

Private family services were held at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**James E. Scott**

James E. "Scottie" SCOTT, 80, 1610 Dot St., Warsaw, and formerly of Palestine Lake, died Monday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include his fiancée, Mary Jane Buchan, Warsaw; two stepsons, Dee and Kenneth Wagner; and two stepdaughters, Deborah O'Connell, Mentone, and Denise Keller, Warsaw.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at King Memorial Home.

Thursday, December 31, 2009

**Kenneth D. Bryant**

June 9, 1921-Dec. 29, 2009

Mr. Kenneth Dean BRYANT, 88, of 1204 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, passed away at 7:25 p.m. Tuesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He was born in Athens, Ind., on June 9, 1921, the son of the late John Ray and Meda Florence Bernard Bryant, and was a lifetime Fulton County resident. He was a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church and Rochester IOOF Lodge No. 47.

Kenneth attended Talma High School and later was beckoned to serve our country during World War II. He served with the U.S. Army in the European theater as a private first class ambulance driver from 1942 to 1945. On June 12, 1942, in Rochester, he married the love of his life and best friend, Rowena Grace McIntire. Their marriage spanned 67 1/2 years and yielded a son, Ron, and two daughters, Janice and Mary. After returning

from Europe, Kenneth began working for the Armour Creamery and at the same time had an egg route picking up eggs by the case.

His lifelong love was agriculture. Kenneth and Rowena enjoyed life with their family on their Newcastle Township farm of 160 acres. They raised fine herds of hogs, beef and sheep, while corn, beans and wheat were the selected crops for planting. With great pride Kenneth could be seen turning the soil for the planting on board one of his Minneapolis-Moline's - either the Z, R or ZU. Annually, Kenneth would plant the family's vegetable garden to later harvest for canning and freezing.

For many years he was the neighborhood's bus driver for Talma or Mentone schools. In 1983 he retired from the Fulton County Highway Department, after serving the county for 20 years. As an American sportsman Kenneth looked forward to hunting fox, rabbits and squirrel. He trapped raccoon too. His favorite fishing locale was Lakeview's Campground, Barr Lake. Many bluegill were caught there and later enjoyed at family fish fries.

To relax Kenneth and Rowena took their family camping. For over 25 years they enjoyed Winamac's Broken Arrow Campgrounds; it was where they embraced the serenity of nature. The family has many fond memories of camping trips all over northern Indiana and Michigan. Kenneth became very skilled with the art of pitching horseshoes, enjoying many campground tournaments. He and Rowena enjoyed bingo and spirited games of euchre.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Rowena G. Bryant, at home; two daughters, Janice Koch and husband Gene, Rochester, and Mary Sundine and husband Steven, Rochester; a son, Ronald Bryant and wife Shawn, Rochester; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Doris Crabill and husband Delmar, Illinois; four brothers-in-law, Wilmar McIntire and wife Mary Jane, Shelbyville, Herbert McIntire, Rochester, Lawrence McIntire and wife Patsy, Sequin, Texas, and Leonard McIntire and wife Jane, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Todd Bryant; and a sister, Margaret Eileen Kaley.

A celebration of the life of Kenneth Bryant will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Chaplain Charles Azbell and the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Friends may visit with the family in the funeral home from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to the service. The Rochester IOOF Lodge No. 47 will conduct a service at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery, where military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorials may be made in his name to Bethlehem Baptist Church or to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Charles B. Hook**

Charles B. HOOK, 90, of Logansport, died at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday at Monticello Assisted Living and Healthcare Center.

Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy J. DeWitt, Logansport, Charlotte J. Swafford, Kewanna, and Gwendolyn J. Gore, Logansport; and one sister, N. Beth McCurly, Columbia City.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Royal Center. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

**Georgia M. Personett**

Georgia M. PERSONETT, 95, a resident of Blair Ridge, Peru, Ind., died at 7:25 a.m. Wednesday at Marion General Hospital, Marion.

Survivors include three daughters, Norma E. Le Master, Bunker Hill, Marilyn J. Fisher, Peru, and Barbara R. Personett, Peru; and two sons, Glen I. Personett, Knightstown, and John E. Personett, Nappanee.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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