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#### Rebecca Sue SLENTZ

Rebecca Sue SLENTZ, 66, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, was called home by the Lord God on Sunday December 29, 2019, after a courageous fight for almost four years with cancer.

Becky was born in Fulton County to the late Covert WENTZEL and Romayne (SMITH) WENTZEL. She was a 1971 graduate of Kewanna High School and a 1975 graduate of Manchester College, where she met her husband and partner of 45 years, Michael SLENTZ.

Besides her husband, Michael, Becky is survived by three children, John (Angie) SLENTZ, Butler, Matt (Fei) SLENTZ, Austin, Texas, and Rachel (Matt) JUN, Mishawaka; four grandchildren, Rowan, Pearl, Robby and a granddaughter on the way; five siblings, Roger (Julie) WENTZEL, Falls Church, Virginia, Tim (Jeri) WENTZEL, Hicksville, Ohio, Don (Amy) WENTZEL, Fishers, Christy (Spencer) STOPA, Mesa, Arizona, and Carol HOLMQUEST, Fishers; and in-law Robert (Ann) SLENTZ, Butler.

She truly enjoyed spending time with her beloved family, many close friends and her church family.

An elementary school teacher for 40 years, the first two years at Orland Elementary and the last 38 years at Butler Elementary, teaching fifth grade, Becky loved helping and connecting with her students and she excelled at teaching math and coaching the math bowl team.

Becky was an active member in the community, devoting her time to co-directing the Butler Community Food Pantry for 10 years, being a former member of the DeKalb County Young Farmers, leading the Franklin Busy Bees 4-H Club and being a 4-H mother for 17 years. She could also often be found giving of her time and talents at Butler United Methodist Church, where she was a longtime member, a dedicated Sunday school teacher, and an integral part of the United Methodist Women's group.

A member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Becky loved working with her Gamma Lambda chapter to receive grants to collect and place books for newborns and their families in the community hospitals, doctors' offices, and emergency rooms.

An avid reader, Becky loved visiting the library and reading. Her favorite author was Diana Gabaldon, and she intensely watched the "Outlander" series based on her books and often commented on the differences between the book and the TV series. She had dreams of visiting Scotland one day.

Becky was an excellent cook and was especially proud of her fruit pies. She loved living on the farm and especially enjoyed raising and tending her flower beds, a hobby that she picked up from her two grandmothers, as many of her starts had come from their gardens. Besides the farm, animals held a very special place in Becky's life, from her bottle-feeding and hand-raising baby lambs to her cats and kittens and her two Australian shepherds, Lucy and Kami.

She was a kind, caring, thoughtful and giving and a loving mother, wife, grandmother, friend, teacher and person. She will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday, January 4, 2020, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center Street, Auburn, with burial to follow in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton. Visitation is 2-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may go to the "Rebecca 'Becky' SLENTZ fund for Early Childhood Literacy" at the Community Foundation DeKalb County, 700 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 111, Auburn, IN 46706. To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

## **Timothy PENICARO**

# September 10, 1951-December 25, 2019

Timothy J. PENICARO, 68, Rochester, passed away at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, December 25, 2019, at The Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Born on September 10, 1951, in Winamac, he was the son of the late Frank and Arnabelle (STEPP) PENICARO. Tim formerly worked as a cook at the South 40 in Winamac.

Survivors include his children, Shawn PENICARO, James PENICARO, Angela HALE, Deana GRADOWSKI and Melinda PENICARO; brother Danny PENICARO; and sister Penni HILTON. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Along with his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brothers, James and Bradley; and sister Tina KASTEN.

Per Tim's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Friends may sign Tim's online guest book or leave a condolence for the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main Street, Kewanna.

## **Robert J. OLIVER**

Robert J. OLIVER, 65, Rochester, died Sunday at Hickory Creek, Rochester. Survivors include his siblings, Ruth BALLINGER, Granger, Pat MELLINGER, Maxine COWLES, Debbie DELL and Junior OLIVER, all of Rochester, Ed OLIVER, North Manchester, and Harry OLIVER, Anderson.

His celebration of life is noon Friday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 10 a.m. to the time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

## Barbara E. MILLER

Barbara E. MILLER, 75, Argos, died Friday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Survivors include her husband, Richard MILLER Sr., Argos; her daughter, Theresa KLINE, Bremen; her son Rich MILLER Jr., Argos; and her brothers, Ed ROSEBAUM, Hanna, and Joe ROSEBAUM, Plymouth.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. Saturday at ParkSide Community Church, 225 S. Michigan Street, Argos. Visitation is 1 p.m. to the time of the service Saturday at the church. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

#### Anthony SHAFER

Anthony SHAFER, 46, formerly of Rochester, died Wednesday in Knox. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Paul Roy FOX

#### April 1, 1936-December 31, 2019

Paul Roy FOX, 83, rural Rochester, passed away at 12:34 a.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2019, at his residence.

Paul was born on April 1, 1936, in Wyano, Pennsylvania, to the late Glenn and Martha (WERTZ) FOX. In 1957, he married Merida L. WOLFE. She preceded him in death on April 3, 1976. He then married Sharon PULS PARKER on October 15, 1977, in New York. She survives.

He was a dairy farmer and worked for many farms in his lifetime. He worked for farms in Pennsylvania, Indiana and New York and then back in Indiana. He owned and operated Golden Circle Holstein Dairy Farm, retiring in 1990.

He graduated from Hempfield Area High School in 1957. He was a member of the NRA and in years past the Future Farmers of America. He enjoyed deer hunting and travelling and was a gun enthusiast. He always wished he would have spent more time fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon FOX, Rochester; his children, Robert FOX, Argos, Dr. Deborah FOX and husband Jake BOYLE, Roxbury, NY, and Kathy FOX and husband Eric GROH, Delhi, NY; his stepchildren, Peggy SHEWMAN and husband Ron, Akron, and Jerry PARKER and wife Sherri, Hudson; 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; five brothers; and one sister. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and his oldest brother.

His funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, January 5, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester Street, Akron, with the Rev. Phil PRATT officiating. Visitation hours will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, January 5, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. A private family interment will be at the Eel River Ulrey Memorial Cemetery, Silver Lake. Memorial contributions may be made in Paul's memory to the donor's choice of charity. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# Erma Jean WALTERS

## April 26, 1926-December 20, 2019

Erma Jean WALTERS, 93, rural Akron, passed away at 9:25 a.m. Friday, December 20, 2019, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Erma was born on April 26, 1926, in Culver, to the late Daniel and Eva (MYERS) BURKETT. She married Kenneth R. WALTERS on August 13, 1949, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on August 24, 2018.

Erma had been a cook for the Akron School, retiring after 25 years, and was also a homemaker. She graduated from Argos High School in 1944. She had been a member of The Beaver Dam United Methodist Church for many years. She always loved spending time with her grandchildren and taking golf cart rides. She also enjoyed playing cards, especially euchre.

Survivors include her daughters, Debbie and husband Stan TENNANT, Warsaw, and Lisa and husband Jerry KIPKER, Warsaw; her grandchildren, Lori BUSENBURG, Jeff GRAY, Mindy BERNICKY, Brad TENNANT, and Brian TENNANT; 12 great-grandchildren; her great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kenneth R. WALTERS; and her brother, Devon BURKETT.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 3, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester Street, Akron, with Pastor Butch TROKE officiating. Burial is in the Akron Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday, January 2, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House Charities Inc., 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673, the Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian Street Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or the Henry Township Volunteer Fire Department. Friends and family may share a memory of send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# Elizabeth Mae CASTLEMAN PATTEE

# January 15, 1941-December 28, 2019

Elizabeth Mae CASTLEMAN PATTEE, 78, South Bend, went to be with her Lord on December 28, 2019.

Born on January 15, 1941, in Lakeland, Florida, to Olin Oran and Myrtle Addison CASTLEMAN, she was such a tiny baby she was dubbed "Bit," a nickname that stuck with her for the rest of her life among family and childhood friends. To many more, she was known as "Liz."

She graduated from Rochester High School in 1959. Liz married Richard PATTEE, also from Rochester, and they settled in South Bend, where they raised their two children, Michelene and Jason.

While Liz spent most of her working life as a realtor, her favorite job was as grandmother and caregiver to, and No. 1 fan of, her grandchildren. Liz lived a life centered on faith, family, and friends. In her spare time, she enjoyed arts and crafts, sewing, and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and brothers Herbert Dale CASTLEMAN, Olin Gail CASTLEMAN, and Richard CASTLEMAN. She is survived by her children Michelene PATTEE (Kevin DOUGHERTY) and Jason (Brandi) PATTEE; and her grandchildren, Sean, Madeline, Claire, Abigail, Olivia, and Kendra.

A memorial service is at Christian Center Church, 530 E. Ireland Road, South Bend, on Friday, January 3, 2020, at 3 p.m. with a dinner immediately following. In lieu of flowers, people may donate to the Center for Hospice Care, 501 Comfort Place, Mishawaka, IN 46545 or Christian Center Church.

## Kenneth E. WAGENKNECHT

Kenneth E. WAGENKNECHT, 62, Rochester, died Tuesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

# Lou Anna BRITT

### September 16, 1930-December 22, 2019

Lou Anna BRITT, 89, Rochester, went to be with the Lord on December 22, 2019, at KU Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas.

She peacefully passed away while lovingly surrounded by members of the GALLAGHER family of Lawrence, Kansas.

She was born Lou Anna MIKESELL on September 16, 1930, in Cass County to Louise Anna and Oliver RHUE MIKESELL.

In June 1950, Lou Anna married Frank B. SHOTTS, who passed away in 1980, and they resided in the South Bend area. During this time, Lou Anna attended and received degrees from both Bethel and Saint Mary's colleges. She worked for Uniroyal of Mishawaka before becoming an elementary education teacher for the Penn-Harris-Madison School Corp. She taught school and tutored for more than 40 years in both Mishawaka and Canyon Lake, Texas.

After Frank SHOTTS passed away, she met and married Norman W. BRITT, now deceased, of Mishawaka. They lived part of each year in both Canyon Lake, Texas, as well as Elkhart. She continued to do so after his death in 1999. In 2017, Lou Anna relocated to Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester.

She is survived by her brothers, Lawrence and Bonnie MIKESELL and Clifford and Nelda MIKESELL, both of Rochester; her sisters, Esther BLEDSOE, Russiaville, and Frances BOUNDS, Houston, Texas; sistersin-law Carolyn MIKESELL and Lou MIKESELL; and many beloved nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. Additionally, surviving are stepchildren Larry, Gerald and Merilee BRITT, Mishawaka, and Susan STRUBHAR, Amherst, Virginia; and sister-in-law Margaret BONER, Mishawaka. She was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Louise MIKESELL; two brothers, David and Marvin MIKESELL; and two husbands, Frank SHOTTS and Norman BRITT.

Lou Anna was a devoted believer of Jesus Christ and lived to serve Him throughout her life. She loved reading, learning new things, travel and communicating with her many family and friends. She was an excellent teacher, who was truly devoted to her students. Lou Anna was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, aunt and friend. She will be sorely missed and lovingly remembered.

The remembrance and celebration of her life will be on Friday, January 3, 2020, at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home, 10776 McKinley Highway, Osceola. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, with a celebration of life service at 2 p.m. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may go to either the Fulton Baptist Temple, 106 W. Dunn Street, Box 186, Fulton, IN 46931, or Grace Bible Church of Canyon Lake, P.O. Box 1627, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133.

## Friday January 3, 2020

## Kenneth Edward WAGENKNECHT

# December 31, 1957-December 31, 2019

Kenneth Edward WAGENKNECHT, 62, Rochester, succumbed to cancer in the comfort of his own home surrounded by his family at 10:20 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

He was born on December 31, 1957, in South Bend, the son of Lawrence C. and Mariam J. (KELLEY) WAGENKNECHT.

Kenneth had worked as an auto parts manager at Shepherd's Automotive and various other auto dealers. He loved cars, sports and motorcycles, doing exceptional work on them. He spent his free time searching for old dirt bikes and motorcycles so he could restore them to new and enjoy them with his daughters and sons-in-law. He also enjoyed planning long rides and vacations with his family and stopping at new places to eat and experience. Kenny was always there to help relatives and friends with household projects, car troubles or whatever else people needed.

Kenny is survived by his mother, Mariam WAGENKNECHT, Rochester; daughters Alysha (Mike) MARRS, Rochester, and Hannah (Joey) BOHM, South Bend, along with their mother Gretchen WAGENKNECHT, Rochester; and grandchildren Maxwell MARRS and Amelia MARRS, both of Rochester, and Reed BOHM, South Bend. He was preceded in death by his father and brother Michael WAGENKNECHT. Kenny will be remembered as a loving son, father, grandfather and friend to everyone.

A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2020, at the Culver Masonic Cemetery with Dr. Mark SPENCER officiating. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### **Robert H. OGLE**

### November 29, 1936-January 2, 2020

Robert H. OGLE, 83, rural Akron, passed away at 3:19 a.m. Thursday, January 2, 2020, at home. He was born on November 29, 1936, in Denver to Earl and Anna Irene (DILLARD) OGLE.

He married Ellen J. CURLESS on July 4, 1962, in Wabash. She survives.

He worked for Ogle's Standard Oil Station for many years. He was a farmer and co-owner of Akron Farm Supply. While living in New Haven, he worked for Big R, Lowe's and Farm and Fleet in Fort Wayne.

He was a 1955 graduate of Akron High School. He then served his country in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957. He was a lifetime member of the NRA and a past member of the Akron Lions club. He always enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen OGLE, Akron; son Earl and wife Karen OGLE, Plymouth; daughter Jeannette CHAMPION, Fort Wayne; and grandchildren Megan CHAMPION, Kelsey CHAMPION and Anna OGLE. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Anna Irene OGLE; and his brother, Fred OGLE.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday January 4, 2020, at the Akron Cemetery with Speaker Karen OGLE officiating. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, P. O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Arrangements are handled by Hartzler Funeral Home 305 W. Rochester Street, Akron. Family and friends may share a memory or an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### Anthony L. SHAFFER

Anthony L. SHAFFER, 46, formerly of Rochester, died at Starke County Hospital, Knox. Survivors include his father, Stephen SHAFFER, Rochester; and his siblings, Misty SHAFFER HOFF, Kewanna, Michael SHAFFER, Lapaz, Matthew SHAFFER, Hobart, Kelly JENKINS, South Bend, and Marty PRATER, Rochester.

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## Maggie Ann RICHARDSON

## November 12, 1943-December 30, 2019

Maggie Ann RICHARDSON, 76, Peru, went home to the Lord at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, December 30, 2019, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born on November 12, 1943, in Collins, Georgia, to Shelton J. and Evie C. (HADDEN) MARTIN. She was married to Jerry O. RICHARDSON on Christmas Eve 1963 in Collins, Georgia.

Maggie worked for General Tire in Wabash for many years and then retired from Trelleborg in Peru in 1998. The most important thing in her life was spending time with her family, especially her grandkids. She also enjoyed cooking, sewing, reading, bingo, word search puzzles, and playing solitaire.

Surviving family include her husband, Jerry O. RICHARDSON, Peru, as well as her children, Jerry D. (Crystal) RICHARDSON, North Carolina, and Kimberly A. (James) FROMM, Peru. Her surviving grandchildren include Kasha, Brandon, Zeke, Jasmine, Shelby, Tyanne and husband Tony, Tyler and wife Beth and Tyla and wife Shelly. Surviving great-grandchildren include Carter, Cayden, Easton, Ryeland, Faith, Nova, Brianna, Skyler, Maddie, Grace, Lorelai, J.J., and Kaycee. Maggie is also survived by two brothers, Dennis and Tommy MARTIN, both of Collins, Georgia. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Bobbie Jean TODD, Jewel MARTIN, Mamie MARTIN and Lester J. MARTIN.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday January 4, 2020, at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, and will be officiated by Jack STODGELL. Burial will follow the service at the cemetery. No public visitation is planned; however, friends and family are invited to attend the graveside service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Riverview Funeral Home in Peru has been entrusted with arrangements.

## James FISHER

James FISHER, 69, Rochester, died Wednesday, at Woodlawn Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Mary M. FISHER, at home; his children, Kathy WATSON, Rochester, and Matt FISHER, Goshen; his twin brother, John A. FISHER, Henderson, Nevada; and two sisters, Sue HUDKINS and Karen DEEDS, both of Rochester. His celebration of life is 10a.m. Tuesday at Faith Outreach Center. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Monday at the church and one hour prior to his service Tuesday at the church. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Saturday January 4, 2020

#### Anthony 'Tony' Lee SHAFFER

#### November 27, 1973-January 1, 2020

Former Rochester resident, Mr. Anthony "Tony" Lee SHAFFER, 46, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, January 1, 2020, at Starke County Hospital, Knox.

Born in Rochester on November 27, 1973, to Stephen and Donna HOLMES SHAFFER, Tony grew up in the northwestern part of Fulton County. Throughout his childhood, he could be found outside on adventures with his siblings. Many days were spent building treehouses in the family woods, sledding and riding the three-wheeler around the family property.

Most often, Tony could be found with a basketball in his hand, always ready to challenge his best friend and brother Mike in a game. His grandpa Vic passed on a love of Purdue basketball, and Tony was a huge Boilermaker fan.

A member of the Rochester High School Class of 1992, Tony immediately went into the workforce. His father instilled a strong work ethic at an early age. Affectionately known as the family penny pincher, he often charged his little sister, Misty, for gas money for rides to school—even though they both attended the same high school. Most recently he was employed at Omega Steel in Bremen, working alongside his nephew, Josh.

In 2015, Tony met his soulmate and the love of his life, Sherry. Together they shared years of friendship, laughter and love. Tony was blessed to be a cherished part of Sherry's family with wonderful memories of holidays and special family celebrations. With Sherry, Tony found true happiness and contentment.

Left to cherish the memories of Tony are his fiancée, Sherry THEIS, Knox; father Stephen SHAFFER and wife Joann, Rochester; siblings Misty SHAFFER HOFF and husband Shawn, Kewanna, Michael SHAFFER, Lapaz, Matthew SHAFFER and wife Vanessa, Hobart, Kelly JENKINS and companion Michelle, South Bend, and Marty PRATER and wife Sabrina, Rochester; 17 nieces and nephews; and five great-nieces and great-nephews. Other survivors include in-laws of the heart Donna WISEMORE (Marve), Buchanan, Michigan, Diane FLETCHER (Danny) and Judy CARLSON (Don), both of Knox, Darlene MCCRAMMER (Chuck), Fishers, Danny HOWARD (Kim), Knox, and Doug HOWARD, Grovertown. Tony was preceded in death by his mother, Donna MALLOTT, on September 15, 2012; paternal grandparents Victor and Wilma SHAFFER; maternal grandparents Keith and Audrey HOLMES; and his beloved canine companion, Violet.

Tony's quiet smile and sweet spirit will be missed. He is forever in our hearts. Rest in heavenly peace.

A sunset celebration of the life of Anthony "Tony" SHAFFER will be at 6 p.m. EST Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Pastor Steve WILHELM will officiate. His family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. EST Tuesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## James 'Jim' Everett FISHER

## April 29, 1950-January 1, 2020

Mr. James "Jim" Everett FISHER, 69, Rochester, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 8:30 p.m. January 1, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

On April 29, 1950, James Everett "Jim" FISHER was born in Fulton County. He was the son of Woodward and Evelyn NELSON FISHER. Growing up in Kewanna, Jim shared his childhood with his twin brother, John.

He graduated from Kewanna High School in 1968, serving his class as president. Jim went to Ball State and studied business. He graduated with an associate degree in business from the International Business College in Fort Wayne.

At the Kewanna United Methodist Church, Jim married the love of his life, Mary Martha STOUDT, on December 27, 1969. They recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. From their union came two wonderful children, Matt and Kathy. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

Jim was an accountant. He attended Faith Outreach Center. With a great love for music, over the years, Jim served as the choir director for several community churches.

As the patriarch of the FISHER family, Grandpa Jim was proud to oversee four generations. He looked forward to visits from his grandchildren and the great grands. The holidays and special family celebrations were times when many memories were made. Grandpa and Grandma FISHER were always in the stands at the grandchildren's athletic contests, concerts and academic competitions, always there to cheer them on. At home Jim enjoyed taking them on walks to the dam to look at nature in action and feed the ducks.

Left to cherish the memory of Jim are his wife, Mary M. FISHER, at home; children Kathy WATSON and husband Jon, Rochester, and Matt FISHER and wife Jamie, Goshen; six grandchildren, Kallie WATSON, Lilly WATSON, Caleb WATSON and wife Bridget, Eva FISHER, Jaden FISHER and Greyson FISHER; three great-grandchildren, Nash WATSON, Maddy WATSON and Bella WATSON; twin brother John A. FISHER and wife Jeannine, Henderson, Nevada; and two sisters, Sue HUDKINS and husband Virgil and Karen DEEDS and husband Gene, both of Rochester. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Woodward and Evelyn FISHER; a sister, Virginia BAKER; and six brothers, Ralph F. MARTIN, Robert MARTIN, Charles MARTIN, LeRoy MARTIN, Ronnie MARTIN, and Donnie MARTIN.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Jim FISHER will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at Faith Outreach Center, 1125 E. Ninth Street, Rochester. Pastor Terry BALDWIN will officiate. His family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2020, and an hour prior to his service Tuesday at the church. The Good Family Funeral Home is caring for his family. Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Kids Bridge, 1125 E. Ninth Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# Shirley D. CUNNINGHAM

# August 1, 1935-January 1, 2020

Shirley D. CUNNINGHAM, 84, Amboy, passed away Wednesday, January 1, 2020, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Kokomo.

Shirley was born in Elkmont, Alaska, on August 1, 1935, the daughter of Freddy and Georgia HARGROVE HOGAN. She married Loren CUNNINGHAM on July 3, 1954, and he preceded her in death on April 13, 2002.

Shirley was a homemaker, and she worked as a head cook at Converse Elementary School and as a cashier at Amboy Market. Shirley was an avid reader, also reading her Bible many times over. Known as the prayer warrior, she prayed for her family every day. She was a member of the New Life Church, Kokomo, for many years and of their prayer chain until the end.

She was a woman of faith who was always ready to serve others. She made countless breads and meals for others in her past years. In her retirement years, Shirley and Loren enjoyed camping and walking the trails in Indiana's state parks. She especially enjoyed spending time with her loving family.

Surviving are her children, Gary CUNNINGHAM, Swayzee, Allen (Katie) CUNNINGHAM, Jonesboro, Terry (Deborah L.) CUNNINGHAM, Peru, and Susan (Ron) CARR, Rochester; sisters Pauline FOX, Annette CORREA, Janice WIMMER and Diana CARTER; brother Fred HOGAN; grandchildren Beth (Dennis) WATSON, Jacklyn (Brad) MEYER, Rachelle (Steve) REESE, Arrick (Tiffany) BURKE, Melissa (Lucas) BRADFORD, Sandra (Joel) CASH, Karen (Aaron) GALVIN, Curtis (Angie) CUNNINGHAM, Kristopher (Missy) BRIGHT and Amanda BRIGHT; 26 great-grandchildren; and two very special friends, Janet GRAHAM and Harriet MERKERT. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her siblings, Bobbie HOGAN and Ruth WHELCHEL; dear daughter-in-law Deborah CUNNINGHAM; and granddaughter Samantha BURKE.

A service celebrating the life of Shirley D. CUNNINGHAM will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 2020, at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main Street, Amboy, with Pastor Steve ECKART officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, January 5, 2020, and one hour prior to the service on Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made through Laird-Eddy Funeral Home to the Amboy Fire Department. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com.

# Tuesday January 7, 2020

#### Tracy Ann SAVAGE

### January 7, 1971-January 3, 2020

Tracy Ann SAVAGE, 48, rural Peru, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family at 10:19 p.m. Friday, January 3, 2020.

She was born on January 7, 1971, in Marion to William T. "Bob" and Phyllis (CASE) DOYLE. Tracy was a 1989 graduate of Marion High School. She married David SAVAGE in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, on February 11, 1998.

Tracy was a teacher's assistant at North Miami High School for 10 years and also worked as a barista at the Dutch Café, Peru. She served at the PTO president for seven years at North Miami. Tracy enjoyed cooking and preparing meals for the farmhands and traveling. She visited at least 37 states, but her favorite was Tennessee. She was a fan of HGTV and Hallmark Christmas movies.

Tracy also enjoyed scrapbooking, music, reading the entire Nicholas Sparks collection and attending the kids' sporting events. Above all else Tracy was especially a wonderful mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, David SAVAGE, Peru; five children, Karissa (Ryan) THORNSBURY and Kyle (Halie) WEST, both of Peru, Cheyanna SAVAGE, Wolcotville, and Carinna SAVAGE and Noah James SAVAGE, both of Peru; mother Phyllis DOYLE, Marion; two grandchildren, Liam WEST and Luke WEST, both of Peru; brother Larry CASE, Marion; sisters Kimberly (Fred) SAVIDGE, Milton, Pennsylvania, Cheryl (Lisa) CASE, Logansport, Carol (Jaime) SANCHEZ, Marion, and Shelly LAYTON, Peru; niece Talia (Jim) HALLIDAY, Bloomington; and nephew Gabriel SANCHEZ, Marion. She was preceded in death by her father.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Thursday, January 9, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Jason SEE officiating. Burial will be in the Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The preferred memorial is the American Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Tracy may be signed at <u>www.grandstaff-hentgen.com</u>.

## **Oran W. ROBBINS**

Oran W. ROBBINS, 64, Bunker Hill, died Friday at home. Survivors include his wife, Tina ROBBINS, Bunker Hill; his children, Angela GEBERT and William ROBBINS, both of Fort Wayne; and three sisters, Linda J. HOOVER, Dianne ROBBINS, and Leigh ROWAN.

His celebration of life service is 6 p.m. Friday at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church. Visitation is 4 p.m. to the time of the service Friday at the church. Arrangements are handled by McClain Funeral Home.

# **Demarcus L. ALEXANDER**

Demarcus L. ALEXANDER, 40, Marion, and formerly of Culver, died December 31, 2019, at home. Survivors include his son, Kedrae SEARLES, St. Paul, Minnesota; and his siblings Antonio ALEXANDER, Plymouth, Latisha HARRIS, South Bend, Jeffrey ALEXANDER, Kokomo, and Sharita ALEXANDER and Lawrence ALEXANDER Jr., both of Gary.

His memorial service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Terry L. CROUSSORE

Terry L. CROUSSORE, 73, Rochester, died Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Survivors include his daughter Dawn BOYER, Bourbon; his sisters Phyllis J. HAYS, Rochester, and Lydia GLASSBURN, Rochester; and his brother, Robert CROUSSORE, Rochester.

A graveside service is 4 p.m. Thursday at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

#### Gary M. SMITH

Gary M. SMITH, 46, Rochester, died Monday at Summit City Nursing Home, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

# **Robert R. BEALL**

Robert T. BEALL, husband of Jacquelyn, passed away January 3, 2020.

Bob was born in Michigan City, the son of the late Ancil R. BEALL and Ida RESCHKE BEALL. Bob graduated from Rochester High School in 1953 and was voted senior class president. He graduated from Manchester College in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He married Jacquelyn J. KEIM on December 22, 1956, in Rochester.

Bob was drafted into the U.S. Army and was on active duty from 1957-1959 and served as an active reserve from 1960-1961 and an inactive reserve from 1962-1963. He was honorable discharged.

Bob began his business career with Associates Investment Co. as the credit/office manager in Fort Wayne and Lafayette, where he remained for five years. Hired April 3, 1967, by the State Farm Insurance regional office in West Lafayette as an underwriter, he began his 31-year insurance career, retiring July 3, 1998.

Bob is survived by his wife, "Jackie"; son Kendall L. (Beth) BEALL, Georgetown, Kentucky; daughter Angela L. BEALL, Lafayette; sister Ruth (Ed) HEINING, Kalamazoo, Michigan; sisters-in-law Donna HERMANN, Rochester, and Carol (Myron) FOOR, Stokes, North Carolina; and several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Jerry HERMANN.

Memorial contributions in Bob's name may be given to the Alzheimer's Association at 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or at <u>www.alz.org</u>. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at Soller-Baker Funeral Home, Lafayette Chapel, 400 Twyckenham Boulevard, Lafayette, with Pastor David FRENCH officiating. Interment will follow at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens, 1718 W. 350 North, West Lafayette. Friends and family may share memories, leave condolences and sign the guest book at <u>www.soller-baker.com</u>.

# DeVona E. KINDIG

### February 15, 1974-January 2, 2020

DeVona E. KINDIG, 45, Bluffton, passed away Thursday evening, January 2, 2020, at her residence in Bluffton.

DeVona was born on February 15, 1974, in Rochester to Delbert and Mary Beth (SHUMAN) MASTERSON. She graduated from Tri-Central High School in 1992 and loved to sing. On June 13, 1992, in Rochester, DeVona and Tim KINDIG were married.

Survivors include her husband, Tim, Bluffton; a son, Austin (Emily) KINDIG, Ossian; and her parents, Delbert and Mary Beth MASTERSON, Rochester. DeVona was a proud grandma and enjoyed spending time with her four grandchildren, Giovanni, Isabella, Therese and Basil. She is also survived by a brother, David (Allison) MASTERSON, Brownsburg.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Mike GILBERT officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home, prior to the service. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

### Harland D. AMBURGY

#### September 30, 1956-January 5, 2020

Harlan D. AMBURGY, 63, Mentone, passed away at 3:26 p.m. Sunday, January 5, 2020, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Harlan was born on September 30, 1956, in Prestonburg, Kentucky to the late Charles D. and Velma (NEWSOME) AMBURGY.

He was a factory supervisor and worked for Kralis Brothers, Othy, and Zimmer. He served his country in the Marine Corp, achieving the rank of lance corporal, from 1975-1977. He had been a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed playing cards, throwing horseshoes, and watching Notre Dame and the San Francisco 49ers play football and the Chicago Cubs. He loved spending time with family and friends, having cookouts at Mentone Park.

Survivors include his sister, Willa PITTS, Warsaw; his brothers, Phillip and wife Tina AMBURGY, Rochester, and Rick AMBURGY, Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles D. and Velma AMBURGY; and his brother John R. AMBURGY.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker Street, Mentone. Burial will be in the Mentone Cemetery with graveside military rites being performed. Visitation is 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker Street, Mentone. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# Wednesday January 8, 2020

# Patricia E. KUYKENDOLL

### September 1, 1954-January 4, 2020

Patricia E. KUYKENDOLL, 65, Rochester, passed away at home on January 4, 2020. Pat was born to Lester and Mable (HILAND) KARN on September 1, 1954, in Michigan. She was married to James E. KUYKENDOLL Jr., and he preceded her in death in 2011. She recently retired from Digger Specialties, Bremen.

Pat is survived by her sons, Eugene (Ann) KUYKENDOLL, Rochester, and Jason KUYKENDOLL, South Bend; daughters Darlena (Ryan) CLINGLER and Jammie KUYKENDOLL, both of Rochester, and Leilani ERHARDT, Osceola; brothers Leroy KARN, Rochester, and Jake KARN, South Bend; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

There will be a time of visitation at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver, on Friday, January 10, 2020, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. EST with the funeral following at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Culver Masonic Cemetery.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is honored to be entrusted with arrangements.

# **Theodore C. SMITH**

Theodore C. SMITH, 59, Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico, died Thursday in Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico. Survivors include four brothers, Terry SMITH, Silver Lake, Tim SMITH, Wabash, Todd SMITH, North Manchester, and Trevor SMITH, Columbia City; and a sister, Tamara BLACK, Huntington.

Arrangements are pending.

#### Gary M. SMITH

Gary M. SMITH, 46, Rochester, died Monday at Summit City Nursing Home, Fort Wayne. Survivors include his father, David SMITH, Trumansburg, New York; and three sisters, Wendy SMITH, LaPorte, Linda STIDHAM, Rochester, and Tiffany VORE, Corydon.

His celebration of life is 2 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home.

#### Thursday January 9, 2020

#### Gary Michael SMITH

### January 11, 1973-January 6, 2020

Mr. Gary Michael SMITH, 46, Rochester, passed away Monday, January 6, 2020, at Summit City Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

In Logansport, on January 11, 1973, Gary was born to David William and Margaret "Peggy" Ann MILLER SMITH. In 1991, he graduated from Rochester High School. He lived his entire life in Fulton County.

Gary struggled with a form of muscular dystrophy known as myotonic dystrophy. This was exacerbated in 2001 by a car-pedestrian accident, which gave him permanent brain and knee injuries.

As a sports fan, Gary enjoyed watching the Cubs, Bears, Colts, and New Orleans Saints. At the collegiate level, he cheered for the Missouri Tigers. Gary enjoyed reading Sports Illustrated. To keep his mind sharp, he loved the challenges of solving word searches and word puzzles.

Left to cherish the memory of Gary are his father, David SMITH and wife Rose Marie, Trumansburg, New York; sisters Wendy SMITH, LaPorte, Linda STIDHAM, Rochester, and Tiffany VORE and husband Alvie, Corydon; and niece and nephew Madison VORE and Cody VORE, Corydon. Gary was preceded in death by his mother, Peggy, on April 17, 2002; brother-in-law Tyrone STIDHAM, on October 18, 2012; and grandparents.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Gary M. SMITH is 2 p.m. Friday, January 10, 2020, at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester, with Brother Ron NEWCOMER officiating. Visitation is 1-2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Interment is in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

# Pat MEADE

Pat MEADE, 78, Rochester, died Wednesday at Traditions at Solana, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Janet H. WOOD

Janet H. WOOD, 79, rural Akron, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home.

#### Friday January 10, 2020

# Janet H. WOOD

# April 18, 1940-January 8, 2020

Janet H. WOOD, 79, rural Akron, passed away at 6:23 a.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Janet was born on April 18, 1940, to the late Frederick L. and Mildred E. HAMMOND at their home near Akron.

Janet was an elementary school teacher for Akron School and for Rochester Schools, teaching at Columbia and Riddle. She taught for more than 35 years and retired in 2004. She had also taught a GED class in Augsburg, Germany, in the early 1960s.

She was a 1958 graduate of Akron High School. She then graduated from Manchester College and attained her master's degree from Ball State University.

Janet attended the Akron Church of God for her entire life where she started teaching Sunday School at the age of 16. She was also involved Junior Church for many years. She was known for being in the AJ's trios, duets, and the choir. She was the accompanist for the church, playing the piano, for more than 60 years until the last month.

She was an avid reader and was involved with Friends of the Library in Akron. She enjoyed traveling, which included the U.S., Mexico, and Europe.

Survivors include her daughter, Angela WOOD BAILEY, Fort Wayne; her son, Andrew and wife Heidi WOOD, Middlebury; five grandchildren, Hillary, Olivia, Elise, Thomas, and Isaiah; two great-grandchildren, Joel Thomas and Carter; her sister, Karen CAMP DRONE, Sarasota, Florida; her brother, Gail and wife Brenda HAMMOND, Clermont, Florida; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Mildred HAMMOND; her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Judith and Tom HILL; her infant brother, Gary Walter HAMMOND; her former husband of 25 years, Larry L. WOOD; and her brother-in-law, Don DRONE.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 13, 2020, at the Akron Church of God, 301 S. West Street, Akron, with Pastor Kathy NELSON officiating. The burial will follow the service in the Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, January 12, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester Street, Akron. Donations may be made in Janet's memory to the Akron Church of God. Family and friends may share а memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### Pat H. MEADE

Pat H. MEADE, 78, Rochester, died Wednesday at Traditions at Solana, Indianapolis. Survivors include his wife Rebecca; three sons, Ted MEADE, David MEADE, and Doug MEADE, all of Indianapolis; and three brothers, Rex MEADE, Dundas, Ontario and Michael MEADE and Jeff MEADE, both of Bluffton.

His celebration of life is 10 a.m. Monday at the Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home.

## Kathleen M. FISHER

Kathleen M. FISHER, 69, Rochester, died December 20, 2019, at Hickory Creek at Rochester. Survivors include her twin sons, Rick FISHER and Ron FISHER, both of Knox; her sister, Jean WINSTEAD, Rochester, and her brother, James POTTHOF, Monterey. Her celebration of life is 2-4 p.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Saturday January 11, 2020

# Therese 'Terri' Charais BOWERS December 24, 1960-January 10, 2020

Mrs. Therese "Terri" Charais BOWERS, 59, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away after a valiant three-year battle with pancreatic and liver cancer. Terri is now pain-free. Her love of family and friends kept her fighting, but the Lord has called her home.

Terri was known as being exceptionally kind and empathetic and never met anyone she did not like. No matter the situation she was always positive and able to lift up those around her. Terri truly believed in the Golden Rule: that we should always treat others the way we wish to be treated. She urged others to follow this rule to make the world a better place.

On December 24, 1960, Terri was born in Rochester. She was a treasured daughter of Theresa and Frank VOTJASEK Sr. Growing up, she shared her childhood with three brothers and a sister.

At the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rochester. Terri married the love of her life, Mr. Joe BOWERS. They enjoyed more than 40 years of life's adventures. From their union came four beautiful children. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of the three grandchildren.

Terri is survived by her best friend and loving husband of 40 years, Joe; son Nicholas BOWERS and fiancée Laura ROBBINS, Indianapolis; daughter Amy BOWERS, Rochester; son Mitch BOWERS and wife Brita, Rochester; and son Marcus BOWERS and wife Heather, Mendon, Michigan. Her grandchildren include grandsons Titus and Abel BOWERS, Rochester, and granddaughter Myla BOWERS, Mendon, Michigan, with two more grandsons due in March. Terri also leaves behind her brother, Nick VOTJASEK, Logansport; brother Mike and wife Niki VOTJASEK, Rochester; sister Diane DEMOS and husband Louis, Anderson; and brother Frank VOTJASEK Jr. and wife Karen, Rochester. Her nieces and nephews include Courtney VOTJASEK, Alexandria, Virginia; Blake VOTJASEK and wife Sarah, Indianapolis; Aimee PRAWAT and husband Stuart, Indianapolis; Ted DEMOS and wife Felisa, McCordsville; Melinda DEMOS, Loveland, Ohio; Olivia HILBERT and husband Joe, Wallingford, Connecticut; Ethan VOTJASEK and girlfriend Alisah MORGAN, Rochester; grandnieces Georgia VOTJASEK, Indianapolis; and Natalie, Lillian, and Chloe PRAWAT, Indianapolis; grandnephews Eli HILBERT, Wallingford, Connecticut, and Cole DEMOS, Loveland, Ohio.

Terri's in-laws were her second family. They include her mother-in-law Lois BOWERS, Rochester; brother-in-law John and wife JoAnn BOWERS, Rochester; sister-in-law Ruth Ann RAVENCROFT, Rochester; sister-in-law Sue BOWERS, Sterling Heights, Michigan; brother-in-law Jay and wife Cindy BOWERS, Denver; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Terri held a deep love of faith in the Lord. She was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, and taught religious education classes for several years. In her younger years, Terri played first base on the First Federal Fillies softball team and graduated from Rochester High School in 1979.

She had worked at Dr. Timothy Ravencroft's dental office after high school for a few years. Then, after marrying and having four children, Terri fulfilled her life ambition of being a teacher. She earned her bachelor's degree from Indiana University Kokomo and earned her master's degree from Olivet Nazarene University. Terri was a former member of the Optimist Club as well. She was a dedicated teacher at Rochester Middle School for nearly 20 years and felt honored and privileged to have had the opportunity to teach and meet so many wonderful young people.

Being a supportive mother and was also a huge part of her life. She had traveled to hundreds of baseball and basketball games over the years, including AAU basketball and the younger boys' college baseball games, and last summer was able to enjoy watching her oldest grandson, Titus, play T-ball.

To relax, Terri enjoyed reading and walking. She loved spending time with her family and taking family vacations at the many beaches in Florida. More recently, Terri and Joe were able to take more romantic vacations in Aruba and Hawaii. She always looked forward to taking their yearly Cub game trips to Cincinnati and Wrigley Field.

Terry was preceded in death by her father, Frank VOTJASEK Sr.; her mother, Theresa VOTJASEK; her father-in-law, Jim BOWERS; and brother-in-law Dr. Timothy RAVENCROFT, D.D.S.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, with the Rev. Michael MCKINNEY officiating. Friends may visit with her family from 3-7 p.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. On Tuesday friends may visit from 9:30-10:30 a.m., also at the funeral home. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1310 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975, or the Fulton County Cancer Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 227 E. Ninth St., Rochester. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# Julia A. CRANE

#### November 2, 1937-December 30, 2019

Julia A. CRANE, (nee FIELD), Cortez, Florida, and Rochester, and formerly of Flossmoor, Illinois, who was born November 2, 1937, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, died December 30, 2019, in Bradenton, Florida.

She was the beloved wife of the Hon. Ronald J. CRANE (deceased) and adored mother of Robert (Eileen) and James (Annette); cherished grandmother of Anthony Borsellino and Charles, Benjamin, Ronald and Bradley; devoted sister of Mary (Robert) BELENKY; and dear aunt of Alice ARMEN and Michael BELENKY. She was a loyal friend to many.

Julie was a kind and generous soul. She was so very loved and will be sorely missed. At Julie's request, services were private. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 26<sup>th</sup> Street Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made to www.brownandsonsfuneral.com.

# **Ryland L. SERVANTES**

Infant Ryland L. SERVANTES was born into Heaven Tuesday at St. Vincent Women's Hospital, Indianapolis. Survivors include his parents, Ray-Ann HOWARD and Roberto SERVANTES, Goshen.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home.

## **Richard A. SCHIPPERS**

Richard A. SCHIPPERS, 56, Rochester, died Thursday at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

### Pat Harmon MEADE

#### August 20, 1941-January 8, 2020

Mr. Pat Harmon MEADE, 78, Rochester, passed away at 2 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at Traditions at Solana, Indianapolis.

On August 20, 1941, Pat Harmon MEADE was born in Bluffton. He was a treasured son of Alvis Charles and Valera Lousetta GRAY MEADE. Growing up, he shared his childhood with five brothers. He graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1959.

Pat studied both mathematics and philosophy, receiving a Bachelor of Science and a master's degree, with his undergraduate studies at Purdue and graduate studies at Notre Dame. Following his Purdue years, he answered the call of patriotism, serving his country with the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

In Elkhart, Pat and Rebecca "Becky" TARR were married on April 10, 1968. They have shared 51 years of life's adventures. From their union came three handsome sons, Ted and twins David and Doug. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two grandsons.

Mr. MEADE initiated his teaching career in Fort Wayne at Bishop Dwenger High School. He and Becky joined the Rochester community, becoming loyal Zebras. An esteemed math teacher, Pat taught from August 1970 until he retired in August 1994, for 24 years of dedicated service, teaching algebra, geometry and calculus to RHS students. He conveyed great patience, wisdom and cognitive depth while understanding his students' varied needs. Mr. MEADE shared his vast knowledge by sponsoring the Chess Club and Computer Club and teaching programming during its years of infancy. His influence through life and mathematics is cherished and remembered by the students' lives he touched for nearly two and a half decades at RHS.

Left to cherish the memory of Pat are his wife, Becky; three sons, Ted MEADE, Indianapolis, David MEADE, Indianapolis, and Doug MEADE and wife Jana, Indianapolis; two grandsons, Ethan and Aaron; three brothers, Rex MEADE and wife Terry, Dundas Ontario, and Michael "Mike" MEADE and wife Mary Dean and Jeff MEADE and companion Kathy, both of Bluffton; and several nieces and nephews. Pat was preceded in death by his parents, Alvis and Vallera MEADE; and two MEADE brothers, Gregory and Tim.

Friends may visit with the family from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, 2020, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester, and on Monday, January 13, 2020 between 9-10 a.m., also at the funeral home. A celebration of the life of Mr. Pat H. MEADE will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020, at the Good Family Funeral Home. His graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton. Military rites will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard and the U.S. Marine Corps Honors Team. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

### Tuesday January 14, 2020

#### **Richard Allen SCHIPPERS**

#### August 1, 1963-January 9, 2020

Richard Allen SCHIPPERS, 56, Rochester, passed away at 7:57 p.m. Thursday, January 9, 2020, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was born on August 1, 1963, in Muskegon, Michigan, the son of William and Ruth Ann (REDMAN) SCHIPPERS. He was a veteran, having served with the United States Air Force.

Mr. SCHIPPERS was currently employed with Rochester Metals. He was a member of the Freedom Riders and enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, fishing, hunting, playing golf and hanging with his friends.

Survivors include his daughter, Shelby KROL-SCHIPPERS, Muskegon, Michigan; mother Ruth Ann SCHIPPERS, Rochester; sisters Eileen and husband Don LARABEE, Holton, Michigan, Patricia and husband Frenchie LAMAY, White Cloud, Michigan, Kathy and husband Jim RUBY, Argos, and Jody MARTIN, Muskegon, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.

Friends may call from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 16, 2020, at Throop Funeral Home, Ravenna, Michigan, where friends may visit from noon to the service time. Burial will follow the service at Ravenna Cemetery, Ravenna, Michigan. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Melvin Edwin STAMBERGER February 13, 1926-January 12, 2020 Mr. Melvin Edwin STAMBERGER, 93, Rochester, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 1:33 a.m. January 12, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

On February 13, 1926, Melvin Edwin STAMBERGER was born in Bureau County, Illinois. He was a treasured son of Herman Oscar and Hilda Margaret LAMPS STAMBERGER. Growing up, he shared his childhood with two brothers.

At the Clarion Evangelical Lutheran Church at LaMoille, Illinois, Melvin married the love of his life, Miss Wilma Jean HORN, on August 18, 1957. They enjoyed 62 years of life's adventures. From their union came three wonderful children, Kathy, Chuck, and Steven. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations including nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

In 1969, Melvin and Wilma moved their family from Mendota to Newcastle Township to set up their home and family farming operation. They erected the windmill that graced the landscape of their farm in Illinois. Melvin was primarily a grain farmer, annually planting wheat, corn, and soybeans. He also enjoyed overseeing the livestock operation consisting of crossbred hogs, Black Angus, and Herefords. He could be seen turning the soil, then planting annually each spring atop his classic J.I. Case shiny tractors.

Melvin was an active member of the Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth. He was a more than 30year member of the Hesston Steam Power Society in LaPorte County. An avid train buff, Melvin built two locomotive steam-powered engines on a 1.5-inch scale, powered by coal and water, with each steam engine being perfect. As the patriarch of the STAMBERGER family, Grandpa Melvin served as engineer and sometimes conductor.

Establishing a family tradition, Melvin and Wilma spent most summer weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day taking to the 7-inch train track with their locomotive steam engine, allowing friends and new acquaintances the thrill of a historic ride. Other family members joined in the fun, serving as conductors or selling tickets at the depot.

The appointment of the annual "Corn Day," was led by Melvin. Each spring he planted a special field of tender, juicy sweet corn, monitoring it until the kernels were blistered to perfection. When he declared the corn was ready, his family was notified, and the corn was harvested the evening before the "Big Day." Everyone pitched in, completing their assignments from shucking, to overseeing the blanching in a huge black butcher kettle to cutting the corn from the ear. Much love and many legendary stories were told during the day's events. The STAMBERGER family collaborated to freeze more than 400 pints for winter's use, enough for more than 10 families to enjoy.

Left to cherish the memory of Melvin are his wife, Wilma, at home; a daughter, Kathy STUART and husband Gary, Rochester; a son, Chuck STAMBERGER and wife Melva, Rochester; daughter-in-law Jayne STAMBERGER, Mishawaka; nine grandchildren, Christine SMITH and husband Adam, Erin NELSON and husband Brett, Daniel SNIPES and wife Kelly, Cory MAUCK and wife Melissa, Melinda OWENS and husband Jason, Michael STAMBERGER and wife Tana, Timothy STAMBERGER and wife Katelyn, Jordan Lloyd STAMBERGER and Cynthia Renee STAMBERGER; 13 great-grandchildren, including the SMITHS, Austin, Kaitlyn and Allison, the NELSONS, Brooke and Addison, the MAUCKS, Lane, Harley, Alexis and Conner, the OWENSes, Kensie, Jacob and another blessing due in the spring, and the STAMBERGERS, Clair and Kennedy; brother-in-law Arnold HORN and wife Kay; and many nieces and nephews. Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Hilda STAMBERGER; a son, Steven STAMBERGER, on August 2, 2012; and three older brothers, infant Earl, Wayne and Robert.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Melvin STAMBERGER will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 16, 2020, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1314 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth. Pastor Eric AHLEMEYER will officiate. Friends may visit with his family 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. A graveside service is at 2 p.m. Thursday at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to Melvin's family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# Wednesday January 15, 2020

### Fred A. MCGLOTHIN

Fred A. MCGLOTHIN, 66, Rochester, died Monday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Survivors include a daughter, Shelly WAGONER, Brownsburg; two sons, Fred A. MCGLOTHIN Jr. and Bryce A. MCGLOTHIN, both of Rochester; three sisters, Connie MITCHELL, Diana MCGRIFF, and Brenda KALE, all of Rochester; and a brother, Jimmy MCGLOTHIN, Rochester.

Hs celebration of life is 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 10 a.m. to the time of the service Saturday at the funeral home.

### James D. KOLLARS

James D. KOLLARS, 63, Rochester, died Monday at home. Survivors include his wife, Debbie HOLLOWAY BOWYER, Rochester; his children, Sonny KOLLARS, Rochester, and Sally KOLLARS and Maggie KOLLARS, both of Mishawaka; and his siblings Christine QUIMBY, Argos, and Beth KOLLARS, Granger.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Friday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Visitation is 11 a.m. to the time of the service Friday at the Funeral Home.

## Danna A. BONFIGLIO

Danna A. BONFIGLIO, 49, Kokomo, died Monday at Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home.

### Thursday January 16, 2020

#### Fred Allen MCGLOTHIN

## May 14, 1953-January 13, 2020

Mr. Fred Allen MCGLOTHIN, 66, Rochester, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 9:33 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020, at the IU Health Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

On May 14, 1953, Fred was born in Rochester. He was a treasured son of Fred R. and Rosemary HOLLOWAY MCGLOTHIN. Growing up as one of the seven MCGLOTHIN kids, he shared his childhood with four sisters and two brothers.

Fred possessed many diverse skills. He was a carpenter and member of Local Union No. 615. He built a variety of commercial projects from jails and hospitals to industry. In more recent years, he assisted M & M Irrigation with construction and repair of the irrigators. His memberships include Manitou VFW Post 1343, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and the LeRoy C. Shelton American Legion Post 36.

To relax, Fred enjoyed watching TV, especially Andy Griffith, "Gunsmoke," animal shows and westerns. Each summer he and his family attended the NHRA U.S. Nationals drag races at the Lucas Oil Raceway near Indianapolis. His favorite driver was John Force. Fred was an avid IU basketball fan, always tuned in to the hurrying Hoosiers, especially during the Bobby Knight era.

Left to cherish the memory of Fred are a daughter, Shelly WAGONER and husband Rich, Brownsburg; two sons, Fred A. MCGLOTHIN Jr. and wife Shannon and Bryce A. MCGLOTHIN and wife Britini, all of Rochester; eight grandchildren, Kyrsten WAGONER, Hannah WAGONER, Morganne WAGONER, Isaac RANDALL, Rachael RANDALL, Braxton MCGLOTHIN, Tarick MCGLOTHIN and Braycen MCGLOTHIN; three sisters, Connie MITCHELL, Diana MCGRIFF and husband Robert "Bob" and Brenda KALE and husband Donn, all of Rochester; a brother, Jimmy MCGLOTHIN and wife Kim, Rochester; several nieces and nephews; and treasured canine companions Avery the Goldmatian, Lacey the Dalmatian, and Fluppy, a custom beagle-blend. Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Rosemary MCGLOTHIN; a sister, Carol A. BRIGHT; brother John Ray MCGLOTHIN; grandson Kaleb T. WAGONER; and a nephew, Brandon MCGRIFF. A celebration of the life of Mr. Fred A. MCGOTHIN will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2020, at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Mr. Ed HAINES will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Rochester Little League, P.O. Box 265, Rochester, IN 46975 or the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center, 1540 N. Wentzel Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# Wanda Mae FULTZ

# August 25, 1929-January 14, 2020

Wanda Mae FULTZ, 90, Indianapolis, and formerly of South Bend and Fulton County, passed away at 6:18 p.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at Westside Garden Plaza, Indianapolis.

She was born on August 25, 1929, in Akron, the daughter of Harry and Viola (SWICK) FUNNELL. On July 2, 1949, she married John Richard FULTZ. He preceded her in death on July 29, 2011.

Mrs. FULTZ had been a hairdresser and cosmetics consultant and worked in various retail stores over the years. She had resided in South Bend for over 62 years and been an active member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her son, Stephen and wife Laura FULTZ, Indianapolis; grandchildren Emily Dea and husband Geoffrey DESMIT, Indianapolis, and Sarah Ann FULTZ, Indianapolis; great-grandson William Dea DESMIT, Indianapolis; brother Wayne Garlen and wife Mary FUNNELL, St. Louis, Missouri; and brother-in-law William ENYART, Loveland, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister LaDonna ENYART.

Her graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 17, 2020, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, with Dr. Mark SPENCER officiating. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Danna A. BONFIGLIO

Danna A. BONFIGLIO, 49, Kokomo, died Monday at Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois.

Survivors include her wife, Lorna D. HARBAUGH, Kokomo; her parents, Joellen and Jim SHARP, Peru; and her sister, Nikki PUGH, Peru.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity Episcopal Church, Logansport. Visitation is 1-7 p.m. Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

# Linda D. THOMASON

Linda D. THOMASON, 68, Rochester, and formerly of Kokomo, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

# Friday January 17, 2020

# LuAnn COHN

# May 10, 1954-January 16, 2020

LuAnn COHN, 65, Kewanna, went to be with the Lord at 2:35 a.m. Thursday, January 16, 2020, at Pulaski Health Care Center, Winamac.

Born May 10, 1954, in Gary, she was the daughter of the late William and Lucille (MARTIN) LONG. She was a 1972 graduate of Edison High School in East Gary. On December 5, 1998, she married Harrold "Hal" COHN. He survives.

She was formerly the pastor at Burton-Richland Center United Methodist Church.

LuAnn was a volunteer with the Walk to Emmaus, the Great Banquet retreats and Chosen Children Ministries of South Carolina and a former CASA volunteer. Her hobbies included crocheting and reading. She especially enjoyed her mission trips with Chosen Children Ministries. LuAnn was an avid prayer warrior. She was also an avid Chicago Blackhawks fan.

Her greatest accomplishments were raising three boys and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Harold "Hal" COHN, Kewanna; children Sean CONNORS (Rebecca), Bloomington, and William CONNORS (Jamie) Hobart; stepson Nick COHN, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and grandchildren Devin CONNORS, Ean CONNORS, Abbey CONNORS, Tobias CONNORS, and Keaton CONNORS.

Her service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, January 20, 2020, at Kewanna United Methodist Church with Pastor Darren WILLIAMS officiating. Visitation will be on Sunday, January 19, 2020, from 3-5 p.m. at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main Street, Kewanna, and one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of LuAnn to Chosen Children Ministries, 9420 Asheville Highway, Inman SC 29349, or at www.ccm.life. Friends may sign LuAnn's online guest book or leave condolences for the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

### Bruce W. WARNER

### June 26, 1947-January 15, 2020

Bruce W. WARNER, 72, Rochester (Talma), and former Plymouth resident, passed away at 2:10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at his residence.

Born June 26, 1947, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, he was the son of Jake and Irene BLAINE CRUISE. On July 23, 2013, in Plymouth, he married Janece BAUMAN. She survives.

Bruce was a retired owner-operator truck driver. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps and enjoyed gardening and woodworking.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are sons Terry (Deree) MURRAY, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Jamie (Rachelle) JACKSON, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana; brother Karlin CRUISE (companion Gordon DAVIS, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and sister Sheila LONGONET, Missouri. Also surviving are grandchildren Brandon, Tristen, Ben, Brayden and Alysse; great-grandchildren Maddix and Boston; stepdaughter Mallory MEAD; and step-granddaughter Mira BUTSON. He was preceded in death by a sister, Kay HESS.

A gathering of family and friends and a celebration of Bruce's life will be from 2-5 p.m. on January 25, 2020, at Bruce and Janece's residence in Talma. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.

## Donna Rae MELLOTT

# November 26, 1935-January 15, 2020

Donna Rae MELLOTT, 84, rural Etna Green, passed away at 12:54 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2020, surrounded by her family at her residence.

Donna was born on November 26, 1935, in Warsaw to the late Chester and Hildreth A. (BLACKFORD) COPLEN. She married John A. MELLOTT on February 6, 1959, in rural Etna Green. He survives.

She had worked for several years at Cooper's Dime Store and then Haskons Manufacturing. She had also worked for Manwaring Farms in the hatchery.

She was a 1953 graduate of Beaver Dam High School. She was a member of Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church, Etna Green. She enjoyed spending time gardening, canning, cooking, and sewing. She was fond of tending to her birds and had up to 100 hummingbirds around the house. She loved to take care of her grandchildren and make them macaroni and cheese. Donna was known as the family bingo caller for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Survivors include her husband, John MELLOTT, Etna Green; her daughter, Tamara and husband Phill NEWSOME, Mentone; her son, Kevin and wife Tina MELLOTT, Goshen; her grandchildren, Joshua, Laura, Nicholas, Hanna, and Claudia; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Chester and Hildreth COPLEN; and her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Velma M. and Victor LANTZ.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 20, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Elder Michael PITNEY officiating. The interment will follow the service at the Harrison Center Cemetery (Wooden), Etna Green. Visitation hours will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, January 19, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Kindred Hospice or the Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## Saturday, January 18, 2020

## Linda M. SPICE

#### July 11, 1923-January 4, 2020

Linda M. SPICE, 96, St. Petersburg, Florida, passed away Saturday, January 4, 2020, at Bayfront Health surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Sid SPICE and Oden J. BARGER; her brothers, Bill, Hanley and Henry; sisters Marilyn and Evelyn; and sister-in-law Virginia. Survivors include her sister, Dolores PRICE; son James BARGER (Tanis); two grandchildren, Jennifer HOLMES (Rob) and Benjamin BARGER (Alyse); five great-grandchildren, Robert, Logan, Sam, Kai and Mason; and nieces and nephews.

Linda was born in Indianapolis but considered Rochester to be her real home. She held a small plane pilot license and completed some college courses. She held jobs as a bookkeeper and accountant throughout her life including with her first husband, Oden (Jay) BARGER, at Barger Plumbing and Heating in Rochester, which they sold in 1972. Linda loved traveling and seeing new things. She was loved and will be dearly missed.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.nationalcremation.com/location/clearwater. A private service will be in Fort Meyers, Florida. Instead of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org/nca/donate.

## Linda Dyan THOMASON

#### January 3, 1952-January 14, 2020

Linda Dyan THOMASON, 68, Rochester, and formerly of Kokomo, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She was born on January 3, 1952, in Birmingham, Alabama, the daughter of Edward and Betty (GARNER) GRIFFIN. She had been a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Lee and wife Amy TILL, Greentown; grandchildren Ashleigh TILL, Cicero, Brandon WALKER, Greentown, and Tyler TILL, Greentown; great-grandson Cooper DUGAN, Cicero; sister Cynthia DAY, Kokomo; nieces Stephanie WALKER, Kokomo, and Danielle DAY, Kokomo; and special friend Don SINGLEY, Logansport. She was preceded in death by her mother. No service is scheduled at this time. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### Jack A. MILLER

Jack A. MILLER, 89, Macy, (South Mud Lake), died Thursday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

#### Tuesday January 21, 2020

## Jack Allen MILLER

# April 4, 1930-January 16, 2020

Jack Allen MILLER, 89, Nyona Lake-South Mud Lake, Macy, went on his last ride to his Lord and Savior on Thursday January 16, 2020, at 4:35 p.m. at his daughter's residence on South Mud Lake. Jack was born on April 4, 1930, in Kokomo, the son of Donald T. and Lela B. (FRENCH) MILLER.

On May 16, 1959, he married Norma Jane GLASSBURN in Fulton. They shared 60 wonderful years together. She preceded him in death on September 22, 2019. They lived at Nyona Lake until his retirement in 1980, after 31 years of service as a tool room welder at Chrysler Transmission Plant Dept. 84 in Kokomo. His co-workers named him Heliarc. After his retirement in 1980, they moved to Brooksville (Weeki Wachee), Florida for 32 years and back to Indiana in the summers.

His passion in life was riding his Harley-Davidson since he was 16 years old. He rode for more than 70 years. One of his trips was more than 7,000 miles. He was a member of ABATE, the Manitou Moose Lodge for 63 years and the Nyona-South Mud Booster Association. He was a Korean War veteran, having served with the United States Air Force.

He is survived by his two sons, Rick, Abilene, Texas, and Kirk (Kay), Justin, Texas; three daughters, Deb, Kim (Dan SMITH) and Chris (Russell BRADLEY), all of Nyona Lake-South Mud Lake; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; sister Beverly Jean BIDDLE; granddaughter Misty KELLEY; nephew Scott BOND; and great-nephew Bret LEAR.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center, Rochester. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### Eddie L. JEWELL Jr.

#### November 28, 1966-January 19, 2020

Eddie L. JEWELL Jr., 53, Rochester, passed away at 6:42 p.m. Sunday, January 19, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. He was born on November 28, 1966, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Eddie L. and Sarah Jane (NEACE) JEWELL.

Mr. JEWELL had worked in production at various factories as well as for Mike's trash. He enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include his father, Eddie L. JEWELL Sr., Rochester; son Eddie JEWEL III, Kentucky; brother Bobby JEWELL; sisters Lisa JEWELL and Roberta JEWELL, both of Rochester; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sarah JEWELL, on November 23, 2018; and his grandparents.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 23, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Athens Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## **Rachel P. WILBURN**

Rachel P. WILBURN, 87, died Sunday at home. Survivors include three children, Mary CORRELL, Peru, Denise RABE, Warsaw, and Charles H. WILBURN, Peru.

Her graveside service is 1 p.m. Wednesday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

# **Carolyn WAGGONER**

Carolyn WAGGONER, 73, Rochester, died Saturday. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

# Tammy Jo KOTTKAMP

# April 5, 1962-January 20, 2020

Tammy Jo SADLER KOTTKAMP, 57, passed away peacefully at home Monday, January 20, 2020, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Born in Crown Point on April 5, 1962, Tammy was the daughter of Richard J. and Judith L. (SOBAK) SADLER.

Tammy was formerly employed as a bookkeeper for The Gallery Home Furnishings and also Country Sales and Service.

Surviving is her loving partner, Don STEINBERGER; her children, Justin (Lacey) KOTTKAMP, Westfield, and Amanda (Shawn SMITH) KOTTKAMP, Fulton; beloved grandkids Alyssa and Wyatt SMITH and Parker and Maxwell KOTTKAMP; father and stepmother Richard and Sandie (HOFFMAN) SADLER, Lake Placid, Florida; and siblings Michael SADLER, Grass Creek, and Ashlie SADLER, Sebring, Florida. She was preceded in death by her mother, Judith (SOBAK) SADLER; and sister Laurie Ann (SADLER) BOWYER.

Tammy will be fondly remembered as a fun-loving woman whose grandkids were the light of her life. Her home was always a place of love and gathering, beautifully decorated for each holiday. In her free time, she could be found tending to her flowers and garden, sewing, crafting, rocking out at Don's gigs or making memories with her grandkids.

A celebration of life is 4 p.m. Saturday, January 25, 2020, at Gundrum Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, January 25, 2020, at Gundrum Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Family and friends may sign the guest book and send online condolences at www.gundrumcares.com.

# Sharon S. KELLEY

Sharon S. KELLEY, 74, Rochester, died Saturday at the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, South Bend. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

# Wednesday January 22, 2020

# Janan K. ROGERS

A memorial visitation for Janan K. ROGERS, 70, Rochester, who died November 22, 2019, is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

# David A. OHLWINE

David A. OHLWINE, 75, North Manchester, died Monday at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. Survivors include his wife, Jean OHLWINE, North Manchester.

No service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Hartzler Funeral Home.

# Norma L. ROBINS

Norma L. ROBINS, 90, Rochester, died Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Survivors include a daughter, Vicki MEYER, Rochester.

Her celebration of life is 1 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 11 a.m. to the time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

#### Thursday January 23, 2020

## **Donald James HUDSON**

# December 8, 1936-January 20, 2020

Donald James HUDSON, 83, Warsaw, passed away Monday, January 20, 2020, at Mason Health and Rehabilitation Center, Warsaw.

Mr. HUDSON was born in Warsaw on December 8, 1936, to the late Howard and Olive (LINN) HUDSON. He married Betty Kathleen KAMP on November 6, 1966, at the Olive Branch Church, Roann.

He owned and operated Don's Repair Shop in Warsaw for many years and previously he was employed with Craig Welding in Mentone and American Motors in North Manchester.

Survivors include his wife, Betty HUDSON, Warsaw; his daughter, Sharon and John WRIGHT, Etna Green; his grandchildren, Lilly and Kyle POLLIC, Winona Lake, Chad WRIGHT, Claypool, and Keith WRIGHT and Eric WRIGHT, both of Etna Green; and two great-grandchildren, Lyanna POLLIC and Kalen POLLIC. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and two sisters.

His funeral service will be Monday, January 27, 2020, at 6 p.m. at the Warsaw Family Worship Center, 1250 Husky Trail, with visitation from 4-6 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will be at a later date at Harrison Center Cemetery. Arrangements are handled by Northern Indiana Funeral Care, Fort Wayne.

#### Norma Lee ROBINS

### July 3, 1929-January 20, 2020

Norma Lee ROBINS, 90, Rochester, passed away at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

On July 3, 1929, Norma Lee BUSSERT was born in Mishawaka. She was a treasured daughter of Palmer and Lola CALLOWAY BUSSERT. Growing up, she shared her childhood with a sister, Marilyn. In 1948, Norma graduated from Rochester High School.

In Rochester, Norma and Clifford "Red" MORRIS were married on June 25, 1950. Their union produced two beautiful daughters, Vicki and Lisa. They were married nearly 20 years when he sadly passed away on June 4, 1970.

On May 19, 1973, Norma and Everett V. "Abe" ROBINS were married in Rochester. They were married for 32 years. He passed away on March 1, 2005.

For many years, Norma was a sales associate for both Schultz Bros. 5 and 10 store and later Wiles Department Store of Rochester. To relax she enjoyed water aerobics. Norma was remembered as an amazing cook. Her memberships included Grace United Methodist Church and Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority.

Left to cherish the memory of Norma are a daughter, Vicki MEYER and husband Michael, Rochester; stepdaughter Cindy SQUIRES, Macy; two stepsons, Richard ROBINS and wife Jane, Denver, and Robert ROBINS, Macy; three grandchildren, Angie KSIAZEK and husband Brent, Amy POWELL and husband Robert and Jamie MEYER; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Palmer and Lola BUSSERT; husbands Red MORRIS and Abe ROBINS; daughter Lisa WIDEMAN on December 15, 2006; and sister Marilyn STALDINE in May 2002.

A celebration of the life of Norma Lee ROBINS will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 2020, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m.-

1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

### Sharon S. KELLEY

Sharon S. KELLEY, 74, Rochester, died Saturday at the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, South Bend.

Survivors include her children, Darlene CRISWELL, Kokomo, Annette WISE, Indianapolis, and Lee Ann KIRK, Peru; her brother, Bob VANCE, Torrington, Connecticut; and her sister, Patricia SUGGS, Tipton. No service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

#### **Betty J. MILLER**

Betty J. MILLER, 73, Macy, died Tuesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

### Friday January 24, 2020

#### Anthony R. COPLEN

Anthony R. COPLEN, 32, Rochester, died Wednesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

#### Saturday January 25, 2020 and Sunday January 26, 2020

#### Anthony Ray COPLEN

#### May 28, 1986-January 22, 2020

Anthony Ray COPLEN, 33, Rochester, passed away at 5:46 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at his residence. He was born on May 28, 1986, in Rochester, the son of Perry COPLEN and Jackie (SCOTT) HORN.

Anthony graduated from Rochester High School and from Ball State University with a degree in science technology. He was an accomplished CNC operator, having worked at various factories. He was an Eagle Scout, who enjoyed the outdoors, Frisbee golf, gardening and gaming.

Survivors include his mother, Jackie HORN, Rochester; father Perry (Jeannie) COPLEN, Rochester; sister Amy Rose COPLEN, Rochester; brother Kyle Alen (Lindsey) COPLEN, Holland, Michigan; grandmother Carolyn NESS, Rochester; two nieces; one nephew; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

A private service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## **Cameron W. HACKWORTH**

Cameron W. HACKWORTH, 47 days, Kimmell, died Wednesday at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne. Survivors include his parents, Timothy W. HACKWORTH and Leah M. ORTIZ, Kimmell; his brother, Michael ORTIZ; and his sisters, Lydia ORTIZ, Jacqueline ORTIZ and Shelby HACKWORTH.

His funeral service is 3 p.m. February 1, 2020, at McKee Mortuary, 1401 Indiana 114 West, North Manchester. Visitation is 1 p.m. to the time of the service February 1, 2020, at the funeral home.

#### **Betty J. MILLER**

Betty J. MILLER, 73, Macy, (Nyona Lake), died Tuesday at home. Survivors include her daughter, Tracy CAVE, Rochester; three sisters, Doris TURNPAUGH, Macy, Barbara THOMPSON, Rochester, and Shirley COX, Denver; and one brother, Thomas OGLE, Mexico.

A private family service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

## Tuesday January 28, 2020

# Betty Jean MILLER

## August 29, 1946-January 21, 2020

Betty Jean MILLER, 73, Macy, (Nyona Lake), was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 10:33 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at her residence.

On August 29, 1946 Betty OGLE was born in Rochester. She was a treasured daughter of Russell and Helen MCCLARAN OGLE. As one of eight children, she lived her entire life in the Fulton County community.

With a strong work ethic, Betty worked at Lau Industries as a finisher from 1976-2009. To relax, she enjoyed working crossword puzzles and watching Westerns. Long John Silver's was her favorite place to dine. Betty cherished the time spent with her family and her treasured canine companion Muffy the Shih Tzu.

Betty is lovingly remembered by a daughter, Tracy CAVE and companion Chad CARPENTER, Rochester; three grandchildren, Sheena BURCHETT and husband Aaron, Brandon ICENBERG and wife Chrissy and Nicholas CAVE and wife Brenda, all of Rochester; four great-grandchildren, Camren GIBBS, Peyton ICENBERG, Caelynn GIBBS and Aiden CAVE; three sisters, Doris TURNPAUGH, Macy, Barbara THOMPSON and husband Ron, Rochester, and Shirley COX and husband Jim, Denver; one brother, Thomas OGLE, Mexico; and several nieces and nephews. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Helen OGLE; and three sisters, Carolyn STUBER, Patricia POWELL and Diane MITCHELL.

A private family service will occur to honor Betty's wishes. Good Family Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# **Robert L. FORNEY**

Robert L. FORNEY, 94, Rochester, died Saturday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Survivors include five children, Kathy SIDERS, Rochester, William S. FORNEY, Denton, Texas, Suzanne HALSEY, Angola, Rebecca MORRIS, Mexico, and Kristie BROOKS, Rochester; and a sister, Shirley COY OVERTON, Plainfield.

His celebration of life is 1 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 11 a.m. until the time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

#### Jerry L. BAUMGARTNER

Jerry L. BAUMGARTNER, 67, Mentone, died Sunday at home. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Love Funeral Home.

#### **Arthur L. HARPER**

Arthur L. HARPER, 89, Rochester, died Monday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Wednesday January 29, 2020

# Arthur Leroy 'Art" HARPER April 9, 1930-January 27, 2020

Arthur Leroy "Art" HARPER, 89, Rochester, passed away at 4:05 a.m. Monday, January 27, 2020, at the Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, where he had been a patient for about a week.

On April 9, 1930, Arthur Leroy HARPER was born in Akron. He was a treasured son of George L. and Mildred G. SHRIVER HARPER. As one of the eight HARPER children, Art shared his childhood with five brothers and two sisters. As a Flyer, Art graduated from Akron High School in 1949.

When patriotism beckoned, Art answered the call, serving our country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War. Arthur L. HARPER, private first class, was a member of Company G, 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He was wounded in action on September 19, 1951, near Hill 127, Korea. He was honorable discharged on April 30, 1952, earning the Purple Heart, combat infantry badge and Korean service medal. On October 27, 2014, Art was honored as a member of the Korean War Veterans Honor Flight, originating in Lafayette.

Art and Betty Lou FLOYD were married on March 28, 1953, in Akron. They shared almost 60 years of life's adventures. From their union came two wonderful children, Don and Sharon. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

Left to cherish the memory of Art are a daughter, Sharon BOCKOVER and husband Kevin, Twelve Mile; a son, Donald HARPER, Rochester; nine grandchildren, Cody BOCKOVER, Melisha RENSBERGER, Elijah HARPER, Ashlee HARPER, Adrial HARPER, Jon-Tae HARPER, Patrick CARD and Brittney CARD; 13 great-grandchildren; sister Geraldine SHEARER, Bourbon; and numerous nieces and nephews. Art was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mildred HARPER; beloved wife Betty on January 26, 2013; daughter-in-law Delberta "Dee" HARPER; sister Jolane FUTRELL; and the five HARPER brothers, infant Richard, Paul, Edward, Merle, and George Jr.

A celebration of the life of Arthur L. HARPER will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2020, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Veterans Service Officer Ric ROUTS will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the funeral home. Military honors will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard and the U.S. Army Honors Team. Interment will be in the Akron Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Veterans DAV van, C/O Veterans Service Office, 815 Main Street, Rochester, Indiana 46975. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# Jerry L. BAUMGARTNER

Jerry L. BAUMGARTNER, 66, Mentone, died Sunday at home. Survivors include his wife, Debbie BAUMGARTNER, Mentone; his son Ryan, Bargersville; his daughter, Shari RUDD, Rochester; his mother, Margaret BAUMGARTNER, Warsaw; and two sisters, Carol SISK, Claypool, and Virginia TUTTLE, Rochester, Michigan.

His memorial service is 7 p.m. Friday at Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron. A gathering of family and loved ones is 4 p.m. to the time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

# **David L. PATTON**

David L. PATTON, 68, Argos, died Saturday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Survivors include his mother, Janet PATTON, Argos; his daughters, Jennifer PATTON, Eastvale, California, and Laura PATTON CARTER, Brownsburg; his sisters, Barbara CARLSON, Rochester, and Linda RANSOM, South Bend; and his brothers, Jerry PATTON, Bourbon, and Mark PATTON, Argos.

No service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

# **Beverly Jean JOHNSON HEYDE**

# February 16, 1933-January 28, 2020

Beverly Jean JOHNSON HEYDE, 86, Rochester, died at home at 7:10 a.m. Tuesday, January 28, 2020, after a short battle with cancer.

Beverly was born in San Francisco, California on February 16, 1933, to William and Thelma JOHNSON, along with her twin, Shirley (JOHNSON) GLASSON, who preceded her in death.

Beverly grew up in California and enjoyed playing sports and horseback riding. After high school, she was a secretary and an American Airlines stewardess. She enjoyed the traveling and people she met, especially the time she was able to serve Grace Kelly on one flight. She enjoyed being in airports and people-watching.

She married Jay A. HEYDE in San Jose, California on September 22, 1956, and became the stay-athome mother of daughters Melinda JOHNSON (Paul), Columbus, Tracey NALLY (Dan), Holland, Michigan, Kim HOPPES (Bob), Indianapolis, and Gwyn GREEN (Bryan), Brownsburg. She had nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Bev took pride in her daughters and loved the strong women they became.

Bev enjoyed playing golf, knitting, and listening to piano music. Her favorite pastime was laughing. All who encountered Bev enjoyed her company and personality. She was loved by many. Her smile and witty comments will be missed.

Friends may visit 4-8 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. A private service will occur. Burial is in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. In lieu of flowers, people may donate to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Hazel Jean PERDUE

# May 29, 1948-January 28, 2020

Hazel Jean PERDUE, 71, Logansport, passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Born on May 29, 1948, in Logansport, she was the daughter of Robert Franklin POWELL and Mary (WATSON) POWELL. On April 28, 1980, in Logansport, she married Stephen P. PERDUE. He survives.

Jane was retired but had previously worked at Carter Fuel Systems, Federal-Mogul and Switches. Surviving along with her husband, Stephen, are two sons, David (Angela) HAWKINS, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Jason R. PERDUE, Logansport; two daughters, Wendy (Lonny) MONGOSA, Denver, and Tracey (Shane) LAYER, Winamac; father and mother Robert and Mary POWELL, Logansport; two sisters, Marilyn S. KAHL, Lucerne, and Carol Ann PREUSS, Waseca, Minnesota; 14 grandchildren; six greatgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for Jane will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020, at Gundrum Funeral Home & Crematory, Logansport, with Pastor Mike STOW officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until the time of the service on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Cass County Humane Society. Friends may sign Jane's guest book and leave condolences for the family at www.gundrumcares.com.

# Jerry A. ZOLMAN

Jerry A. ZOLMAN, 71, rural Mentone, died Monday at home. Survivors include his wife, Connie ZOLMAN, Mentone; his daughters, Amy COHAGAN, Warsaw, and Alissa TRIPPIEDI, Warsaw; his son, Aaron ZOLMAN, Warsaw; and his brother, John ZOLMAN, Mentone.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker Street, Mentone. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

#### Thursday January 30, 2020

## Duane HACKWORTH

Duane HACKWORTH, 65, Akron, died Wednesday at home. Survivors include his wife, Janet; and two sisters, Barbara WHITAKER and Becky WHITAKER, both of Warsaw.

His celebration of life is 11 a.m. Saturday at Olive Branch Church, 4581 E. 1200 North, Roann. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Friday January 31, 2020

## Duane 'Hack' HACKWORTH

#### March 30, 1954-January 29, 2020

Duane "Hack" HACKWORTH, 65, Akron, passed away at 3:10 a.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at his home.

On March 30, 1954, Duane was born in Kosciusko County. He was a treasured son of Oliver and Ora Lee MARSILLETT HACKWORTH. Growing up, he shared his childhood with two sisters and a brother. Hack was a proud member of the Akron High School Class of 1972.

In the Akron United Methodist Church, Duane married his high school sweetheart and best friend, Miss Janet L. SHEETZ, on August 25, 1973. They shared 46 years of life's adventures. From their union came a handsome son Marcus Duane. Sadly, at age 21, Marcus passed away from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

An iconic public servant, No. 9, Hack served the Henry Township Volunteer Fire Department as its chief for many years. He currently was leading the group as assistant chief. Always there for his community in tough and challenging times whether it was a fire or rescue from a motor vehicle or farming accident, Hack was a quiet laid-back leader who conveyed a calm demeanor. He is the longest continuous servant in the group's history.

Reliable, consistent, and dependable are some of the attributes Mr. HACKWORTH possessed, with a sweet temperament as he climbed on board bus No. 38 each morning to chauffeur his kids to the Tippecanoe Valley Schools. With a tender heart he was there for all of them, exhibiting a keen interest on hearing about their day as they shared their successes and accomplishments.

Driving the same route for nearly four decades, Duane drove six families for two generations. Maintaining excellent discipline and safety, if the bus became a little too noisy as sometimes would happen, a shrill whistle would silence his riders, his method of reminding them it was time to quiet down. He and Janet always saw to it that everyone that rode his bus had a treat bag before Christmas and took them for treats to celebrate the end of each school year.

Additionally, Duane owned a Mobil Oil distributorship from 1977-2000, delivering petroleum products to residents and businesses.

A man of strong faith, Duane was a member of the Olive Branch Church. He led a small group of Bible studies. Over the years he and Janet acted as a dynamic team, conveying their love, understanding, and compassion by leading many grief support groups for parents who had lost children.

In the early years, Duane, Marcus, and Janet would head to Florida to enjoy the surf, sand and sun on spring break. They loved the excitement and speed of snowmobiling. Hack also shared his love for Harleys with Marcus, enjoying many rides together. During the holidays they established a family tradition

of seeking out the perfect Christmas tree, cutting it down and decorating it to perfection. Fishing was another sport they all enjoyed.

Janet and Hack enjoyed fun and adventures, making memories with their extended family the MILLS Crew and BOWERSes. As a new tradition, Janet and Hack would prepare breakfast on Christmas morning with Hack overseeing the preparations and cooking the Belgian waffles while Janet handled the trimmings. They enjoyed the entire day through watching sporting events, storytelling and playing games. The HACKWORTHs were always seated in the stands to cheer the kids on, attending dance recitals and concerts. They all attended many Purdue University women's basketball games.

For Thanksgiving 2019, the HACKWORTHs traveled to Florida to watch Duane's niece play in the Gulf Coast Showcase at Estero, Florida, featuring the Purdue women. Many memories were made as his sisters, Becky and Barbara, were also there making it a great family event, while they cheered wildly for the lady Boilermakers.

The HACKWORTHs were members of the Fulton County Blacktop Cruisers. The summertime brought on an opportunity for them to enjoy many rides on Hack's shiny, fire-engine red Harley Davidson Firefighter Special Edition. Hack drove while Janet hung on tightly, both catching the warm breeze and freedom only a Harley ride can provide.

As a grill master, Hack was known for his sizzling juicy hamburgers. He used his mother-in-law's coleslaw recipe to duplicate the tasty salad to perfection. Hack loved his role as Santa Claus entertaining family and friends, making all the kids' days during the holiday season. For fun he loved walking the dogs, cruising around on the Ranger and watching NASCAR and baseball.

Many will remember seeing Janet and Jack seated at Jarrety's tall table enjoying coffee each morning and sometimes at lunch. They always sat with a variety of friends who engaged in solving the world's problems while catching up on the latest local news.

Left to cherish the memory of Hack are his wife, Janet; two sisters, Barbara WHITAKER and husband James, and Becky WHITAKER and husband Rick, all of Warsaw; two canine companions, Zoie the golden retriever and Lucy the golden doodle; special extended family Mike and Ruby BOWERS, Shannon and Chrissy MILLS, Ryan BOWERS and the MILLS kids, Kennedy, Payton, and Sydney; special cousin Larry SHEETZ and Susan; the students who rode bus No. 38; his Olive Branch Church family; his fellow fire family; and the many families he befriended during a rescue, a fire, or even recipients of his many simple random acts of kindness. Duane was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Ora HACKWORTH; beloved son Marcus on July 17, 1997; brother Douglas HACKWORTH; and his father and mother-in-law, Dale and Edith SHEETZ.

A celebration of life of Duane HACKWORTH will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at the Olive Branch Church, 4581 E. 1200 N, Roann. Pastor Jeff SUMNER will officiate. Friends may visit with the gamily from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020, and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. A fireman's memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Friday. Interment will be in the Akron Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Marcus HACKWORTH and Scott SECHRIST Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 227 E. Ninth Street, Rochester, IN 46975, or the Henry Township Volunteer Fire Department, 206 W. Rochester Street, Akron, IN 46910. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# **Robert Lee FORNEY**

## October 10, 1925-January 25, 2020

Mr. Robert Lee FORNEY, 94, Rochester, passed away at 7:40 a.m. Saturday, January 25, 2020, at the Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

On October 10, 1925, Robert Lee FORNEY was born in Rossville. He was the treasured son of Roscoe and Ora HOOD FORNEY. Growing up as the middle child, Bob shared his childhood with three

brothers and three sisters. He graduated from Frankfort High School with the Class of 1943. Immediately following his graduation, he enlisted with the United States Army to serve his country during World War II.

During his service stint, Bob was trained in communications and as a tank destroyer. He was recognized as a rifle sharpshooter, expert on the submachine gun. He received the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal for his service. He achieved the rank of technician fifth grade also known as technician corporal and was honorably discharged on April 17, 1946. In April of 2016, Bob was honored as a member of an Honor Flight from Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, accompanied by his grandson Aaron to Washington, D.C.

On July 30, 1945, Bob married the love of his life, Miss Rosanna WEAVER, at the Shenandoah Baptist Church in Columbia, S.C. From their union came four beautiful daughters and a handsome son. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of six grandsons and seven great-grandchildren.

With a keen interest in customer service, Bob was in grocery store retail management. He also once managed a Sears store in Michigan. To relax, he enjoyed golfing and traveling. In more recent years, he enjoyed tooling around the county, taking a drive with his buddy Burns.

With an amazing and uncanny ability to tell stories, Bob told many and recreated them, adding a special touch only he could apply. Occasionally he was accused of nearly stretching the truth. He was very loyal to his friends and adored and admired his family, treasuring the many good times they shared.

Left to cherish the memory of Bob are his five children, Kathy SIDERS and husband Maurice, Rochester, William Scott FORNEY and wife Judith, Denton, Texas, Suzanne HALSEY and husband Denny, Angola, Rebecca MORRIS and husband Butch, Mexico, and Kristie BROOKS and husband Chad, Rochester; six grandsons, Marvin SIDERS, Andrew HALSEY, Jason MORRIS, William FORNEY, Tyler BROOKS and Aaron BROOKS; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Shirley COY OVERTON, Plainfield. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Rosanna, on January 10, 2015; parents Roscoe and Ora FORNEY; two sisters, Lois PHILLIPS and Phyllis FORNEY; the three FORNEY brothers, Glenn, Walter and Kenneth; and a treasured friend, Burns BECHT.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Robert "Bob" FORNEY will be at 1 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2020, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Pastor Martin FURROW will officiate. Friends may visit with his family from 11 a.m. until the hour of the service Friday at the funeral home. A Masonic memorial service will be at 12:45 p.m. The Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard and U.S. Army Honors Team will accord military graveside rites. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Fulton County Veterans DAV Van Fund, C/O Veterans Service Office, 815 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to Bob's family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# Gayle A. WERTZ

# December 31, 1943-January 19, 2020

Gayle A. WERTZ, 76, Lakeland, Florida, resident since 1995, passed away on January 19, 2020. Born December 31, 1943, in Decatur, Illinois, to Galen and Gladys (GILLETTE) JENKINS, Gayle married Robert "Bob" WERTZ on December 19, 1965, in Cerro Gordo, Illinois.

She received a Bachelor of Science in education from Illinois State University in 1966 and resided in Rochester from 1977-1995. After many years teaching, Gayle spent most of her working life in real estate, with 12 years as a managing broker followed by 25 years as a real estate appraiser, retiring in 2018.

Gayle is survived by her son, Jaime WERTZ, Plymouth; and daughter Kori (Shane) BILLINGS, Tampa, Florida. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Bob.

A memorial service is planned for a later date in Rochester. Memorial gifts may be made to the SPCA Florida, 5850 Brannen Road South, Lakeland, FL 33813.

Gayle loved being social and was always noted for her polish and style. She will be affectionately remembered for her prolific generosity, extreme work ethic and love of family, friends, and her beloved cats.

# Patricia J. ERIKS

Patricia J. ERIKS, 81, Rochester, died Thursday at home. Survivors include her five daughters, Jackie POWLEN, Kewanna, Gwen LEE, Rochester, Deborah L. KUCHEL, Huntsville, Alabama, Teri L. UTTER, Rochester, and Jennifer W. KIMBLE, Burket; two sons, Robert A. ERIKS, Rochester, and Larry A. ERIKS, Rochester; and a sister, Ret AUBURN, Florida.

Her celebration of life is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

#### Jane L. BURKETT

Jane L. BURKETT, 90, Rochester, died Thursday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Lou SWANSON and Tina VANSPEYBROEK, both of Rochester; and two sons, David John BURKETT, Plainfield, and Paul BURKETT, Warsaw.

Her celebration of life is 6 p.m. Monday at Faith Outreach Center. Visitation is one hour prior to the service Monday at the church. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Saturday February 1, 2020

#### Jane Louise BURKETT

#### January 17, 1930-January 30, 2020

Jane Louise BURKETT, 90, Rochester, passed away at 12:10a.m. Thursday, January 30, 2020, at Life Care Center of Rochester. In Fort Dodge, Iowa, on January 17, 1930, Jane was born to John and Alma PETERS CROSBY.

Jane was a member of Faith Outreach Center of Rochester. She read her Bible daily. She always enjoyed playing board games with her grandkids. Grandma was very good at Yahtzee and Chinese checkers. Jane could often be found working word search puzzles.

Jane is lovingly remembered by two daughters, Mary Lou SWANSON and Tina VANSPEYBROEK, both of Rochester; two sons, David John BURKETT and wife Ann, Plainfield, and Paul BURKETT and wife Jaime, Warsaw; 18 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. Jane was preceded in death by her parents; her twin, Jack CROSBY, in infancy; two sisters, Lucille KARNEY and Grace LOCY; and four CROSBY brothers, Richard, Robert "Bob," Howard and William "Bill."

A celebration of the life of Jane BURKETT will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020, at Faith Outreach Center, 1125 E. Ninth Street, Rochester. Pastor Terry BALDWIN will officiate. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service Monday at the church. Memorials may be made to Faith Outreach Center, 1125 E. Ninth Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Arrangements have been entrusted to Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# **Patricia Janet ERIKS**

## September 7, 1938-January 30, 2020

Mrs. Patricia Janet ERIKS, 81, Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 5:19 a.m. Thursday, January 30, 2020, at her home.

On September 7, 1938, Patricia Janet WRIGHT was born in Hammond. She was the treasured daughter of Jesse and Marie POTTER WRIGHT. Growing up as the youngest of the five WRIGHT children,

she shared her childhood with Jimmy, Chuck, Ret, and Barbara. She graduated from Thornton Fractional Township High School in 1956 in Calumet City, Illinois.

At the Lansing Bible Church in Lansing, Illinois, Patricia WRIGHT married the love of her life, Mr. Robert Andre ERIKS on September 28, 1957. They shared 45 years of life's adventures. From their union came seven wonderful children. Her legacy, a beautiful and amazing family tree, continued to grow with the added blessings of three more generations.

The ERIKS family moved to Akron in 1976. After raising her family, Pat returned to school at Indiana University South Bend, achieving her dream of becoming a registered nurse. She devoted most of her life serving as a caregiver to her family and patients and as a hospice volunteer and visiting nursing home residents. Prior to this she was also a devoted farmer's wife, assisting Bob in all aspects of their family-farming operation.

Pat was a member of the Olive Branch Church, Roann. After moving to Richland Township, she began attending The Cross. Pat enjoyed spending time with her family and gardening her flowers and listening to Christian music along with showing everyone the awesomeness of her Heavenly Father's grace in their lives.

Left to cherish the memory of Pat are five daughters, Jackie POWLEN and husband Jay, Kewanna, Gwen LEE and life friend Gilbert LEE, Rochester, Deborah L. KUCHEL and husband Brett of Huntsville, Alabama, Terri L. UTTER and husband Rick, Rochester, and Jennifer W. KIMBLE and husband Michael, Burket; two sons, Robert A. ERIKS and Larry A. ERIKS and wife Kelly, both of Rochester; 20 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Ret AUBURN, Florida; and several nieces and nephews. Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Marie WRIGHT; beloved husband Bob on January 22, 2003; granddaughter Gwyn ERIKS in 1991; sister Barbara O'DONNELL and two WRIGHT brothers, Jimmy and Chuck.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Patricia "Pat" ERIKS will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020, and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home. A Nightingale memorial nursing service will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Cancer fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 227 E. Ninth Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# Tuesday February 4, 2020

### Lewie Arnold OVERLANDER

Lewie Arnold OVERLANDER, 81, Akron, died at 11:35 p.m. January 31, 2020, at his residence following a lengthy illness.

He was born on April 4, 1938, in rural Miami County to Edward and Catherine (KAMP) OVERLANDER. He was one of six children and lived his whole life in the Akron community.

Lewie married Joan WILLIAMS on April 3, 1967. She died on June 22, 1987. He then married Kathie Ann SWAIN on November 5, 1993, in Paintsville, Kentucky. She survives.

He served his country in the United States Marine Corps. Lewie was a hardworking man who was one of the original founders of O&R Construction in Akron in the mid-1960s. Later, in the late 1980s, he went into business for himself as a carpenter.

Lewie was a member of the Rochester VFW Post 1343, Rochester American Legion Post 36 and Rochester Fraternal Order of Eagles and a loyal patron of the Bear's Den in Akron.

Survivors of Lewie are his wife, Kathie OVERLANDER, Akron; five stepchildren, Beth Ann BAHNEY, Wabash, Lia ROSA (spouse Jose), Akron (Rock Lake), Jessica BENTLEY, Akron, Coni GRONINGER, Akron (Rock Lake), and Cody (Jamie), New Haven; one brother, Raymond E. OVERLANDER, Pendleton; two

sisters, Carolyn MURPHY, Rochester, and Marilyn (spouse Robert) CLEVELAND, Peru; three grandchildren, Carter BENTLEY, Akron, Carleigh BENTLEY, Akron, and Maizie Lynn GRONINGER, New Haven; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and his loyal canine friend, Jack. Lewie was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bobby KAMP and Lawrence OVERLANDER; a sister-in-law, Donna OVERLANDER; and his canine friend, T-Bone.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 5, 2020, from 11 a.m.-1p.m. at the Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester Street, Akron. The funeral service will follow visitation at 1 p.m. and will be officiated by the Rev. Phil PRATT. Burial will be at the Akron IOOF Cemetery. For those who wish to honor the memory of Lewie, memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center, 1540 N. Wentzel Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Online condolences may be sent to earllovefuneralhome.com. The staff of Earl-Love Funeral Home considers it a privilege and an honor to care for the family of Lewie A. OVERLANDER.

### Donald W. DUFF

Donald W. DUFF, 83, Bremen, died Saturday at Signature HealthCARE, Bremen. Survivors include his daughter, Rebecca M. TEETZ, Fort Wayne; his son, Michael L. DUFF, Plymouth; and brother, Carl D. DUFF, Argos.

His memorial service is 7 p.m. Wednesday at The Church of Jesus Christ, 15676 Michigan Road, Argos. Visitation is 5 p.m. to the time of the service Wednesday at the church. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

#### **Robert W. WEAVER**

Robert W. WEAVER, 87, Rochester, died Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; his children, Kathy GOOD, Rochester, Rick WEAVER, Walton, Mike WEAVER, Noblesville, Dan WEAVER, Kokomo, Tom WEAVER, Carmel, John WEAVER, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Kelly HIATT, Indianapolis; his sister, Judy LEWIS, Columbus, Ohio; and two brothers, Bucky WEAVER, Amelia Island, Florida and Tom WEAVER, Rochester.

A Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Friday and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Jeffrey D. GOOD

Jeffrey D. GOOD, 56, died Sunday at home. Survivors include four sons, Landon J. GOOD, Layton J. GOOD, Jeffrey D. GOOD II and Jakob D. GOOD; his mother, Joyce A. GOOD; his sister, Jeri D. GOOD; and his brother, Jon D. GOOD.

His celebration of life is 1 p.m. Sunday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to the service Sunday at the funeral home.

#### **Richard L. CRIMMINS**

#### August 25, 1933-January 31, 2020

Richard L. CRIMMINS, 86, Lucerne, passed away Friday, January 31, 2020, in WoodBridge Health Campus, Logansport.

He was born on August 25, 1933, in Lucerne to the late Leo and Margaret (WINN) CRIMMINS. On August 19, 1951, in Harrison Township, he married Sarah Jane HERD. She preceded him in death on May 26, 2015.

Richard was a lifelong farmer in Harrison Township. He was a member of the Lucerne Lions and a former recipient of the Melvin Jones award. Richard was very proud of the fact that he had never missed

a Sunday of church for more than 40 years while being an active member of Indian Creek Christian Church. He was also a former active member of Indiana Farm Bureau.

Survivors include two sons, Herd (Loisann) CRIMMINS, Lucerne, and Gilbert (Mindy) CRIMMINS, Remington; two daughters, Susie (Tom) RUNKLE, Fulton, and Jane (Michael) JORDAN, Johnson Creek, Wisconsin; six grandson, Kem CRIMMINS, The Bronx, New York, Jeff (Donna) RUNKLE, Rochester, Greg (Laura) RUNKLE, Macy, Adam CRIMMINS, Lucerne, Austin (Kassidy) CRIMMINS, Mishawaka, and Brandon (Lisa) CRIMMINS, Elkhart; five granddaughters, Kitten (Trey) MCCLAIN, Evansville, Krystal (Chris) HOWARD, Logansport, Amy (Corey) CALVERT, Rochester, Rebecca J. (Ted) MUELLER, Watertown, Wisconsin, and Nicole L. (Andy) WAGNER, Lisbon, Wisconsin; 30 great-grandchildren; six great-greatgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Richard was preceded in death by his sister, Lois PASCHEN; two grandchildren, Andy and Noel CRIMMINS; and one great-grandchild, Addison Jay MCCLAIN.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 9, 2020, at Gundrum Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff STRITE officiating. Burial will follow in the Indian Creek Christian Church Cemetery. A visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2020, at Gundrum Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lucerne Lions Club or the Indian Creek Christian Church Cemetery. Family and friends may sign the guest book and send online condolences at www.gundrumcares.com.

## Mila 'Tootie' HARNESS YOUNG

# July 4, 1934-January 28, 2020

Mila "Tootie" HARNESS YOUNG, 85, Culver, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. She was born July 4, 1934, in Hamlet to the late Edwin and Lela COX HARNESS.

A loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Tootie (Grandma Toots) enjoyed family gatherings, most especially over the holidays. Watching the little ones and playing with them brought her such great joy. Tootie enjoyed reading, especially books about the Amish way of life. She was a collector of many things that included cookbooks, cookie jars, dishes, older pieces of furniture, and holiday decorations. She enjoyed watching the hummingbirds and other wildlife from her sun porch.

Sharing jokes and laughter with friends during her monthly car club, on various bus trips, Saturday morning coffee at L&B, and phone chats with old friends was important to her as she believed in living, loving, and laughing.

Tootie and Richard (Dick) YOUNG were married on April 2, 1960, in Hamlet. They shared 59 years together living and working in the Leiters Ford and rural Culver area.

Tootie is survived by her three children, Kelly (John SAVOIE) YOUNG, Argos, Jason (Sue) YOUNG, Rochester, and Joe (Cindy) YOUNG, Hickory, North Carolina; six grandchildren, Evan (Ashley) YOUNG, Brody (Chelsea) YOUNG, Logan (Dana) YOUNG, Danielle (Rich) JENKINS, Carissa YOUNG and Zachary YOUNG; eight great-grandchildren, Zaine, Gavin, Lanah, Quinnley, Landon, Oaklin, Adelyn, and Jake; and three siblings, Jerry HARNESS, Florida, Susan (Bob) FORT, Knox and Jeff HARNESS, Plymouth. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings LaVerne HARNESS, Loretta POZORSKI, Lawrence HARNESS, Dick HARNESS, Merrill HARNESS and Peggy HARNESS.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. EST Thursday, February 6, 2020, at the Leiters Ford United Methodist Church, 7573 W. Church Street. Visiting hours will be from 4-8 p.m. EST Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at the Rannells Funeral Home Hamlet Chapel and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leiters Ford United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 126, Leiters Ford, IN 46945.

# Wednesday February 5, 2020

### **Robert William WEAVER**

# July 26, 1932-February 2, 2020

Mr. Robert William WEAVER, 87, Rochester, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 3:10 a.m. Sunday, February 2, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital.

On July 26, 1932, Robert William WEAVER was born in Gary. He was a treasured son of Earl L. and Mary Catherine CONSIDINE WEAVER. Growing up he shared his childhood with a sister and four brothers.

In 1950 Bob graduated from Gary Wirt High School where he was a stellar athlete playing football and running track as a Trooper. In 1955 he graduated from Indiana University Bloomington with a bachelor's degree in business marketing.

At Lake Station, Bob and Elizabeth "Betty" Jean DONAGHEY were married on July 30, 1955. They enjoyed 42 years of life's adventures. From their union came six wonderful children. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations. Sadly, she passed away on February 2, 1998.

Bob answered the call to serve his country as a member of the United States Air Force ROTC. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation. His tour of duty included a stint of service during the Vietnam War as he flew more than 200 missions onboard the RB-57 as a reconnaissance navigator and camera operator. Prior to that he served as navigator on the Boeing B-52 bomber. His career spanned from 1956-1977 when he was honorably discharged as Lt. Col. Robert W. WEAVER on April 1, 1977, from Grissom AFB.

On July 13, 2001, Bob and Nancy TAYLOR were married. They enjoyed 18 years of many good times, making memories. Their blended family gave Bob two more daughters. Bob and Nancy enjoyed hosting many special family celebrations from their Lake Manitou home.

A man of strong faith, Bob was a devoted member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church for more than four decades. Other memberships included the Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club, Manitou Moose Lodge and the Elks Lodge, all of Rochester.

Left to cherish the memory of Bob are his wife, Nancy; children Kathy GOOD and husband Brad, Rochester, Rick WEAVER and wife Ashley, Walton, Mike WEAVER and wife Barb, Noblesville, Dan WEAVER and wife Judy, Kokomo, Tom WEAVER, Carmel, John WEAVER and wife Amy, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Kelly HIATT and wife Lauren, Indianapolis, and Keri CALHOUN, Indianapolis; 21 grandchildren, Cory, Casey, Maggie, Libby, Ryan, Justin, Brandon, Ben, Kelly, Autumn, Allison, Aaron, Austin, Lily, Nate, Jack, Quinn, Kira, Ellie, Hiatt and Cameron; eight great-grandchildren, Brionna, Bella, Jaydon, Amelia, Aiden, Bailey, Charley and Palmer; sister Judy LEWIS, Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Bucky WEAVER and wife Marge, Amelia Island, Florida, and Tom WEAVER, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Catherine WEAVER; wife Elizabeth "Betty"; two WEAVER brothers, Jim, and Dicky as a toddler; and great-grandson Jaxon.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2020, and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. The Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Honors Team will conduct graveside military rites. Interment will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1310 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975, or Compassionate Health Center, 740 N. Indiana 25, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Lester Eugene 'Gene' SENSIBAUGH November 15, 1939-December 10, 2019 Lester Eugene "Gene" SENSIBAUGH was born on November 15, 1939, in Rochester. He passed into his Heavenly home on December 10, 2019, in the care of his loving family along with Marshall County Hospice and Palliative Care.

Gene was a resident of Marshall County most of his life, most recently in Argos. He was the son of Lester Clarence and Mary Elizabeth (SHULTZ) SENSIBAUGH. He retired from Stockberger Trucking after 12 years of working part time in maintenance. He was a faithful member of Plymouth Wesleyan Church and also attended the Wesleyan church in Rochester.

Gene loved traveling, enjoying most of the United States. Regardless of where he went, Gene never knew a stranger, viewing everyone as a friend, joking and teasing those he knew and met. He enjoyed horses, farming and working with his backhoe. He also enjoyed mowing and landscaping for many years. Gene really enjoyed spending time with his little Chihuahuas who were the loves of his life. Most of all, however, he loved his family.

Gene is survived by his wife, Kathy; son John YEARGIN (Laura PETERS), West Lafayette; granddaughter Sophia YEARGIN; grandsons Elijah LITTLE, Andrew YEARGIN and Vincent YEARGIN; sisters Mary Martha HOTT, Rochester, Doris KISSNER, Knox, Phillis BARNES, Ione, Oregon, Thelma NELSON, South Carolina, and Wanda (Jim) FOX, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Lester Clarence and Mary Elizabeth SENSIBAUGH; sisters Leona STARKEY and Frances MARK; stepsister Alice BANKS; brother Donald SENSIBAUGH; and stepbrother Dale SENSIBAUGH.

The family of Lester is hosting a time when friends and family may come and celebrate the life of Gene SENSIBAUGH. They will be sharing memories and fellowship with his favorite treats. Join them at the Plymouth Wesleyan Church from 2-4 p.m. February 8, 2020. Parking is on the south side of the church, and people should enter the side doors to the Berean Room.

## Thursday February 6, 2020

## Jeffrey Duane 'Jeff' GOOD September 8, 1963-February 2, 2020

Jeffrey Duane "Jeff" GOOD, 56, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 2:59 p.m. Sunday, February 2, 2020, at home. This followed a fierce yet valiant battle with cancer for the past 19 months.

On September 8, 1963, Jeffrey Duane GOOD was born in Rochester's Woodlawn Hospital. He was a treasured son of Junior D. and Joyce A. BURKETT GOOD. Growing up as the youngest of the GOOD kids, he shared his childhood with Jeri, Jon and Jayne.

With fleet feet he ran for the Zebras' cross-country team and distance events in track. His crosscountry teammates nicknamed him Cecil, a name he still answered to as an adult. Jeff was also on the Zebra swim team, competing in distance events and relays. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1982.

Early on, Jeff was an avid skier who enjoyed pushing himself to negotiate great challenges. On Lake Manitou, he was a talented barefoot skier, executing perfect beach starts, jumping out of his skis and enjoying taking flight off the big jump. As a motorcycle enthusiast, he owned a couple of Harleys, finding great joy in the freedom a great ride would bring on a warm summer day.

On November 1, 1986, Jeff married Sandy SCHERBING at Grace United Methodist Church. From their union came four handsome sons, Landon, Layton, Jeffrey II and Jakob. The family tree continued to grow with added blessings of grandchildren Larson and Laylynn.

An avid sports fan, Jeff followed the Chicago Bulls, Cubs and Bears, the Indianapolis Colts and all Notre Dame Teams. Jeff, his dad J.D., Jon and Loren witnessed the Chicago Bulls' ring celebration following their first championship during the Michael Jordan years. More recently, Jeff became a Boston Red Sox fan, cheering for them at Fort Meyers during spring training. Jeff's memberships include the Fraternal Order of the Eagles 852, Manitou Moose Lodge 1107, Sons of the American Legion Post 36 and the Manitou VFW Post 1343.

With a strong work ethic instilled by his dad, Jeff began his work career in his single digits helping his dad by sweeping the walks daily and washing cars at Foster & Good Funeral Home. In the early years, it was natural as he resided in the upstairs of the funeral home with his family. During his RHS years, he worked at Kroger, stocking and carrying out. Jeff worked for the concrete division of McMahan-O'Connor's bridge crew for many years and as a full-time fireman for Rochester Fire Department for eight years. An entrepreneur, Jeff founded Good and Sons Concrete. Skilled with the ability to finish concrete to perfection, he poured basements and did flatwork and custom jobs. During his career, he built four homes during the winters. He returned to the funeral home to assist with comforting families and working meticulously to keep the premises up to the family standard.

Jeff's recent stint with Leading Edge Fabrication, Milford, was another job through which he expressed true passion, working as a fabricator of countertops and fireplaces and doing other custom work utilizing granite and quartz. He truly loved and appreciated his L.E. family team. With his illness, he was unable to work consistently with the demands of his treatments, tests and medical care. He returned to the funeral home, filling many gaps and doing specialty work like power-washing, painting, tinkering with the cars and clearing the overgrown fence rows.

In a nearly fatal motorcycle accident while traveling to work at L.E. in the early morning on July 11, 2016, Jeff's faith was solidified by surviving the accident. Prior to this he established a daily routine taking time for spiritual study by reading the Bible, daily devotions and the works of Joyce Meyer and Tim Tebow while he was a resident of the Serenity House, Warsaw.

In July 2018, Jeff was given a grim diagnosis, with no chance to neutralize the cancer, only to be given comfort and palliative care. Jeff was showered with many prayers over the last 19 months, allowing him to enjoy many things including the birth of his granddaughter, watching Larson's soccer games, fishing with the boys, overseeing more LG Concrete jobs, cruising the waters on Lake Manitou with Bailey Mae and riding around in the early morning with Bailey Mae to bring fresh doughnuts to his mom. He planted a beautiful truck patch garden and shared the harvest with family and friends, helped Larson pick pumpkins, hunted mushrooms and enjoyed early Sunday morning drives and driving around looking at the twinkling Christmas lights.

Jeff and his family are grateful to the Parkview cancer center care team for their professional and state-of-the-art, cutting-edge medical care to extend his life. The team dubbed Jeff the "Miracle Man," a title he truly appreciated.

During his lifetime, Jeff was an accomplished chef, making many specialties in demand by his family including delicious chili, Italian spaghetti and sloppy Joes. As a grill-master he made amazing burgers, steaks and chicken. Jeff deep-fried turkey, fresh fish he and the boys caught and alligator tails.

Known to his grands as Grandpa Cee-zee, he was delighted with their visits and celebrating special family events and the holidays. In the earlier years, his sons enjoyed many family vacations, spring break at Treasure Island and visits to Cedar Point, Brown County and Disney World and packing up the car and heading to German Lake in Cleveland, Minnesota, for fishing trips.

Remembering Jeff are four sons, Landon J. GOOD and companion Lexie OLINGER, Layton J. GOOD and wife Shana Jo, Jeffrey D. GOOD II and companion Emily TYLER and Jakob D. GOOD; two grandchildren, Larson Thomas GOOD, 4, and Laylynn Jo GOOD, 3 months; his mother, Joyce A. GOOD; sister Jeri D. GOOD; brother Jon D. GOOD and companion Christine CALVERT; two nieces, Corinna Jayne Ann GOOD and Cassidy Jo GOOD; mother of his sons Sandy GOOD; and treasured canine companion, his partner in crime, the rescued Australian Cattle Dog-blend Bailey Mae. Jeff was preceded in death by his father, J.D. GOOD, on October 18, 2005; sister Jayne Anne GOOD, on July 11, 1983; grandparents Otis and Beulah BURKETT and O'Dell and Bessie GOOD; and miniature Schnauzers Elvis, Patty and Pepper.

A celebration of the life of Jeff D. GOOD is at 1 p.m. Sunday February 9, 2020, at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Teri WHITE will officiate. Friends may visit with his family on Saturday, February 8, 2020, from 4-8 p.m. and an hour prior to the service Sunday at the funeral home. Burial follows in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorial may go to Fulton County H.O.P.E., P.O. Box 735, Rochester, IN 46975, or the Jayne Ann GOOD Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 227 E. Ninth Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Condolences may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## Ira MILAM

Ira MILAM, 61, Rochester, died Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Shirley A. GARRISON

## August 29, 1934-February 4, 2020

Shirley A. GARRISON, 85, Logansport, passed away at 5:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at Franciscan Health, Lafayette.

Born August 29, 1934, in Logansport, she was the daughter of Carl and Eunice ROGERS REICHARD. Shirley was married on August 2, 1954, in Gulfport, Mississippi, to Robert L. GARRISON. He preceded her in death on April 13, 2001.

Shirley owned and operated the Logansport Academy of Beauty Culture in downtown Logansport for many years. She was then employed as a real estate agent for Pacesetters Real Estate in Logansport.

Surviving are a son, Stephen (Nancy) GARRISON, Rochester; daughter Cricket J. A. GRAF, Rochester; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta L. "Robbie" CONN; and sister Barbara MULLIS.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020, and 10-11 a.m. on Saturday at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport. The funeral service, with the Rev. Ken SMITH officiating, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, following visitation, also at the funeral home. Interment will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cass County Humane Society, 700 Water Street, Logansport, IN 46947, or A Cause for Paws, P.O. 1402, Logansport, IN 46947. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the obituary at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.

## Friday February 7, 2020

## Ira MILAM

## September 20, 1958-February 5, 2020

Ira MILAM, 61, Rochester, passed away at 2:27 a.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born on September 20, 1958, in Como, Mississippi, the son of Charlie and Frances (LOMAX) MILAM. Ira worked various jobs including managing high-rise buildings in Chicago, Illinois.

Ira loved fishing, hunting, and going to the casinos to play Flaming 7's and Keno. Earlier in life, he was an active member of his bowling league. In the warm months, Ira enjoyed gardening, especially tending to his elephant ears, and being under his carport tinkering with his machinery he had picked up at yard sales and auctions from around town.

He was an avid viewer of the Outdoor Channel's whitetail deer shows, often providing his own commentary for those less successful. Many will remember Ira from seeing him riding around town on his

electric chair and his showing his kind heart to help others when he could, singing karaoke during his nursing home rehabilitation and being a great father.

Ira is survived by his companion, Sheila ROWE, Rochester; his 14 children, including Ira MILAM Jr, and Fantasia VELEZ, both of Rochester, Alesha (Steven) BURTS, Tanesha THOMAS and David COVINGTON, all of Mississippi, and Darrell MASON and Donta MASON, both of Memphis, Tennessee; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers Matthew (Vanola) MILAM, Evanston, Illinois, Albert (Tina) MILAM, Memphis, Tennessee, and Jackie MILAM, Omaha, Nebraska; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Charles MILAM and James "J.V." MILAM; and sisters Alberta M.P. WESTBROOK and Joyce M. MCCLURGE TURNER.

His funeral service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, February 9, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Cremation will occur after the funeral service. Condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Larry L. STAVEDAHL

## June 20, 1937-February 5, 2020

Larry L. STAVEDAHL, 82, Warsaw, and formerly of Mentone, went to be in God's presence while surrounded by his loving family at 11:49 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on June 20, 1937, in South Bend to the late Charles and Eva Mae (BLEW) STAVEDAHL. He married Rebecca "Becky" BOWSER on October 27, 1957, at the Mentone First Baptist Church. She survives.

He worked for Lowery sewing center of Warsaw for more than 25 years, retiring in 2001. Larry was a 1956 graduate of Talma High School.

He enjoyed watching all kinds of sports. He especially loved watching his children and grandchildren play in many sporting events. He served as a song leader, church bus driver and deacon at the Talma Bible Church. He was always active in church and led church services for 13 years on Sunday mornings at Pic-A-Spot Campground. More recently, he attended Cornerstone Church of Mentone, and after moving to Warsaw, he attended Pathway Church.

Survivors include his wife, Becky STAVEDAHL, Warsaw; his daughters, Angela and husband Lee SWIHART, Rochester, and Sheri and husband John MCDANIEL, Warsaw; his sons, Rodney and wife Kim STAVEDAHL, Fort Wayne, David and wife Christine STAVEDAHL, Warsaw, and Curtis and wife Andrea STAVEDAHL, Etna Green; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; his brother, Ted and wife Becky STAVEDAHL, Redding, California; and his sister, Alice VINING, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Eva Mae STAVEDAHL; and his brother, Richard Gene STAVEDAHL.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 10, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker Street, Mentone, with Pastor Rod UTTER officiating. Burial will follow the funeral service in the Mentone Cemetery. Visitation hours will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, February 9, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Contributions may be made in Larry's memory to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice. Family and friends may share а memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## Saturday February 8, 2020

No Obituaries

**Tuesday February 11, 2020** 

William E. 'Bill' GEARHART

William E. "Bill" GEARHART, 91, of Akron, left to be with his Lord on Friday, February 7, 2020. Being one of 18 children, Bill understood what it meant to be a family. Growing up together in a big household, Bill and his siblings had many stories to share of mischief, laughter and lots of love. Still carrying on the GEARHART legacy are his sisters, Dorothy, Ruth, Sharon and Joan, and his brothers, Larry and Roger.

In February 1951, Bill married Phyllis GEARHART, whom he loved dearly. They planted roots in Akron where they shared their life and love with three wonderful daughters, Lynne (Larry) KLINE, Janice (James) SANER and Patti (Robert) NEWMAN, whom all still live close by.

Of all the things he had done, he was most proud of his daughters and their families. He was faithful at stopping by for a quick visit, showing up on every family birthday and listening to or watching various sporting events while cheering on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Helping to carry on those traditions are grandchildren Bridget (Chuck) BUSSARD, Melissa (David) BELCHER, Keith (Dacy) NEWMAN, Tara OTT, Andrew PARKER, Kristen (Tracy) HORRELL, Jayme (Ashton) PATTERSON-BOOCHER, Amy CRAIG, Kayla (Kris) HUGHES and Alex (Breanna) NEWMAN and 20 greatgrandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Bill served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was proud of his duty and service to the country. Upon returning home, he began working on the Erie Lackawanna railroad and fondly recalled his days of hard work. He was proud to be such a part of history.

After his days on the railroad, Bill took up construction. He began building many houses in Akron, all which still look beautiful today and are a reminder to family and friends of his craftsmanship and legacy.

In his later years, Bill also shared his life with his partner, Sue DAINE. He raised large gardens of vegetables and fruit to share with others, much like his parents did when he was growing up.

He loved in such quiet ways, unless it was rooting on his faithful Cubbies or Indiana Hoosiers. You never talked to Bill or stopped by for a visit without hearing a sports game playing loudly throughout the house. Bill also had a fondness for taking his chances at scratch-off tickets and the casino.

Bill was a master gardener. He was known for his many rows of vegetables that he not only ate himself but gave away to family and friends. Most people would find a pint or two of tomatoes or a couple dozen ears of sweet corn sitting on their front porch steps and know that Bill had been there.

Bill was a giver. He helped his friends, his neighbors, and his family. Whether it was showering his family with an abundant amount of gifts for Christmas when the grandchildren were little, or anyone with vegetables, or conversations, or a game of cards, or the simple candy dish that sat on his side table, he showed his love best when he gave to others.

Family and friends may stop by and share their love and memories of Bill on Sunday, February 16, 2020 from 1-3 p.m. at the Akron Community Center, 815 Rural Street. A memorial service will follow at 3 p.m. with military honors performed by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made in Bill's memory to the Tippecanoe Valley Middle School Viking Vittles program. Arrangements are entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester Street, Akron. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## Lois M. YODER

Lois M. YODER, 91, Rochester, and formerly of the Macy area, died Friday at home. Survivors include three children, Carol L. YODER, Linda D. YODER and Carl H. YODER, all of Rochester. Visitation is 3-5 p.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

## Wednesday February 12, 2020

## Michael D. SHAFER

Michael D. SHAFER, 57, Rochester, died Tuesday. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Thursday February 13, 2020

#### **Sharon DORAN**

Sharon DORAN, 84, formerly of Burket, died Tuesday at her son's home. Survivors include her son, Trent DORAN, Claypool.

No service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Hartzler Funeral Home.

## Friday February 14, 2020

No Obituaries

## Saturday February 15, 2020

No Obituaries

## Tuesday February 18, 2020

## Video WEAVER

## April 2, 1949-February 13, 2020

Video WEAVER, 70, daughter of Ella Mae (SHEPHERD) and Lowell AYERS, passed away on February 13, 2020, at 11:49 p.m. at her home, surrounded by her family.

Video was born on April 2, 1949, in Plymouth. She had been a resident of the area all her life, living at her Rochester home since 1970. She attended Plymouth High School.

On May 6, 1967, Video married the love of her life, Nelson Eugene. She worked as a general laborer in factories and as a homemaker. During her free time, Video enjoyed camping and knitting, but most importantly, she cherished spending time with her family. She was a member of the Rochester Church of God and was involved with the ladies' ministry group.

Survivors include her husband, Nelson; daughters Karen (Derek) PONTIOUS, Rochester, and Ruby (Hurshel) BELL, Morristown; and son Eddie WEAVER, Plymouth. There are also nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren who survive. Also surviving are her sister, Suzanne HARNESS, Morristown, and her brother, Victor (Janie) AYERS, Parrish, Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Patty HARNESS; and brother Roger AYERS.

Visitation for Video will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 from 10-11 a.m. The funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. Both visitation and the funeral service will be at the Rochester Church of God, 3048 Southway 31. Burial will be at the New Oak Hill Cemetery. Deaton-Clemens Van Gilder Funeral Home is privileged to be entrusted with the care of Video's family. Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Cancer Fund, P.O., Box 807, 227 E. Ninth Street, Rochester, IN 46975, or to Webb's Family Pharmacy, 724 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories of Video with her family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

## Nathan M. CLOUD

## January 11, 1986-February 15, 2020

Nathan M. CLOUD, 34, Rochester, passed away at 2:48 p.m. Saturday, February 15, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on January 11, 1986, in Plymouth, the son of Michael Cloud and Sondra (SWARTZ) BREWER.

Nathan graduated from Rochester High School in 2005. As one of Jehovah's Witnesses, Nathan had full confidence in the Bible's promise of being resurrected to an Earth where God's promise of a paradise will replace all sorrow and anguish.

Survivors include his parents, Michael and Laura CLOUD, Rochester, and Sondra BREWER, Monticello; sisters Donna (Robert) KNOWLTON, Howe, and Misty CLOUD, Peru; half-sister Amy VAN ALSTINE, South Bend; nephew Sean KNOWLTON; Howe; niece Thea VAN ALSTINE, South Bend; grandmother Harriett SWARTZ, Florida; and step-grandmother Jeannie CLOUD, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

A service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1563 N. Indiana 25, Rochester, on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Visitation will take place at 2 p.m. with a talk at 3 p.m. Burial will be at a later date at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Angie K. SEABERG

## October 5, 1955-February 14, 2020

Angie K. SEABERG, 64, Mentone, passed away on Friday, February 14, 2020, surrounded by family. Angela was born October 5, 1955, in Rochester, to Toby and Sharon (LEITER) WARNER. In May 1999, she married Thomas SEABERG. He survives.

Angie was a very loving, caring, generous, person, always doing whatever she could to help others. She enjoyed collecting toys and teddy bears and watching murder mystery and horror movies. She loved animals and volunteering at the Animal Welfare League. She loved spending time with her family, but also enjoyed her quiet times alone.

She is survived by her husband, Tom; daughters Jen BAILEY, Rochester, Casey (Ryan) CHEESEMAN, Rochester, and Amy (Kevin) MILLER, Logansport; son Corey (Brittany) CARNES; stepchildren Teresa SEABERG, Warsaw, Cynthia (Ricky) RICHARDSON, Kentucky, Thomas SEABERG Jr., Warsaw, and Beth (Kit) CRAFT, Burket; 22 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother Wayne (Marlena) WARNER, Florida; sister Bambi (Jim) HALLAM, South Bend; and stepmother Maryann WARNER, Culver. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter Abbii Jean; and grandson Jesse BOWERS.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation will occur with a celebration of her life being held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, February 22, 2020, at the Moose Family Center, 1911 Westside Road, Rochester, IN 46975. Donations in Angie's memory may be given to the Animal Welfare League of Kosciusko County, 1048 S. 325 E., Pierceton, IN 46562. Arrangements were entrusted to Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services, Warsaw. Online condolences may be left at www.heritage-fcs.com.

## **Elaine COMBS THOMAS**

Elaine COMBS THOMAS, 69, Peru, died Saturday at home. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home.

## **Robert W. JOHNSON**

Robert W. JOHNSON, 70, Carmel, died Thursday at St. Vincent, Carmel. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home.

## Prince GARDNER Jr.

Prince GARDNER Jr., 68, Detroit, Michigan, and formerly of Leiters Ford, died Saturday at Community Rehabilitation Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Wednesday February 19, 2020

## **Robert Wayne JOHNSON**

#### March 14, 1949-February 13, 2020

Robert Wayne JOHNSON, 70, died peacefully on Thursday morning, February 13, 2020, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, Carmel.

Born March 14, 1949, Bob was the first child of the late Phyllis Mae (ROBBINS) JOHNSON of Adams Township, Cass County, and the late Russell Eugene JOHNSON of Walker Township, Rush County.

He is survived by his wife, Gale Alice (DAVIDSON), Carmel; brother Richard William (Roberta Joy KRINTZ), Peru; three nephews, Benjamin (Lindsey FISHER), Fort Wayne, Christian, Peru, and Michael, Carmel; and two great-nephews. His brother Thomas RUSSELL of Twelve Mile preceded him in death.

His extended family includes three sisters-in-law, Anna KELLY, Portage, Michigan, Carol PRICE (Allen), Moss Beach, California, and Georgia JONES (Bill), Battle Ground; eight nieces and nephews, Kathy GIBSON (Mark), South Bend, David SKIDMORE (Lynda), Naperville, Illinois, Jeff POWLEN (Lisa), Flora, Scott POWLEN (Amy), Half Moon Bay, California, Aaron KELLY (Tania), Bakersfield, California, Phoebe BROSNAN (Dan), Portage, Michigan, Jennifer RUHL (Patrick), Searcy, Arkansas, and Katie BECHMAN (Daniel), Noblesville; and 14 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Bob was an Honor Society student and a three-sport letterman at North Miami High School graduating in 1967 with a scholarship to Indiana University Bloomington. He later graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in finance and earned an MBA from Purdue's Kranert School of Management.

His varied work life included co-managing the family farm near Twelve Mile with his father and younger brother Tom. Bob worked for Prudential Financial in the field of agricultural finance. He was the chief financial officer for a pork production company in Missouri and a restoration company in Indianapolis. Bob was a certified public accountant and retired in 2017 after working several years as a tax accountant.

Bob was never a spectator, his personality demanded that he be totally involved, be it in work, family or leisure. He and Gale spent their 47 years together immersed in work, traveling the world, and helping raise nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Bob's legacy of kindness, grace, drive, humor, and wisdom has made a profound, positive and lasting impact on the many lives he has touched.

His funeral service will be at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, 5588 Indiana 25 North, Logansport, on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Hospital or a favorite charity. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent at www.mcclainfh.com.

## **Elaine THOMAS**

Elaine THOMAS, 69, Peru, died Saturday at home. Survivors include her mother, Geneva J. CASSELS, Peru; two children, Aaron E. THOMAS, Florida, and Amanda E. BRUNNEMER, Peru; and two siblings, Debbie BALSBAUGH and Jeff COMBS, both of Peru.

Her funeral service is 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Bunker Hill Free Will Baptist Church, 279 W. Broadway. Visitation is 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service Thursday at the church. Arrangements are handled by McClain Funeral Home.

#### **Robert L. RYMAN**

Robert L. RYMAN, 73, Spartanburg, South Carolina, and formerly of the Atwood and Mentone areas, died January 30, 2020, at home.

Survivors include his brothers, Fred L. RYMAN, Fort Wayne, Jerry J. RYMAN, Warsaw, and Douglas A. RYMAN, Claypool.

Memorial visitation is 5-8 p.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone.

## **David STARNER**

David STARNER, 59, rural Claypool, died Tuesday at IU Health Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home.

## Thursday February 20, 2020

# Prince GARDNER Jr.

## January 1, 1952-February 15, 2020

Prince GARDNER Jr., 68, was born on January 1, 1952, in Montgomery, Alabama, the son of Prince Sr. and Maggie Lee (HARRIS) GARDNER. Prince Gardner Sr. preceded him in death.

Prince was the first of 10 children. He and his parents moved to Chicago, Illinois in 1953. He attended Burnside Elementary Scholastic Academy, Chicago, Illinois, until his family moved to Rochester in 1968.

Prince graduated from Culver Community High School in 1970 and had worked at the Culver Military Academy. Prince grew up knowing about God. At the age of 19, he accepted a job with General Motors in Detroit, Michigan, working there for more than 30 years before retiring in 2009.

The oldest of 10, he led by example in helping on his grandparents' and parents' farms along with his other siblings by planting various crops and tending to the many animals on the farms. Prince was faithful in all the things he did. He loved to work outside doing landscaping for family and friends.

Prince was a very loving and caring soul and a gentle giant and had a very infectious smile. He loved his family and took every opportunity to be close to them. If he heard family was coming in from out of town, he would always be one to join and fellowship with them during their visit. Prince enjoyed helping other people. He loved watching sports, old Westerns and action movies.

In October 2019 Prince moved to Indianapolis to be closer to his family. There he enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas and his own New Year's Day birthday party, his first-ever birthday party with his family where he cried tears of joy.

During this time, his mother was in constant prayer with him to give his life and soul over to Jesus. His mom and family took care of Prince and loved on him.

Prince confessed Christ in the early morning on January 29, 2020, with his family. On February 15, 2020, God called Prince Home. The Lord came to welcome him into His loving arms.

Left to cherish the fond memories of Prince are his mother, Maggie Lee GARDNER, Rochester; his son, Prince GARDNER III, Detroit, Michigan; siblings Gladys (Tommy) HAMER, Atlanta, Georgia, David GARDNER, Chicago, Illinois, Melinda (Raymond) SALARY, Michigan City, Jerome (Annetta) GARDNER, St. Louis, Missouri, Patricia (Jerry) BOOTH, Indianapolis, Glen GARDNER, Rochester, Juanita GARDNER, Indianapolis, Duane (Vanessa) GARDNER, Indianapolis, and Elizabeth COFFEY, Indianapolis; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

His funeral home-going service will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 22, 2020, at the Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 717 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Michigan City. Viewing before home-going at the church is from 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Repast is at the Michigan City Elks Lodge, 416 E. U.S. 20, Michigan City. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, February 23, 2020, at the Leiters Ford Cemetery. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com. The family express their condolences and acknowledgments.

#### **Krystal K. SMITH**

Krystal K. SMITH, 71, Rochester, died Tuesday at Franciscan Health Lafayette East. Survivors include her aunt and uncle, John and Marilyn ENSIGN, Peru.

A memorial service will be at a later date at the Akron Church of God. Arrangements are handled by Hartzler Funeral Home.

## **David O. STARNER**

David O. STARNER, 59, rural Claypool, died Tuesday at IU Health Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Survivors include his wife, Kris STARNER, Claypool; his sons, Zachary STARNER, Jacob STARNER, and Brodie STARNER, all of Claypool; and his sister, Susan WERSTLER, Pierceton.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker Street, Mentone. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

#### Darl L. MCVAY

Darl L. MCVAY, 75, Twelve Mile, died Wednesday at home. His funeral service is 1 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is 11 a.m. to the time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

#### **Eileen SLIFER**

Eileen SLIFER, 88, Twelve Mile, died Tuesday at home. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home.

#### Friday, February 21, 2020

## **Eileen J. SLIFER**

#### July 2, 1931-February 18, 2020

Eileen J. SLIFER, 88, Twelve Mile, passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at her residence. Born July 2, 1931, in Cass County, she was the daughter of Hugh Arnold KINGERY and the former Alta G. MORROW.

On September 12, 1948, at the Baptist Temple in Logansport, she married Howard "J.R." SLIFER. He preceded her in death on January 27, 2009.

Eileen attended Metea High School and lived most of her life in Twelve Mile. She served on the Cass County Planning Commission from 1978-2010. For many years, she had belonged to the Eastern Star, and she was a lifetime member of the VFW. She worked alongside her husband for many years at their Ford dealership in Twelve Mile, Slifer Motors.

She sent many nights over the years with family and friends listening to music, playing cards and helping with events sponsored by the Twelve Mile Community Fire Department, American Legion and Eagles Lodge. She was known for her ornery wit and feisty personality.

Survivors include two daughters, Donita J. (Jim) HOOK, Logansport, and Anita E. (Steve) BOLDRY, Rochester; 11 grandchildren, Rob HOOK, Wendy BURTON, Doug HOOK, Bill HOOK, Eric SLIFER, Marcus SLIFER, Gabby SLIFER, Libby BAHR, Tammy BONNELL, Brad BOLDRY and Scott BOLDRY; 19 greatgrandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Helen SLIFER; and one brother, Charles KINGERY.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 23, 2020, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Twelve Mile Community Fire Department or Twelve Mile first responders.

## **Ronald E. MOORE**

Ronald E. MOORE, 66, Canton, Ohio, and formerly of Rochester, died January 25, 2020, at Aultman Compassionate Care, Canton, Ohio.

Survivors include two daughters, Lisa NORDMAN, Nebraska, and Tracy MOORE, Rochester; two sons, Ronald MOORE Jr., Rochester, and Harold MOORE, Westfield; and a sister, Betty WEBB, Canton, Ohio.

His graveside service was January 30, 2020, at Heritage Memorial Gardens, Minerva, Ohio.

## Saturday, February 22, 2020

## **Treva SMITH**

Treva SMITH, 85, Warsaw, and formerly of the Argos community, died Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include her husband, David L. SMITH, Warsaw; her son, Carl D. SMITH, Winona Lake; her daughter, Barbara L. EYRICH, Bourbon; and her twin sister, Eva HOLDERREAD, Plymouth.

Her funeral service is noon Tuesday at Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan Road. Visitation is 10 a.m. to the time of the service Tuesday at the church. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

## **Kevin S. HARLEY**

Kevin S. HARLEY, 64, Argos, died Friday at home. Survivors include his wife, Valerie HARLEY, Argos; his daughter, Ashley J. POOLE, Indianapolis; his son Kyle S. HARLEY, Argos; his sisters, Robin HENSLEY, Tippecanoe, and Penni HERSBURGER, Rochester; and his brother, Jeffrey HARLEY, Rochester.

His funeral service is 3 p.m. Tuesday at Argos United Methodist Church, 570 N. Michigan Street. Visitation is 3-7 p.m. Monday at the church. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

#### Tuesday February 25, 2020

## Joseph L. 'Joey' ALLEN

## November 14, 1984-February 21, 2020

Joseph L. "Joey" ALLEN, 35, Rochester, passed away on Friday, February 21, 2020, in Kewanna. Born on November 14, 1984, in Rochester, he was the son of Jerry Jr. and Lila (PHILLIPS) ALLEN.

He was employed at Save-A-Lot in Rochester. Joey enjoyed coon hunting, taking care of his dogs, and being outdoors.

Survivors include his parents, Jerry Jr. and Lila ALLEN, Loogootee; companion Mariah JOHNSON, Rochester; sons Brantley and Caleb ALLEN, Rochester; grandmother Flora ALLEN, Loogootee; grandfather Joseph PHILLIPS, Loogootee; and sisters Dawn HARTZBURG (Jeremy), Loogootee, and Tangela GLEASON, West Virginia. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary PHILLIPS; grandfather Jerry ALLEN Sr.; and aunt Lora ALLEN.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, February 27, 2020, at Rans Funeral Home & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main Street, Kewanna. A memorial service will be at a later date in Loogootee. Friends may sign Joey's online guest book or leave a condolence for the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

## **Berniece BITTERLING**

Berniece BITTERLING, 91, died Saturday at home. Survivors include six children, Virgina BANNING, Plano, Illinois, Joy BRAUN, Rochester, Jill WALLACE, Warsaw, and Michael BITTERLING, Jeff BITTERLING, and Greg BITTERLING, all of Rochester.

Her life celebration is 2:30-6 p.m. Monday at the Fulton County Museum, 37 E. 375 North, Rochester. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Deanna K. WILSON

Deanna K. WILSON, 81, Warsaw, and formerly of Mentone, died Friday at home. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home.

#### **Robert C. FLORIN**

Robert C. FLORIN, 76, Leiters Ford, died Saturday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Judy ZENT

Judy ZENT, 77, Rochester, died Monday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

#### Wednesday February 26, 2020

## Judy Lyn VERNON ZENT

## April 11, 1942-February 24, 2020

Judy Lyn VERNON ZENT, 77, Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 1:09 a.m. Monday, February 24, 2020, at Wynnfield Crossing, where she had lived for the past year and a half.

On April 11, 1942, in Hammond, Judy Lyn VERNON was born to John and Martha WALTERS VERNON. Growing up, Judy shared many wonderful times with her younger sister, Vicki.

Judy was a proud Zebra, graduating in 1960 from Rochester High School. She enjoyed being Miss Fulton County 1959 and cheering for her favorite sports teams. After high school, she attended Indiana University for one year. Judy was honored to be a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She followed her boyfriend, Ron ZENT to Silver City, New Mexico, where they married and graduated with teaching degrees. Judy was the secretary and keeper of records for Western New Mexico Mustang reunions. She was proud of the Indiana group that attended Western New Mexico and kept in contact with many.

From Ron and Judy's union came two boys, Jeff and Scott. Judy's true pleasures were her boys and watching them play any sport. She taught at Riddle Elementary School and Rochester Middle School and coached girls' volleyball. After teaching, Judy moved to Carmel to work for IUPUI until her retirement. She liked shopping in Carmel and having friends and neighbors in for Christmas snacks.

Judy moved back to Rochester to be close to the great grandkids. She enjoyed class reunions and visiting West Virginia to watch Scott and Cooper play soccer and tennis. She loved reminiscing about high school and the early years. She was a member of Tri Kappa and Grace United Methodist Church.

Judy is survived by her sons, Jeff and wife Wendy ZENT, Rochester, and Scott ZENT, Charlestown, West Virginia; grandchildren Ashley (Evan) YOUNG, Ren (Staci) ZENT, Whitley (Koby) MOSER and Cooper ZENT; great-grandchildren Zaine, Gavin, Quinnley, Rylan, Adelyn and Wiley and two babies coming in August; sister Vicki and husband Don BOBO, Scottsdale, Arizona; nephews Curt BOBO, Phoenix, Arizona, and Don BOBO, Los Angeles, California; stepsister Kay and husband Carl MYERS, Fort Wayne; and stepbrother Travis and wife Angel SKIDMORE, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### Michael D. SHAFER

Michael D. SHAFER, 57, Rochester, died February 11, 2020, at home. Survivors include four children, Amanda WHALEY, Lugoff, South Carolina, Erin PHILLIPS, Walhalla, South Carolina, Andrew SHAFER, Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Megan KICKLIGHTER, West Columbia, South Carolina; and three brothers, Mark SHAFER, Bondurant, Iowa, and Dan SHAFER and Rob SHAFER, both of Rochester.

His celebration of life is 11 a.m. Saturday at Faith Outreach Center. Visitation is one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Deanna K. WILSON

Deanna K. WILSON, 81, Warsaw, and formerly of Mentone, died Friday at home. Survivors include her husband, William WILSON, Warsaw.

Her memorial service is 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 424 W. Market Street, Warsaw. Arrangements are handed by King Memorial Home.

#### **Roger MORIARTY**

Roger MORIARTY, 71, Mentone, died Tuesday at home. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home.

#### **Etta Louise BOYD KERNS**

#### September 20, 1919-February 23, 2020

Etta Louise BOYD KERNS, 100, Rochester, and formerly from Peru, passed away at 8:43 p.m. on Sunday, February 23, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

Ettie was born in Cortez, Colorado, in the Four Corners area, in a dirt floor Navajo Hogan on September 20, 1919 to Rebecca MCCONNELL. Her birth father was said to be a young Navajo fellow whose name is unknown.

She was raised by grandparents, Thomas BOYD and Rebecca (RICHMOND) BOYD. Her birth mother later married John E. HOUSE. Through that union, Etta acquired four half-brothers and one half-sister.

Etta's family emigrated from Glasgow, Scotland, to America in the early 1900s. Here, they claimed 320 acres of land in Colorado through the Homestead Act. She lived in Colorado until she was 7 years old. After that, she and several family members headed further west to California.

She lived in California until the age of 17. At that point, she moved to Oregon where she finished high school in 1937 at Bonanza High School, Bonanza, Oregon. She was not happy about the school not having an art program. Etta was a very talented artist who liked to sketch and paint. After high school, Etta attended beauty school and became a beautician. She was always into beauty and took great pride in her appearance. In her free time, she also liked to play golf.

On November 21, 1943, Etta married Ralph L. KERNS in Vancouver, Washington. She then became a homemaker. Ralph and Etta later moved to Indiana and raised their son, Ralph Jr., in Peru. She became a widow on November 3, 1988. She later dated George PRATHAFTAKIS and had a fun and loving relationship with him until his death in June 2004.

Etta amazingly lived by herself at home up until 2 weeks prior to her passing. She was beautiful deep down to her soul. Her sense of humor and sharp wit will be sorely missed.

Ettie is survived by her granddaughter, Jennifer (Glenn) TOWNSEND, Peru; great-grandchildren Ashlee (Justin) KLEMPNER, Montpelier, Ohio, and Luke and Owen TOWNSEND, Peru; great-great-grandchildren Nolan, Ava, Archie and Bear KLEMPNER, Montpelier, Ohio; and half-sister Jean (HOUSE) ROSS, Carmichael, California. She was preceded in death by her mother, Rebecca (MCCONNELL) HOUSE; her husband, Ralph L. KERNS; her son, Ralph J. KERNS; and her grandson, Jeffrey D. KERNS. Also preceding her in death were four half-brothers, John E. HOUSE Jr. (aka William), Daniel LaRue HOUSE, David HOUSE and Thomas HOUSE, who were also known as the HOUSE Brothers-Quartet.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2020, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street, Peru. Her funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Rod CORRELL officiating. Burial will occur at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guest book at www.flowersleedyallen.com.

## **Robert C. FLORIN**

Robert C. FLORIN, 76, Leiters Ford, and formerly of Hammond, died Saturday at home. Survivors include his wife, Rhonda FLORIN, Leiters Ford; his children, Justin LANCASTER, Rochester, John FLORIN, Cedar Lake, and Randi BALL, Joliet, Illinois; and his siblings, Jasmyne DAVIS, Bridgeton, New Jersey, and Greg FLORIN, South Carolina.

A memorial gathering will be later in the year. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## James O. UNZICKER

James O. UNZICKER, 80, rural Claypool, died Monday at home. Survivors include his wife, Mary UNZICKER, Claypool; his daughters, Laura SILVER, Mint Hill, North Carolina, Sonya GALLOWAY, Caledonia, Michigan, and Tami CAMERON, Matthews, North Carolina; his sister, Barbara EATON, Spring Lake, Florida; and his brother, Bill UNZICKER, Holland, Michigan.

His funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker Street, Mentone. Visitation is 2 p.m. to the time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

## Thursday February 27, 2020

## **Roger A. MORIARTY**

## September 9, 1948-February 25, 2020

Roger A. MORIARTY, 71, Mentone, passed away at 1:25 p.m. Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at his residence.

Roger was born on September 9, 1948, in Rochester to Lyndol Charles and Phyllis May (REED) MORIARTY. He married Sandra NELSON on August 24, 1968, at the Mentone United Methodist Church. She survives.

Roger was a 1966 graduate of Triton High School and later graduated from Indiana University of Fort Wayne with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and the International Business College of Fort Wayne with an associate degree in business. He was inducted into the Triton Hall of Fame in 2015 for basketball.

He was the owner of the Neighborhood Department Store and Moriarty Insurance and later started teaching. He taught special needs and in later years he was a very well-liked substitute teacher.

He was a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church where he had been the chair of the endowment committee. He had been a longtime member of and president of the Mentone Lions Club. He had also been the chair of the Mentone Bell Memorial Public Library. In years past, Roger had been president of the chamber of commerce and the Mentone Youth League.

He began coaching golf at the junior high level in 1985 and had overseen both the girls and boys high school programs from 1989 to 2015. Rog boasted 500 wins to go with nine Three Rivers Conference championships. He has also had eight teams qualify for the regional and his 2000 boys' team advanced to the state finals. He had coached more than 50 total seasons in 30 years which included golf and boys and girls basketball.

Roger was always a big supporter of his family and the community. He was always on the sidelines rooting and coaching. He was an avid Notre Dame fan and enjoyed golfing and fishing, especially in Minnesota. But most of all, he adored his grandchildren, and being Grandpa was his greatest job.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy MORIARTY, Mentone; his son, Stephen and wife Jenny MORIARTY, Rochester; his grandchildren, Molly, Grady, and Charles; his sisters, Julia Ann and husband Gary TEEL, Mentone, Marla Jo and husband Rodney KREFT, Tippecanoe, and Nikki MORIARTY, Fort Wayne; his brothers Patrick and wife Melissa MORIARTY, Pickerington, Ohio, Timothy MORIARTY, Fort Wayne, Kevin MORIARTY, Fort Wayne, and Kirk and wife Tawana MORIARTY, Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Phyllis May and husband Bill MARTIN and Lyndol Charles and wife Fran MORIARTY.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 2, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker Street, Mentone, with Pastor Jason RICE officiating. The burial will be in the Mentone Cemetery. Visitation hours will be from 1-6 p.m. Sunday, March 1, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Donations may be made in his memory to Mentone United Methodist Church. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## Edward 'Ed' J. ROBINSON

## July 2, 1962-February 24, 2020

Edward "Ed" J. ROBINSON, 57, Carmel, and formerly of Lucerne, Rochester and Walkerton, passed away on Monday, February 24, 2020, at his residence. He was born on July 2, 1962, in Ambler, Pennsylvania.

Ed was a 1980 Caston High School graduate and a 1984 graduate of Manchester University. After graduation, Ed taught high school English at Caston High School, then at John Glenn High School. For the past 13 years, Ed and his brothers worked together at R.T. Moore Inc., Indianapolis.

Ed enjoyed golfing and watching sports. His favorite teams were the Notre Dame football team and all the Philadelphia sports teams: Phillies, Eagles, Flyers, and 76ers, a true Phanatic! Ed and his siblings enjoyed attending many of the latter teams' sporting events when they were little growing up in Philadelphia. Ed later enjoyed being a beloved uncle to his nieces and nephew. The family's favorite parts of summer were their pool parties where everyone got together and enjoyed each other's company. Ed was a very attentive uncle and was cherished by his nephew and nieces.

Survivors include his siblings, Dorothy ROBINSON SMOCK (Wayne), Marion, David ROBINSON (Jill), Brownsburg, and Jim ROBINSON (Allison), Carmel; and nieces and nephew Shea SMOCK, Chicago, Stone ROBINSON, Brownsburg, Olivia ROBINSON, Brownsburg, Halle ROBINSON, Carmel, and Kayleigh ROBINSON, Carmel. He is also survived by aunts, uncles, and cousins who include the families of Denny and Barb HAYDEN, Chuck and Sonie SPRADLING, Kathi and Dave BAXTER, Mike LITTLE and Karen POWERS, Lori and Steve BECK, and Fred and Nora PETERSON. He was preceded in death by his mother, Judith REARICK ROBINSON; and uncle Tom REARICK.

Visitation will be on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 3-6 p.m. at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Harrison Chapel, 304 S. Chicago Street, Royal Center. Memories may be shared by family and friends at 6 p.m. Ed will be laid to rest alongside his mother Judy at a private service at Masonic Cemetery, Pittsburg. Friends may sign Ed's online guest book or leave a condolence for the Robinson family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

## James O. UNZICKER

## May 16, 1939-February 24, 2020

James O. UNZICKER, 80, rural Claypool, passed away at 8:25 p.m. Monday, February 24, 2020, at his residence.

Jim was born on May 16, 1939, in Brook to the late William P. and Melissa T.E. (BESCHORNER) UNZICKER. He married Mary F. LADSON on November 18, 1961, at the First Baptist Church of Mentone. She survives.

He had been a grain and livestock farmer. He had worked from 1960-1974 as a bindery operator at R.R. Donnelley, Warsaw.

He was a 1957 graduate of Mentone High School. Jim was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mentone where he had served as deacon, song leader and Sunday school teacher. He had been on the Production Credit and Federal Land Bank Association boards. He enjoyed annually attending the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky. His choice of machinery was always John Deere. He also loved swimming, golf, and bowling. In earlier years, he also played basketball and football.

Survivors include his wife, Mary UNZICKER, Claypool; his daughters, Laura and husband Spence GALLOWAY, Caledonia, Michigan, and Tami and husband Scott CAMERON, Matthews, North Carolina; his grandchildren, Jeffery and wife Jennie, Hannah, Lydia, Abigail, Carson and wife Meghann, Kendall and husband Zach, Jordan, Asher, Bella and Alma James; his great-granddaughter, Autumn; his sister, Barbara and husband Jerry EATON, Spring Lake, Florida; and his brother, Bill and wife Sarah UNZICKER, Holland, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents; son Robert Allan UNZICKER in 1988; and sisters Rhoda, Betty, Luann, and Alice.

His funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker Street, Mentone, with Pastor Michael WILHITE and Pastor Scott CAMERON officiating. The burial will be in the Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone. Visitation hours will be from 2-3 p.m. Friday. February 28, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Gideons International. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

#### Friday February 28, 2020

#### Berniece BITTERING

#### October 29, 1928-February 22, 2020

Berniece BITTERLING, 91, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at her home on February 22, 2020.

On October 29, 1928, Berniece ROOKSTOOL was born northwest of Rochester in Richland Township. She was the treasured daughter of Clayton and Celia BRADWAY ROOKSTOOL. Growing up, she shared her childhood with two brothers, Kenny and Carl. Berniece graduated from Richland Center High School in 1946.

With a strong work ethic, Berniece blended her days with a great love for her family, raising her six wonderful children and being dedicated with a passion for farming. A great role model, she taught them methods to live off the land. Each spring, she planted a truck patch garden. About the same time, she could be seen atop her Minneapolis Moline G1000, turning the soil preparing it to plant the crops. The Bitterling farm was home of a variety of livestock, including a fine herd of sheep that Berniece adored. There was also Gertrude the cow, a Jersey who supplied them with fresh milk.

For decades, Berniece served the Mike HORN Family as house manager and caregiver. She was a member of the Mt. Hope Church and volunteered for the historical society for many years, being recognized once as the volunteer of the year. She also enjoyed reading to elementary students.

To relax, Berniece enjoyed taking golf cart rides and walking with Coco, her tan and black canine custom-blend, her partner in crime. Grandma Berniece was the glue of the family and remained vibrant her entire life. She was so very proud of her legacy and overseeing of four generations. At age 90 she could be seen with family kayaking down the Tippecanoe River or across Lake Manitou. She especially found joy in sitting around the bonfire or cooking out and telling stories reminiscing about the earlier years.

Left to cherish the memory of Berniece are six children, Virginia BANNING and husband Richard, Plano, Illinois, Joy BRAUN and husband Tony, Rochester, Jill WALLACE and husband Walt, Warsaw, and Michael BITTERLING, Jeff BITTERLING and Greg BITTERLING and wife Suzie, all of Rochester; seven grandchildren, Clay BITTERLING and wife Sheena, Garrett BITTERLING and fiancée McKayla CASU, Patrick BANNING and wife Amber, Brenda BANNING, Beth WALLACE, Morgan BITTERLING and Kaitylyn STAMBERGER and husband Tim; seven great-grandchildren, Emmett, Evelyn, Solomon, MacKenzie, Cody, Kage and Kennedy; and her treasured canine companion, Coco. Berniece was preceded in death by her parents, Clayton and Celia ROOKSTOOL; two grandchildren, Billy BANNING and Kathy WALLACE; and two brothers, Kenneth ROOKSTOOL and Carl ROOKSTOOL.

A life celebration for Berniece BITTERLING, with a time to share stories and visit with her family, will be at the Fulton County Museum, 37 E. 375 North, Rochester, on Monday, March 2, 2020, from 2:30-6 p.m. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Fulton County Historical Society or Kindred Hospice, 1476 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester, IN 46975. The Good Family Funeral Home is honored to care for her family. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## **Karen Jean AUSTIN**

Karen Jean AUSTIN, 60, passed away Friday, February 21, 2020. Born in Chicago, Illinois, she was a daughter of Ann JONUSHAITIS BODE and the late Ewald JONUSHAITIS.

Ms. AUSTIN graduated from Rochester High School and was a member of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church. She enjoyed listening to audio books.

Surviving are her daughters, Brittney BODIE (Blaine), Kodiak, Alaska, and Riley SHELBURNE (Daniel GAMBRELL), Camden, South Carolina; her mother Ann BODE (Ken), Rochester; and a brother, Martin AUSTIN (Mary), Illinois. She was predeceased by a brother, Allen JONUSHAITIS.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at St. John Lutheran Church in Rochester from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with a service following at 1 p.m. Memorials may be made to Pine Tree Hill Wildlife Care and Exotic Rescue, Camden, South Carolina.

## David E. WOODS Jr.

David E. WOODS Jr., 79, Rochester, died Thursday at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; a daughter, Donna Ethel WOODS NEWMAN, Kewanna; a son, David WOODS III, Argos; three sisters, June DYER and Beth GRANT, both of Chesterton, and Mary CLARK, Ocala, Florida; and a brother, Tom WOODS, Cedar Lake.

His celebration of life is 1 p.m. Sunday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to the service Sunday at the funeral home.

## Saturday February 29, 2020

## Jesse Lavon MARTIN

## November 23, 2016-February 26, 2020

Jesse Lavon MARTIN, son of Russell E. and Trina D. (SHAUM) MARTIN, was born on November 23, 2016, in Fulton County. He departed this life peacefully in his mother's arms on February 26, 2020, at age 3 years, 3 months, and 3 days, following a sudden illness after a liver transplant.

Surviving besides his parents are his sister, Luana Ruth, 6; brothers Josiah Lyn, 4, and Andrius Joel 11 ½ months; paternal grandparents Elias Jr. and Judith MARTIN, Goshen; maternal grandparents Marlin and Jane SHAUM, Akron; and great-grandparents Elias and Ida MARTIN, Goshen, Elvin and Naomi MARTIN, Nappanee, Wilma SHAUM, Goshen, and Mable MARTIN, Goshen; 11 uncles; three aunts; and four cousins. Jesse was preceded in death by his uncle, Daniel SHAUM; and great-grandfathers Dana SHAUM and Dale MARTIN.

The family deeply mourns the loss of their little son but are resigned to the will of the One Who knoweth all things.

A prayer service is 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at Pine Grove School, 12745 W. 800 South, Rochester. The funeral service is 10 a.m. Tuesday at Yellow Creek Wisler Mennonite Church, 25012 County Road 38, Goshen, with home ministry officiating. Interment will follow at Yellow Creek Wisler Cemetery. Visitation is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday and 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday, both at Pine Grove School. Memorial donations may go to Christian Aid Ministries, P.O. Box 360, Berlin, OH 44610. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

#### Nancy J. HOLLER

Nancy J. HOLLER, 78, Denver, died Wednesday at Hickory Creek, Peru. Survivors include her husband, Richard E. HOLLER, Denver; one daughter, Linda YORK, Denver; and one son, Richard L. HOLLER, Denver.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

#### Tuesday March 3, 2020

## **Robert C. RUSSELL THOMPSON**

## August 8, 1945-February 28, 2020

Robert C. RUSSELL THOMPSON went home to be with his Lord and Savior on February 28, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. Robert was born in Delong to Roy and Ruby (CHANEY) THOMPSON on August 8, 1945.

After graduating from Aubbeenaubbee High School, Bob joined the U. S. Army, where he served three years. On October 22, 1971, Bob married Sandra MESSER. She survives.

Bob worked at Sealed Power Corp., until its closure and retired from Dana Corp. He then worked for the U.S. Postal Service, serving as postmaster of Delong Post Office. He was known for always having candy for the kids who came into the office.

In his younger days, Bob was an excellent swimmer and spent many days swimming in the Tippecanoe River and jumping off the bridge. He loved playing all sports. Bob lived in Delong almost his entire life and accumulated many memories, which he loved to share with anyone who would listen.

He loved old movies and TV shows and '50s rock 'n' roll music and was an avid sports fan. Bob loved to sing, and one of his favorite things to do was singing with the Plowboys at Mt. Hope Church.

Bob was an active member of Delong Gospel Lighthouse Church for many years and also called Mt. Hope Church his home church. He taught adult Sunday school, performed in many church plays and gave the message on many occasions at both churches. He was a role model and friend to all the kids at church and in the community. Bob was devoted to his family and had a very special relationship with his little buddy, grandson Edwin.

Bob is survived by his wife; daughters Kimberly (Kenny) OWENS, Kokomo, and Julie (Tony) SCOTT, Delong; grandson Edwin; siblings Candy (Shelby) HOWARD, Ron (Barb) THOMPSON and John (Pickles) CLINGLER; and many nieces, nephews, and good friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson Myles SCOTT; a brother; two sisters; and stepfather.

Visitation is at Delong Gospel Lighthouse Church on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Burial is in the Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Memorial contributions may go to the Kidney Fund. Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com. The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is honored to be entrusted with arrangements.

#### Sandra Dean GARNER HALL

Sandra Dean GARNER HALL, 55, North Manchester, died Friday at home. Survivors include her husband, Bob HALL, North Manchester; five daughters, Sandra HALL, North Manchester, Edna HALL,

Kokomo, Jessica POWERS, Roann, Tonya RASMUSSEN, Kokomo, and Pamela RASMUSSEN, Kokomo; her father, Dennis BUSH, Livingston, Tennessee; and five siblings, Kathleen BEVERLY, Valparaiso, Joyce ARNES, Sebring, Florida, Barbara GARNER, Rochester, Edna SULLIVAN, Williamston, North Carolina, and Clifford GARNER, Hammond.

Her funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

## Wednesday March 4, 2020

## Anita L. STEININGER

Anita L. STEININGER, 80, Coloma, Michigan, died Sunday at Frankfort Regional Medical Center, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Survivors include her daughter, Theresa MARTIN, Frankfort, Kentucky; her son, Terry Joe OUSLEY, Michigan; one brother, Raymond EGE, Peru; and her sister, Carolyn BERRY, Florida.

Her funeral service is 1:30 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is 11:30 a.m. to the time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

## Jay ELLIOTT

Jay ELLIOTT, 67, died Tuesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Thursday March 5, 2020

#### Jay D. ELLIOTT

Jay D. ELLIOTT, 67, Rochester, died Tuesday. Survivors include his wife, Robbin; his children, Jennifer ESTES, Indianapolis, Jayson ELLIOTT, New York, New York, and Della ELLIOTT, Rochester; and his sister, Beckie ELLIOTT-MAXWELL, Roann.

His celebration of life will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

## Friday March 6, 2020

#### Jay Dee ELLIOTT

Jay Dee ELLIOTT, 67, Rochester, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. On November 5, 1952, in Indianapolis, he was born to Harold L. ELLIOTT and Connie M. TURNER ELLIOTT. They preceded him in death.

He spent his childhood in Plainfield and Lakeville before moving to Rochester in 1961. As a child, he was a prankster by nature. He enjoyed a good practical joke and loved scaring his sister at any opportunity, often jumping out from behind trees and furniture to hear her scream. Jay loved to play catch as a young boy, and this athletic skill would serve him well in his teenage years.

At 6 feet, 9 inches, Jay was easy to spot whenever he walked into a room, of course ducking through every doorway. He excelled at sports during his time as a Rochester Zebra, playing center and wearing No. 50 for basketball. He also played first base and wore No. 17 for baseball.

In 1971, he graduated from Rochester High School and went on to attend Milligan College on a basketball scholarship. He later went on to be drafted for the Kansas City Royals farm baseball team.

On November 29, 1986, he married Robbin TROSPER. She survives. Jay worked as a material handler for Acument Global Technologies for 40 years, retiring in 2015.

In his free time, Jay enjoyed taking long drives around Lake Manitou with his canine companion Drew, aka Drewman Capote, while listening to his favorite band, Creedence Clearwater Revival. He relaxed by going fishing, playing a good game of euchre, watching sports on TV, and rooting for the Chicago Cubs. Throughout his life, he continued his love for practical jokes and telling a good tall tale.

He passed on his wealth of sports knowledge by coaching Little League with the Rochester Youth Baseball League in the 1980s and '90s. One of his favorite sayings when giving advice with regards to the competition was "Don't you worry about them, you let them worry about you."

More than anything, he loved being a grandfather and would make sure to pass on life's lessons to his grandchildren at any opportunity.

Jay is survived by his wife, Robbin, Rochester; his children, Jennifer ESTES and husband Justin, Indianapolis, Jayson ELLIOTT and wife Karen, New York, New York, and Della ELLIOTT, Rochester; his beloved grandchildren, Damian, Dakota and Jaiden ELLIOTT and Sophia and Caleb ESTES; his sister, Beckie ELLIOTT-MAXWELL and husband Jerry, Roann; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Jay's life will be at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester. Memorials may be made to the Rochester High School Basketball Team, 690 Zebra Lane, Rochester, IN 46975, or Rochester Little League, P.O. Box 265, Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## Saturday March 7, 2020

## Kimbra L. LAVONCHER

Kimbra L. LAVONCHER, 62, Peru, died Thursday at Community Howard Regional Health, Kokomo. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home.

## Kathleen A. CALDWELL

Kathleen A. CALDWELL, 65, Denver, died Tuesday at Franciscan East Hospital, Lafayette. Survivors include her three children, Amy Marie MCGOWN, Joliet, Illinois, Melissa BROZ, Nashville, Tennessee, and John BROZ, Joliet, Illinois.

A sorority service and funeral is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is 4 p.m. to the time of the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

## Tuesday March 10, 2020

## Mildred G. HURTT

#### October 8, 1926-March 7, 2020

Mildred G. HURTT, 93, Rochester, passed away at 6:23 a.m. Saturday at Hickory Creek, Rochester. She was born October 8, 1926, in Arcola, Illinois, the daughter of Robert and Tinsey Opal (PARKER) SYLVESTER. On July 2, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois she married Raymond HURTT. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1997.

Ms. HURTT worked as a bank teller in Chicago before moving to Rochester. She worked for Lau Industries for 25 years. She loved to walk and could be seen multiple times a day out and about enjoying the outdoors. She enjoyed reading, working crossword puzzles, baking, cheering for the Chicago Cubs, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Linda and husband James CARROLL, San Antonio, Texas, James HURTT, Michael HURTT, Patricia and husband Tom STUMPFF, Rochester, and Susan and husband Scott KISTLER, Rochester; grandchildren Janet CARROLL and Christine CARROLL, both of Austin, Texas, Bailey STUMPFF KAPLAN and husband Matt, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Michael KISTLER, Indianapolis, and Carter KISTLER, Rochester; and brother Gene and wife Helen SYLVESTER, Arcola, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her son, Thomas HURTT; brother Jack SYLVESTER; and sisters Betty THOMPSON, Louise SYLVESTER, Evelyn GAMBLE and Ruth COLLINS.

Her service is 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial is in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may go to Disabled American Veterans. Condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## **Robert L. SHAFER**

Robert L. SHAFER, 90, Peru, died Saturday at Blair Ridge, Peru. Survivors include a sister, Carolyn J. WILSON, Peru; and one brother, Harold R. SHAFER, Peru.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is 11 a.m. to the time of the service Thursday at the funeral home.

#### **Cleon A. WAGONER**

Cleon A. WAGONER, 88, Plymouth, died Friday at home. Survivors include his daughters, Vonda OLSON, Plymouth, Marie PRICE, Plymouth, Ronda WILEY, South Bend, Rinda NETTROUER, Argos, and Londa BACA, Plymouth; and his son Cleon WAGONER Jr., Culver.

His funeral service is 1 p.m. Thursday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan Street, Argos. Visitation is 11 a.m. to the time of the service Thursday at the funeral home.

## **Ronald MILLER**

Ronald MILLER, 71, Rochester, died Monday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## **Raymond J. ZARTMAN**

Raymond J. ZARTMAN, 90, Rochester, died Monday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Wednesday March 11, 2020

#### **Raymond J. ZARTMAN**

Raymond J. ZARTMAN, 90, Rochester, passed away at 11:57 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on January 30, 1930, in Fulton, the son of Voris D. and Edna M. (SURFACE) ZARTMAN. On April 13, 1951, in Kewanna, he married Marjorie DENTON. She survives.

Early in his life, Raymond worked for Studebaker in South Bend, McMahan-O'Connor Construction and Wilson Foods, Logansport. He retired from the United States Post Office, Kewanna branch, and was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of the Fulton United Methodist Church and the Fulton Masonic Lodge No. 665. In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening and woodworking.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie ZARTMAN, Rochester; children Gary and wife Debra ZARTMAN, Rochester, John and wife Lori ZARTMAN, Palm City, Florida, and Lisa ZARTMAN PAUL and husband Tony, Twelve Mile; grandchildren Megan (Chris) HENRY, Annandale, Virginia, Larry Andrew (Stacie) ZARTMAN, Greenfield, Molly (Blake) HARDESTY, Rochester, Alexander Charles (Stephanie) ZARTMAN, Gosport, Crystal (Jason) NEELS, North Carolina, A.J. (Claudia) ZARTMAN, California, Genna ZARTMAN and companion Pete HALL, Florida, Cory (Vivian) ZARTMAN, Florida, Raymond (Rachel) DEPEW, Tucson, Arizona, Sybil PAUL, Twelve Mile, and Alivia PAUL, Twelve Mile; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jann Marie ZARTMAN; son Larry Alan ZARTMAN; and sister Lorene BILLMAN.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020, at Fulton United Methodist Church, Fulton. Friends may visit at the church on Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Burial will follow in the Fulton

Cemetery, Fulton. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## **Kimbra L. LAVONCHER**

Kimbra L. LAVONCHER, 62, Peru, died Thursday at Community Howard Regional Health, Kokomo. Survivors include her mother, Mary Ann BAGLEY, Peru; her daughter, Elizabeth PLANCK, Peru; her sister, Karen CHESTER, Mexico; and her brother, Kevin LAVONCHER, Arlington, Texas.

Visitation is 1-3 p.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

## **Ronald L. MILLER**

Ronald L. MILLER, 71, Rochester, died Monday at home. No service will occur at this time. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Thursday March 12, 2020

## Woodrow L. 'Woody' HAMMON

## September 28, 1916-March 9, 2020

Woodrow L. "Woody" HAMMON, 103, Logansport, passed away at 11:22 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Born September 28, 1916, in Logansport, he was the son of the late George W. and Rosa L. (NEFF) HAMMON. On October 4, 1941, in Logansport, he was married to his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Ann (NEFF) HAMMON. She preceded him in death on December 17, 2016, two months after their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

On October 6, 1941, HAMMON was "invited" to join the U.S. Army. He had a good job on the railroad, and he and his bride put their honeymoon on hold when he was shipped from Indiana to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for heavy field artillery training. HAMMON's mechanical ability landed him a job working on trucks in the motor pool. At one point, he entered an anti-tank unit where he made marksman with 37 mm guns on moving targets.

In January 1942, HAMMON was among a group of 13 soldiers from Fort Harrison assigned to a horse-drawn outfit that was part of a security detail for the Panama Canal. After 22 months in Panama, HAMMON was brought back to the United States to Fort Ord, California, for new combat training. He was being prepped for the war in Europe. HAMMON was shipped overseas to England. When he landed on the beaches of Normandy during Operation Neptune, Allied forces were still pushing the Germans across France. HAMMON was discharged on October 6, 1945. He had served four years to the day. In looking back, he said, "I'm very happy with all of the things I've learned and the places I've been, but I wouldn't want to go through it again."

Woody's strong work ethic began at an early age when he began looking for metal scraps to sell at Heppe's Junk Yard. He signed up to work for the Civilian Conservation Camp out west. In 1976, Woody was retired from the Pennsylvania Railroad. He had been a qualified steel welder for the North Central Indiana and Chicago region. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employees. Following his retirement, he worked as a janitor at the Logansport Mall and for Liming Pools.

Woody was a lifelong member of the River of Life Christian Church. He was a 71-year member of Logansport's Tipton Masonic Lodge No. 33 and the Logansport Shrine Club. He had belonged to the Moose and Eagles Lodges. For many years, he operated amateur radio equipment as a hobby. He also played the banjo. While living in the Burnettsville area, Woody served on the volunteer fire department and had leadership roles with Boy Scout troops both there and at Lake Cicott. He was a member of the Order of the Arrow in Scouting.

When asked the secret to his longevity, Woody always gave the credit to "the Man upstairs." "I talk to him every day. I just thank God He's given me good health. I thank Him every morning I wake up to another day." His goal was to reach the age of 110 years so he could use up his pacemaker's third battery.

Surviving are one daughter, Sondra (Lloyd) ULERICK, Rochester; one son, James HAMMON (Kathy TURNER), Logansport; two grandchildren, Susan CLINE (Reggie HALL) and Karen (Harry) BATSON; three great-grandchildren, Damen BATSON, Darian BATSON and Robert KITE; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son, John HAMMON; one granddaughter, Sharon ULERICK; two sisters, Margaret MCCARTNEY and Rebecca FRY; and one nephew, Michael FRY.

A funeral service celebrating Woody's life will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020, at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with Pastor Betsy ARNOLD officiating. Interment, with full military honors, will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Friends will be received from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 2020, at the funeral chapel, where a Masonic service, followed by a Shrine Processional walk, will be conducted. Family and friends may share memories and words of comfort on his Tribute Wall at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

#### **Charlotte J. SWAFFORD**

#### August 7, 1942-March 9, 2020

Charlotte J. SWAFFORD, 77, Logansport, passed away peacefully at 9:45 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

Born on August 7, 1942, in White County, she was the daughter of the late Charles B. and Margaret H. (ZARSE) HOOK. She was a 1960 Pioneer High School graduate. On September 24, 1960, she married the love of her life, Howard SWAFFORD, and they shared 54 years together. He preceded her in death on March 7, 2015.

Charlotte worked as a waitress in the '70s and the early '80s. She then took courses to become an EMT. Charlotte worked at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester for 24 years and retired due to health reasons. She was a kind and caring soul who would help anyone at any time. She was always smiling but was not afraid to speak her mind either. She will be missed by all who knew her. She was a member and past president of the Kewanna VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include her children, Kenneth SWAFFORD (Lori), Kewanna, Diana MINER (Franklin), Logansport, and Karen MCCOLLOUGH (Loren), Lakeville; sisters Dorothy DEWITT and Gwen GORE, both of Logansport; grandchildren Kevin, Brandi (Dan), Nick (Ashley), Howard, Ian, Fayette, and Shelby; and great-grandchildren Jaden, Jacob, Madison, Aubrey, Jayson, Elijiah, Kayden, Aleah, and Natalynn. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Phil and Greg HOOK.

Her funeral service will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2020, at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main Street, Kewanna with Stanley SMITH officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Grass Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children or the Kewanna VFW. Friends may sign Charlotte's online guest book or leave a condolence for the SWAFFORD family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

## **Robert W. 'Wally' DOVE**

#### March 9, 1964-March 9, 2020

Robert W. "Wally" DOVE passed away Monday, March 9, 2020, on his 56<sup>th</sup> birthday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Rob was born March 9, 1964, in Charleston, West Virginia, to Wallace and Sue DOVE.

The family moved to Indiana when he was 6 months old. He and his sister Pam grew up in Burket, where they had many childhood memories playing with the neighborhood kids.

He attended Tippecanoe Valley High School and graduated in 1982. He then joined the Marine Corps where he proudly served, and after that, he joined the Army, spending two years in Germany. He came home in 1991 and lived in Warsaw. He worked at several different places, including R.R. Donnelley. He is survived by his parents, Wallace and Sue DOVE, Rochester; sister Pam CRAFT (Steve TROUP) Rochester; nephews Carson (LeeAnn) CRAFT, Fort Wayne, and Connor CRAFT, Warsaw; longtime companion Alan HEETER, Warsaw; and his beloved Morris the cat.

No service is planned.

### Friday March 13, 2020

No Obituaries

#### Saturday March 14, 2020

## Mickey E. 'Mick' BELCHER

## January 5, 1945-March 12, 2020

Mickey E. "Mick" BELCHER, 75, Syracuse, passed away at 5:42 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at Goshen Hospital. He was born on January 5, 1945, in Rochester, to William and Margaret (JUMP) BELCHER.

He grew up in Rochester, graduated in 1963 from Rochester High School and attended Western New Mexico University in Silver City, New Mexico. He married Karen S. (WANDREY) HUEY on April 21, 2001, in Syracuse. She survives.

He lived in Syracuse for the past 25 years. He was a farmer and formerly worked at Polar Ice in North Webster and was the owner and operator of Big-League Barber Shops in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Syracuse.

He is survived by his wife, Karen BELCHER, Syracuse; two daughters, Andrea (Cliff) HARRIS, Carmel, and Debra BELCHER, Rochester; his son, Terry BELCHER, Cicero; his stepdaughter, Kari (Jerry) SHEWARD, Noblesville; his stepson, Rob HUEY, Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his brother, Richard BELCHER, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation will take place at Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, 4356 N. Indiana 15, Warsaw. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at Calvary United Methodist Church, 801 S. Huntington Street, Syracuse. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the church with Pastor David HENRY officiating. Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington Street, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements. Preferred memorials may be given to Calvary United Methodist Church, 801 S. Huntington Street, Syracuse, IN 46567. To send condolences to the family of Mickey BELCHER, please visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

## John C. DORAN

John C. DORAN, 69, Rochester, died Friday at home. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Tuesday March 17, 2020

#### John C. DORAN

#### September 5, 1950-March 13, 2020

John C. DORAN, 69, Rochester, passed away at 9:35 a.m. Friday, March 13, 2020, at his residence. He was born September 5, 1950, in LaPorte, the son of Dee and Virginia (NEWTON) DORAN. He served with the United States Army as an infantryman during the Vietnam War and was awarded a Bronze Star. On August 4, 1985, in Rochester, he married Pat COPLEN. She survives.

Mr. DORAN had been a union carpenter and a member of the Moose Lodge, Eagles Lodge, American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Survivors include his wife, Pat DORAN, Rochester; children Jonnie PETERSON and husband Ricky, Atlanta, Georgia, and Kevin DORAN and wife Joanna, LaPorte; stepchildren Brett WILLIAMS and wife Tammy, Logansport, Wendy MALCHOW and husband Rob, Star City, and Heather SHAFFER and husband Chris, Rochester; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, with two arriving shortly; and sister Maggie DORAN, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers William DORAN and Roy DORAN; and sister Janet BUCKNER.

His funeral service is at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial is in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, where a military graveside service will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may go to the American Cancer society or the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center. Condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### **Richard Earl SIDERS**

## October 19, 1935-March 13, 2020

Richard Earl SIDERS, 84, Roann, died at 11:46 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020, at his home. He was born October 19, 1935, in Roann to Meredith D. and Mary Lois (BURNWORTH) SIDERS.

Dick was a 1955 graduate of Roann High School and served in the Indiana State Guard for eight and a half years. He owned and operated Siders & Son Gravel. Dick enjoyed collecting antiques.

He is survived by several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert SIDERS and Donald SIDERS; and nephew Robbie SIDERS.

His funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service Roann, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. The preferred memorial is the Stockdale Mill Foundation. The memorial guest book for Richard may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

## Mary K. HOPKINS

Mary K. HOPKINS, 79, formerly of Rochester, died Saturday at Arbor View Community, Burlington, Wisconsin. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Wednesday March 18, 2020

No Obituaries

Thursday March 19, 2020

No Obituaries

## Friday March 20, 2020

## Richard 'Dick' YOUNG

## July 29, 1934-March 18, 2020

Richard "Dick" YOUNG, 85, Culver, passed away suddenly in his home on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. He was born on July 29, 1934, in the Leiters Ford area to the late Everett "Jake" and Mazy (CLINE) YOUNG.

Dick was a proud 60-year member of the Local 150 Operating Engineers. Most of all, he enjoyed farming and continued to farm until the last minutes of his life. He loved driving the tractor, listening to Cubs games, and giving rides to his beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dick was an avid sports fan of football, basketball, and baseball (especially the beloved Chicago Cubs).

Dick and Mila (Tootie) HARNESS were married on April 2, 1960, in Hamlet. They shared 59 years together, raising three children, Kelly (John SAVOIE) YOUNG, Argos, Jason (Sue) YOUNG, Rochester, and Joe YOUNG, Hickory, North Carolina. He was a proud grandpa of six grandchildren, Evan (Ashley) YOUNG, Brody (Chelsea) YOUNG, Logan (Dana) YOUNG, Danielle (Rich) JENKINS, Carissa YOUNG and Zachary YOUNG; and eight great-grandchildren, Zaine, Gavin, Lanah, Quinnley, Landon, Oaklin, Adelyn, and Jake.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mila (Tootie); daughter-in-law Cindy; brothers Ernie, Gerald, LaVerne, and Harold; and sisters Margaret HUMES, Bonnie RICKS, and Shirley HANEWICH. He will be missed by his family and friends who loved his sense of humor, laughter, worth ethic, and dedication to his family and friends.

His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. EDT Monday, March 23, 2020, at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, where a visitation will also be held on Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT. Burial will follow at Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either the Leiters Ford United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 126, Leiters Ford, IN 46945, or the Aubbeenaubbee Township Fire Department, P.O. Box 632, Leiters Ford, IN 46945. To leave online condolences, go to rannellsfh.com.

## Carlene J. RENTSCHLER

## May 22, 1930-March 17, 2020

Carlene J. RENTSCHLER, 89, passed away on March 17, 2020, at McKinney Place, Logansport. She was born in Miami County to the late Russell and Nina (SANDERS) KEPNER, and later raised in the Kokomo and Greentown areas.

Carlene is survived by two sons, Ron (Sherry) RENTSCHLER, Mint Hill, North Carolina, and Ed (Sue) RENTSCHLER, Martinsville, Illinois; a daughter, Rhonda (Jerry) HECKATHORN, Rochester; two brothers, Jack KEPNER, Panama City, Florida, and Mike (Linda) KEPNER, Kokomo; Aunt Betty (Howard) RENTSCHLER, Fulton; eight grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; and the father of her children, Joseph RENTSCHLER.

By her request, there will be no service. Memorial contributions in Carlene's honor may be made to Elara Caring Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association for disease research. Ellers Mortuary assisted the family with arrangements.

## **Mary K. HOPKINS**

Mary K. HOPKINS, 79, formerly of Rochester, died Saturday at Aurora Memorial Hospital, Burlington, Wisconsin.

Survivors include a daughter, Pamela LANTING, East Troy, Wisconsin; and a son, David HOPKINS, Warsaw.

Her celebration of life will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

Saturday March 21, 2020

No Obituaries

Tuesday March 24, 2020

Amanda M. WILLIAMS

Amanda M. WILLIAMS, 37, North Manchester, died Saturday at Parkview Randallia Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd WILLIAMS; her sons, Dakota CLARK, Dylan WILLIAMS and Dallas WILLIAMS; her mother, Grace JOPHLIN, Royal Center; her brother, Jason SMITH, Leiters Ford; and her sister Beth SMITH, Logansport.

Her funeral and visitation will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by McKee Mortuary.

## Arthur R. SPENCER Jr.

Arthur R. SPENCER Jr., 53, Rochester, died Saturday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Wednesday March 25, 2020

## Teresa 'Terry' KOEBCKE

#### August 23, 1962-March 22, 2020

Teresa "Terry" KOEBCKE, 57, Kewanna, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2020, at home surrounded by her family and friends.

Born August 23, 1962, in Starke County, she was the daughter of James and Lynn (FAGAN) DOWNHOUR. She was a 1980 Rochester High School graduate. On March 3, 2000, she married Russell C. KOEBCKE. He survives.

Terry was employed at Woodlawn Hospital in the cafeteria. She was formerly employed at Winamac Coil Spring and Dean Foods of Rochester. Terry also worked for several years at her mother's restaurant, the former Lynn's Coffee Shop in Kewanna.

Terry enjoyed working in her yard and caring for her flowers. She will be remembered for her immaculate landscape which was completed in early spring so she could host Easter dinner and the annual egg hunt for family. She was known for her creativity and loved crafting, painting, and home decorating projects. She loved decorating her home for every holiday including Easter this year. Family always looked forward to and enjoyed her Christmas gift bags that consisted of home baked goods and handmade ornaments.

Terry enjoyed numerous pastimes including loving on her dog, Charlie, shopping at antique stores and garage sales, watching Colts football, spoiling her nieces and nephews and making memories with family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Russell C. KOEBCKE, Kewanna; her mother, Lynn DOWNHOUR, Rochester; her sisters, Jackie BURKETT (Gerry), Rochester, and Jamie SHIDLER, Rochester; her brother, Jimmy DOWNHOUR (Susie), Rochester; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Walt and Donna KOEBCKE, Kewanna; her brother-in-law, Brett KOEBCKE, Rochester; and her sisters-in-law, Chera KOEBCKE, Fort Wayne, and Laura DZUGAS (Shawn), Chesterton. She leaves behind 15 nieces and nephews and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. Terry was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Mattie Lee KOEBCKE (May 2, 2001-May 15, 2001); and father James DOWNHOUR.

Due to current crowd restrictions from state, federal and CDC guidelines, Terry's visitation and service will be private. Her service will be live streamed on the funeral home's Facebook page at noon Saturday, March 28, 2020. A public celebration of Terry's life will be held in the future for family and friends. Burial will be at Bruce Lake Cemetery. Friends may sign Terry's online guest book or leave condolences for the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, Kewanna.

## Lester D. SCAIFE

Lester D. SCAIFE, 49, Chicago, Illinois, died March 16, 2020, at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Wayne GRUBE

Wayne GRUBE, 67, Rochester, died Tuesday in Fort Myers, Florida. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Thursday March 26, 2020

## Robert 'Bob' D. UHRICH

## April 3, 1944-March 24, 2020

Robert "Bob" D. UHRICH, 75, Grass Creek, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at his home surrounded by his wife and children. Born on April 3, 1944, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Leonard and Anna (MOORE) UHRICH.

On April 3, 1969, at the DAGUE family home, he married Judith K. DAGUE. She survives. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2019 with a small family party at their home, lovingly called their paradise.

Bob began teaching in 1968 at Southwood High School; however, he spent most of his 43 ½ years teaching math and physics for Caston High School. He loved coaching many sports teams at Caston. He was an active member of the Metea Baptist Church for more than 50 years and the Grass Creek Lions Club for 29 years. As a member of the Lions Club, Bob received the Melvin Jones award in 2019. One of many joys included driving his father-in-law Joe DAGUE's Lions Club race car in many area parades, always with a smile on his face. Bob was part of the Fulton County Library Board for more than 30 years.

Bob loved sports of all kinds and could make a game out of any activity. From the classroom to church activities to all his time spent with his kids and grandkids, wherever he went fun seemed to follow him. His smile and fun spirit will be forever missed.

Surviving along with his wife, Judy, is a son, Tim (Juanna) UHRICH, Lucerne; two daughters, Tammy (Brent) COLVIN, Fulton, and Jonni (Justin) MILLER, Rossville; two brothers, Larry (Rita) UHRICH, Grayson, Georgia, and Richard (Nancy) UHRICH, Elkton, Florida; his sister, Lois (John) BUTLER, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and nine grandchildren who lit up his life, Noah, Micah, Garett, Molly, Luke, Grace, Anna, Megan, and Maggie.

A private family viewing and private funeral will be on Thursday, March 26, 2020, at Gundrum Funeral Home. Burial will be in Metea Cemetery. A celebration of life may be planned at a later date. Memorials may go to the Grass Creek Lions Club or the Metea Baptist Church designated to be used to enable more kids to attend Tippecanoe Baptist Camp. Friends may sign Bob's guest book and leave condolences for the family at www.gunmdrumcares.com.

"This life was a better place because we were loved by him."

## Patrick M. BERNERO

Patrick M. BERNERO, 58, Plymouth, did March 19, 2020, at the 8000 block of U.S. 30. Survivors include his father, Michael BERNERO, Plymouth; his brother, Marc BERNERO, Plymouth; and his sisters, Charlene ESPICH, and Rhonda SCHUH, both of Plymouth.

Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

#### Lester D. SCAIFE

Lester D. SCAIFE, 49, Chicago, Illinois, died March 16, 2020, at home. Survivors include his brother, Jerry SCAIFE, Chicago, Illinois.

His celebration of life will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Arthur R. SPENCER Jr.

Arthur R. SPENCER Jr., 53, Rochester, died Saturday at his mother's home. Survivors include his mother, Judy SPENCER, Rochester; four sons, Raymond SPENCER, Mentone, Ryan SPENCER, Argos, Brandon SPENCER, Rochester, and Blaze SPENCER, the Philippines; his sister, Kim WITMER, North Manchester; and his brother, Stacey SPENCER, Rochester.

A family service celebrating his life will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Friday March 27, 2020

## Wayne GRUBE

Wayne GRUBE, 67, Rochester, died Tuesday at HealthPark Medical Center, Fort Meyers, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Diann; a daughter, Tisha FRY, Rochester; two sons, Chad MORGAN and Jason GRUBE, both of Rochester; and two brothers, Morgan GRUBE, Kewanna, and Mark GRUBE, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

His celebration of life will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Barbara RUDO

Barbara RUDO, 85, rural Claypool, died Wednesday at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Love Funeral Home.

### Saturday March 28, 2020

## Jacqueline Dawn LEWIS

#### September 15, 1955-March 26, 2020

Jacqueline Dawn LEWIS entered into rest on March 26, 2020, at Flo & Phil Jones Hospice House, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Jackie, a natural-born hippie, came into this world on September 15, 1955. She was born in Kosciusko County to Bobby Joe LEWIS and Charlene Joyce NUELL LEWIS.

She attended Indiana School for the Deaf from ages 4-17. After leaving school, she resided in Indiana and Arkansas with her mother, stepfather and siblings. Jackie was born with a very rare condition known as Keratitis-Ichthyosis-Deafness Syndrome. There have only been about 100 cases in documented medical history. This never slowed Jackie down from dancing to the beat of a good tune, drinking a Miller High Life or enjoying the natural herb Mother Earth provided.

She loved all things tie-dye, cats, lava lamps and peace signs. Throughout the years, Jackie taught her family and friends sign language, and because of this, her legacy will live on.

Unintentionally, she showed those around her that no matter our disabilities or physical differences, all humans crave the same feeling of love, acceptance and friendship...and what a wonderful friend she was. Until we meet again, peace!

Isaiah 35:4-6—"Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you. Then will the eye of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy."

Survivors include her beloved feline companion, Babe; sisters Kim LEWIS ROGERS and husband William ROGERS, Rochester, and Mara VAUGHN, Paragould, Arkansas; brothers Todd VAUGHN, Westville,

and Trent VAUGHN, Michigan City; sister-in-law Angelica TATE, Rochester; nieces Alonda JENKINS, Tiffiney BOLES, Kristle RAMSEY, Elizabeth BUTCHER, and Maci JONES; nephews Travis KIGGINS, Todd VAUGHN Jr., Justin TATE and Adrian VAUGHN; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews and beloved friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Bobby Joe LEWIS; mother Charlene J. VAUGHN; stepfather Orville G. VAUGHN; brother Tommy D. LEWIS; sister-in-law Stacey VAUGHN; and maternal and paternal grandparents.

A private graveside service will be at a later date at IOOF Cemetery in Rochester. Donations/memorials may be made to the Flo & Phil Jones Hospice House, Jonesboro, Arkansas. To honor her memory, consider learning the American Sign Language alphabet. A guest registry is at www.faithfuneralservice.net.

## Barbara L. RUDO

Barbara L. RUDO, 85, rural Akron, died Wednesday at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City. Survivors include three children, Sheryl HAYES, Omaha, Nebraska, Sandra SMITH, Claypool, and Scott RUDO, Omaha, Nebraska; and two brothers, Dean HOLLOWAY, Rochester, and Don HOLLOWAY, Cromwell.

A private service with burial will be in the Nichols Cemetery, Akron. There will be a public service of remembrance at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Love Funeral Home.

## **Gerald E. TIMBERMAN**

Gerald E. TIMBERMAN, 92, Rochester, died Thursday at Hickory Creek at Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Tuesday March 31, 2020

## Martha M. COX

## February 23, 1940-March 27, 2020

Martha M. COX, 80, rural Akron, passed away at 7:22 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2020, at her residence.

Martha was born on February 23, 1940, to the late Clifton and Mildred (RALSTON) OOLEY in Bourbon. She married Floyd COX on November 27, 1957, in Plymouth. He survives.

She had been a lifetime cook. She enjoyed her time working for Tippecanoe Valley High School, The Freezer Fresh and Murphy's Medical Center as well as being a homemaker for her family.

She attended school in Bourbon. She always enjoyed cooking, especially pies. She worked with her husband on the farm and enjoyed driving red tractors.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd; her daughters, Wanetta ESTEP, Mentone, and Kim MARSHALL, Mentone; her sons, Devon and wife Karen COX, Wakarusa, and Cliff and wife Nancy COX, Rochester; her grandchildren, Rachel and husband Justin STAMBAUGH, Kristie ESTEP, Anna MARSHALL, Scott and husband Shawn SMITH, Tangula and husband Alan CRAWFORD, Dusty and wife Lynndy COX, Ashley and husband Rob REDDINGTON, Shane and wife Lisa COX, Ben and wife Brittany COLDIRON, Cody COX, Samantha and husband J.R. CARMICKLE, Cynthia and husband Joey ARCHAMBEAULT, and Mark JOHNSON; 29 great-grandchildren; her sister Ruth Ann and husband Jim BAKER, Goshen; and her brother, Leroy and wife Alice OOLEY, Warsaw. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifton and Mildred OOLEY; her sons-in-law, Frank P. ESTEP and Mark A. MARSHALL; a great-grandson; and her siblings, Rodge OOLEY, Carl OOLEY and Loise WILLIAMS.

Following county, state, federal, and CDC guidelines, a private family service will be at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. A memorial service will occur at a later date. The interment will be in the Mentone Cemetery. The family welcomes donations in Martha's memory to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, 1515 Provident Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## **Gloria J. BANKS**

## February 1, 1946-March 25, 2020

Gloria J. BANKS, 74, Culver, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Gloria was born in Tiffin, Ohio, on February 1, 1946, one of three children born to George B. and Alice M. (MILLER) LUTZ.

After the family moved to Indiana, Gloria graduated from Culver High School. After high school, she married Randel BANKS on August 23, 1964, in Culver. Together they started a family and raised two children.

In 1989, Gloria and Randy purchased the Kibitzer in Kewanna, where they served families food and drinks for 30 years. Gloria enjoyed gambling in Las Vegas and especially loved socializing with her friends and family.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Randy, Culver; mother Alice (Don) LUTZ, Culver; daughter Carolyn BANKS, New Carlisle; son Jerry BANKS, Culver; brother Rick BAKER, Culver; grandchildren Taylor BANKS and Jessica and Colton MEASELS; great-grandchildren Keon BANKS and Jaycee JOHNSON; and her faithful Yorkie, Max. She was preceded in death by her father, George BAKER; and brother George BAKER Jr.

A celebration of Gloria's life will be at a later date. Memorials may be made in Gloria's memory to the Marshall County Humane Society, Plymouth. Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com. The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is honored to be entrusted with caring for the family.

## John J. KOTZMACHER

John J. KOTZMACHER, 70, Rochester, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Ted B. HAZELWOOD

## August 10, 1936-March 25, 2020

Mr. Ted B. HAZELWOOD, 83, Rochester, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at his home. This followed a three-year courageous and valiant battle with cancer.

In Elgood, West Virginia, Ted was born on August 10, 1936. He was a treasured son of Fred Sr. and Edna AKERS HAZELWOOD. Growing up, Ted shared his childhood with a sister and three brothers.

Answering the call of patriotism, Ted served his country with the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged in January 1961.

On March 18, 1961, Ted and Miss Judy F. WYRICK married in West Virginia. The shared more than 59 years of life's adventures. Their union produced four beautiful daughters. The blessings of two more generations have been added to the family tree. The HAZELWOODs made Fulton County their home in 2000, coming from Chicago.

Known as the "Iron Man," Ted was a golf supervisor for PGA Tommy Armour Golf Clubs for 34 years. During his lifetime, he enjoyed many competitive rounds of golf with friends. As a workaholic, he could be found gardening and manicuring his lawn to perfection. Running his chainsaw brought Ted great satisfaction. Trimming brush and cutting down trees was his specialty.

As a member of First Baptist Church, Ted looked forward to attending boat church each summer.

As adventurers, Ted and Judy made many life memories with their family. In 2019 on a senior trip to Colorado, he enjoyed the thrill of zip lining. In 2018 he enjoyed a hot air balloon ride over Culver's Lake

Maxinkuckee, enjoying dipping onto the lake and skimming the water. They once took a helicopter ride over Nappanee. Three years ago, Ted enjoyed the mother of all parties, celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, with family and friends traveling from Chicago and the East Coast and many places nearby.

Left to cherish the memory of Ted are his wife, Judy; three daughters, Diane STEVENS and husband Mark, Charleston, South Carolina, Dora MAISH and husband Timothy, Macy, and Dawn RISTEN and companion Johnny LOUDERMILK, Rochester; six grandchildren, Heather KLINE and husband Lucas, Makayla RISTEN, Kaityln MAISH, Justin RISTEN, Alexys LOUDERMILK and Brandon MAISH; one great-grandson, Lucas KLINE; a sister, Oma LOKER, Charlottesville, Virginia; three brothers, Fred HAZELWOOD Jr., Hagerstown, Maryland, Marion HAZELWOOD and wife Glenna, Frederick, Maryland, and Carl HAZELWOOD, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. Ted was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Edna HAZELWOOD; and an infant daughter, Theresa Dawn HAZELWOOD.

A private family service was observed. A date for a public event celebrating Ted's life with friends and extended family will be determined following the conclusion of the national pandemic. Interment was in the Fulton Cemetery. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## Gerald E. TIMBERMAN

Gerald E. TIMBERMAN, 92, Rochester, died Thursday at Hickory Creek at Rochester. Survivors include two daughters, Vicki WALTZ, Rochester, and Sherri CONLEY, Claypool; and his son, Jeff TIMBERMAN, Tennessee.

A private family service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

## **David A. ESKRIDGE**

David A. ESKRIDGE, 40, Rochester, died Saturday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Richard A. CLARK Sr.

Richard A. CLARK Sr., 61, Rochester, died Friday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Wednesday April 1, 2020

#### John J. KOTZMACHER

John J. KOTZMACHER, 70, Rochester, and formerly of Elkhart, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Survivors include his sister, Shirley GARLING, McCormick, South Carolina.

No service will occur at this time. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## **Richard A. CLARK**

Richard A. CLARK, 61, Rochester, died Friday at home. Survivors include his children, Richard CLARK Jr., Rochester, Amy N. VAN ALSTINE, Mishawaka, and Derek IRWIN, Kokomo; and his brothers, Ronald CLARK, Port St. Lucie, Florida, and Kent CLARK, Delong.

No service will occur at this time. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Jane E. WILSON

Jane E. WILSON, 91, died Sunday. Survivors include her daughter, Becky WILLIAMS, Macy. Arrangements are handled by Palmer Funeral Home.

## **Betty HOLLOWAY**

Betty HOLLOWAY, 82, Kewanna, died Tuesday at Catherine Kasper Nursing Center, Donaldson. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### **Charles 'Verdon' PAUL**

#### September 10, 1937-March 30, 2020

Charles "Verdon" PAUL, 82, Gilead, passed at 4:26 a.m. Monday, March 30, 2020, at Hickory Creek, Peru.

Verdon was born September 10, 1937, in Fulton County to Charles Edison and Evelyn (SWOPE) PAUL. He married Della Louise DAMRON on November 25, 1958, in Gilead. She survives.

He worked for Miami County Highway Department for more than 40 years. He served his country in the U.S. Army.

He was a 1956 Gilead High School graduate. He attended the Olive Branch Church. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, playing euchre and spending time at Gilead General Store with friends. He was known to have a good eye when mushroom hunting. Verdon was an IU basketball fan and enjoyed the Bob Knight years.

Survivors include his wife, Della PAUL, Gilead; daughter Diane and husband Brian ENGEL, Peru; son Stephen and wife Evie PAUL, Mexico; grandchildren Shane, Jacqueline, Jessica, Grace and Katelynn; great-grandchildren Owen and Quillyn; sisters Bonita FRITZ, Kokomo, and Marilyn SNYDER, Peru; and stepbrothers Terry PAUL, Connecticut, and Danny PAUL, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Edison and Evelyn PAUL.

Following county, state, federal, and CDC guidelines, a private family service will be at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with other services later. Interment will be in Gilead Cemetery. Memorial donations may go to Hickory Creek, Peru, with them written to Hickory Creek Healthcare Foundation Inc., 390 W. Boulevard, Peru, IN 46970. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## Thursday April 2, 2020

#### **Betty L. HOLLOWAY**

Betty L. HOLLOWAY, 82, Kewanna, died Tuesday at Catherine Kasper Nursing Center, Donaldson. Survivors include her husband, Jack; a son, Terry HOLLOWAY, Thornhope; and a daughter, Lanae HOLLOWAY, Keller, Texas.

A private family service occurred. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### **Thomas M. SROUFE**

Thomas M. SROUFE, 86, Macy, died Wednesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Friday April 3, 2020

## **Thomas M. SROUFE**

#### August 29, 1933-April 1, 2020

Thomas M. SROUFE, 86, Macy, passed away at 12:23 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at his residence.

He was born in the home of his parents, Russel and Georgianna (JONES) SROUFE, on August 29, 1933, near Macy. Tom spent his childhood with two younger siblings, Beth and Mark.

In 1951, Tom graduated from Macy High School. In August 1953, Tom joined the United States Army and was stationed in Germany for 15 months. He was honorable discharged in August 1955.

On November 27, 1955, Thomas M. SROUFE and Alice J. BARTS were united in marriage at Grace United Methodist Church in Rochester. They moved to a farm southeast of Rochester and lived in the same home during their 64 years of marriage. They were blessed with two sons, Scott Joseph, on November 13, 1958, and Eric James, on May 24, 1964.

Tom was a lifelong member of Macy Christian Church and enjoyed attending the First Baptist Church boat services. In 2015, Tom and Alice continued attending First Baptist Church in Rochester.

A lifelong farmer, Tom served on the Miami County Fair Board for four years and was elected to the Farmers Home Administration serving Miami, Cass, and Howard counties from 1993 to 1996. Tom farmed with his grandfather, Winfield Scott, father Wilson Russel, sons Scott and Eric, and grandsons Matthew and Brock, five generations of SROUFE men working together.

Tom and Alice were dedicated to their grandchildren's musical programs and athletic events, attending many cross-country, football, baseball, basketball, softball, and volleyball games. They also found time to attend Notre Dame women's basketball games beginning with the Ruth Riley era. In 2001 they traveled with other ND fans to St. Louis to watch the team win its first NCAA national championship.

Tom is survived by his wife of 64 years, Alice J. SROUFE; sons Scott and wife Karla and Eric and wife Lee Ann; and grandchildren Matthew SROUFE and wife Miranda, Brock SROUFE, Andrea and husband Eric GOLLER and Alanie and husband Matt HIPSHER. Also surviving are great-granddaughters Vanessa Lynn SROUFE and Lydia Ann SROUFE; great-grandsons Luke Matthew HIPSHER and Jameson Scott GOLLER; brother Mark (Joyce) SROUFE; sister Beth NICODEMUS (friend Peter MEYER); several nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law Carol Sue BARTS. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 1000 Main Street, Rochester, IN 46975, or THE ARK Christian Ministries, 3522 N. 1000 W. 27, Converse, IN 46919. A private funeral service will be at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will follow at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Frances Darlene MIKESELL

## July 4, 1954-February 29, 2020

Frances Darlene MIKESELL, 65, Plain Dealing, Louisiana, died unexpectedly Saturday, February 29, 2020, at home.

She was born to William R. and Janis (PAGE) MIKESELL in Louisiana. The older of two children, Darlene divided her life between Indiana and Louisiana, the native states of her parents. While living in Indiana, Darlene attended Argos Community Schools before graduating from high school in Louisiana.

A tremendous animal lover, she spent the majority of her work life in the horse industry in Louisiana. After becoming disabled, she retired to Plain Dealing, Louisiana, where she cared for a very large number of homeless dogs. She would take them in no matter the circumstances and tirelessly care for them.

Darlene is survived by her mother, Janis PAGE MIKESELL THORNTON, Benton, Louisiana; many Louisiana cousins; and Hoosier cousins Patricia A. TERPSTRA, Wright City, Missouri, Peter William (Connie) TERPSTRA II, Rochester, Paul L. MIKESELL Jr., Twelve Mile, Gregory W. (Joyce) MIKESELL, Snellville, Georgia, and Brian P. (Caroline) MIKESELL, Macy. She was preceded in death by her brother, Marlon Dale MIKESELL, in 1999; and her father, William R. MIKESELL, in 2007.

It is said that when an animal rescuer dies that God allows that person to stop at the Rainbow Bridge, where homeless animals who have passed on await admittance to Heaven. They wait until a human will sponsor them into Heaven. On February 29, 2020, there were no homeless animals left at the Rainbow Bridge.

If people knew Darlene and would like to honor her life, they may make a contribution to an animal shelter, or even better, open their homes and hearts to a homeless animal.

## Sally Elizabeth LEWIS

## April 28, 1943-March 31, 2020

Sally Elizabeth LEWIS, 76, Rochester, formerly of Kewanna, passed away at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born on April 28, 1943, in Nyack, New York, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Eleanor (DODGE) SMITH. Sally was a retired home health care aide.

Survivors include her daughter, Sherry PORTERFIELD, Kewanna; son Kevin HOWELL, Maine; and sister Penelope BOSCO, New Jersey. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Courtney, Chase and Sawyer; and great-grandchildren Autumn, Chloe and Riley. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Howard HOWELL, in 1994, and Donald LEWIS, in 2006; and brother Roger SMITH.

Per Sally's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. A private interment will be at the Vaughn Cemetery in Mehoopany, Pennsylvania, at a later date where she will be laid to rest next to her husband, Howard. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main Street, Kewanna. Friends may sign Sally's online guest book or leave a condolence for the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

## David A. ESKRIDGE

David A. ESKRIDGE, 40, Rochester, died Saturday at home. Survivors include his parents, Tammy and David ROE, Akron, and Keith and Misty ESKRIDGE, Rochester; and his siblings, Jennifer OLIVER, Rochester, Larry GREEN, Rochester, Dusten ROE, Fort Wayne, Jaime LONG, Rochester, Deanna ROE, Talma, and Kasee BRADY, Mentone.

A private family service occurred with a public celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

## William L. HAWKINS

William L. HAWKINS, 56, Warsaw, died Thursday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Saturday April 4, 2020

## David Allen ESKRIDGE

#### January 29, 1980-March 28, 2020

David Allen ESKRIDGE, 40, Rochester, passed away at 12:37 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at his residence,

On January 29, 1980, David Allen ESKRIDGE was born in Rochester. He was a treasured son of Keith A. ESKRIDGE and Tammy S. BARNHART. Growing up in Rochester, he shared his childhood with a sister, Jennifer. David played baseball through both the Little League and Babe Ruth League. He was known as a hard-throwing right-handed pitcher. He also was a flashy shortstop, gliding between second and third base, turning out many defensive aces and being on the front end of many double plays. David was a member of the Class of 1998.

As an athlete, David loved bowling in the men's league at Country Lanes. A member of the USBC, he once rolled a perfect 300 game. David was known for the "big hook" he threw with great finesse. Many memories were made on the three-generation men's fishing trips with Grandpa and his dad. Armed with his open-faced casting rod, David looked forward to catching the limit of bluegill, his most sought-after fish. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited.

With amazing accuracy, David loved to challenge his friends and family to games of disc golf. He especially loved games with his Mark Alan. As an American sportsman, he loved mushroom hunting and hammock tent camping in Michigan. David and his dad made many memories hunting deer and ducks.

David had fond memories of heading to the Windy City and watching the Cubbies with Uncle Mark. He adored his nephews and niece Brayden, Mason, and Reagan, and enjoyed playtime adventures.

David was "the King," of pyrotechnics. As a passionate perfectionist, he would create displays of fireworks second to none. He was in charge of the annual family Fourth of July show and customized many special celebrations, using his talents, garnering many oohs and aahs. David was a huge Notre Dame fan and lived his life by the motto "Play Like A Champion Today."

Left to cherish the memory of David are his parents, Tammy and David ROE, Akron, and Keith and Misty ESKRIDGE, Rochester; siblings Jennifer OLIVER and companion Jay SCHLOSSER, Rochester, Larry GREEN and wife Jessica, Rochester, Dusten ROE and wife Claudia, Fort Wayne, Jamie LONG and husband Brian, Rochester, Deanna ROE and companion Josh, Talma, and Kasee BRADY and husband Jared, Mentone; a love in his life, Jennifer DOPLE and son Mark Alan, Mount Vernon; maternal grandmother Bonnie BARNHART, Rochester, paternal grandmothers Barb ENYART, Rochester, and Diane ESKRIDGE, Plymouth; and his treasured feline, Nala the calico tiger cat. David was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Harry ESKRIDGE, Richard BARNHART and Emerson ENYART; two aunts Vicky BARNHART and Mindy NICKEL; Uncle Mike ESKRIDGE; and Alf, his beloved feline.

Due to restrictions on gathering, David's family held a private service/viewing and will announce a date and time of a celebration of his life with friends and extended family. Thank you for your prayers and understanding. The Good Family Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center, 1540 N. Wentzel Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Look for updates for the service and make written expressions of sympathy to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## Harold E. RUSSELL

Harold E. RUSSELL, 92, Peru, died Monday at home. Survivors include his children, Linda CALLEWAERT, Arizona, Ludwig C.R. RUSSELL, Chili, Harold A. RUSSELL, Peru, Kimberly S.D. RUSSELL, Peru, and Tamara INGEBORG RUSSELL, Peru.

A Memorial Mass will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by McClain Funeral Home.

## Max 'Wayne' GRUBE

## May 19, 1952-March 24, 2020

Max "Wayne" GRUBE, 67, Rochester, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at HealthPark Medical Center, Fort Myers, Florida.

On May 19, 1952, Max Wayne GRUBE was born in Rochester. He was the second of four sons of Max A. and Stella M. PATTON GRUBE. Growing up, he shared his childhood with Morgan and Mark. In 1971, he graduated from Rochester High School.

As a Zebra on the gridiron, Wayne was a stellar football player, playing both offense and on the defensive teams. As a man of the mats, he wrestled at heavyweight. He passed on knowledge and his wrestling passion as an assistant coach for RHS for 15 years.

On Valentine's Day in 1986, Wayne and Diann MANNS were married in Rochester. They shared 34 years of life's adventures. In their blended family were three beautiful children. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and one expected to arrive in August.

Known for his good looks and charm, Wayne always had the right tool in his garage that anyone needed. He loved ice cream and his toys, Corvettes, motorcycles, toy hauler, watching Fox News and cheering for the Chicago Bears and Purdue. Wayne and Diann loved wintering in Fort Myers, there entertaining friends and family, watching sunsets and going out to Daddy Dee's for ice cream.

Wayne is lovingly remembered by his wife, Diann; a daughter, Tisha (Jim) FRY, Rochester; two sons, Chad MORGAN (Joanna), and Jason (Kelly) GRUBE, both of Rochester; 10 grandchildren, Jacob FRY,

Corinne (Josh) HINES, Haley FRY (Greg), Bailey QUICK, Makenna MORGAN (Spencer), Brady MORGAN, Reece JOHNSON, Max GRUBE, Myles GRUBE, and Eddi GRUBE; great-grandchildren Asher James HINES and Stella Noelle HINES, and Peanut HINES, expected to arrive in August; two brothers, Morgan GRUBE (Betty), Kewanna, and Mark (Diana) GRUBE, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; brother-in-law Dewayne (Carolyn ) MANNS, Yantis, Texas; sister-in-law Dee (Joe) DAGUE, Akron; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; his Crystal Lake family and friends of Fort Myers, Florida; and best friends Rick FIGLIO and Larry HARRISON. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Stella GRUBE; brother Monty; brother-in-law Dewight MANNS; and his canine companion, Euchre.

A celebration of the life of Wayne GRUBE, complete with an ice cream social, will be at a date to be announced following the national pandemic. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## William L. HAWKINS

William L. HAWKINS, 56, Warsaw, died Thursday at home. Survivors include his wife Wanda; three sisters, Barbara GLODDER, Algonquin, Illinois, and Angela MARSHALL and Tonia ARROYO, both of Akron; and two brothers, David Smith NICHOLAS, Logansport, and Pernell MARSHALL, Nappanee.

A private family celebration of life will be at Good Family Funeral Home. Friends may view the service starting at 2 p.m. Monday on the dedicated Facebook page JD Good.

## **Bertha GREEN**

Bertha GREEN, 83, Rochester, died Thursday. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Tuesday April 7, 2020

## Harold D. HONEYCUTT

#### February 15, 1969-April 3, 2020

Harold D. HONEYCUTT, 51, rural Rochester, passed away at 6:59 a.m. April 3, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, as a result of a motorcycle accident in Fulton County.

Harold was born on February 15, 1969, in Pikeville, Kentucky, to the late Orville and Virginia P. (REED) HONEYCUTT. He married Roxann HURT on January 13, 1995, in Rochester. She survives.

Harold had been shift supervisor at Rochester Metal Products and with the company since 1986. He had attended the House of Prayer, Akron. He loved to ride his Harley-Davidson Street Glide and was the No. 1 Dallas Cowboys fan. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and children.

Survivors include his wife, Roxann HONEYCUTT, Rochester; sons Cody HONEYCUTT, Goshen, and Brandon HONEYCUTT, Rochester; daughter Brittany LASKOWSKI, Rochester; eight grandchildren; sister Linda SADLER, Wabash; and brothers Jerry HONEYCUTT, Akron, Jim HONEYCUTT, Wabash, Danny and wife Deb HONEYCUTT, Akron, Billy HONEYCUTT, Akron, Darrell HONEYCUTT, Rochester, Larry and wife Debbie HONEYCUTT, Wabash, and Bobby Gene HONEYCUTT, Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Virginia HONEYCUTT; brothers Denver and Orville HONEYCUTT; and sisters-in-law Sheila Kay HONEYCUTT, Teresa L. HONEYCUTT, Brenda HONEYCUTT and Melinda Kay HONEYCUTT.

Following county, state, federal and CDC guidelines, a private family service will be at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Donations may be made to the donor's choice of charity in Harold's memory. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## **Ned BEMENDERFER**

## March 17, 1930-April 3, 2020

Ned BEMENDERFER, born March 17, 1930, in Rochester, peacefully went to his eternal rest from his home in South Bend on April 3, 2020. Ned was the son of Estel and Glennie Marie (HARTMAN) BEMENDERFER.

He is survived by Mildred M. "Millie" BEMENDERFER, his loving wife of 70 years. He is also survived by his sons, Todd (Judith) BEMENDERFER, Mishawaka, and Neil (Kathleen) BEMENDERFER, Indianapolis, and by 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Ned was predeceased by his brother; two sisters; and his daughter, Beth.

Ned was a machinist and tooling engineer and a man of extraordinary mechanical talent. He built and rebuilt airplanes, boats, antique automobiles, model engines, appliances, and about everything else. Heaven will be running just a bit smoother now.

Ned will be laid to rest in the IOOF Cemetery in Rochester with a family memorial service at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home in Plymouth, the city where Ned and Millie lived for many years. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ned's name may be made to the Center for Hospice Care, Mishawaka Campus, 501 Comfort Place, Mishawaka, Indiana 46545. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.johnson-danielson.com.

## **Betha GREEN**

Bertha GREEN, 83, Rochester, died Thursday at home. Survivors include her daughter, Diane KLEMP, Gary; three sons, Sonny TURBYFILL, Rochester, Allen GREEN, Tucson, Arizona, and Jeff GREEN, Portage; and a sister, Beverly GANN.

A private family service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

## **Betty MCGOWEN**

Betty MCGOWEN, 94, Rochester, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Wednesday April 8, 2020

#### Betty L. CONRAD

Betty L. CONRAD, 78, Argos, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### **Ricardo MONTALVO Sr.**

Ricardo MONTALVO Sr., 79, Rochester, died Tuesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

#### **Denise L. BUCK**

Denise L. BUCK, 65, Fulton, died Monday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Thursday April 9, 2020

Ricardo 'Richie' MONTALVO November 2, 1940-April 7, 2020 Ricardo "Richie" MONTALVO, 79, Rochester, passed away at 3:05 a.mm Tuesday, April 7, 2020, peacefully at home with family by his side after a declining health issue.

He was born on November 2, 1940, in El Paso, Texas, the son of Salvador and Guadalupe (RANGEL) MONTALVO.

Richie had many jobs in his lifetime. He was a machinist for more than 30 years. He worked at Torrington, AM General, and Bertrand Products and retired from Bosch Industries in 2003. He was an avid golfer. In 1992, he won the Mishawaka Senior Metro Golf Tournament. He loved playing golf at the Round Barn Golf Club at Mill Creek with his friends.

After a five-year courtship, Richie and Suzie (ZWIERZYNSKI) BORTON were married on September 27, 1985. They spent almost 40 years in a special loving and caring relationship. After Richie retired, a move from Mishawaka to Rochester was inevitable for the couple to live full time on Lake Manitou. Richie quickly made friends and met his golfing partners in crime. Richie was the most giving thoughtful husband, stern but loving father, and loyal good friend to many. He was a handyman of all trades: buildings, remodeling and landscaping, cooking, and creative mastermind of boat parades. Among his entries were a covered wagon with two horses and a helicopter to name a few. He was a cat whisperer; stray cats found their way to him and became house kitties. God and family came first with him. He will be deeply missed.

Richie is survived by his wife, Suzie MONTALVO, Rochester; daughter Tina (David) ROE, Rochester; son Joseph BORTON, South Bend; and grandson Brendon (Sheridan) ROE, Lafayette. He was preceded in death by his parents, Salvador and Guadalupe MONTALVO; son Ricky MONTALVO Jr.; a sister, and many, many furry friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center, 1540 N. Wentzel St., Rochester, as he loved all animals. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Due to COVID-19, a memorial celebration will be announced at a later date. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### John F. BOGOLD

John F. BOGOLD, 88, rural Claypool (Beaver Dam Lake), died Tuesday at home.

Survivors include his wife, Annette BOGOLD, Claypool; his daughters, Bonnie ZALE, Wheatfield, and Becky Sue JORS, Valparaiso; and his sons, George J. BOGOLD, Portage, and John H. BOGOLD, Claypool; his brother, George BOGOLD Jr.; and his sisters, Vicky DOERFLER, Kathy GALLIVAN, and Linda KRAUS.

A service will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Hartzler Funeral Home.

#### Vincent J. CAVALLARO

Vincent J. CAVALLARO, 46, Fulton, died Monday at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### **Olivia D. KLEINE**

Olivia D. KLEINE, 95, Rochester, died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### **Betty MCGOWEN**

## February 13, 1926-April 5, 2020

Betty MCGOWEN, 94, Rochester, died at 12:55 p.m. Sunday, April 5, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

She was born February 13, 1926, in Kosciusko County, the daughter of Elvan E. and Marie O. (SUTHERLIN) SNYDER.

On May 18, 1952, in South Bend, she married Merle MCGOWEN of Talma. He preceded her in death on January 9, 2015.

Betty graduated from the International School of Business, Fort Wayne, and had worked for the Times Theater, Public Service Indiana, and Topps Manufacturing, Rochester. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Talma Church, T.H.E. Home Extension Club, the Fulton County Mental Health Association, and the Evergreen Rebekah Lodge and sang with the Fulton County Chorus. She was a devoted mother and homemaker and loved gardening, crafting, and scrapbooking.

Survivors include her sons, Col. (Ret.) Michael P. (Janie) MCGOWEN, Scipio, and David L. (Karen) MCGOWEN, Rochester; grandchildren Lt. Col. Matthew (Laura) MCGOWEN and Jennifer (Staff Sgt. David) HERR; and great-grandchildren Michael, Landon and Ryan Charles MCGOWEN, June, Mikaela and Eliana SMITH and Chloe and Clark HERR. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister Joyce (James) THOMAS.

A private service will occur. A public service will be later. Burial will be in Hamlet Cemetery, Talma. Memorial contributions may be given to Trinity United Methodist Church, Talma Church on the Tippecanoe River or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home. Rochester. Condolences may go to www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Denise L. 'Sis' BUCK

## Mary 6, 1954-April 6, 2020

Denise L. "Sis" BUCK, 65, Fulton, passed away at 11:58 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka.

She was born on May 6, 1954, in Indianapolis, the daughter of James F. and Rosella (SACHS) HOUSE.

Sis had been a homemaker. She had been a member of the Eagles Lodge, past madam President in Logansport. Her life centered around her family and friends. She always made time for the kids. Every niece and nephew can share countless treasured moments of the Great and Crazy Aunt Sissy. She was a wonderful resource for kids of all ages to spill their problems. Sis always had an ear to lend and advice to give. As a grandmother, Sis taught her grandkids to use their imagination to tell stories and spent hours sharing their tales. She enjoyed singing and even landed a few spots on the Captain Crunch radio show to sing Loretta Lynn, Anne Murray, and Patsy Cline songs. Sissy was the life of the party and loved with every bit of her soul.

Survivors include her children, Olivia (Russell) TAFF, Winamac, and James "Jimmy" (Rebecca) BUCK, Twelve Mile; grandchildren Cecilia Anne KENNEY and Rose Cherie TAFF, both of Winamac, and Scarlett Maelynn BUCK and Jasper Adelaide BUCK, both of Twelve Mile; brothers David (Karen) HOUSE, Fortville, and Douglas (Judy) HOUSE, Indianapolis; nieces and nephews Cathy, Christine, Lori, Jason, Angie, and Whitney; and her beloved "adopted" CAMPBELL sisters. She was preceded in death by her infant son, Daniel Simpson BUCK; grandson Russell Clayton TAFF III; brother Danny HOUSE; sister-in-law Anna Marie HOUSE; and her parents.

No service is scheduled at this time, with more information on a future service to come. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros, Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Friday April 10, 2020

#### Vincent J. CAVALLARO

Vincent J. CAVALLARO, 46, Fulton, died Monday at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Survivors include his sister, Victoria ZELLERS, Rochester.

A private family service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Good Family funeral Home.

#### **Betty L. CONRAD**

Betty L. CONRAD, 78, Argos, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Survivors include her daughter, Ruth K. MILLISER, Argos; and one brother, John RAZER, Logansport.

A private family service will occur. It will be streamed live starting at 2 p.m. Monday on the dedicated Facebook pare JD Good. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

## **Olivia D. KLEINE**

Olivia D. KLEINE, 95, Rochester, died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Survivors include her children, two of whom are Gloria COX, Rochester, and Ernest FLOYD, Greenville, Alabama.

A memorial service will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Kenneth L. KESLER

Kenneth L. KESLER, 73, Rochester, died Wednesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Lela M. DEEDS

Lela M. DEEDS, 91, Macy, died Wednesday at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home.

#### Saturday April 11, 2020

#### Kenneth L. KESLER

#### June 15, 1946-April 8, 2020

Kenneth L. KESLER, 73, Rochester, passed away at 1:06 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at home surrounded by his family.

He was a lifetime resident of Rochester, born to Nenian E. and Esther B. (MILLER) KESLER on June 15, 1946.

Mr. KESLER had been the Fulton County Animal Control officer for many years before retiring. He enjoyed historical reenacting as well.

Kenneth is survived by Karen KESLER, his loving wife; children Kevin (Michele) KESLER, George LAUTT, Aimee BAILEY, Kim (Jim) CONLEY, Kerrie (Neal) HAIMBAUGH, David (Becky) LAUTT and Angela KESLER; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother James E. KESLER; sister Barbara KUHN; and granddaughter Kylee Sue KESLER.

No service is scheduled at this time. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Betty L. CONRAD

#### November 5, 1941-April 6, 2020

Betty L. CONRAD, 78, Argos, passed away at 11:45 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

In Logansport, on November 5, 1941, Betty was born to Willard Leeroy and Mildred OSBORN RAZER. She was one of nine children.

Betty and Daniel Milo CONRAD were married on July 16, 1960, in Rochester. They shared 41 years of life's adventures.

With a strong work ethic, Betty worked in production at Torin Corp., Rochester. She enjoyed pontooning on beautiful Lake Manitou. She was an avid fisherman and enjoyed the outdoors. Bingo was a favorite pastime. She was skilled in the game, always a big winner. Betty enjoyed socializing with family and many friends.

Left to cherish the memory of Betty are her daughter, Ruth K. MILLISER and husband Ron, Argos; granddaughters Jennifer VIRERS and husband Jake, Talma, and Sandra BERG and husband Mark, Rochester; great-grandsons Jeremiah and Isaac; and brother John RAZER, Logansport. Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters and five brothers.

A private family service celebrating Betty's life is 2 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2020. It will be streamed live on the dedicated Facebook page JD Good. Pastor Steve WILHELM will officiate. Interment will be in Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may go to the Marshall County Humane Society, P.O. Box 22, Plymouth, IN 46563. Arrangements have been entrusted to Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester. Expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## **Olivia Dorothy KLEINE**

## April 15, 1924-April 8, 2020

Olivia Dorothy KLEINE, 95 years, 11 months, 24 days, departed this life at 2:35 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at Life Care Center of Rochester.

On April 15, 1924, in Maple Leaf, South Dakota, Olivia D. RUEDE was born. She was a treasured daughter of Gottlieb and Dora KLAUDT RUEDE. Growing up, she shared her childhood with two sisters and two brothers.

In Rochester, on October 3, 1942, Olivia married Mr. Ernest FLOYD. They enjoyed 33 years of life's adventures. Sadly, he passed away on February 21, 1976. On March 7, 1987, in Rochester, Olivia married Mr. Howard KLEINE. Their union of 13 years was sadly concluded when he passed away on December 15, 2000.

With a strong work ethic, Olivia was a seamstress for Hart, Schaffner & Marx for two decades until she retired in 1987. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Rochester. Olivia liked flower gardening, crocheting and crafts. Her favorite game was bingo. She enjoyed playing many spirited rounds while cultivating friendships.

Olivia is lovingly remembered by three children including Gloria COX and husband Nelson, Rochester, and Ernest FLOYD and wife Rosie, Greenville, Alabama; 10 grandchildren; 14 greatgrandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Olivia was preceded in death by her parents, Gottlieb and Dora RUEDE; two husbands, Ernest FLOYD and Howard KLEINE; son Jack A. FLOYD on August 5, 2006; two sisters, Alice LEWIS and Betty LONG; two brothers, Ernest D. FLOYD and Jack FLOYD; and great-grandson Jacob M. GOODMAN on May 11, 2019.

A private family service was held. A memorial service celebrating the life of Olivia KLEINE will be at a later date. Interment was in the Athens Cemetery. The Rev Curtis MAY officiated. Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, 404 Jefferson Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Arrangements have been entrusted to Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## Lela Mae BROWER DEEDS

#### March 25, 1929-April 8, 2020

Lela Mae (BROWER) DEEDS, 91, of Macy, passed away April 8, 2020, at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru.

She was born March 25, 1929, in Union Township, Miami County, to the late Avery and Orpha BOWEN BROWER.

She was a 1947 graduate of Deedsville High School where she was a "yell leader" for three years and her class co-valedictorian. She also attended Manchester College.

She married her high school sweetheart, Lyledean DEEDS, on August 7, 1949, and recently celebrated 70 years of marriage. He survives.

Until a year ago she lived on the farm south of Deedsville that she and Lyle purchased in 1956, just across the road from where she grew up.

Also surviving are two sons, Mark (Barbara) DEEDS, Bunker Hill, and Greg (Vickie) DEEDS, Denver; five grandchildren, Matthew DEEDS (Lori), Warsaw, Andrew DEEDS (Anna), Bloomington, Kevin DEEDS (Kathryn), Findlay, Ohio, Cami (Luis Jr.) VALADEZ, Waterville, Ohio, and Scott DEEDS, Holland, Ohio; and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Vera GREEN, Converse; a brother, Larry (Geraldine) BROWER, Macy; sisters-in-law Sandra MILLER, Peru, Deloris LOWE, Winchester, Sianna DEEDS, Macy, and Jane (DEEDS) SONNE, Macy. Her parents, brothers Quentin and Berl, and a sister, Mable Patty, preceded her in death.

She held secretarial and bookkeeping positions at Essex Wire and North Miami schools. She later was bookkeeper for Lyle Deeds Construction.

She was an active member in the Deedsville Church which she attended her entire life. She enjoyed being a song leader and helping with Bible school.

The family asks for any donations to go to the Deedsville Community Church, c/o Treasurer, 10245 N. 100 W., Macy, IN 46951. A private family graveside service was held in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, was entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at http://www.mcclainfh.com.

#### Kathy L. FURNIVALL

Kathy L. FURNIVALL, 60, Rochester, died Friday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

#### **Ginger VIGAR CASWELL-GOVETT**

Ginger VIGAR CASWELL-GOVETT, 57, formerly of Rochester, died Thursday at home in California. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Tuesday April 14, 2020

#### Kathy Lynn FURNIVALL

#### July 15, 1959-April 10, 2020

Kathy Lynn FURNIVALL, 60, Rochester, passed away at 5:51 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2020, surrounded by her loving family at her residence.

She was born on July 15, 1959, in Rochester, the daughter of Gilbert E. and Betty L. (WENTZEL) WELLER. On July 23, 1977, at the Rochester Church of God, she married the love of her life, Rick FURNIVALL. He survives.

Kathy was known for her hard work ethic. She had worked at Federal Mogul and Blockbuster and was employed by the Braun Corp. in Winamac. She was a faithful member of the Rochester Church of God where she enjoyed worshiping and singing. Kathy could always be seen and heard at her grandsons' various sporting events. Kathy's favorite pastime was listening to her son, James, play the guitar.

Survivors include her husband, Rick FURNIVALL, Rochester; sons James (Alicia) FURNIVALL, Peru, and Jeff (Ashley) FURNIVALL, Rochester; grandchildren Braydn FURNIVALL, Camdyn FURNIVALL and Landyn FURNIVALL, all of Rochester; and sister Tonia WELLER and husband Michael KENNY, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty WELLER, in 2011; and her father, Gilbert WELLER, in 2008.

A private service will occur at the Rochester Church of God. Burial will follow at Bruce Lake Cemetery, Kewanna. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Ginger VIGAR CASWELL-GOVETT

Ginger VIGAR CASWELL-GOVETT, 57, formerly of Rochester, died Thursday at home in California. Survivors include a son, Steven CASWELL, Westfield; her parents, Jim and Patricia VIGAR, Madera, California; and a sister, Shelli FREEMAN, Manhattan, Montana.

A private family service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

## Wednesday April 15, 2020

## Bonnie Jo GOOD

## December 30, 1947-April 3, 2020

Bonnie Jo (WILKINS) GOOD, 72, Mooresville, and formerly of Rochester, went to be with her Savior at the Franciscan Hospice House, Indianapolis, on April 3, 2020, after a two-month illness. She was a member of Springhill Christian Center, Mooresville.

Bonnie was born in McCook, Nebraska, on December 30, 1947, to the Rev. Clifton E. and Johanna WILKINS. Being a pastor's daughter, Bonnie was raised in several communities with her three siblings, mostly in Pennsylvania.

On March 25, 1985, in Rochester at the First Assembly of God Church, Bonnie and Gordon GOOD were married by her brother the Rev. Clifton J. WILKINS. They had just celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year.

After moving to Rochester, Bonnie was employed for more than 30 years at Hickory Creek nursing home as a QMA until her retirement. She was loved by the residents, and she loved and cared for them in return.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, Gordon; children Arthur (Priscilla) GOOD, Mooresville, Shannon (Andrew) THAYER, Greenwood, and Jeremy (Lauren) GOOD, Fort Smith, Arkansas; four grandchildren; brother the Rev. Michael (Karen) WILKINS, Rochester; sister Sandra (Kenneth) ARMENTROUT, Honey Brook, Pennsylvania; brother-in-law Marvin GOOD, Kewanna; and many nieces and nephews. Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; and brother the Rev. Clifton J. WILKINS.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be later on. Memorials in Bonnie's honor may go to Springhill Christian Center, 12150 N. Rooker Road, Mooresville, IN 46158.

## **Richard H. ROWE**

Richard H. ROWE, 89, Plymouth, and formerly of the Argos community, died Sunday at Pilgrim Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Services. Survivors include his brother, Gene E. ROWE, Argos.

A private family graveside service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

## Bernard D. SCHROME

Bernard D. SCHROME, 87, Lakeville, died Sunday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Survivors include his wife, Ruth SCHROME, Lakeville; his daughters, Delana BATES, Osceola, and Kathy DUNAFIN, LaGrange; and his sons, Bernie J. SCHROME, Waxahachie, Texas, and Brian D. SCHROME, Lake of the Woods, Bremen.

A service of remembrance will be later on. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

## Thursday April 16, 2020

James Edward BIRK

## December 16, 1943-March 30, 2020

James Edward BIRK, 76, McAllen Texas, and Defiance, Ohio, a professional hot air balloonist and former college professor, died Monday, March 30, 2020, at Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance in McAllen, Texas, of complications from leukemia.

BIRK was born December 16, 1943 and raised on a farm near Rochester. He was the son of Ed and Juanita (FLORA) BIRK. He was a graduate of Ball State University and an instructor and chairman of the geology department at Defiance College from 1970-84 and briefly at Ashland University.

His 50-year career as a balloon pilot, competitor, championship director, and event organizer began in 1970 when he obtained his pilot's license and began teaching students to fly at Defiance College. BIRK loved ballooning and logged more than 4,000 hours in 46 states and in Japan, Dubai, Canada, and Mexico. He flew four years in the Kool Professional Hot Air Balloon Tour and finished as a top 10 money winner in 1978, 1979, 1980, and 1981. In 1991, he was the top-ranked United States competitive pilot. He was a member of the United States World Team four times and was in the top 10 at six national championships. He continued to compete and win balloon races until he retired from flying in 2018.

For 17 years, BIRK was owner and operator of the Kroger Hot Air Balloon Program, flying over athletic stadiums and appearing at store openings and other company functions. He flew balloons named Big Zoo, Palo Deimos, Who Cares, and Jimbalaya and enjoyed flying the most when all he had was a paper map and a radio to his crew. He was a co-owner of Air Venture Inc., which provided balloon rides in the Defiance, Ohio area for many years.

He was the balloon meister of 10 Balloon Federation of America (BFA) national championships beginning in 1981 and the 1995 World Championship in Battle Creek, Michigan. He was a founding member, director and national's championship director from 1999-2007 for the North American Balloon Association.

He also directed the Great Texas Balloon Race in Longview, Texas, from 1993-2019, the Michigan Challenge in Howell, Michigan, from 1994-2017 and the Field of Flight Balloon Championships in Battle Creek, Michigan, from 1992-2018. He directed nearly 40 other events around the country and participated for years at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. BIRK won many ballooning awards and in 2019 was enshrined in the BFA Hall of Fame, Indianola, Iowa.

BIRK was an accomplished woodworker and carpenter, building furniture in his shop. He also made jewelry and enjoyed playing poker. He traveled the country and knew shortcuts and good restaurants everywhere he went, sharing stories with other pilots and first-time passengers after a flight and over a glass or two of his homemade hard lemonade.

Jim is survived by his wife of 42 years, Maryjo (BORTON), McAllen, Texas; daughters Sara (Jim KEENAN) BIRK, Lafayette, Louisiana, Megan (Joe ZVADA) BIRK, McAllen, Texas, Abbey (Tom) BAUER, Columbus, Ohio, and Dana (Bryan KAISER) BIRK, Garland, Texas; sister Gloria (Larry) FRIEDRICH, Kewanna; and dozens of beloved friends who were family.

There will be no funeral service, but preferred memorials may be made to the Palm Valley Animal Society, Edinburg, Texas, Big Bend Conservancy, Great Texas Balloon Race or Fort Defiance Humane Society, Defiance, Ohio.

Friday April 17, 2020

No Obituaries

#### Tuesday April 21, 2020

# Amber Lucinda HALTERMAN DYSON

May 22, 1946-April 17, 2020

Amber Lucinda HALTERMAN DYSON, 43, Akron, passed away at 12:45 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020, at her residence.

She was born on May 22, 1976, in Rochester, the daughter of Gary HALTERMAN and the former Deanna RENSBERGER.

Amber was a 1994 graduate of North Miami High School. She graduated from Vincennes University and worked at Community Howard Hospital in Kokomo as a respiratory therapist (RRT/RPFT).

Survivors include her parents, Deanna (Rick) O'NEILL, Rochester, and Gary (Loretta) HALTERMAN, Macy; four children, Dawson James CARRICO, Lucas Benjamin DYSON, Lucinda Dawn DYSON, and Dexter Geoffrey DYSON, all at home; siblings Katie (Joel) STEVENS, Bloomington, Gwen OWENS, Franklin, Matt (Amanda) SPALDING, Lawrence, Andy (Marybeth) SPALDING, Greenfield, Seth (Lacey) HALTERMAN, Greenwood, and Jordan (Brittany) O'NEILL, Sidney, New York; grandmother Evelyn RENSBERGER, Rochester; and step grandparents Barbara HATTERY, Rochester, Shirley HALTERMAN, Peru, and Zeta and Joseph O'NEILL, Lodi, New York.

A funeral service will be held online via the link on her obituary memorial at www.mcclainfh.com at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2020. The service will be archived with a link included on her obituary appearing on Friday. A public memorial service is being planned for a later date following the national health emergency. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Family and friends are encouraged to leave messages of condolence at www.mcclainfh.com. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements.

## Sophie Elle EGNER

#### April 18, 2020-April 19, 2020

Sophie Elle EGNER was born on Saturday, April 18, 2020, to Joe and Brianne (WALGAMUTH) EGNER. Small but strong, she fought valiantly for 10 hours before passing away peacefully in her mother's arms on Sunday, April 19, 2020.

During that time Sophie was baptized by her father, and her family finds peace in the knowledge they will someday hold their angel again.

With blond hair and a nose to match that of her big sister, Sophie was deeply loved despite her short time on earth. Her family looked forward to her arrival with joyful anticipation, and her big sister often snuggled next to her in her mother's tummy. Sophie will always remain her parents' precious baby and Vivian's little sister.

In addition to her parents, Sophie is survived by her sister, Vivian Kate; maternal grandparents Patrick and LaVerta "Shelly" WALGAMUTH; paternal grandparents Edward EGNER and Daryl and Kelli SHOEMAKER; great-grandparents Judy WALGAMUTH, Ethel (Ernie) MCQUEARY, Carolyn (Kent) HARTING, and Jim (Lisa) SHOEMAKER; aunts and uncles Katie (Corie) KOSINS, Erin (Charlie PETERS) EGNER, Caitlin (Matt KOPCHINSKI) JACKSON, and Sydney (Brad HIGGINSON) JORDAN; and cousins Jaelyn, Charlotte and Chloe PETERS and Cora and Kyler KOSINS. She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Terry WALGAMUTH, LaVerta SUNDHEIMER, Lewis MOORE, Donald EGNER and Beth SHOEMAKER.

A private family service will be on Friday, April 24, 2020, at 11 a.m. with Father Dennis DIBENEDETTO and Pastor J.P. FREEMAN officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery.

For those who wish to honor the memory of Sophie Elle EGNER, memorial contributions may be made to the Manchester Early Learning Center, 705 N. Market Street, North Manchester, IN 46962, or

Daniel's Place, 113 W. Main St., North Manchester, IN 46962. The family has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements. Condolences may be emailed to mckeemortuary.com.

#### Linda K. LOWRY

Linda K. LOWRY, 77, Argos, died Friday at We Belong Senior Care, Plymouth. Survivors include her daughters, Lisa OVERMYER, Rochester, Lori VIRGIL, Plymouth, Michelle NICHOLS, Argos, and Karen NEWMAN, Plymouth; her son, Michael LOWRY, Rochester; and her brothers, Max GIBBONS, Argos, and Merl GIBBONS, Plymouth.

A private family graveside service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

## **Russell CARR**

Russell CARR, 95, Rochester, died Saturday at home. Survivors include three daughters, Karen BOLDRY, Macy, Jan FUTRELL, Rochester, and Lorena FIELDS, Kewanna.

A private family service will occur and be livestreamed at 11 a.m. today on the dedicated Facebook page JD Good. Arrangements are handled by Good Family funeral Home.

## Paige CUMBERLAND-LEVITZ

Paige CUMBERLAND-LEVITZ, 57, Elkhart, died Saturday at the Center for Hospice Care, Elkhart. Survivors include her mother, Carol JONES, Rochester; her daughter, Lindsey RAPP, Decatur; her sisters, Adele KINDIG, and Sheila CUMBERLAND, both of Lebanon; and her brothers, Scott CUMBERLAND, Rochester, and Chad CUMBERLAND, Markle.

A private family service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Hartzler Funeral Home.

## Patricia LYTLE

Patricia LYTLE, 82, Rochester, died Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Wednesday April 22, 2020

## Sandra 'Sandy' Sue WHEADON

## November 13, 1941-April 20, 2020

Sandra "Sandy" Sue WHEADON, 78, Twelve Mile, passed away Monday, April 20, 2020, at 3:15 a.m. at McKinney Place.

Born November 13, 1941, in Cass County, she was the daughter of the late James Arad and Lillian Abigail (TABLER) CRIST.

Sandy retired from RBM (White-Rodgers) and had also worked at T.M. Morris Manufacturing in Fulton. She was a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church and enjoyed collecting angels and doing word searches. Sandy was also a former cosmetologist and the owner/operator of Sandy's Beauty Shop.

Survivors include one son, Greg (Sharon) WHEADON, Rochester; three daughters, Dawn (Bryan) MAPPIN, Rochester, Rebecca (Mark) THOMSON, Logansport, and Hope (Brian) EBER, Rochester; seven grandchildren, Keri WHEADON, Brittany (Mercury) PAPPAS, Levi (Emily) MAPPIN, Tonya (Gary) RANDALL, Ashley THOMSON, Lindsey (Russ) YEITER and Kelley (Justin) JAMISON; 11 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; her beloved former dog, Brady; and her five Yorkie fur grandbabies. One granddaughter, Kathrin MAPPIN, one sister, Gloria SMITH, and one brother, James Robert CRIST, preceded Sandy in death.

A private service for immediate family members will be at the Gundrum Funeral Home with Pastor Terri WHITE officiating. A private burial will take place at Bethlehem UMC Cemetery near Twelve Mile. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Family and friends may sign the guest book and send online condolences at www.gundrumcares.com.

# Mark A. THOMPSON

Mark A. THOMPSON, 57, Peru, died Sunday at home. Survivors include two sons, Mark THOMPSON, Kingsport, Tennessee, and Zach THOMPSON, Biddeford, Maine.

A drive-thru visitation is 10 a.m.-noon Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. A graveside service will follow at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County.

# Violet O. RODY

Violet O. RODY, 77, Denver, died Monday at home. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home.

# Toni S. CLICK

Toni S. CLICK, 42, Denver, died Sunday at home. A memorial service will be later on. Arrangements are handled by McClain Funeral Home.

# **Donald R. HUGHES**

Donald R. HUGHES, 82, Rochester, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

# Thursday April 23, 2020

# Russell Dean 'Russ' CARR

# August 19, 1924-April 18, 2020

Russell Dean "Russ" CARR, 95, Rochester, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 10:36 p.m. on April 18, 2020, at Wynnfield Crossing.

On August 19, 1924, Russell D. CARR was born in Rochester to Harley and Clara GREY CARR. Russ was the youngest of six, joining four brothers, Weldon, Byron, Robert, and Howard, and a sister, Bernice CARR HOFFMAN. Growing up, he was known as "Dean." He enjoyed showing beef cattle in 4-H, walking to town to go to the movies and playing the clarinet with the Rochester High School band, until his graduation in 1942.

As a member of the United States Navy, Russ served his country during World War II. He was a quartermaster on the USS LST-899 from 1944-46. Russ was very accomplished in Morse code.

Russ and Alice "Lee" SHOWLEY were married on August 2, 1947. They shared 24 years of life's adventures. They were the proud parents of five children, Cheryl, Larry, Karen, Jan and Lorena. Sadly, Lee passed away on November 14, 1971.

On April 24, 1973, Russ married Joan MILORD. After more than 32 years together, she passed away on September 22, 2005.

With a strong work ethic and many diverse interests, Russ worked for the Erie Railroad and at the tomato station for the health inspector, Studebaker, Stineberger Constructions and Interstate Piping Co. and was the owner of the Kibitzer in Kewanna.

Gifted with the use of his hands, Russ was a talented woodworker, making numerous special "heirloom gifts" for family and special friends. From toy boxes, to cradles, end tables, picture frames, a grandfather clock and a gun cabinet, each piece was custom built to specifications with lots of love in his heart for his family to cherish and hand down the times to the next generation.

Russ was a member of the Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars 1343 and the Eagles Lodge, both of Rochester. He enjoyed reading multiple daily newspapers, watching NASCAR, the Colts, Indiana University and Purdue University. Russ rooted for any team playing against Notre Dame.

Left to cherish the memories of Russ are three daughters, Karen BOLDRY and husband Phil, Macy, Jan FUTRELL, Rochester, and Lorena FIELDS and husband Darrell, Kewanna; his son-in-law, Gerry HIZER, Kewanna; his daughter-in-law, Pam CARR DOWELL, Rochester; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and very special nieces and nephews Patricia Joan CLARY, Rochester, Art HOFFMAN and wife Lela, Rochester, and Bill HOFFMAN, Florida. Russ was preceded in death by his parents, Harley and Clara CARR; wives Lee and Joan; his oldest daughter, Cheryl Jean HIZER, on November 2, 2004; his only son, Larry James CARR, on December 20, 2013; and his siblings.

A private family service was on Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home. Donnie KOHLS officiated. People may view the livestream on the dedicated Facebook page JD Good. Interment was in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center.

# Patricia I. LYTLE

Patricia I. LYTLE, 82, Rochester, died Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital. Survivors include two daughters, Pam LYTLE, Beecher, Illinois, and Patty LYTLE-KLINE, Cameron, Wisconsin; her son James LYTLE, Warsaw; two sisters, Sandy BLOOM, Rochester, and Peggy PARZYGNOT, Leesburg; and her brother, Donald HENRY, Crown Point.

A private family service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

# **Clarence E. WEST**

Clarence E. WEST, 82, rural Denver, died Tuesday at home. Survivors include his wife, Nancy L, WEST, Denver; four children, Peggy S. WEST, Denver, Janet L. WEST, Rochester, Dale L. WEST, Denver, and Edward W. WEST, Peru; and his brothers and sisters, Susie STOUT, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, John WEST, Roann, Larry WEST, Peru, and Becky STOUT, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

A private family service is Friday. Arrangements are handled by Grandstaff-Hentgen.

## Friday April 24, 2020

# **Ginger VIGAR CASWELL-GOVETT**

## July 7, 1962-April 9, 2020

Ginger VIGAR CASWELL-GOVETT, 57, formerly of Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at her residence in California. This followed a five-year valiant battle with cancer.

On July 7, 1962, Ginger Marie VIGAR was born in Kosciusko County. She was a treasured daughter of Jimmy and Patricia A. HOLLOWAY VIGAR. Growing up she shared her childhood with a sister, Shelli.

Ginger graduated from Caston High School. She continued her education at Indiana University Kokomo, earning an associate degree in criminal justice. She also attended Denver Baptist Bible College, studying general education and Bible studies.

After spending most of her life in Fulton County, Ginger moved to California and worked in real estate as a broker for the London Properties Group. On July 30, 2008, Ginger married Melvin Wayne GOVETT at a Methodist church near Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. She was a member of the Grace Community Church in Madera, California. Devoted to her church, she was a member of the "Good News Club," working at after-school programs bringing the news of the Bible and presenting activities to her students. She was also deeply involved in teaching the AWANA groups at church.

Left to cherish the memory of Ginger are a son, Steven CASWELL and wife Sherri, Westfield; her husband, Melvin W. GOVETT; a stepdaughter, Amie BAKER and husband Harold, Coarsegold, California; two grandchildren, Lily and Riley; three step-grandchildren, Jadon, Jasmine and Ashley; her parents, Jim and Patricia VIGAR, Madera, California; a sister, Shelli FREEMAN and husband Dan, Manhattan, Montana; and several nieces and nephews.

A private family service occurred. Pastor Rod RUBERG officiated. Interment was in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## **Donald R. HUGHES**

## February 24, 1938-April 21, 2020

Donald R. HUGHES, 82, Rochester, passed away at 1:27 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on February 24, 1938, in Altoona, Pennsylvania, the son of Harold Walter and Alice Mae (KISER) HUGHES. On April 12, 1976, in Tawas City, Michigan, he married Judy MULLINS. She survives.

In 1957, he graduated from Scotland (Pennsylvania) School for Veterans' Children. Mr. Hughes was a Vietnam War veteran, having served with United States Air Force for more than 28 years, retiring as senior master sergeant. He had worked for the Grissom Redevelopment Authority in Bunker Hill for many years. His service time with the Air Force also included more than 10 years of foreign service and numerous decorations, citations, medals, badges and campaign ribbons.

After retirement he enjoyed traveling with Judy and spending time working in his yard. He was an avid sports fan.

Survivors include his wife, Judy HUGHES, Rochester; children Donna (David) LECLAIR, Circle Pines, Minnesota, Dawn (Mark) MAJOR, Bozeman, Montana, Wade (Shantell) HUGHES, Jacksonville, Florida, and Michelle HUGHES and husband Troy FERDIG, Bennington, Nebraska; grandchildren Maia (David) LECLAIR SHEAFFER, Andrew (Yasmin) MAJOR, Carolynn MAJOR, Danielle RODEGHIER, Lane HUGHES, Bella HUGHES, Vincent HUGHES, Owen FERDIG, and Joslyn FERDIG; brothers Charles (Barb) HUGHES, Moses Lake, Washington, Robert HUGHES, Tyrone, Pennsylvania, and Dennis (Kathy) HUGHES, Ephrata, Pennsylvania; father-in-law Ralph MULLINS, Rochester; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Richard HUGHES, Thomas HUGHES and Gary HUGHES; and sisters Darlene MEYER and Patricia LIGHTEL.

A private service will be conducted at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Violet O. RODY

Violet O. RODY, 77, Denver, died Monday at home. Survivors include two children, Mike RODY, Denver, and Jane TAFOYA, Wasilla, Alaska; two sisters, Minnie ECKELBARGER, Peru, and Shirlee MURPHY, Denver; and one brother, William WELLSAND, Denver.

A public memorial service will be later on. Arrangements are handled by McClain Funeral Home.

## Saturday April 25, 2020

#### **Raymond ENGLE**

Raymond ENGLE, 96, Kewanna, died Friday. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Tuesday April 28, 2020

#### **Raymond D. ENGLE**

Raymond D. ENGLE, 96, Kewanna, died Friday at his daughter's home. Survivors include his daughter, Sherry ANDERSON, Kewanna; and his son, Terry ENGLE, Sebring, Florida.

His celebration of life will be later on. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### **Beverly L. KEENE**

Beverly L. KEENE, 92, Rochester, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### **Roger W. VIGAR**

Roger W. VIGAR, 67, Rochester, died Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## **Brandon EDINGTON**

Brandon EDINGTON, 41, Argos, died Sunday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

#### Nancy K. DITTFIELD

Nancy K. DITTFIELD, 65, Macy, died Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

#### Wednesday April 29, 2020

#### Grace M. HAINES

## February 29, 1924-April 28, 2020

Grace M. HAINES, 96, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at Wellbrooke, Carmel. She was born on February 29, 1924, to Ralph and Marie (IHNEN) FLOOR in Wabash.

Grace married Herman HAINES on November 4, 1945. She was a homemaker and also worked at Carmel Middle School as a baker and at Aero Drapery, Westfield. Grace was a member of Gray Friends Church and involved with the United Society of Friends Women. She also held a membership with the Retired Indiana Public Employees Association. Grace enjoyed gardening, quilting and painting china.

She is survived by her son, Leonard (Betsy) HAINES; daughter Glenda (Charles) FERGUSON; grandchildren Greg (Shonda) HAINES, Sherry HAINES, Sarah (Tony) HOWARD and Katie (Ryan) BLASTICK; and great-grandchildren Ryan and Emily HAINES, Kayla and Keith MILLER, Jack BOLDEN, Samantha HOWARD and Tyler BLASTICK. In addition to her parents, Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Herman HAINES, in 1989; and siblings Carl FLOOR, Earl FLOOR, Richard FLOOR, Harold FLOOR, Ruth RUDO, Ralph FLOOR Jr., and Eugene FLOOR.

A private family service will occur, and burial will be at Gray Friends Cemetery, Noblesville. A public celebration of life will be later on. Grace's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes. Memorial contributions may be made to Gray Friends Church, 4810 E. 146<sup>th</sup> St., Noblesville, IN 46062; or Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060. Condolences may be made at www.randallroberts.com.

#### Nancy K. DITTFILED

Nancy K. DITTFIELD, 65, Macy, died Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Survivors include her children, Shelly KLINEFELTER, Indianapolis, Megan CARSON, Ohio, Verlin KLINEFELTER, Kewanna, Carla

CARDWELL, Scottsville, Kentucky, Bruce DITTFIELD, Kokomo; and her sisters, Markeeta KLINEFELTER, Kewanna, and Carla ALLEN, Monterey.

No service is planned at this time. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Steve M. SOPHER

Steve M. SOPHER, 63, Denver, died Saturday at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. Survivors include one son, Steven M. SOPHER II, Peru; one daughter, Tiffany Y. MCBRIDE, Denver; four brothers, Jim SOPHER, Frank SOPHER, Mike SOPHER, and Jeff SOPHER; and one sister, Sandy YORK.

A private family funeral will occur. A public drive-thru viewing is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

#### James O. SMITH

James O. SMITH, 76, rural Claypool, died Monday at Paddock Springs Healthcare, Warsaw.

Survivors include his daughters, Penny BAILEY, Akron, Tammy WALLEN, Claypool, and Kimberly SIPPLE, Warrenton, Virginia; his sisters, Joyce VANCE, Akron, Janice HOWES, Salyersville, Kentucky, Sharon RANDALL, Akron, Lynda RICHARDS, Rochester, and Lisa WHITAKER, Akron; and his brothers, Ronnie SMITH, Burket, Russell SMITH, Akron, Michael SMITH, Akron, and Keith SMITH, Sidney.

A private family service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Hartzler Funeral Home.

#### Roger W. VIGAR

## November 11, 1952-April 25, 2020

Roger W. VIGAR, 67, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 10:49 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born on November 11, 1952, in Rochester, the son of Orville C. and Regina (BURNS) VIGAR. On September 7, 1974, in Rochester, he married Deb WYNN. She survives.

Mr. VIGAR had been a lifelong farmer. He enjoyed restoring tractors and spending time with his grandchildren, especially attending their sports and 4-H events.

Survivors include his wife, Deb VIGAR, Rochester; son Steven (Tammy) VIGAR, Rochester; daughter Jo (Dave) CLARK; grandchildren Emily VIGAR, Caleb VIGAR, Grant CLARK, and Mitchell CLARK, all of Rochester; and brother James L. "Jim" (Patricia) VIGAR, Madera, California. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Bonnie KEELE; and brother-in-law Ronald KEELE.

A private service will occur at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rochester Future Farmers of America. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### Lois E. BERRY

#### August 14, 1930-April 27, 2020

Lois E. BERRY, 89, Kewanna, passed away at her son's home at 12:59 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2020. Born August 14, 1930, in Harvey, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Glenn and June (KIRK) VOGEL.

On December 29, 1953, in Plainfield, she married Thomas James BERRY. He preceded her in death on January 11, 2009.

Lois retired in 1995 as a registered lab technician. She had worked for the Logansport State Hospital, Winamac Hospital, and Woodlawn Hospital. Lois graduated from the University of Tennessee and took grad courses at the University of Notre Dame. She was also a home economics teacher at Grass Creek School.

Survivors include two daughters, Ellen (Don) KING, Rochester, and Kathy (Ron) GREEN, Kewanna; two sons, Jim (Sharon) BERRY, Kewanna, and Pat (Tracy) BERRY, Kewanna; daughter-in-law Melanie

(Doug) BERRY-HOOVER, Kewanna; 10 grandchildren, Jeff (Toni) KING, Melinda (Rich) SHULTZ, Jamie (Nick) TAYLOR, Matt (Amy) BERRY, Kellie (Jake) SCHMALTZ, Brian (Terra)CLEMONS, Adam (Ashly) BERRY, Hali BERRY, Chelce (John) CARTER and Sidney BERRY; and 17 great-grandchildren, Jessica TAYLOR, Kirsten TAYLOR, Hunter TAYLOR, Rileigh SCHMALTZ, Emilie SCHMALTZ, Abigail KING, Rowan David BERRY, Lynnly Ann BERRY, Gigi BERRY, Natalie BAILEY, Brynlie BERRY, Jamison BERRY, Madison SHULTZ, Bailey SHULTZ, Marlowe CLEMONS, Beau CLEMONS, and Chase CLEMONS. She was preceded in death by her son, David BERRY; and one sister, Barbara EILER.

Per the request of Lois, no service will occur. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Shop with A Cop Program, C/O FOP Lodge No. 143, P.O. Box 284, Rochester, IN 46975. Friends may sign the guest book and send condolences to the family at www.gundrumcares.com.

# **Beverly L. KEENE**

Beverly L. KEENE, 92, Rochester, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Survivors include two daughters, Tina COMBS and Sandy MORRISON, both of Michigan City; one son, Charles L. SWANSON, Rochester; two sisters, Natoma EDWARDS, LaPorte, and Charmaine SMITH, Plant City, Florida; and two brothers, Larry DICKSON and Kenny DICKSON, both of LaPorte.

A memorial service will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

# Thursday April 30, 2020

# Brandon M. 'Bopper' EDINGTON

# March 7, 1979- April 26, 2020

Brandon M. "Bopper" EDINGTON, 41, Argos, passed away at 9:33 a.m. Sunday, April 26, 2020, at his residence. He was born on March 7, 1979, in Rochester, the son of Carl R. and Sharon (MILLER) EDINGTON.

Brandon had worked in the recreational vehicle industry for Gulf Stream for many years. In his spare time, he loved to draw, listen to music, and spend time with his children and family.

Survivors include his children, Zachary EDINGTON, Plymouth, and Taylor EDINGTON, Lakeville; mother Sharon EDINGTON, Argos; fiancée Shana LOVELACE, Argos; brothers Steve (Barbara) EDINGTON, New Mexico, Eric EDINGTON, Bourbon, Shayne (Norma) EDINGTON, Argos, Chase (Anee) EDINGTON, Bourbon, Brian EDINGTON, Michigan City, and Craig SHIREMAN, Argos; sister Penny (Lawrence) KING; and special cousins Patty BRADY and Dianna ROE, both of Rochester. He was preceded in death by his father; and sister Socha EDINGTON.

A private service will occur at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be in the Kewanna IOOF Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Brandon EDINGTON Memorial Fund through the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Terry A. AMOR

Terry A. AMOR, 73, Rochester, and formerly of Koontz Lake, died Sunday at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

Survivors include his sister, Linda CARPENTER; and his brother, Dave AMOR.

A graveside service will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Cremations Services of Kosciusko County.

## R. Jack NYE Sr.

## October 1, 1943- April 28, 2020

R. Jack NYE Sr., 76, Hot Springs, Arkansas, passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at his home. He was born October 1, 1943, in Rochester, to the late Robert E. and Blanche FLYNN NYE. He was a member of the NRA and AARP.

He was predeceased by his parents; and son Robert J. NYE Jr. Survivors include his wife, Doris NYE; children Lennie (Melissa) NYE, Terry (Jennifer) ROBINSON, Shelly COOLEY, Tammie ROBINSON, Cindy AGUILAR and Kathy (Joe) ALBERTSON; sister Roberta (Tony) SMITH; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family members.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2020, at Crestview Cemetery with the Rev. Bill CARTER officiating. Pallbearers are Rick BALDWIN, Alec BALDWIN, Grant BALDWIN, Adam MANN, and Terry ROBINSON. A special thank you to Kindred Hospice for the care you gave Jack. Arrangements are handled by Hot Springs Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.hotspringsfh.com.

## **T. Marcelline BREWER**

T. Marcelline BREWER, 86, Rochester, died Tuesday at her daughter's home in Hebron. Survivors include her two daughters, Terri DEEB, Hebron, and Cheri KNOTTNERUS, West Palm Beach, Florida; her sister, Pat ERNY WALTER, Logansport; and her brother, Dave SIEVERS, Logansport.

A memorial service/celebration of life will be later on. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

## Frances Y. SENSIBAUGH

Frances Y. SENSIBAUGH, 92, Manassas, Virginia, died Monday at Prince William Hospital, Manassas, Virginia.

Survivors include her husband, Firmand L. SENSIBAUGH; her brothers: Royal BAUM and Doyle BAUM; and her son, Jay.

A private family service is Monday at Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

#### **Evelyn SEESE**

Evelyn SEESE, 94, Leiters Ford, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Saturday May 2, 2020

#### T. Marcelline BREWER

T. Marcelline "Marcie" BREWER, 86, Rochester, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at her daughter's home in Hebron.

Marcie is survived by her two daughters, Terri (Dennis) DEEB, Hebron, and Cheri (Carl) KNOTTNERUS, West Palm Beach, Florida; four grandsons, Daniel (Laurie) DEEB, Crown Point, Clayton (Megan ) DEEB, Carmel, Kyle (Randi) KNOTTNERUS, Jupiter, Florida, and Jarrett (Whitney) KNOTTNERUS, Lake Park, Florida; five great-grandsons, Logan, Lucas, and Evan DEEB, Crown Point, and Murphy and Martin DEEB, Carmel; sister Pat ERNY (Ray) WALTER, Logansport; brother Dave (Mary) SIEVERS, Logansport; sister-in-law Phyllis (Gary) STUART, Lake Cicott; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard A. BREWER; her parents, Bill and Doris SIEVERS; and two sisters, Jeanetta WARNER and June SIEVERS NEAL.

Marcie was a graduate of Logansport High School with the Class of 1952. She married Richard (better known as Dick) in September 1952, and they celebrated 50 years of marriage before Dick's passing

in 2003. Marcie and Dick moved to Rochester from Logansport in 1961 where they resided the remainder of their lives.

Marcie worked for 10 years in the advertising department for the Rochester Sentinel and truly valued her relationships with the local business community. At home, the BREWER door was always open to all as Marcie and Dick loved sharing lake life activities and social gatherings with family and friends. They also enjoyed golf in the summer and winters with family and friends in Florida.

Marcie's family is extremely grateful for the staff at Wynnfield Crossing and the wonderful care that they provided these past five years.

A memorial service/celebration of life will be planned at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Logansport Church of the Brethren, 2405 Shadowlawn Drive, Logansport, IN 46947, or Palms West Presbyterian Church, 1128 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., PMB 225, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. The Good Family Funeral Home is assisting Marcie's family. Anyone wishing to share memories or leave a condolence may go to Marcie's page at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

#### Kenneth L.O. SMITH

Kenneth L.O. SMITH, 79, Argos, died Wednesday at home. Survivors include his wife, Gloria SMITH, Argos; his daughter, Suzette BERGSTEDT, Logansport; and his brother, David L. SMITH, Warsaw.

His graveside service will be at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

## **Evelyn L. SEESE**

Evelyn L. SEESE, 94, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Survivors include her sons, Terry SEESE, Madison, Wisconsin, and Richard SEESE, Rochester; and two sisters, Judy TALBOTT, Rochester, and Donna RAICEVIC, Kauai, Hawaii.

No service will occur. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

## Tuesday, May 5, 2020

#### **Fay WHETSTONE**

## May 2, 1927-May 2, 2020

Fay WHETSTONE, 93, Mentone, passed away at 7:58 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2020, at her residence. Fay was born on May 2, 1927, in Mentone to the late Elmer D. and Esther R. (HORN) SARBER.

ON June 14, 1946, in Mentone, she married Carl B. WHETSTONE. He preceded her in death on January 1, 1994.

She was a 1945 graduate of Mentone High School. After graduating, she began working at Manwaring's for a few years. She then became a homemaker and helped alongside her husband on the family farm.

Fay had been a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church for nearly 70 years where she served in many positions. She was active in the United Methodist Women, Sunday school and the choir and helping with funeral dinners and Bible school. She was also a founding member of the Merry Mollies.

She enjoyed reading and the library. She was known as a baker, especially for her old-fashioned cream pie and her award-winning blueberry pie.

Survivors include her daughter, Jane WEBSTER, Mentone; her sons, Mike and wife Sharon WHETSTONE, Mentone, Tim and wife Cathy WHETSTONE, Mentone, and Jerry and wife Angy WHETSTONE, Akron; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Esther SARBER; her husband, Carl B. WHETSTONE; her daughter-in-law, Cindy WHETSTONE; her sister, Zelda BLACKFORD; and her brother, Gene SARBER.

Following county, state, federal and CDC guidelines, a private family service will be at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Jason RICE officiating. A private burial will be in Mentone Cemetery. Donations may be made in Fay's memory to Mentone United Methodist Church. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## **Ruth E. ADAMS**

Ruth E. ADAMS, 97, Argos, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Survivors include her husband, Harry ADAMS, Argos; and her daughters, Shirleen MARTENS, Red Lodge, Montana, and Darleen VANDERWEELE, Argos.

A private graveside service will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

## **Ronald L. GAGNON**

Ronald L. GAGNON, 82, Akron, died Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Love Funeral Home.

## Fritz H. RISNER

Fritz H. RISNER, 54, Rochester, died Friday in Argos. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Wednesday May 6, 2020

## **Ronald LeRoy GAGNON**

## September 5, 1937-May 3, 2020

Ronald LeRoy GAGNON, 82, Akron, died at 5:20 p.m. Sunday, May 3, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born in Fulton County on September 5, 1937, to Arthur and Violet (HAMILTON) GAGNON. Ron had lived in Mentone and the Beaver Dam area but spent most of his life in the Akron community. He graduated from Burket High School in 1955.

Ron married Carma L. (MIDDLETON) BACKUS in 1959. They recently had a public celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and have now been married 61 years.

Ron was employed at Sonoco in Akron for 20 years. After leaving there, he became a truck driver and did miscellaneous jobs. His last job was at Mid-West Spring, Mentone, where he retired in 2002.

He attended Silver Creek Church of God when his health allowed him to. He enjoyed hunting all kinds of animals.

Ron is survived by his wife, Carma, Akron; two children, Steven E. (spouse Kathy) GAGNON, Warsaw, and Barbara (spouse Tim) HEINBAUGH, Wabash; one stepson, Steven D. (spouse Linda) BACKUS, Akron; one sister, Clara BROWN, Houston, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. Ron was preceded in death by his parents; stepdaughter Debra L. BACKUS; stepson Daniel D. BACKUS; and brother Eugene GAGNON.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private graveside service will be at Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake, with Pastor Tom CRAIG officiating. For those who wish to honor the memory of Ronald L. GAGNON, memorial contributions may be made to the Silver Creek Church of God, 6504 W. 1300 S., Silver Lake, IN 46982. Condolences may be sent to earllovefuneralhome.com. The staff of Earl-Love Funeral Home considers it a privilege and an honor to care for the family of Ronald L. GAGNON.

## **Rodney L. MYGRANT**

Rodney L. MYGRANT, 66, Peru, died Tuesday at home. A drive-through viewing is 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the Mexico Church of the Brethren. Arrangements are handled by McClain Funeral Home.

#### **Raymond GRABER**

Raymond GRABER, 65, Amboy, died Monday at home. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home.

## Thursday May 7, 2020

#### Kathryn HUNTINGTON

Kathryn HUNTINGTON, 99, died Monday at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester. Survivors include her son, Mark HUNTINGTON, North Manchester.

A memorial service will be later on at Peabody Chapel, North Manchester. Arrangements are handled by McKee Mortuary.

#### Rodney L. MYGRANT

Rodney L. MYGRANT, 66, Peru, died Tuesday at home. Survivors include his wife, Pam MYGRANT, Peru; his mother, Gervase MYGRANT, Peru; three daughters, Adriene CLINGAMAN, Denver, Ashlee HAUS, Peru, and Alyssa HUNT, Akron; and his brothers, Dennis E. MYGRANT, Idaville, and Ted MYGRANT, Peru.

A drive-through visitation is 3-7 p.m. today at Mexico Church of the Brethren. Arrangements are handled by McClain Funeral Home.

#### **Raymond GRABER**

Raymond GRABER, 65, Amboy, died Monday at home. Survivors include his wife, Laura GRABER; his children, Lowell W. GRABER, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Donnavon R. GRABER, Israel, Kenneth L. GRABER, Amboy, Weston D. GRABER, Amboy, Jeannie L. WEAVER, Meadville, Pennsylvania, Krissa R. HERSCHBERGER, Peru, Danae E. GRABER, Amboy, and Randall D. GRABER, Lesvos, Greece; and his siblings, Ben GRABER, Carolyn BEACHY, Carl GRABER, Kenneth GRABER, Mary Ellen KNEPP, Tillie LICHTY, Linda YODER, Elmina HOCHSTEDLER and Roseanne GRABER.

A private family service is 1 p.m. Sunday at McGrawsville Community Church Youth Center and will be livestreamed through Raymond's obituary page at www.mcclainfh.com. Attendees may also hear the service through the speakers in the parking lot. A public drive-through/walk-through viewing is after the service also at the youth center.

#### **Terry K. RUBY**

Terry K. RUBY, 63, Rochester, died Monday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Friday May 8, 2020

#### Doris A. HUFFMAN

#### May 13, 1944-May 6, 2020

Doris A. HUFFMAN, 75, rural Macy, passed away at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at her residence after being in failing health for a short time.

Doris was born on May 13, 1944, in Terre Haute, to Homer F. and Esther L. (ROSS) MONROE. She was married to Francis FREESE for 10 years. She then married Ronald "Satch" HUFFMAN on January 25, 1977, in Rochester. He survives.

She had worked at Chamberlin Products and then for Wen's of Akron for many years. She enjoyed being with her grandchildren and caring for her dogs as well as many other animals. She also had been a driver for the Amish community and enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include her husband, Satch HUFFMAN, Macy; her daughters, Gina HUFFMAN, Macy, Lisa and husband Joe LOCKE, Macy, and April and husband Adam TOWNER, Columbia City; her son, Tim and wife Karen FREESE, Rochester; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Julie MARTIN, Lafayette, Vivian SCAGGS, Rochester, and Barbara HAYES, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Esther MONROE; and her sister, Viola MONROE.

Following county, state, federal and CDC guidelines and Doris' wishes, no service will occur at this time. Arrangements are entrusted to Hartzler funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Donations may be made in her memory to the donor's choice of charity. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# John M. KIBORT

John M. KIBORT, 74, Argos, died Monday at home. Survivors include his brother, Carl MITCHEL, Plymouth; and his sisters, Treva NORMAN, Plymouth, and Martha RINGENBERG, Hicksville, Ohio.

Burial will be later on at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

# Kyle L. SMITH

Kyle L. SMITH, 30, Kokomo, died May 1, 2020, at home. Survivors include his father, Matt R. SMITH, Argos; his mother, Christy L. FISHER, Ocala, Florida; his daughter, Addy; his brothers, Brandon BEAUCHAMP, Plymouth, and Matthew R. SMITH Jr. and Parker K. SMITH, both of Argos; and his sisters, Meagan JAGNECKI, Plymouth, and Monica CRACE and Izabelle HAYN, both of Argos.

A private graveside service will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

# **Ernie BURCH**

Ernie BURCH, 75, Rochester, died Thursday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

# John R. BOWERSOX

John R. BOWERSOX, 87, Rochester, died Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Saturday May 9, 2020

## **Ernest D. BURCH**

Ernest D. BURCH, 75, Rochester, and formerly of Bremen, died Thursday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include his daughter, Jessica MELISSIONOS, Lake Helen, Florida; his son, Scott A. BURCH, Quartzsite, Arizona; his sister, Martha ULREY, New Port Richey, Florida; and his brother, Larry BURCH, Rochester.

His service will be later on. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

# Tuesday May 12, 2020

## Mickey Joe MATHIAS

## January 21, 1931-May 7, 2020

Mickey Joe MATHIAS, just Joe to his friends and family, 89, left this world on May 7, 2020. Born January 21, 1931, he was the son of Albert Earl MATHIAS and Goldie May (COLLINS) MATHIAS and the youngest of four children. He grew up on the family farm learning the value of hard work and helping others in need.

After graduating from Rochester High School in 1949, Joe went to Ball State Teachers College, where he received a Bachelor of Science in education in 1953. He taught for a year before completing a two-year stint in the Air Force as an officer.

On July 15, 1956, he married Nancy Jane GANTZ. They enjoyed almost 56 years of marriage until Nancy's passing in June 2012.

He resumed his education career until 1989, with many of those years an as elementary school principal in the Kokomo Center School District.

During this time, he also developed an Indiana History curriculum for fourth graders called My Hoosier Heritage, which was used statewide for 20 years. He traversed the state many times training teachers on its use.

He stayed connected to his farming roots throughout his life, renting land to area farmers, but his true agricultural passion was blueberry growing. After Nancy's passing, he spent many hours maintaining and upgrading his blueberry crop. He was very generous and allowed friends and acquaintances alike to pick for free.

He was a doting grandpa to his three granddaughters, Rachel DAY (Danny), West Palm Beach, Florida, Hanna FREIHERR (Greg), Carmel, and Lauren MILLER, Fishers. He spent countless hours telling them stories of his youth and reading them classic children's stories.

Joe was a devoted Christian and member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Kokomo, where he was active with several groups. He also attended Whippoorwill Community Church, Rochester. He was a wonderful storyteller with amazing recall and could enchant family members for hours with tales of his younger years.

Survivors in addition to his grandchildren include two sons, Mike MATHIAS (Linda), Fishers, and Scott MATHIAS, Kokomo. He is also survived by a great-granddaughter and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by Nancy; and his three siblings.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Kokomo, or Whippoorwill Community Church, Rochester. Due to current restrictions surrounding the pandemic, there will be no calling. There will be a private family ceremony May 13, 2020, at 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, which will be streamed on Ellers Mortuary's Facebook page. Burial will immediately follow in Albright Cemetery. Friends may find Joe's obituary at www.ellersmortuarywebster.com where they may leave a message for the family and sign the guest registry.

#### John Ronald BOWERSOX

## November 12, 1932-May 7, 2020

John Ronald BOWERSOX, 87, Rochester, and a long-time resident of Leiters Ford, passed away Thursday, May 7, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester after a brief illness.

He was born on November 12, 1932, to Chet and Frances (KLINE) BOWERSOX in South Bend. At the age of 10, he relocated with his family to Leiters Ford, where John attended and graduated from Aubbeenaubbee Township High School.

In 1952, John married Ruth Ann CALHOUN at the Leiters Ford United Methodist Church. Together they raised their three children in Leiters Ford. John retired from Dean Foods in Rochester and then enjoyed 30 years with his wife, Ruth, with them spending their winters in Florida.

John was an avid motorcycle enthusiast, owning and racing many bikes over his lifetime. He was also an avid tennis player and enjoyed playing the courts in Florida and here in the Rochester area. He enjoyed teaching both youth and adults alike the game of tennis. He was greatly honored and humbled to have a tennis court named after him in the condo area where he and his wife Ruth lived in Florida. In 2015, John and Ruth moved back to Indiana and took permanent residence in Rochester, where they purchased a home.

John was preceded in death by his son, Dean John BOWERSOX; his daughter, Doris Ann COOL; and his wife of 63 years, Ruth Ann BOWERSOX. Survivors include his son, Dale Robert and wife Margaret, Culver; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Thomas BOWERSOX, South Bend; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no service at this time. Zimmerman Bros Funeral Home, Rochester, has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### Elsie L. WILBURN

Elsie L. WILBURN, 100, Peru, died Saturday at home. Survivors include two children, Carol MCCARTY, and Roland WILBURN, both of Peru; and one sister, Jean DINKLE, Peru.

Her funeral service is 3 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is noon-3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

#### **Rocky L. SMILEY**

Rocky L. SMILEY, 55, rural Etna Green, died Friday at home. Survivors include his mother, Dora Jean SMILEY, Warsaw; and his sister, Dawn KERLIN, Warsaw.

A private family service will be at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone.

#### **Dorothy M. ABAIR**

Dorothy M. ABAIR, 98, Plymouth, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

#### Fritz H. RISNER Jr.

## June 16, 1965-May 1, 2020

Fritz H. RISNER, Jr., 54, Rochester, passed away on Friday, May 1, 2020, at 8:24 p.m. in Argos. He was born on June 16, 1965, in Winamac, the son of Fritz and Virginia (DAVIS) RISNER. On January 27, 1990, in Rochester, he married Tracy POTTER. She survives.

Mr. RISNER had worked for Pike Lumber Co. in Akron for many years and had been involved in various other businesses. He had been an active member of the Fulton County Historical Society, volunteering over the years at numerous events including the Trail of Courage. He enjoyed going to auctions, woodworking, scrapping, and collecting Budweiser memorabilia, salt and pepper shakers and Harley-Davidson items. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Tracy RISNER, Rochester; children Cruiz RISNER, Jeff RISNER, Shelbie RISNER and Seth (Alecia) TEMPLETON, all of Rochester, Ethan (Nicole) HUDSON, Cedar Springs, Michigan, and Karissa HUDSON, Buchanan, Michigan; grandchildren Xayden RISNER, Zeke TEMPLETON, Xander TEMPLETON and Zane TEMPLETON, all of Rochester; mother Virginia RISNER, Leesburg; father Fritz H. (Patricia) RISNER, Winamac; sisters Tammy (Tim) TILTON, Leesburg, Sherry RISNER, South Carolina, Debra (Brian) JOHNSON, Lafayette, and Opy ROGERS, Rochester; brother Adam RISNER, Winamac; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Violet RISNER; and brother Dean ADAMS.

Due to health guidelines pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private funeral service will be observed. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made

to the Fulton County Historical Society. Arrangements are entrusted to Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### Terry Kevin RUBY

#### April 23, 1957-May 4, 2020

Terry Kevin RUBY, 63, formerly of Warren, Pennsylvania, passed away unexpectedly on May 4, 2020, at his home in Rochester.

He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on April 23, 1957, to the late Frederick M. RUBY and Bethel E. MCCOY RUBY FINK.

He will always be remembered for his quirky sense of humor and streaks of stubbornness. At times, he had a heart of gold and would lend a hand to others in need. He always enjoyed visiting and talking for hours with his daughter and family.

Throughout his life, he enjoyed a variety of hobbies such as RC model airplanes, motorcycles, and automobiles. His two most favorite cars that he owned were a Corvette and MG.

One of his most fascinating hobbies was storm-chasing tornadoes. He had no fear of these monster storms and would intently watch The Weather Channel. Whenever one was approaching, he would get in his car and drive dangerously close to them. He was talented in music and loved playing his Gibson and Martin guitars. There was no doubt of his singing talent. He was able to belt out a tune like a professional.

In addition to his hobbies, he loved roller-skating with his daughter in her younger years, which formed a strong bond of love between them. He also loved certain foods he made staples in his home. They were macaroni and potato salad, cheese, pepperoni, baked beans, meatloaf, and beer. A family friend, Cheri made her "famous" three-bean casserole, which was tops on his list. Oddly enough, when he stopped chewing on a piece of bubble gum, he saved it for the next day and placed it on his nightstand.

He was a longtime resident of Warren, Pennsylvania, and attended the former Lacy Elementary School and Beaty Junior High School, finishing at New Castle High School. He obtained his GED and later CDL. When he started working in his teen years, he spent his first two summers working at Kinzua Dam. From there his working career would take him to a variety of positions with Superior Tire in Warren, Blair Corp., in Irvine and over-the-road truck driving with big companies such as Schneider, TRL and J.B. Hunt.

The job he held at Nuhfer's Equipment Rental in Stoneham, was the beginning of his most "meticulous" characteristic. He took great pride in maintaining all of their equipment in order to keep the superior quality and excellent working conditions of all their rental equipment. After Nuhfer's Equipment Rental went out of business, he started with Everyday True Value Rental in Jamestown, New York, and further continued his meticulous work ethic into his final job with ABC Industries in Winona Lake.

He is survived by his daughter, who was his pride and joy, Amy Ruby WINEGARDNER, and her companion, Jim WALKER, Aiken, South Carolina; grandchildren Macy, Reese, and Wyatt WINEGARDNER, at home; three brothers, Darrell (Judy) RUBY, Micky RUBY, and John RUBY (longtime friend Diane SHARP), all of Warren, Pennsylvania; two sisters, Brenda (Randy Sr.) RUBY BIEHLS NUHFER, Youngsville, Pennsylvania, and Beth (John) BOYD, Waterford, Pennsylvania; nine nieces, Missy JOHNSON, Sarah BIEHLS, Heather RUBY, Heidi RINK and Britany PANGBORN, all of Warren, Pennsylvania; Olivia NUHFER, Youngsville, Pennsylvania, Nicole NUHFER, Port St. Lucie, Florida, and Mackenize and Riley BOYD, Waterford, Pennsylvania; six nephews, John RUBY Jr., Nathan RUBY, Austin HILLYARD and Caleb SNYDER, all of Warren, Pennsylvania, Randy NUHFER Jr., Youngsville, Pennsylvania, Sandra GEER, Winter Haven, Florida, Bonnie TOWER, Jamestown, New York, and Dr. Debbie VITEZ, Florida; and several greatnieces and great-nephews residing in Warren, Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Paul RUBY, Erie, Pennsylvania, on March 24, 2016; nephew George BIEHLS Jr., on September 13,

1999; maternal grandparents John and Dorthea TIPTON MCCOY; paternal grandparents Charles and Myra DICKEY RUBY; and cousin Yvonne CONKLIN.

Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, has been entrusted with cremation arrangements. Condolences may be sent through their website at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be at a later date. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to a local humane society or the charity of the donor's choice. He will be laid to rest at Pine Grove Cemetery in Russell, Pennsylvania, at a later date.

## Patricia A. ROSS

Patricia A. ROSS, 64, Plymouth, died Saturday at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Survivors include her sons, Shain ROSS, Fort Wayne, and Trent ROSS, Plymouth; her daughter, Ashton ROSS, Plymouth; and her sisters, Rhonda VIRES, Argos, and Cheryl SNYDER, Bourbon.

A private graveside service will be at Summit Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman funeral Home.

## Norma J. WARSTLER

Norma J. WARSTLER, 94, died May 5, 2020. Survivors include three children, Sandra R. DUNLAP, Argos, Stephen C. WARSTLER, Manhattan Beach, California, and Carson J. WARSTLER, Charlotte, North Carolina.

A private graveside service is at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

## **Gayle A. LANDIS**

Gayle A. LANDIS, 81, Rochester, died Sunday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Wednesday May 13, 2020

#### Linda L. BURKETT

Linda L. BURKETT, 73, Rochester, died Monday at home. Survivors include her husband, David BURKETT, at home; her children, Debra BELCHER, Rochester, Andrea HARRIS, Carmel, and Terry BELCHER, Cicero; her mother, Betty SLOAN, Mishawaka; and her brother, Terry MARSHMAN, South Bend.

A private sunset celebration of life is 6 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home and will be live streamed on the Facebook page JD GOOD. A public drive-by visitation is 3:30-5:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

#### Thursday May 14, 2020

#### Gayle A. LANDIS

#### February 16, 1939-May 10, 2020

Gayle A. LANDIS, 81, Rochester, passed away at 5:35 p.m. Sunday, May 10, 2020, at her residence. Gayle was born in Anderson on February 16, 1939, the daughter of Lloyd and Winfred (DAVIS) FUQUA and lived in Fortville.

Gayle completed her registered nurse training at Indiana University and spent her career as a school nurse in Shelbyville, then began at W.S. Major Hospital in 1972. In 1978, she was the first recipient of the Lois "Barney" BRYER award for outstanding service to Major Hospital. She had also worked for Drs. INLOW and TOWER in Shelbyville.

Gayle married Tom LANDIS on June 20, 1981, in Shelbyville, and relocated to Rochester, where her nursing career continued for more than 20 years at Woodlawn Hospital, followed by becoming a home care nurse prior to her retirement in 2004. She was well-loved by her many co-workers and patients.

Tom and Gayle enjoyed riding horses, camping trips, fishing and family cookouts and were blessed to travel extensively throughout the United States. They spent almost 20 retirement winters in Fort Myers Beach, Florida, where they were equally at home with their "winter family" at Gulf Air RV Park.

Gayle was a devoted wife, mother, nurse, mentor, and friend. She is survived by her husband Tom Landis, Rochester; daughters Shelley (Tim) SNYDER, Fairland, and Suzan (Greg) BITTERLING, Rochester, also Rick (Diane) LANDIS, Macy, Colleen DIVELEY, Fulton, and Larry (Greta) LANDIS, Rochester; grandchildren Ryan SNYDER, Adam SNYDER, Brett SNYDER, Jennifer LANDIS, Jeremy LANDIS, Sommer HALTERMAN, Jill ROBINSON, Jon DIVELEY, Catherine DIVELEY and Thomas LANDIS; four great-grandchildren; brother John FUQUA, Fortville; sisters Brenda (Dave) AYRES, Fortville, and Loisanne WILLIAMS, Bloomington; and many nieces, nephews, and granddogs. She was preceded in death by her son, Scott LINVILLE; and her parents.

Friends may visit from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. In compliance with state executive orders for COVID-19, no more than 25 people will be rotated in the funeral home at a time. Social distancing of six feet between visitors must be observed. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org or through the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### Frederick A. BROWN

#### February 26, 1935-May 9, 2020

Frederick A. BROWN, 85, Rochester, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at his residence. Born February 26, 1935, in Fulton County, he was the son of the late Theodore and Mary (GRAY) BROWN. He was a 1953 Kewanna High School graduate and an U.S. Army veteran.

Fred was married to Shirley JOHNS for more than 40 years; she preceded him in death on September 11, 1999. He was then married to Barbara TALBOTT ENYEART for more than 17 years; she preceded Fred in death on December 22, 2018.

Fred started his career with U.S. Airways in Parkersburg, West Virginia, later transferring to Orlando, Florida, where he retired after 32-plus years.

Fred enjoyed fishing, gardening, picking berries, spending time on the BROWN family farm during the planting and harvest seasons and most of all spending time with his family.

Survivors include his children, Terry BROWN (Becky), Kewanna, Craig BROWN (Betty), St. Cloud, Florida, and Cindy AYERS (Art), Belpre, Ohio; stepson Scott ENYEART (Mary), El Cajon, California; sisters Evelyn PETERS, Kewanna, and Vivian HATHAWAY, Warsaw; sister-in-law Katherine "Kay" BROWN, Kewanna; brother-in-law Don MCKINZIE, Columbia City; grandchildren Jeremy AYERS (Brooke), Marietta, Ohio, Kelsey KISER (Ryan), St. Cloud, Florida, Christopher AYERS (Kiersta), Williamstown West Virginia, Amber BROWN, Windermere, Florida, and Kyndall BROWN, Amite, Louisiana; and great-grandchildren Madden AYERS, Maverick AYERS, Wyatt AYERS, and Kynleigh KISER. Along with his parents and wives, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Jerry BROWN; sister Jeanine MCKINZIE; and brothers-in-law Sonny PETERS and Robert HATHAWAY.

His service will be private. Burial will be at Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, Kewanna. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

Linda L. BURKETT September 22, 1946-May 11, 2020 Linda Lee BURKETT, 73, Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family and friends when she passed to her eternal home in the early evening of May 11, 2020.

On September 22, 1946, Linda Lee MARSHMAN was born in South Bend. She was the daughter of Richard and Betty FISCUS MARSHMAN. Growing up, she shared her childhood with a brother, Terry. Linda graduated from John Adams High School in 1964.

When her children were nearly raised, Linda returned to school in pursuit of her life dream of becoming a registered nurse. While working at Woodlawn Hospital as a licensed practical nurse, she continued at Ivy Tech of South Bend to earn her registered nurse degree. Known to her patients for her compassions and professionalism, Linda L. BURKETT, RN, returned to Woodlawn Hospital. She completed her nursing stint at Culver Military Academy as campus nurse.

On August 13, 1993, in Ely, Minnesota, Linda married her best friend Mr. David BURKETT. Together they shared more than 26 years of life's adventures. They enjoyed 19 annual fishing trips to Ely, Minnesota, catching the limit most days. Other adventures were excursions to Las Vegas, Nevada, and seeing the shows. Her favorite was Siegfried and Roy, a show they enjoyed many times.

To relax, Linda enjoyed many tranquil moments at the water's edge fishing or annually planting flowers to enhance the landscape with beauty and color around her home. She delighted in a good practical joke. Halloween was her favorite holiday, as her costumes were the best!

Time spent with her grandchildren was the most precious. The grandchildren spent many hours running a beauty salon, making Grammy beautiful. She followed all of their sports and schooling, making every occasion for them special! Linda's beautiful smile enriched many lives. She was a free spirit and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and a phenomenal and an amazing friend.

Left to cherish the memory of Linda are her husband, David BURKETT, at home; children Debra BELCHER, Rochester, Andrea HARRIS and husband Cliff, Carmel, and Terry BELCHER, Cicero; her mother, Betty SLOAN and husband Dick, Mishawaka; brother Terry MARSHMAN, South Bend; grandchildren Adrian HOGAN, Breanne PAULIK, Ayden MARRS, Haylin HARRIS, Cole HARRIS, Delaney BELCHER and Abby BELCHER; mother-in-law Margaret BURKETT, Rochester; brother-in-law Randy BURKETT and wife Beth, Rochester; and her beloved canine companion, Red, the Australian shepherd. Linda was preceded in death by her father, Dick MARSHMAN; and her father-in-law Dick BURKETT.

A public drive-by visitation to honor Linda will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2020, at the front entrance of the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. A private family sunset celebration of life honoring Linda L. BURKETT is 6 p.m. Friends may join the livestreamed celebration at the Facebook page JD GOOD just prior to 6 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

#### **Dorothy M ABAIR**

#### May 1, 1922-May 10, 2020

Dorothy M. ABAIR, 98, Plymouth, and formerly of Bremen and Rochester, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, May 10, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She was born on May 1, 1922, in Rochester, the daughter of Jacob Forrest and Beulah (JOYCE) BROCK. On March 2, 1943, in Rochester, she married Harold R. ABAIR. He preceded her in death on February 27, 1986.

Dorothy had worked at the former Torin Corp. for many years. She had been a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church and in the early 1940s had been a pilot for Civil Air Patrol. She enjoyed birdwatching and aviation. On her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, she got to experience her first ultralight plane ride.

She is survived by her son, Mickey (Gabrielle) ABAIR, McMinnville, Tennessee; granddaughter Miranda (Greg) DODD, McMinnville, Tennessee; four great-grandsons; two great-great-grandsons; two

step-granddaughters; nine step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Marie NIER; and an infant sister.

A private funeral service will occur at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Friday May 15, 2020

# William 'Bill' P. WARREN Jr.

# April 10, 1937-May 9, 2020

William "Bill" P. WARRNE Jr., 83, died May 9, 2020, at home in Phoenix, Arizona, following a year of various health conditions. Bill was born April 10, 1937, in Rochester, to William and Gwendolyn (MOORE) WARREN Sr.

He graduated with the Rochester High School Class of 1955 and played basketball at RHS. He kept in touch and connected to Rochester.

While living in Rochester, he delivered Borden's milk and worked for Coleman Refrigeration, where he met his future wife.

In 1956, the WARREN family of four moved to Phoenix, Arizona. Bill worked at Walsh Brothers for 36 years, servicing office machines. He was promoted to sales, earning awards and trips.

On November 27, 1957, he married Maxine DAVIS, formerly from Leiters Ford. They had four children.

Bill was a Masonic Lodge and Shriners 50-year member. He recently received the Masonic apron, a pin and certificate.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years; daughter Michelle (Jerry) YOUNG, Phoenix, Arizona; son Lance (Kim) WARREN, Cincinnati, Ohio; granddaughter Brittani WARREN, Phoenix, Arizona; sister-in-law Millie DITMIRE, Rochester; and nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons Lyle and Rusty; sister Sharon AYLESWORTH; grandparents Russell and Pauline MOORE; and in-laws Dale and Dorothy DAVIS.

A graveside service was at Greenlawn Cemetery on May 14, 2020. Memorials may go to Hamblen Chapel, P.O. Box 8094, Phoenix, AZ 85066. Condolences may be sent to 3618 N. 49<sup>th</sup> Place, Phoenix, AZ 85018.

#### **Betty J. MAHONEY**

Betty J. MAHONEY, 90, Rochester, died Thursday at Hickory Creek at Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Love Funeral Home.

#### Saturday May 16, 2020

## **Betty Jane MAHONEY**

#### August 1, 1929-May 14, 2020

Betty Jane MAHONEY, 90, died May 14, 2020, at 11:15 a.m. at Hickory Creek at Rochester, where she resided.

She was born August 1, 1929, in Akron, to Guy and Faudaline (GEIGER) HILL. Betty was a 1947 Akron High School graduate. Betty married Lawrence R. "Mike" MAHONEY on September 6, 1949, in Akron.

She worked at Chamberlain Products in Akron for 20 years. She then worked by cleaning houses, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

She attended Akron Church of God and then The Cross church, Rochester. Betty loved interacting and working with children at church. Her grandchildren were special to her. She enjoyed redoing lawn chairs with macramé.

Betty is survived by her sons, Bill (spouse Nancy) MAHONEY, Columbia, South Carolina, Steve MAHONEY and his fiancée Darla JOHNSON, Rochester, and Greg (spouse Mary) MAHONEY, Bethlehem, Georgia; brothers Bill (spouse Mary) HILL, Peru, and Dick HILL, Florida; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lawrence R. "Mike" MAHONEY (1986); and siblings Guy HILL and his wife Helen, Arden HILL and Geraldine E. WORL.

Due to COVID-19, a graveside service will be later on with burial at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. To honor the memory of Betty MAHONEY, contributions may to go Akron Church of God or The Cross church, Rochester. The staff of Earl-Love Funeral Home considers it a privilege and honor to care for family and friends of Betty MAHONEY. Condolences may go to earlovefuneralhome.com.

# Tuesday May 19, 2020

## Pauline SCALES

# October 17, 1921-May 12, 2020

Pauline SCALES, 98, Grass Creek, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at home. She was born on October 17, 1921, in Grass Creek, the daughter of the late Clarence and Ethel (CHESTNUT) HUFFMAN.

On September 20, 1942, she married Donald K. SCALES in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He preceded her in death November 5, 2011. They enjoyed more than 69 years of marriage.

Pauline was a bookkeeper for Urbin Chevrolet, Kewanna, for 12 years and for 19 years at Hal Hammel's Chrysler Dodge, Rochester. She and Don loved their trips to Minnesota for fishing trips and Michigan for mushroom hunting. She was a strong, independent woman who loved her time with her family.

Survivors include her children, Barbara GRANDSTAFF and husband Doug, Kendallville, Bruce SCALES and wife Rosemary, Fulton, Phyllis KOONTZ and husband Gene, Rochester, Linda GARNER and husband Tom, Kewanna, and Ellen HEIDEN and husband Victor, Columbia City; sister-in-law Patty TARVER, Titusville, Florida; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two great-greatgrandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a son, Barry SCALES; grandson Danny SCALES; and two brothers and two sisters.

Pauline's service will be livestreamed at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory's Facebook page. Burial will be at the Grass Creek Cemetery. Memorial contributions may go to the Grass Creek Lions Club, 7641 S. 1000 W., Kewanna, IN 46939. Friends may sign Pauline's online guest book or leave condolences for the Scales family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

## **James MARTIN**

James MARTIN, 71, Plymouth, died Sunday. Survivors include his sister, Barbara MARTIN, Rochester.

No public service is planned at this time. Arrangements are handled by Deaton-Clemens Van Gilder Funeral Home.

Wednesday May 20, 2020

No Obituaries

# Thursday May 21, 2020

No Obituaries

Friday May 22, 2020

No Obituaries

Saturday May 23, 2020

No Obituaries

# Tuesday May 26, 2020

## **Robert L. HATFIELD**

Robert L. HATFIELD, 83, Mentone (Palestine), died Saturday at home. Survivors include his wife, Susan HATFIELD, Mentone; his daughter, Jennifer AYERS, Indianapolis; and his son, Douglas HATFIELD, Santa Maria, California.

His funeral service is noon Saturday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker Street, Mentone. Visitation is 10 a.m. to the time of the service Saturday at the funeral home.

## Wednesday May 27, 2020

#### Warren SCHMAL

Warren SCHMAL, 70, Leiters Ford, died Tuesday at Parkview Wabash Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Thursday May 28, 2020

#### Warren W. SCHMAL

Warren W. SCHMAL, 70, Leiters Ford, died Tuesday at Parkview Wabash Hospital. Survivors include a son, Shawn SCHMAL, Rochester; a sister, Cathy VERBEEK; and two brothers, David SCHMAL and Scott SCHMAL.

His memorial service will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Friday May 29, 2020

## Frances Louise KNIGHT ELTZROTH

## January 31, 1946-May 27, 2020

Frances Louise KNIGHT ELTZROTH, 74, rural Wabash, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at her home. She was born January 31, 1946, in Rochester to Ernest "Poppy" and Mary "Nanny" (CUNNINGHAM) KNIGHT.

Frances was a graduate of Rochester High School. She worked at General Tire in Wabash. Frances married Michael Warren ELTZROTH in Rochester in November 1965; he died on January 29, 2015. She was a speed reader and loved reading mysteries. Frances enjoyed flower gardening, camping, and especially spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by two children, Brian ELTZROTH, and Amy (Michael) FELSHOOD, both of Wabash; three grandchildren, Candice (Josh) MAINE, Wabash, Lindsey (Jordan RIDGEWAY) FLESHOOD, North Carolina, and Hanna FLESHOOD, Wabash; and two great-grandchildren, Ava MAINE and Brooks MAINE, both of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Ernie "Bub" KNIGHT; and sister Sharon KNIGHT.

Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 1, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Ed ENSLEY officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Frances may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

#### Saturday May 30, 2020

#### Jerry K. BICKEL

Jerry K. BICKEL, 83, Akron, died Friday at home. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie BICKEL, Akron; his daughters, Sherry DEWEY, Peru, and Shelly ROBERTSON, Greenwood; his son, Jerry E. BICKEL, Pierceton; his sister, Ruth Ann FUNK, Akron; and his brother, Jim BICKEL, Akron.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation is 3-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday June 2, 2020

#### Jerry K. BICKEL

## May 8, 1937-May 29, 2020

Jerry K. BICKEL, 83, Akron, passed away surrounded by family at 4:54 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2020, at his residence.

Jerry was born on May 8, 1937, in Miami County to the late Palmer O. and Maxine Ruth (NEEDHAM) BICKEL. He married Bonnie WENTZEL on November 24, 1956, in Akron. She survives.

He was an operating engineer for Local 150 for 53 years, running heavy equipment. His favorite machine was the road grader. He also drove a semi-truck for various companies throughout the years. After retiring, he worked with Clean Burn, servicing used oil furnaces.

He attended Gilead School. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He attended the Akron Church of God. Jerry had been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1973 and had been a past Master in the Akron Masonic Lodge. He then was a member of the Gilead and lastly Lincoln Lodge 523 of Macy. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion, both of Rochester.

Jerry enjoyed mowing the yard and caring for his property. He was an avid race fan, traveling the area to see sprint car races. He was known for regularly drinking coffee with friends uptown. He loved sharing time with his princess, a Yorkie, Suzie.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie BICKEL, Akron; his daughters, Sherry and husband Carl DEWEY, Peru, and Shelly and husband Don ROBERTSON, Greenwood; his son, Jerry E. and wife Jamie BICKEL, Pierceton; his grandchildren, Kelly, Gordon, Bonnie Kaye, Jason, Jenelle and Josey; 10 greatgrandchildren; his sister, Ruth Ann FUNK, Akron; and his brother, Jim and wife Shirley BICKEL, Akron. He was preceded in death by his parents, Palmer and Maxine Ruth BICKEL; and his brother, Gene BICKEL.

Following all county, state and federal guidelines for social distancing, the funeral service for Mr. BICKEL will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester Street, Akron, with Pastor Kathy NELSON and Pastor Mandy NELLANS officiating. For the health of all in attendance, we encourage the public to wear masks. Burial will be in the Akron Cemetery, with graveside military rites being performed by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard. Visitation was 3-7 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. Donations may be made in Jerry's memory to the Akron Church of God. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

#### Pamela J. SLATER

## December 5, 1948-May 29, 2020

Pamela J. SLATER, 71, Kewanna, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2020, at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

She was born on December 5, 1948 in Lee County, Virginia, the daughter of Walter and Pearl (MUNSELL) TAYLOR. She married Kenneth SLATER on December 26, 1982, in Logansport. He survives.

Pamela had worked for Kewanna Metal Products for many years. She enjoyed researching her family genealogy, traveling and visiting historic sites, especially visiting her childhood home in Virginia. She was an avid country music fan.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth SLATER, Kewanna; daughter Concetta "Connie" DENNY, Star City; stepdaughter Brenda SLATER, Fulton; grandchildren Amber PUGH, Logansport, Ricky DENNY, Minnesota, and Austin DENNY, Kewanna; great-grandchildren Russell PUGH, Randy PUGH, Waylon DENNY and Everett DENNY; step-grandchildren Syann TEEL, Rochester, and Taylor TEEL, Lafayette; brothers Alan Wayne (Cynthia) TAYLOR, Twelve Mile, and Les TAYLOR, Twelve Mile; and sisters Brenda BANTER, Logansport, Jenny (Will) DILTS, Futon, and Rita LAYTON, Twelve Mile. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Jeanette TAYLOR; stepdaughter Linda TEAL; and nephew Will DILTS.

Friends may visit from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home in Fulton. Cremation will follow visitation. It is recommended that people wear face masks and socially distance while at visitation in accordance to state COVID-19 guidelines. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Wednesday June 3, 2020

## Isabelle Anne BARNHART BURCHFIELD July 10, 1926-May 23, 2020

Goshen native Isabelle Anne BARNHART BURCHFIELD was known for her outgoing personality and engaging sense of humor. She died peacefully May 23, 2020, of natural causes at 93 at her home in Denver, Colorado, surrounded by family.

Isabelle BARNHART attended the University of Indiana with participation in Delta Gamma and Theta Sigma Phi sororities. It was at IU she met John (Jack) BURCHFIELD, whom she married in 1947. They moved to Denver in 1953. She was active for many years in work supporting the Episcopal Diocese, especially the Altar Society at St. Luke's Hospital. She was a member at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

As a Columbine Country Club member, she chaired the ladies 18-hole golf group. During her lifetime, she bowled a 600-series, not an easy feat for a woman at the time. Following Jack's retirement, they traveled extensively.

Jack preceded her in death in 2007, as did her sister, Mary Louise SEWARD. Isabelle is survived by her sons, John Jr. and Dean (Nancy); grandchildren Katherine OGDON (Dan) and Timothy (Lindsey); and great-grandchildren Isabelle, Charlotte and Alice OGDON and Riley BURCHFIELD, all of the Denver area.

A private graveside service was at Fort Logan National Cemetery, where Mrs. BURCHFIELD is interred by her husband. When large gatherings are allowed, a celebration of life will mark Isabelle's

cherished life. In lieu of flowers, donations may go to Anchor Center for Blind Children, 2550 Roslyn St., Denver, CO 80238.

## **Betty L. HICKLE**

#### September 4, 1932-June 1, 2020

Betty L. HICKLE, 87, Kewanna, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 1, 2020, at her residence surrounded by family. Born on September 4, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Nellie KNICKER.

She was a 1950 graduate of Kewanna High School. On her senior trip, she met the love of her life, Harold. They were married on December 24, 1950. He preceded her in death on October 29, 2000.

Betty retired from General Tire in 1976 and then worked part time for Area V in Rochester. She was a former member of Kewanna United Methodist Church and was a member of the Kewanna Saddle Club for many years, with a love for horses. She enjoyed fishing, reading, card games, cooking and having large family gatherings for the holidays.

Survivors include her children, Susan ROUCH (Steve), Kewanna, James HICKLE (Barb), Winamac, and Kathleen PATTY (Dave), Logansport; daughter-in-law Ramona HICKLE, Evansville; brother Robert "Butch" KNICKER (Kathy); grandchildren Leslie ROUCH (Mike), Avon, Chad LOWRY (Stacy), Bloomfield, Robyn CONRAD (Jon), Rochester, Jarrod HICKLE (Carrie), Kewanna, Carrie FAIRCHILD (Ryan), Medaryville, Wesley HICKLE, Kewanna, Maggie WAMPLER (Jason), Knox, Seth HICKLE (Shantel), Whitestown, David PATTY (Jodie), Monticello, Jerrod PATTY, Logansport, and Kyle RANS (Stacy), Logansport; greatgrandchildren Devin, Wyatt, Cadence, Gracie, Gage, Elizabeth, Ethan, Owen, Alivia, Hudson, Harrison, Gavin, Grant, Garrison, Brooklyn, Breanna, Ashley, Kylie, Ashley, Collin, Cole, Drew, Eli and Micah; and great-great-grandchildren Cecilia, Carter and Penelope. She is also survived by her beloved dog, Harper. She was also preceded in death by her son, Thomas HICKLE; brother Donald KNICKER; and grandchild Emaline WAMPLER.

A private family service will be held and livestreamed at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 5, 2020, on Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory's Facebook page. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 2020, at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, Kewanna. Burial will be at Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna. Contributions in memory of Betty may be made to the Fulton County Adoption and Education Center. Friends may sign Betty's online guest book or leave condolences for the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

#### Walter BURTON

Walter BURTON, 77, formerly of rural Peru, died Thursday at the Veterans Home at King in Wisconsin.

Survivors include his three children, Anthony BURTON, Andre BURTON and Adaline CUNNINGHAM, all of Peru; and his siblings, Myrtle CORRELL, Logansport, Betty GEBHARDT, Logansport, Geraldine CORRELL, Converse, George K. BURTON, Peru, Linda S. WAYMIRE, Peru, and Jane BURTON, Peru.

His funeral service is noon Saturday at Mexico Baptist Church. Arrangements are handled by McClain Funeral Home.

#### **E. Juamaine WHITAKER**

E. Juamaine WHITAKER, 70, formerly of Peru, Albion, and Auburn, died May 27, 2020, at Golden Living Center-Sycamore Village, Kokomo.

A memorial service will be later on. Arrangements are handled by McClain Funeral Home.

#### Elijah S. MILLER

Elijah S. MILLER, 35, Rochester, died Monday at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Keith H. JULIAN

Keith H. JULIAN, 84, Akron, and formerly of Clymers, died Tuesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home.

## Thursday June 4, 2020

#### Keith H. JULIAN

#### June 18, 1935-June 2, 2020

Keith H. JULIAN, 84, Akron, and formerly of Clymers, passed away with family by his side at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at his residence after being in failing health for more than three years taking dialysis.

Keith was born on June 18, 1935, in Onward to the late Harley and Mary (LANDIS) JULIAN. He married Karen Sue JOHNSON on August 25, 1957, in the Clymers United Methodist Church. She survives.

He was a graduate of Onward High School in 1953. After graduating, he lived in Kalamazoo for three years where he worked in manufacturing. Returning to the Onward area, he met his soon-to-be-wife Sue.

He then began working for Kains Motor Service where he worked for 26-and-a-half years until they closed. He then became a security guard for Bunge Corp. in Clymers. He also worked for many years maintaining the parks for the Logansport Parks Department until he retired.

In 2011, he moved to Akron to be closer to some family. Keith enjoyed gardening and kept a large garden for many years. He was an avid television watcher and enjoyed Westerns and all sports. He was a regular scratcher of lottery tickets and enjoyed his trips to Branson, Missouri.

Survivors include his wife, Sue JULIAN, Akron; his daughters, Deb and husband Mark HARTZLER, Akron, and Diana and husband Tom SMITH, Lafayette; his sons, Mike and wife Nanette JULIAN, West Lafayette, Scott and wife Deb JULIAN, Logansport, and Gary and wife Roberta JULIAN; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and his sister, Renee JULIAN, Clymers. He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Theresa JULIAN; his sisters, Eloise TRIBBETT and Donna BERNHARDT; and his brothers, Gene, Dale, Dick, Fred and Clarence JULIAN.

Following all county, state and federal guidelines for social distancing, the funeral service will be at noon Friday, June 5, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Kathy NELSON officiating. The interment will follow the service in the Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon Friday, June 5, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Donations may be made in Keith's memory to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674, in memory of Theresa. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

#### Norma 'Susie' M. FOX

#### July 2, 1933-June 1, 2020

Norma "Susie" M. FOX, 86, Rochester, passed away peacefully Monday, June 1, 2020, at Hickory Creek at Rochester with Patty, Jennifer and Jordanlynn by her side.

Born on July 2, 1933, in Winamac, she was the daughter of the late William and Katherine (GILSINGER) SCHMICKER. She married the love of her life, Alvin "Red" FOX in 1951. They moved to the Grass Creek community in 1954 where they made their permanent home and raised their family.

Susie was a lifelong homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Kewanna, the Logansport Eagles and the VFW. She enjoyed playing bingo, cooking, gardening, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin "Red" FOX, Rochester; daughters Susan STREETER, Ph.D., Clovis, California, Patricia HEIDEN, Rochester, and Rose MASKER (David), Omaha, Nebraska; sister Katherine COOPER, South Bend; grandchildren Charlotte HEIDEN, Rochester, Jennifer DUFF, Grass Creek, Autumn MASKER, Omaha, Nebraska, and Vanessa MASKER, South Dakota; eight great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and sister-in-law Mildred SCHMICKER, Winamac. She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Robert, Richard and Joseph SCHMICKER and Mary CIRRILO.

A private family service will occur. Burial will be at St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery, Kewanna. Memorial contributions may go to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center. Susie's online guest book is available, and condolences may be shared at ransfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, Kewanna.

#### Virginia L. MALOTT

Virginia L. MALOTT, 85, Denver, died Monday at home. Survivors include her children, Stacy L. WILKINSON and Steve MALOTT; and her brother, Michael GALBREATH.

A graveside memorial service is 3 p.m. Friday at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Arrangements are handled by McClain Funeral Home.

#### Friday June 5, 2020

#### Kathy S. PRATER

## January 22, 1959-June 3, 2020

Kathy S. PRATER, 61, Warsaw, and formerly of Etna Green, passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at her residence where she lived for the last five years.

Kathy was born on January 22, 1959, in Kosciusko County to the late William and Wilma (KINDIG) PRATER. She was a lifetime area resident.

She was a 1978 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School, where she was a member of the Future Homemakers of America. She had been a taxi driver and also drove for the Cardinal Center.

Kathy attended Cook's Chapel Church, rural Warsaw, for many years. In years past, she led a Kosciusko County 4-H goat club. She enjoyed cooking and shopping on QVC.

Survivors include her son, Brian and wife Chante PRATER, Etna Green; and aunt Bonnie HILE, Mentone. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Wilma PRATER; and brother Michael PRATER.

Following all county, state and federal guidelines for social distancing, the graveside service for Kathy will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2020, at the Mentone Cemetery with Pastor Jason RICE officiating. For the health of all in attendance, we encourage the public to wear masks. Her interment will be in the Mentone Cemetery beside her mother. The arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker Street, Mentone. Contributions may go to the donor's choice of charity in her memory. Family and friends may share a memory or send a condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### Saturday June 6, 2020

Samuel 'Sam' HARTLE

## November 11, 1958-June 4, 2020

Samuel "Sam" HARTLE, 61, Warsaw, passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 3:39 p.m. at his residence.

Sam was born November 11, 1958, in Warsaw, to Leland "Lee" and Mary (MINER) HARTLE. He was united in marriage to Nancy MANN on November 20, 1994, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

He graduated from Warsaw Community High School and attended Manchester College. He worked as a tool crib attendant for Depuy Synthes for 40 years.

Sam enjoyed playing golf at Rozella Ford and was a member of the Elks. He was an avid Notre Dame, Cubs, Colts, and Pacers fan. However, his greatest affections were for his family and friends.

Samuel is survived by his wife of 25 years, Nancy HARTLE; daughter Sarah HARTLE, South Bend; son A.J. HARTLE, Warsaw; brother Shane (Lynne) HARTLE, Warsaw; parents Lee and Mary HARTLE, Warsaw; and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, 2020, at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020, at the funeral chapel with Pastor Glenn HALL officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, 1515 Provident Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580, or the Baker Youth Club, 1401 E. Smith St., Warsaw, IN 46580. To sign the guest book or send a condolence, go to www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

## Tuesday June 9, 2020

## Robert L. 'Bob' BILYEW

# August 7 1928-June 6, 2020

Robert L. "Bob" BILYEW, Defiance, Ohio, was born to Joseph and Eva BILYEW in Salem on August 7, 1928. He passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2020, at the age of 91. God has brought him home to be with his wife, Josephine, watching over his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

One of six children, Bob's family moved to Rochester. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1946, where he excelled in track. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served for two years during WWII. He attended Indiana University as a ROTC recruit, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in business in 1952.

Bob then joined the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant, serving two years during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington, where he met and married Josephine RABDAU on January 23, 1954. They settled in Hayward, California, before moving to Fort Wayne to start a family. In 1962 the family moved to Defiance, Ohio, residing there for the past 58 years.

He spent more than 30 years working for Zeller Corp. in Defiance, Ohio, managing new product design, until his retirement in 1994. Bob was an avid gardener and golfer, scout-master, long-distance runner, former Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge No. 147 and a pillar of strength to his family.

Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Josephine; brothers Charles and Claude BILYEW; and sisters Anna Mae MYERS and Mary CUPITO. He is survived by his children, Robyn (Dennis) HORG, Holly (Mike) FITZGERALD, Joe (Joan) BILYEW, Jill MCDONALD and Sue BILYEW, all of whom will carry on his positive attitude, a willingness to persevere during the most difficult moments and his strong work ethic. Bob leaves behind his grandchildren, Kathleen (Jedidiah) KEESBURY, Lucas HORG, Chris and Dylan FITZGERALD, Adam and Eric BILYEW, Jonelle (Ed) DIEFENTHALER, Jaimee (Matt) FREY, Jason (Hillary) GREEN and Hunter MCDONALD; great-grandchildren Adrienne, Owen, Gavin and Griffin FREY, Nolan and Porter DIEFENTHALER, Leiv, Jesse, Jamison, Pierce, Brooks and Amelie

KEESBURY, Maddie and Cameryn GREEN and Harlow and Rowan FITZGERALD; and devoted sister Patty PAXTON, Rochester.

Bob will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance, Ohio. A graveside memorial service will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Defiance, Ohio, with Celebrant Deb MILLER officiating. Graveside military rites will be conducted by the VFW Post 3360. Responsible virus protection measures are encouraged. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family to host a celebration of life service at Kingsbury Place of Defiance, Ohio. Condolences may be given at www.schafferfh.com.

### Leroy Paul HELMAN

# February 19, 1931-June 7, 2020

Leroy Paul HELMAN, 89, Warsaw, and formerly of New Paris, died at 5:15 a.m. Sunday, June 7, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor.

He was born February 19, 1931 in Elkhart County to Carl H. and Dorothy (HALL) HELMAN. He married Miriam HELMAN.

Surviving are his children, Tamra (Phil) GERBER, Pleasant Lake, Paula (Gary) YODER, Rochester, Craig (Beth) HELMAN, Topeka, and Ron (Missy) HELMAN, Warsaw; 12 grandchildren; 28 greatgrandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; sister-in-law Mae HELMAN, New Albany; and sister Linda (Jay) WARNER, North Manchester. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Miriam; son Anthony Paul HELMAN; sister Barbara Ann HELMAN; and brother Carl H. HELMAN Jr.

Leroy served in the U.S. Army and was a certified public accountant.

A graveside service with military honors will be 1 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2020, at New Paris Cemetery. Pastor Ron BURNS will officiate. Memorial donations may be directed to the American Stroke Association. Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be sent at www.rrefh.com.

# **Kimberly J. DOYLE**

Kimberly J. DOYLE, 50, Monticello, died May 30, 2020, at her residence. Survivors include her husband, Brad DOYLE, Monticello; her mother, Elizabeth J. RICE, Clarksville, Tennessee; her children, Cody TROEGER, Rochester, Garrett WOODCOX, Rochester, and Brittany JAMES, Logansport; and her brother, Shawn M. FULLER, Guyton, Georgia.

No service is scheduled at this time. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

# The Rev. Marvin LOWMAN

The Rev. Marvin LOWMAN, 84, of Burket, died Saturday at Grace Village Retirement Community, Winona Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Sue LOWMAN, Burket; his daughter, Connie KAISER, Winona Lake; and his sons, John LOWMAN, Burket, and Tom LOWMAN, Jackson Center, Pennsylvania.

His celebration of life will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by King Memorial Home.

## Wednesday June 10, 2020

### **Richard D. GREEN**

### August 20, 1938-June 5, 2020

Richard D. GREEN, 81, Kewanna, passed away unexpectedly Friday, June 5, 2020. Born on August 20, 1938, in Fulton, he was the son of the late Charles and Mildred (DUBUQUE) GREEN.

He was a 1957 Fulton High School graduate. After high school, Richard enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for four years, two as a reservist. During the following years, he served on the Kewanna Police Department and after as a Fulton County Sheriff's Department reserve officer.

On September 19, 1959, he married Janice "Jane" L. ZARTMAN in the Kewanna Church of Christ, where he served as an elder.

He retired from the Sealed Power Corp. in Rochester after 34 years. After retirement, Richard worked at Winamac Coil Spring for a time until he started a lawn care service, which he enjoyed.

Richard was a lifelong sportsman. He loved hunting and fishing and shared his love with many of his family and friends. Richard's biggest passion was for the Lord. He tried to live his life as an example to his family and friends. He spent time with anyone who needed a friend or just someone to listen to them. Richard sang in the gospel group "The Reason We Sing" for many years. His love of music continued as a member of the church praise team.

Survivors include his wife, Janice "Jane" GREEN, Kewanna; daughter Dawn NIKOLICH (Rick), Tennessee; son Dale GREEN (Wendy), Culver; sister Janice RADERSTORF (Gilbert), Arkansas; sister-in-law Shirley ZARTMAN; and grandchildren Haley, Heath, Holt, Joshua, Luke, Jacob, Brittany, Samantha, Gunnar and Lindsey. He is also survived by nine great-grandchildren; a niece; and several nephews. He was also preceded in death by his great-grandson, Ian.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2020, at the Kewanna Church of Christ with Pastor Scott MENEELY officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Inurnment will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Rochester at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kewanna Church of Christ. Rich's online guest book is available and condolences can be shared at www.ransfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna.

### **Michael D. JONES**

### December 7, 1954-June 9, 2020

Michael. D. JONES, 65, rural Rochester (Talma), passed away at 2:54 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at home.

Mike was born December 7, 1954, in Taylorville, Illinois, to Aubrey and Mary Ann (VIRDEN) JONES. On December 14, 1999, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, he married Pamala (JORDAN) YOCHUM. She survives.

He was a truck and diesel mechanic as well as a driver for General Transfer of Rochester, Metzger Trucking of Silver Lake and RB & Sons Truck Repair of Rochester. He had also hauled grain for many area farmers. Lastly he retired from Nickles Bakery of Elkhart, where he had also been a mechanic.

He was a 1973 Mentone High School graduate. He was a member of the Teamsters and had his CDL for many years. As a young man, he was a member of the Gun and Rifle Club. He enjoyed NASCAR, especially Dale Earnhardt, feeding birds, gardening, coin collecting, and cutting wood. He was a vintage car and tractor enthusiast. He was an avid mushroom and arrowhead hunter and enjoyed going to auctions.

Survivors include his wife, Pam JONES, Rochester; daughter Melody JONES, Seattle, Washington; son Matt and wife Aulbrey JONES, Etna Green; mother Mary Ann JONES, Rochester; grandchildren Lukas, Ryan, Tanner, Toby, Alaina, Lexie, Patrick, Mason, Mariah, Caylan, Shelby, and Sophie; stepchildren Rob and wife Shannon YOCHUM, Windsor, Arkansas; Julie and husband Pat OCONNELL, Warsaw, Jim and wife Melanie YOCHUM, Rochester, Jody and husband Kelly KOONS, Springdale, Arkansas, and Jen and husband Michael BECKER, Talma; siblings Richard JONES, Dan and wife Jennifer JONES, Charlotte and husband Roger RAMSEY, and Bev and husband Mark FLOOR; aunts and uncles; nieces and nephews; and friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; his father; and his canine friends, Jefferson and Jack. Following county, state, federal and CDC guidelines, the funeral service will be at 6 p.m. Friday, June 12, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Rodney RUBERG officiating. A private interment will take place in the Reichter Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be from 3-6 p.m. Friday, June 12, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Donations may be made in Michael's memory to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center, 1540 N. Wentzel St., Rochester, IN 46975. Friends and family may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Thursday June 11, 2020

No Obituaries

Friday June 12, 2020

No Obituaries

## Saturday June 13, 2020

### Allen ARMSTRONG

### November 29, 1938-June 11, 2020

Allen ARMSTRONG, 82, Fort Wayne, died peacefully on June 11, 2020, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 29, 1938, to the late Wayne and Kathryn (GROSCUP) ARMSTRONG. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1956. He married Suzan COLBART on February 19, 1967. He was an E3 in the United States Army, stationed in Alaska. He worked for Moore Business Forms for more than 35 years.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, bowler, and golfer. He was also a certified scuba diver and enjoyed spending winters in Marco Island.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Suzan ARMSTRONG, Fort Wayne; four children, Jerry (Meghan) ARMSTRONG, Seminole, Florida, Gary ARMSTRONG, Macy, and Stacey VANDUYNE and Wendy ARMSTRONG, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Pat STEMEN, Auburn; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life open house will be held in his honor on Sunday, June 14, 2020, from 1 to 5 p.m. at his residence in Fort Wayne. Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana.

### Tuesday June 16, 2020

### Mary Lu MOLHO

Mary Lu MOLHO, 81, Rochester, died Saturday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

# Wednesday June 17, 2020

# David Nelson SCHULER

# April 3, 1937-June 14, 2020

David Nelson SCHULER, 83, rural Roann, died at 10 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2020, at his home. He was born April 3, 1937, in Wabash to John A. and Lenore (CARR) SCHULER.

David was a 1955 graduate of Roann High School and attended the Purdue University Short Course. He married Bertha "Bertie" HANSING in Richvalley on February 2, 1958. He served in the Indiana National Guard.

David founded Nomanco Trailers in Roann in 1969 and was also a farmer. He was a former member of both the Wabash and Roann Christian churches and a current member of the Richvalley United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Wabash Elks Lodge and a former member of the Wabash County Plan Commission. He collected toy tractors and enjoyed antiquing and going to the Roann Bridgeview Restaurant to visit friends.

He is survived by his wife, Bertie SCHULER, rural Roann; three children, Trina (Greg) HELLER, Rochester, and Trent (Wendy ZAHM) SCHULER and Mark (Angie) SCHULER, both of rural Roann; seven grandchildren, Corrine HELLER, New Haven, Kelsey HELLER, Rochester, Travis (Christa) SCHULER and Justin SCHULER, both of Wabash, Jacqui SCHULER and Zachary SCHULER, both of Roann, and Abby SCHULER, rural Roann; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Phyllis LITTLE, North Manchester, and Cynthia DONOVAN, rural Roann; and his sister-in-law, Jean SCHULER, rural Roann. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, J.P. SCHULER and Dan SCHULER.

His funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, June 19, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, with Pastor John COOK officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. The preferred memorial is Roann Community Cemetery. The SCHULER family would like to thank Visiting Nurse and Hospice workers for their exceptional care. The memorial guest book for David may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

## Mary Lu MOLHO

Mary Lu MOLHO, 81, Rochester, died Saturday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Survivors include her sons, Ross MOLHO, Oak Park, Illinois, and Eric MOLHO, St. Paul, Minnesota.

A graveside service is 10 a.m. June 26, 2020, at South Union Cemetery, Nappanee. A funeral luncheon will follow the service at 12:30 p.m. June 26, 2020, at the Rochester City Park Pavilion. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. June 25, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

## Thursday June 18, 2020

# Mary Lucille 'Mary Lu' MILLER MOLHO December 25, 1938-June 13, 2020

Mary Lucille "Mary Lu" MILLER MOLHO died quickly at South Bend Memorial Hospital at the age of 81 after experiencing a massive heart attack.

Mary Lu was a Christmas baby born on the cusp of World War II to Ivan Purl MILLER and Lucille HARRIS MILLER. She was the greatest gift her parents could have received.

Her birth meant her family could no longer afford to send her oldest sister Marilyn to college. For the rest of Mary Lu's life, she would quote her second favorite aphorism as a recognition of life's trade-offs, "Take what you want from life, but be prepared to pay for it."

Mary Lu was one of the "smart" kids in school. But she would always deflect her own intelligence and talk about certain Amish girls who were smarter. She rued the fact that these girls stopped their formal education at eighth grade. She would go on to be an educator herself.

Mary Lu attended Purdue University where she took a history degree. She became a lifelong Purdue college basketball fan.

After teaching elementary school, Mary Lu pursued graduated studies at the University of Michigan in history where she earned a master's degree. In her typical self-deprecating way, she claimed

that the only way she was admitted to U of M was because the regular admissions' dean was on sabbatical and his interim replacement was a drunk. She loved Michigan College football.

In 1964, she earned a Fulbright scholarship and studied in Mexico. While there, she met a nice Jewish man named Manny MOLHO from New York City. They were married December 27, 1966.

Mary Lu paused her career to raise her two boys in Suffern, New York, during the 1970s. Their neighborhood was largely Italian and Irish Catholic and Jewish. Mary Lu adored the diversity of her New York neighborhood, but she insisted that her boys know that they were Presbyterian, Protestant, and Christian-in precisely that order.

Mary Lu and Manny moved from New York to West Lafayette in 1982. In 1989 she moved to Rochester to resume her teaching career.

She became an active member of the Community Presbyterian Church of Rochester. In her various leadership roles, she was particularly proficient at politely but relentlessly raising money for various church mission causes. Throughout her life, Mary Lu was an animal lover and an advocate for animal welfare. She was never without a dog or cat or both.

Mary Lu experienced a catastrophic medical accident on August 7, 2018. She underwent a back surgery where her aorta was accidentally cut. While being rushed into emergency surgery to repair the error, her heart stopped, and she was given CPR. After months of rehabilitation and care, she experienced an almost full recovery.

Immediately after her recuperation, Mary Lu returned to her role as caregiver for her husband, whose health was declining. Her children urged her to throttle back her efforts because they were depleting her. She refused. She said, "God kept me alive for a purpose after my accident, and that purpose was to care for Manny." And so, she did.

Mary Lu weathered the COVID-19 pandemic by reading the few mysteries left in Rochester's public library that she had not read before and by streaming operas from New York's Metropolitan Opera. With her cat on her lap and her opera blaring, she was, as she would like to say, "Happy as a clam."

Her death came as a sudden shock to everyone. But if told of the circumstances of her own demise, the fact that it was quick, and mostly painless, she would have quoted her first favorite aphorism, "It could have been worse."

Mary Lu is survived by her stepdaughter, Lisa MOLHO and son-in-law John CAVE; her sons, Ross MOLHO and daughter-in-law Kristina M. JOHNSON MOLHO, and Eric MOLHO; and three grandchildren, Taylor KIRK, Jacob MOLHO and Rachel MOLHO. She adored and was adored by her sister Marilyn RICHMOND's extended family. She was preceded in death by many loving family members including her husband Manny in October 2019.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson St., Rochester. Masks (available on-site) and physical distancing for guests are requested by the family. A funeral and burial open to all will be at South Union Cemetery in Nappanee at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2020, followed by a picnic at Rochester City Park at 12:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Community Presbyterian Church, 530 Jefferson St., Rochester, IN 46975, or the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center Inc., 1540 N. Wentzel St., Rochester, IN 46975. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

### **Richard Andrew KOLAR**

### October 15, 1930-June 14, 2020

Richard Andrew KOLAR, 89, Plymouth, and formerly of the Argos community, passed away on June 14, 2020, at 6:25 p.m. at Autumn Trace Senior Living, Plymouth, following a very lengthy illness.

On October 15, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, he was born to Harry KOLAR and Helen (MICHAELS) KOLAR. He had lived the past 60 years in the Argos community.

On September 27, 1958, he married Gladys Joyce (BERGER) KOLAR at the Izaak Walton, Argos. Together they shared the past 61 years.

Richard was a maintenance supervisor at Camcar-Textron, now Torx, in Rochester. He retired in 1991 after 31 years. He was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Rochester. Richard was in the U.S. Army from June 11, 1951, to May 14, 1953, during the Korean War.

Richard is survived by his wife, Joyce KOLAR, Plymouth; his daughters, Cindy RHOADS, Plymouth, Jackie MULLANEY and husband Steve, Argos, and Pamela SHIPPY and husband Brian, Rochester; his son, Dean KOLAR and wife Lynn, Argos; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his sister, Arlene RUBY, Argos; and his sister-in-law, Pat KOLAR, Argos. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Harry KOLAR, Jerry KOLAR and Robert KOLAR; son Carl KOLAR; and a son-in-law, William RHOADS.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, June 18, 2020, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. His funeral services will follow on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 1 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, with Elder Lennon HARRIS officiating. Burial will follow at the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association; 135 Parkinson Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

## Saturday June 20, 2020

### Wayne GRUBE

# May 19, 1952-March 24, 2020

A celebration of the life of Wayne GRUBE will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2020, at the Manitou Moose Family Center on the west shore of Lake Manitou. Be ready to share a story or favorite memory at noon. His family requests casual lake attire. Chaplain Jason SEE will officiate the celebration.

Wayne GRUBE, 67, of Rochester, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at Health-Park Medical Center, Fort Myers, Florida, following a brief illness.

Known for his good looks and charm, Wayne always had the right tool in his garage that anyone needed. He loved ice cream, his toys, Corvette, motorcycle and toy hauler, watching Fox News and cheering for the Chicago Bears and Purdue. Wayne and Diann loved wintering in Fort Myers, entertaining friends and family there, watching sunsets and going out to Daddy Dee's for ice cream.

Left to cherish the memory of Wayne are his wife, Diann; a daughter, Tisha (Jim) FRY, Rochester; two sons, Chad MORGAN (Joanna) and Jason (Kelly) GRUBE, both of Rochester; 10 grandchildren, Jacob FRY, Corinne (Josh) HINES, Haley FRY (Greg), Bailey QUICK, Makenna MORGAN (Spencer), Brady MORGAN, Reece JOHNSON, Max GRUBE, Myles GRUBE, and Eddi GRUBE; two great-grandchildren, Asher James HINES and Stella Noelle HINES, plus one on the way, Peanut HINES, expected to arrive in August; two brothers, Morgan GRUBE (Betty), Kewanna, and Mark (Diana) GRUBE, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; brother-in-law Dewayne (Carolyn) MANNS, Yantis, Texas; sister-in-law Dee (Joe) DAGUE, Akron; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews; Crystal Lake family and friends of Fort Myers, Florida; and best friends Rick FIGLIO and Larry HARRISON. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Stella GRUBE; brother Monty; brother-in-law Dewight MANNS; and his canine, Euchre.

Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Cancer fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 227 E. Ninth St., Rochester, IN 46975. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Mary Ann WILSON April 14, 1952-June 19, 2020 Mary Ann WILSON, 68, Akron, passed away at 1:17 a.m. Friday, June 19, 2020, at her residence after being seriously ill for two weeks.

She was born on April 14, 1952, in Rochester, to the late Alvin and Pauline (SWIHART) RUFF. She married Monte L. WILSON 20 years ago. He survives.

She retired from Lau Industries of Rochester in 2017. She had attended and was baptized at the Athens Community Church. Mary enjoyed embroidering and sewing.

Survivors include her husband, Monte WILSON, Akron; her son, Rex WILHITE, Kansas; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; her sisters, Barbara ERVIN, Ligonier, Wanda and husband Hugh O'DONNELL, Akron and Donna and husband Brad WILSON, Macy; and her sister-in-law, Yvonne and husband Harold LENT, Sidney. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Pauline RUFF; her daughter, Teresa ALDERFER; her grandson, Gage BECKER; and her brother-in-law, Tom ERVIN.

Following her request, no visitation or service will occur at this time. Donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# **Ora 'Allen' STEPHEN**

Ora "Allen" STEPHEN, 74, formerly of Rochester, died Thursday in Fort Myers, Florida. Survivors include two daughters, Sally STEPHEN, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Rachel STEPHEN, Rochester; a sister, Jane GAINES, Dallas, Texas; and a brother, Roger STEPHEN, Indianapolis.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

### Norma Jean WAGONER

Norma Jean WAGONER, 93, Rochester, died Friday at home. Survivors include a daughter, Deb SOSBE, Rochester; and a son, Mike WAGONER, Rochester.

A private family service will be at Good Family Funeral Home.

## **Robert P. 'Pete' BREMER**

Robert P. "Pete" BREMER, 74, rural Silver Lake, died Thursday at home. Survivors include his wife, Virginia BREMER, Silver Lake; his son, Robbie BREMER, Warsaw; his sister, Janie SIDEBOTTOM, Beacon, Iowa; and his brothers, Charles BREMER, Claypool, and George BREMER, Winona Lake.

His funeral service is 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation is 2-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

### John Alexander RINALDI

John Alexander RINALDI, 54, Rochester, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Survivors include his daughters, Ceili RINALDI, Detroit, Michigan and Evan RINALDI, Mount Pleasant, Michigan; his brother, Dominic RINALDI; Ohio; and his sisters, Valerie KERNEY, Avon Lake, Ohio, and Roberta PATTON, Denver Colorado.

No service will occur at this time. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

### Tuesday June 23, 2020

### Samuel C. HALLIBURTON

### November 8, 1944-June 18, 2020

Samuel C. HALLIBURTON, 75, Baroda, Michigan, passed away at home on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

A time of sharing will be at 4 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2020, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, Michigan. Friends may visit with the family from 4-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Autism Speaks, 1 E. 33<sup>rd</sup> St., Fourth Floor, New York, NY 10016. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Sam was born on November 8, 1944, to Samuel and Mary (SMITH) HALLIBURTON in Black Oak, Arkansas. He graduated from Covert High School, with the Class of 1963, and then continued his education, earning his associate degree from Lake Michigan College. Sam worked for Bosch LLC as a tool and die maker and later tool room supervisor for more than 38 years before retiring. Sam was a member of the Coloma Rod & Gun Club, Twin City Camera Club, Lest We Forget, Support Our Troops, Christian Bikers, and Rolling Thunder. He loved riding his motorcycle and photography and was an avid Arkansas Razorbacks fan.

Sam is survived by his children, Samuel HALLIBURTON (Charlie), Millburg, Michigan, and Carrie HALLIBURTON, Ann Arbor, Michigan; significant other Brenda HARRELL, Baroda, Michigan; ex-wife Sharon (LAMBERT) HALLIBURTON, St. Joseph, Michigan; and extended family, which includes his cousins and friends. Sam was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Mary HALLIBURTON.

### Nancy GREATHOUSE LENTIS

### May 14, 1938-June 17, 2020

Former Rochester resident Nancy GREATHOUSE LENTIS passed away June 17, 2020, in Cabot, Arkansas. She was 82.

Nancy was born on May 14, 1938, in Rochester. She was a 1956 graduate of Rochester High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Everett B. and Dessie (WOLF) GREATHOUSE; her son, William LEWIS; a sister, Irma SHOREK; and two brothers, Farrell GREATHOUSE, and Otis GREATHOUSE. She is survived by her sister, Lela HOFFMAN, Rochester; four children; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to A Natural State Funeral Service in Jacksonville, Arkansas.

## **Ora 'Allen' STEPHEN**

### July 3, 1945-June 18, 2020

Ora "Allen" STEPHEN, 74, Fort Myers Beach, Florida, died at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, Bonita Springs, Florida. He had fought a long and determined battle against leukemia.

Allen was born July 3, 1945, in Rochester, to the late Ora and Madge STEPHEN. He had owned and operated Stephen & Son Texaco Bulk Distributors with his father and also owned two Texaco service stations. While in Fort Myers, he had owned Alstep Marketing.

Allen is survived by his longtime companion, Rachel EHRHARD; daughters Sally A. STEPHEN, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Rachel L. STEPHEN, Rochester; Caroline JONES, mother of Sally and Rachel; sister Jane GAINES, Dallas, Texas, and daughter Emily; and brother Roger STEPHEN and Thomas DEARCHS, Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by eight half-brothers and two half-sisters.

Arrangements are handled by Baldwin Brothers Funeral & Cremation, Fort Myers, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society online at donate.lls.org. A private celebration of life will be held in the fall.

### Bruce E. FANSLER

Bruce E. FANSLER, 74, Rochester, died Saturday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka.

Survivors include a daughter, Britt FANSLER, Cromwell; and a sister, Patsy SULLIVAN, Fortville.

His celebration of life is 11 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home.

# Agnes D. SCARLETT

Agnes D. SCARLETT, 56, formerly of Scottsburg, died Friday at Hickory Creek at Peru. Survivors include her children, Jennifer MCKERCHER and Michael SANDLIN, both of Minnesota, and Mark SANDLIN and Jessie SCARLETT, both of Indiana; five sisters; and one brother.

A time to share memories and reflect begins at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

## Wayne GRUBE

A celebration of life for Wayne GRUBE, 67, Rochester, who died March 24, 2020, at HealthPark Medical Center, Fort Myers, Florida, is 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Manitou Moose Family Center.

## Wednesday June 24, 2020

## Bruce Earl FANSLER

## October 22, 1945-June 20, 2020

Bruce Earl FANSLER, 74, Rochester, passed away at 2:22 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka.

On October 22, 1945, Bruce was born in Fulton County. He was a treasured son of Earl and Mary Jane EDINGTON FANSLER. Growing up, he shared his childhood with an older brother, Ed. Bruce attended Rochester Schools and graduated from Rochester High School in 1964.

After his graduation, patriotism beckoned. Bruce answered the call, serving with the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1965-67, when he was honorably discharged.

With a strong work ethic, Bruce was a member of the U.S. Postal Service for 26 years, delivering mail through the country and persevering through the rain, sleet, and snow. Most recently, he served up an amazing breakfast at Putt's Bar & Grill. He was also an accomplished mixologist, blending the perfect drink as a bartender there.

To relax, Bruce enjoyed cruising on his Harley-Davidson and the freedom of the warm breezes. He loved listening to the bands at Putt's. Many weekend nights were spent trackside watching motocross competition and drag racing. Bruce loved antiquing and Harleys. He was a member of ABATE.

Left to cherish the memory of Bruce are a daughter, Britt FANSLER and fiancé Michael CHALK, Cromwell; a granddaughter, Corinna Rae CHEVALIER; a sister, Patsy SULLIVAN, Fortville; special nephews and nieces Tad WILSON, Tom WILSON, Traci SAYLORS, Tammy WHITE, Todd FANSLER and Troy FANSLER; a great-niece, Amanda WHITE; a great-nephew, Jake WHITE; and life friends Corinne and Monte PICKENS, Rochester. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents; brother Ed FANSLER; and great friends Eddie Guy MCCOLLOUGH and Dan HELT.

A celebration of the life of Bruce E. FANSLER will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2020, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Kewanna IOOF Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard and the U.S. Army Honors Team. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## James R. 'Jim' PLANTZ

### September 25, 1978-June 22, 2020

James R. "Jim" PLANTZ, 41, Logansport, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 22, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born on September 25, 1978, in Rochester, he was the son of Donald and Lisa (HALL) PLANTZ. Jim was a 1998 Caston High School graduate. He owned and operated his own commercial cleaning business for more than 20 years.

Survivors include his children, Zachary PLANTZ, South Bend, Donald PLANTZ, LaPorte, James PLANTZ, Logansport, Christopher PLANTZ, Logansport, and Kyle PLANTZ, Logansport; his mother, Lisa PLANTZ, Argos; Jim's longtime girlfriend, Cassy NORRED, Logansport; his brother, Kevin PLANTZ (Melissa), Fort Wayne; his sisters, Stacy COLLINS (Brandon), Logansport, and Hope GRANDSTAFF, Winamac; his uncles, Rodney HALL, Logansport, Ryan HALL, Fulton, Randy HALL (Kendra), Fulton, and Fred PLANTZ (Molly), Florida; his aunts, Susan SHEANE, Georgia, and Karen FIELD (Mark), Kewanna; and his granddaughter, Brynleigh PLANTZ, LaPorte. Jim is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Jim was preceded in death by his father, Donald PLANTZ; maternal grandparents Gary and Theresa HALL; paternal grandparents Robert and Alyce PLANTZ; uncles Gary HALL and Mark HALL; and aunt Kathleen KING.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, June 25, 2020, at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna. A private family service will occur. Jim's online guest book is available and condolences can be shared at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

### Thursday June 25, 2020

No Obituaries

## Friday June 26, 2020

# Betty Jane MAHONEY

## August 1, 1929-May 14, 2020

Betty Jane, MAHONEY, 90, died at 11:15 a.m. May 14, 2020, at Hickory Creek at Rochester, where she resided.

Betty is survived by three sons, Bill (spouse Nancy) MAHONEY, Columbia, South Carolina, Steve MAHONEY and his fiancée Darla JOHNSON, Rochester, and Greg (spouse Mary) MAHONEY, Bethlehem, Georgia; two brothers, Bill (spouse Mary) HILL, Peru, and Dick HILL, Florida; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lawrence R. "Mike" MAHONEY (1986); brother Guy HILL and his wife Helen; brother Arden HILL; and sister Geraldine E. WORL.

A graveside service will be on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at 11 a.m. at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery, where she will be buried. Arrangements are entrusted to Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester Street, Akron. Online condolences may be sent to earllovefuneralhome.com.

### Floyd E. 'Bud' BRADLEY

### July 23, 1950-June 24, 2020

Floyd E. "Bud" BRADLEY, 69, rural Rochester, passed away at 8:07 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Bud was born July 23, 1950, in McArthur, Ohio, to Floyd and Areminda (REFITT) BRADLEY. He married Betty JOHNSON on September 11, 1972, in Rochester. She survives.

He was in the Dandelion Wine Band and worked for Bradley's Auto Salvage and Dragon ESP, Akron. He enjoyed fishing, listening to Johnny Cash, watching westerns, and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Betty BRADLEY, Rochester; sons Pastor Buddy Eugene and wife Pastor Faith April BRADLEY, Avilla, and Dewane E. BRADLEY and companion Tasha MOORE, Rochester; grandchild Gabriel Robert BRADLEY; sisters Shirley and husband John HURLEY, Goshen, and Kathy and husband Steve OSWALT, Tippecanoe Shores; and brother Thomas BRADLEY, Logansport. He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Areminda BRADLEY; and brothers Lawrence L. BRADLEY, Gary Allen BRADLEY and Jerry Dean BRADLEY.

Following county, state, federal, and CDC guidelines, the funeral service is 3 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Timothy LEE officiating. A private interment will be in the Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone. Visitation is 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Donations may be made in Bud's memory to the Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Family and friends may share memories or send condolences at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

## Saturday June 27, 2020

### Larry O. HAINES

Larry O. HAINES, 76, rural Roann, died Tuesday at home. Survivors include two daughters; three sons; and a brother.

A private family interment was at Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements are handled by Hartzler Funeral Home.

### Tuesday June 30, 2020

# Anthony G. HERSHBERGER

### May 2, 1964-June 26, 2020

Anthony G. HERSHBERGER, 56, Macy, and formerly of Nappanee, died at 6:39 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2020, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. He was born May 2, 1964, in Long Beach, California, to Ronald and Peggy (HALL) HERSHBERGER.

Anthony was a 1983 graduate of NorthWood High School. He was a graduate of McDonald's Hamburger University and had worked in McDonald's management his entire career. Anthony enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a Notre Dame and Dallas Cowboys fan. He also enjoyed playing poker.

Surviving are his children, Brianna HERSHBERGER, Macy, Chad (Casandra) PUCKETT, Mentone, Josh HERSHBERGER, North Webster, and Cody HERSHBERGER, Fort Wayne; grandchildren Makenzie, Hunter, Jesse, Mason, Peyton, Jaxton, Brynlei, HarleyAnn, Lainee, Aryanna, and Preslee; and brother Brian HERSHBERGER, Syracuse. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Nathaniel HERSHBERGER.

Family and friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2020, at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. His funeral service will follow at 8 p.m. Following cremation, inurnment will take place at Union Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

### Diana M. SULT

Diana M. SULT, 80, Rochester, died Thursday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Survivors include two sons, Mark SULT, North Manchester, and Brian JAWORSKI-SULT. Sunsites, Arizona; and a brother, Roger WAGONER, Pensacola, Florida.

Her celebration of life is 11 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 9 a.m. to the time of the service Thursday at the funeral home.

## John E. GAERTE

John E. GAERTE, 98, rural Macy, died Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Survivors include two children, Marcia COLE, Akron, and John Mark GAERTE, Macy; and a sister, Patricia LUCAS, Fishers.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

## Wednesday July 1, 2020

## Diana Marie SULT

# June 25, 1940-June 25, 2020

Diana Marie SULT, 80, Rochester, passed away at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, June 25, 2020, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

On June 25, 1940, Diana M. WAGONER was born in Rochester. She was a treasured daughter of Russell and Mable CRAIG WAGONER. Growing up, she shared her childhood with a younger brother, Roger.

In Richland Township, Diana and William David "Willie" SULT were married on November 8, 1959. They shared 54 years of life's adventures. From their union came a trio of sons. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

With a strong work ethic, Diana was a quality control inspector at Torx Corp. for many years. She later worked in the cafeteria at the Columbia school and was also a licensed beautician.

Will and Diana loved sharing their passion for camping, nature, and the outdoors with their sons. As members of the Fulton County Campers' Association, they visited all of the county campsites. Camping evolved from the pop-up trailer to the motor home, with the family making many lifetime memories around the campfires telling stories. Diana enjoyed crocheting, making special gifts of warmth for her family and special friends. A fan of QVC, she enjoyed finding unique pieces of jewelry.

Left to cherish the memory of Diana are two sons, Mark SULT, North Manchester, and Brian JAWORSKI-SULT and husband Gary JAWORSKI-SULT, Sunsites, Arizona; four grandchildren, Angel, Krista, Jared, and Misty; four great-grandchildren, Addison, Zachary, Bryce, and Kimber; and a brother, Roger WAGONER, Pensacola, Florida. Diana was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Mable WAGONER; beloved husband Willie on November 29, 2013; and a son, David.

A celebration of the life of Diana M. SULT will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2020, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 9-11 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

### William Lee ROBERTS Sr.

### September 10, 1959-June 25, 2020

William Lee ROBERTS Sr., 60, Culver, passed away on Thursday, June 25, 2020, at his residence in Culver. William was born on September 10, 1959, in Gary, to Claudia (WELTON) TAYLOR and RT ROBERTS. On March 1, 2005, William married Heather HARDY in Winamac.

He worked at Rochester Metal Products for 42 years. When not at work, he kept busy with his endless list of hobbies: mowing, fixing cars, gardening, spending time with his family, Indiana Beach trips, camping, grilling and perfecting his ribs recipe, fixing just about anything and being proud of his "inventions," watching Western movies, and scrapping metals or cans. He was awarded multiple times for his perfect attendance at work.

William is survived by his sons, Byron (Brandi) GREEN, Monterey, William ROBERTS Jr., Culver, and RT (Rylie) ROBERTS, Indianapolis; daughters Angel ROBERTS, Plymouth, Denisha (Alex) BROWN, and Mickella (Collin) HARDY, Bloomington; 10 grandchildren; brothers RT (Betty) ROBERTS Jr., Rochester, Daniel ROBERTS, Monterey, Anthony (Veronica) ANDERSON, Logansport, Nathan ROBERTS, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jonathon ROBERTS and Justin ROBERTS, both of Evansville; sisters Denise (Ivory) JOYNER, Evansville, Claudette (JD) ROBERTS, Kokomo, Annette (Robert) RUTLEDGE, Michigan City, and Beatrice (William) ROBERTS, Monterey; and an abundance of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his sister, Sylvia CANNON-TAYLOR; brother Johnny ANDERSON; brother-in-law JD MCCLAIN; and niece Katrice JENKINS.

Friends may join William's family in celebrating his life at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver, from 1-5 p.m. EDT on Friday, July 3, 2020, with a celebration of his life to follow. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association in William's memory. The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is handling arrangements.

### **Doris Marie NAFZIGER**

Doris Marie NAFZIGER, 98, Goshen, died June 25, 2020. She is survived by her children, Ruth Ann (Vic) HILDEBRAND, Westfield, Rachel HARTZLER and Marilyn MOE, Goshen, Chester Leroy "Lee" NAFZIGER, Russells Point, Ohio, Leonard (Margaret) NAFZIGER, Bryan, Ohio, and Mark (Stephanie) NAFZIGER, Rochester; 29 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Glen KING.

Visitation will be at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2020. Burial will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2020, in Pettisville, Ohio. A memorial service will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at Harvest Community Church, 17285 County Road 34, Goshen. The family will receive friends before the service from 4:30-6 p.m.

### Nancy E. OWENS

Nancy E. OWENS, 86, Warsaw, died Sunday at home. Survivors include her daughters, Debra PASS, Waco, Texas, Lisa OWENS, Louisville, Kentucky, and Shelly MCMILLAN, Shipshewana; her sons, Deron KOSLOSKI, South Bend, Torre OWENS, Churubusco, and Dusty OWENS, Warsaw; and her sisters, Joyce SEXTON, Dawn WALTON, and Sharlene ROSS, all of Mentone.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date. Arrangements are handled by King Memorial Home.

## Thursday July 2, 2020

### **Esther C. DILLMAN**

Esther C. DILLMNAN, 74, Rochester, died Tuesday at home. Survivors include her sister, Donna MILLER, Rochester.

A graveside service is 11 a.m. Friday at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. A private family visitation is at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

# Friday July 3, 2020

# Colleen DILLMAN

# March 28, 1946-June 30, 2020

Esther Colleen DILLMAN, 74, Rochester, passed away at 4:36 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at her residence. She was born on March 28, 1946, in Rochester, the daughter of Charles and Huetta (CLOUD) NORRIS.

Colleen attended Rochester Community Schools and had worked for Chamberlains in Akron for many years until they closed. She enjoyed listening to music, working on word search puzzle books, adult coloring books, and sitting outside on her porch in the summer.

Survivors include her sister, Donna MILLER, Rochester; and nieces Trina MILLER, Frankfort, Kentucky, and Angie and husband Joe MARLIN and son, Lafayette. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Jane NORRIS in 2013; and brother-in-law Ronald E. MILLER in August 2019.

A private family visitation will be at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 3, 2020, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, with the Rev. Larry PYEATT officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# **Cory L. SHEPPARD**

Cory L. SHEPPARD, 33, Kokomo, died Tuesday at home. Survivors include his parents, Rex A. SHEPPARD, Wabash, and Cathie Jean CONLEY, Peru; and one son, Malachi SHEPPARD, Kokomo.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

# **Roger E. MONTEL**

Roger E. MONTEL, 82, Mentone, died Thursday at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home.

# Leona C. OLIBA

Leona C. OLIBA, 83, Macy (Nyona Lake), died Thursday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

# Saturday July 4, 2020

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# Tuesday July 7, 2020

# Leona C. OLIBA

# December 13, 1936-July 2, 2020

Leona C. OLIBA, 83, Macy, (Nyona Lake), passed away at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2020, at her residence.

She was born on December 13, 1936, in Blue Island, Illinois, the daughter of Harry Anton and Gladys (BELL) WALTERS. On November 18, 1961, in Chicago, Illinois, she married Angel OLIBA. He survives.

Leona had been a telephone operator for Illinois Bell in Harvey, Illinois, and retired from Acument Global Technologies, Rochester. She had been a member of the Women of the Moose, enjoyed flowers, birds, gardening, fishing, horses, antiquing, and vacationing and was a dedicated friend and mother to her four daughters.

Survivors include her husband, Angel OLIBA, Macy; daughters Shawn (Ronald) BRYANT, Rochester, Angie (Jim) MCALISTER-STRONG, Macy, Rena OLIBA, Mexico, and Trisha OLIBA, Denver; grandchildren Zach TROYER, Mexico, Cameron MCALISTER, Lexington, Kentucky, Julia MCALISTER, Kokomo, Katie GLASGOW, Bedford, Jennifer ADDISON, Kokomo, and Cherie WEIR, Russiaville; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and sister Betty WALTERS-QUIER, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; and son-in-law Jay MCALISTER.

No service is scheduled at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

### **Carol Jean GEIER**

### February 22, 1949-May 28, 2019

Carol Jean GEIER, 70, passed away peacefully at home in Sun City, Arizona, on May 28, 2019. Carol was born to George Sr. and Emma (GOSSE) SOUCEK on February 22, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from Elgin High School, Elgin, Illinois.

Carol worked for many years at the Allstate Insurance Co. home office in Northbrook, Illinois, in the computer department.

Carol is survived by her husband, Robert GEIGER, Sun City, Arizona; two daughters, Audra SCHUETZ, Skokie, Illinois, and Amber GARLAND, Daytona Beach, Florida; stepdaughter Lynette ANDERSON; stepsons Eric GEIER and Scott GEIER; two special grandsons, Kevin SCHUETZ of the U.S. Army, and Daniel SCHUETZ, of the U.S. Navy; five step-grandchildren; and brother George SOUCEK.

The inurnment will begin with a procession forming at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 10, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson St., Rochester, and preceding at 10:45 a.m. to Odd Fellows Cemetery, 620 W. Third St., Rochester, for an 11 a.m. graveside service. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

### Jimmy J. NOLIN

Jimmy J. NOLIN, 77, Argos, died Friday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka. Survivors include his daughters, Lisa SPONSELLER, Atwood, and Lori HIRSCHY, Fort Wayne; his son, Chad NOLIN, Milford; his sisters, Malinda WAKELAND, Bremen, and Sandra MORT, Bremen; and his brother, Jerry NOLIN, Warsaw.

His funeral service is noon Friday at Walnut Church of the Brethren, 5975 19<sup>th</sup> Road, Argos. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Pleasant View Bible Church, 2782 W. 200 N., Warsaw, and from 11 a.m. until the start of the funeral service Friday at Walnut Church of the Brethren. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

## Nancy E. OWENS

A memorial visitation for Nancy E. OWENS, 86, Warsaw, who died June 28, 2020, at home is 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Mentone Fire Department.

# Marshall W. FRY

Marshall W. FRY, 75, Rochester, died Saturday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

### Normal WEAVER

Normal WEAVER, 91, rural Rochester, died Sunday. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home.

# Roger E. MONTEL

## May 27, 1938-July 2, 2020

Roger E. MONTEL, 82, Mentone, passed away at 6:17 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2020, at the visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Roger was born on May 27, 1938, in Kosciusko County to Deverl and Rubie (AYRES) MONTEL. He married Linda LINN on September 30, 1972, in Mentone. She survives.

He graduated from Laketon High School in 1957. He worked for NIPSCO for 28 years, retiring in 1993. He also enjoyed farming with his friend Jim MEREDITH for many years using John Deere equipment.

In earlier years, he helped his aunt and uncle, the TRIDLEs, at the Mentone Stock Yard. Roger was a fireman for more than 50 years in Kosciusko County, serving the Mentone and Sidney fire departments. He held many positions in leadership in the departments.

He was a member of the Warsaw Moose for many years. Roger was an avid Tippecanoe Valley basketball fan, attending many boys' games. He enjoyed gardening, coon hunting, collecting toy tractors, going to tractor shows, tractor pulling, driving the firetruck in parades, and in years past ice fishing. He enjoyed times of fellowship at Teel's, Steve MELLOT's, Garrett's, and the Bulldog. He also was known to spend time traveling around town on his golf cart.

Survivors include his wife, Linda S. MONTEL, Mentone; his daughters, Tammy and husband Roy DITTMER, Aurora, and Carmen MENZIE, Mentone; his sons, Terry and wife April MENZIE, Mentone, Tim MONTEL, Rochester, and Todd and wife Chris MONTEL, Rochester; his grandchildren, Chad, Ryan, Kelly, Adam, AJ, Justin, Jami, Jennifer, Deidre, and Ashley; 10 great-grandchildren; his brother, Robert and wife Linda MONTEL, Warsaw; his sisters, Carolyn EBERLY, South Whitley, and Phyllis PRICE, Hobart; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Deverl and Rubie MONTEL; his brother, Larry MONTEL; his half-brother, Richard SELLERS; his great-granddaughter, Nora Blaine WALTERS; and his dog, Sparky.

Following county, state, federal, and CDC guidelines, the funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 6, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Gail LAW officiating. For the health of all in attendance, the public was encouraged to wear masks. Burial followed in Mentone Cemetery. Visitation hours were from 1-7 p.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with a firemen's service and walk-through at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made in Roger's memory to the Mentone Fire Department, Mentone EMS, Kosciusko County Cancer Care Center, Fort Wayne Cancer Care Center, and Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## Wanda M. MIKEL

Wanda M. MIKEL, 71, rural Etna Green, died Sunday at home. Survivors include her husband, David MIKEL, Etna Green; her mother, Deloris SENFF, Bourbon; her daughters, Tracy ZIMMERMAN, St. Jacob, Illinois, and April MCCLUNG, Huntsville, Ontario, Canada; her sons, Rick MIKEL, Etna Green, and Spencer MIKEL, Mentone; her sisters, Barbara FARRER, Bremen, and Bonnie JEFFERS, Bourbon; and her brothers, Jerry SENFF, Bourbon, and Rex SENFF, Plymouth.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

### Wilma J. CLINKER

Wilma J. CLINKER, 91, rural Akron, died Thursday at Hickory Creek at Rochester. Survivors include her sisters, Judy HANEY, Akron, and Carol BUTTS, Warsaw.

A graveside service is 11 a.m. Thursday at the Akron Cemetery. Arrangements are handled by Hartzler Funeral Home.

# **Mary Ellen WHITE**

Mary Ellen WHITE, 99, Winamac, and formerly of Rochester, died Monday at Hickory Creek at Winamac. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

# James R. DAVIES

James R. DAVIES, 82, Kewanna, died Monday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Wednesday July 8, 2020

## Norma E. WEAVER

## November 8, 1928-July 5, 2020

Norma E. WEAVER, 91, rural Rochester, passed away at 9:38 a.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020, on the family farm surrounded by her family.

Norma was born on November 8, 1928, in South Bend, to the late Lloyd and Beulah (RUFF) HOOVER. She married Lloyd K. WEAVER on October 6, 1946, in Argos. He preceded her in death on March 7, 2014.

Norma was a graduate of Tippecanoe High School in 1943. She was a homemaker and church was a big part of her life. She enjoyed traveling, and her family was her life. She was known as an excellent seamstress and cook. In her later years, she was a resident of Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Survivors include four daughters, Diane WEAVER-GADY, Rochester, Dana and husband Tom FINLAN, Indianapolis, Darla and husband Randy SHAFER, Warsaw, and Danielle and husband Sam KING, Indianapolis; five sons, Rick and wife Pat WEAVER, Jacksonville, Florida, Ken and wife Sue WEAVER, Fort Wayne, Jim and wife Cindy WEAVER, Rochester, Tom and wife Jill WEAVER, Rochester, and Tim and wife Lana WEAVER, Akron; 30 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and her foreign exchange daughter, Danielle VANHEES ROELEN, Netherlands. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Lloyd; and two sisters, Phyllis Jeanne NEWCOMB and Barbara WINENGER.

Her funeral service is 2 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Jeff SUMNER officiating. Burial will follow in the Athens Cemetery. For the health of all in attendance, we encourage the public to wear masks. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Contributions may be made in Norma's memory to The Fortress Foundation. Donations may be made at the funeral home or at thefortressfoundation.givingfuel.com/fortress-foundation-donation. Family and friends may send a condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# **Marshall W. FRY**

Marshall W. FRY, 75, Rochester, died Saturday at home. Survivors include three children, Beth Ann OLDFATHER, Rochester, Matt HALL, Lucerne, and April ESPOSITO, Monon; a sister, Connie CHAMBERS, Bloomington; and a brother, Robert FRY, Wisconsin.

A military service is 6 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 4 p.m. to the time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

### Mary Ellen WHITE

Mary Ellen WHITE, 99, Winamac, and formerly of Rochester, died Monday at Hickory Creek at Winamac. Survivors include her daughter, Ann GRAY, LaPorte; and her son, Ed WHITE, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A graveside service is 10 a.m. Thursday, July 9, 2020, at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Vera 'Bondeline' TRAVER

Vera "Bondeline" TRAVER, 97, rural Warsaw, died Tuesday at home. Arrangements are handled by Hartzler Funeral Home.

## Thursday July 9, 2020

# Marshall Warren FRY

# July 24, 1944-July 4, 2020

Mr. Marshall Warren FRY, 75, Rochester, passed away at 11:05 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2020, at his home.

On July 24, 1944, Marshall Warren FRY was born in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette. He was a treasured son of Lawrence "Bud" and Mildred M. OVERLAY FRY.

Growing up as one of the four FRY children, he shared his childhood with a sister, Connie, and two brothers, Robert and Richie. Marshall graduated in 1962 from Monticello High School.

When patriotism beckoned, Marshall answered the call, serving with the United States Army during the Vietnam War. His service stint included an assignment where he was based in Germany.

On the banks of the Tippecanoe River, Marshall and Laraine M. KIRBY were married on June 29, 1991. They shared 29 years of life's adventures.

With a strong work ethic, Marshall was a master welder and fabricator. For many years, he was a Isshinryu Karate instructor sensei. Proud of his accomplishments, he led by example, being an amazing role model. He mentored many of his students, offering individualized instruction allowing them to achieve their greatest potential. Marshall was proficient with karate, ascending as a fifth-degree black belt.

Marshall was passionate and dedicated about his daily workouts at the Wellness Center. This allowed him to keep focused and stay fit. He once bench-pressed 365 pounds. BOOM! Marshall loved watching the Indianapolis 500, the Chicago Bears and White Sox and the Boilermakers of Purdue. As a grandpa, he cherished the memories made while teaching the finer art of fishing to his granddaughter, Hayly.

With a happy demeanor and a ferocious love for people, Marshall established a dedicated fan base. Loyalty was his greatest character trait; he was a man who would give the shirt off his back to family and friends. He wanted to ensure the comfort of all those around him. Marshall was an amazing joke teller, keeping his listeners laughing. He loved hats, being the proud owner of a unique collection. To relax, he enjoyed his perch on the banks of the Tippecanoe, watching the river and the seasons while soaking up the warmth of the summer sun.

Left to cherish the memory of Marshall are three children, Beth Ann OLDFATHER, Rochester, Matt and Sherry HALL, Lucerne, and April FRY and significant other Jim ESPOSITO, Monon; five grandchildren, Hayly N. OLDFATHER, Alleigh BYRD, Mathias HALL, and Jake ESPOSITO; a sister, Connie CHAMBERS and husband Will, Bloomington; a brother, Robert FRY and wife Becky, Shell Lake, Wisconsin; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Marshall was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Millie FRY; beloved wife Laraine on January 31, 2019; a daughter Jean Ann KIRBY; and a brother, Richie FRY.

Friends may visit with the family of Marshall W. FRY from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2020, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. To honor Marshall's wishes, the family requests that everyone wears casual attire. At 18:00, military honors will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard and the United States Army Honors Team. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# Dianna Lynn PLUMMER

# April 14, 1955-July 1, 2020

Dianna Lynn PLUMMER, 65, Indianapolis, died on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. She was born on April 14, 1955, in Rochester, to Richard and Merlene (BRADLEY) DAWSON.

She is survived by her son, Milton PLUMMER; father Richard (Karen) DAWSON; brothers James and Nicholas DAWSON; nephews Brandon (Jennifer), Jacob, and Christian DAWSON; and niece Carissa DAWSON. She was preceded in death by her mother; and a sister, Tamara DAWSON.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2020, from 1 p.m. until the time of the service at 2 p.m. at Legacy Cremation & Funeral Services-Lawrence, 5215 N. Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis. Donations in memory of Dianna may be made to the Hamilton County Animal Shelter. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

# James MORNOUT and Claudia MORNOUT

A graveside service for James MORNOUT, 76, and Claudia MORNOUT, 71, Mission, Texas, and formerly of Yellow Creek Lake, is at 10 a.m. Saturday at Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake, where they are being interred.

James died December 19, 2018, and Claudia on January 29, 2020. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

# Vera Bondeline TRAVER

Vera Bondeline TRAVER, 97, rural Warsaw, and formerly of Akron, died Tuesday at home. Survivors include her sister, Delores LAWSON.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation is 10 a.m. to the time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

# Friday July 10, 2020

No Obituaries

Saturday July 11, 2020

No Obituaries

# Tuesday July 14, 2020

# Ronald L. COPLEN

# March 20, 1942-July 12, 2020

Ronald L. COPLEN, 78, formerly of Gilead and Akron, passed away at 9:20 a.m. Sunday, July 12, 2020, at Mason Health and Rehabilitation Center, Warsaw.

Ronnie was born on March 20, 1942, in Miami County to the late Wayne D. and Vada I. (KING) COPLEN. He was raised working on the family farm west of Gilead. He had worked for South End Motors, Akron, and Kerlin Ford, Silver Lake, where he retired.

Survivors include a sister, Judy Kay HARVEY, Warsaw; brother Larry K. COPLEN, Syracuse; niece Pamela HARVEY; and nephew Douglas and wife Lisa HARVEY. He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Burial will follow in the Gilead Cemetery. For the health of all in attendance, the public is encouraged to wear masks. Visitation is 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Donations may be made in his memory to the Cardinal Center, 504 N. Bay Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580, or the Gilead Cemetery. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## **Kenneth James OWENS**

### November 5, 1968-July 7, 2020

Kenneth James OWENS, 51, Peru, passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2020. Kenneth was born November 5, 1968, in Winamac to Ronald and Sandra (FRANCIS) OWENS.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having gone in to the service immediately after graduating from high school. After being discharged from the Army, he went to Purdue University, where he went on to earn a bachelor's degree.

He had been a corrections counselor for the past 12 years at the Miami Correctional Facility in Bunker Hill. He had been a member of the First Baptist Church, Rochester, was an avid coin collector and loved to read books and travel. He would say that you haven't visited a state until you drink a beer or eat ice cream. He had maintained the same circle of friends since kindergarten and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his father, Ronald OWENS, Columbia, Tennessee; his stepchildren, Arik SHANKLIN, Rochester, and Abby SHANKLIN, South Whitley; a brother, Dennis OWENS, Santa Fe, Tennessee; and two grandchildren, Ryder JOHNSON and Rayland SHANKLIN. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sandra OWENS.

A private family graveside service will take place at Highland Cemetery, North Judson. M.C. Smith Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

# Ralph Dean OUSLEY

# August 8, 1940-July 7, 2020

Ralph Dean OUSLEY, 79, passed away on July 7, 2020. He was the son of the late Hiram OUSLEY and Inez ADKINS. He was born in Langley, Kentucky on August 8, 1940.

Ralph had been a resident of Sebring, Florida, for seven years, formerly living in Raphine, Virginia, and Fulton. He was of the Baptist faith.

Ralph worked in the transportation industry driving trucks and was an avid motorcycle rider. He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia; children Mike OUSLEY (Janet), Columbia City, and Melanie RENTSCHLER (Tim), Rochester; and brother Tom OUSLEY, Leesburg, Florida. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and his wife's family. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and two sisters.

His memorial service will be at a later date. Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Arrangements are entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, Florida 33870. Condolences may be left at www.stephensonnelsonfh.com.

# Wednesday July 15, 2020

### **Robert C. THOMAS**

Robert C. THOMAS, 74, Warsaw, died Sunday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Survivors include his brother, H. Joe REX, Argos.

A graveside service is 11 a.m. Friday at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home.

### Thursday July 16, 2020

### **Beth L. ANGLIN**

Beth L. ANGLIN, 65, Warsaw, died Wednesday at the Center for Hospice Care, Elkhart. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home.

## **Timothy OUSLEY**

Timothy OUSLEY, 62, Rochester, died Wednesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Friday July 17, 2020

# Naomi Louise MUNDY BETZ

### September 11, 1925-June 12, 2020

Naomi Louise MUNDY BETZ, died June 12, 2020, at 11:01 a.m. at the Lund Hospice Home, Gilbert, Arizona, at age 94. She previously resided at Legacy Retired Residence, Mesa, Arizona.

Naomi was born to Robert and Juanita (SHONKWILER) MUNDY on September 11, 1925, in Otterbein. She graduated from Ball State University where she met Loren L. BETZ. They were married on August 18, 1946.

Both lifelong educators, they served the Indiana communities of Kouts, Wheeler, and Chesterton before moving to Rochester in 1959. Loren served as the principal of Rochester High School from 1959-1965 and served as the superintendent of Rochester Community Schools from 1965-1976. Naomi taught home economics and physical education at RHS.

In 1976, Naomi and Loren moved from Rochester to Portland where Loren served as the Superintendent of Jay County Schools until his retirement in 1985. The BETZes retired to Rochester where they resided until 1990. Naomi and Loren spent time in Indianapolis before moving to Mesa, Arizona, where they lived the rest of their lives.

Naomi and Loren were active members of the United Methodist church in each of the communities they resided. Naomi was a member of Tri Kappa and loved to play bridge and golf with her friends. When she and Loren retired to Mesa, they were very involved in any club activities that included music and volunteered weekly at a local nursing home.

Naomi was a member of the hospital auxiliary and volunteered her services for many years in multiple communities. Naomi and Loren, and Naomi by herself after Loren died, came to Indiana at least once a year to visit family and friends.

Naomi was preceded in death by her husband, Loren, who died of congestive heart failure on February 8, 2009; her oldest son, William H. (Bill) BETZ, who died of a sudden heart attack on February 10, 2020; her parents; two brothers; and a sister. Naomi is survived by her sister, Marian (MUNDY) SHOCKLEY (age 100); her daughter-in-law and three children, Marla BETZ (Bill), Susan BETZ HINTZ (Craig), Muhammad BETZ (Ruby) and David BETZ (Debbie); 11 grandchildren, Andrea (BETZ) MCCAULEY (Darryl), Matthew BETZ, Jennifer (BRASH) JOHNSON (Travis), Julie (BRASH) BUTCHER (John), Jill (BRASH) COLCLASURE (Scott), Yaqub BETZ, Dene BETZ, Ben BETZ, Jake BETZ, Jesse JAZWINSKI (Amy) and Jeremy JAZWINSKI (Alicia); 16 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren called her "Gram," "Grammie," "Omi Lou," and Omi the Great!" Her favorite song that she sang to everyone including her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and caregivers, was "A Bushel and a Peck." Naomi was a spirited, loving, strong-willed and tenacious person. An independent woman ahead of her time, she was a strong advocate for women's rights. Together with Loren, Naomi will be remembered and celebrated for generations to come.

Naomi and Loren both elected to be cremated, and their remains are at Velda Rose Gardens, Mesa, Arizona. Any monetary donation is respectfully requested to be made to autism-society.org or Autism Society, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 305, Rockville, MD 20852, in honor of Austin COLCLASURE and in memory of Naomi L. BETZ.

### **Beth L. ANGLIN**

### August 20, 1954-July 15, 2020

Beth L. ANGLIN, 65, Warsaw, passed away at 1:50 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at the Center for Hospice Care, Elkhart.

Beth was born on August 20, 1954, in Warsaw to David A. and Norma Jean (LANDIS) JAMISON. She was a 1972 graduate of Mentone High School where she was a cheerleader for the Bulldogs.

She worked for the Tippecanoe Valley School Corp. for 33 years. She worked in the middle school as well as Akron Elementary, serving as treasurer. At the school she enjoyed being involved with the Drama Club and attending many sporting events.

Survivors include a daughter, Lori and husband Brian BUTLER, Fredericksburg, Virginia; a son, Ben and wife Netha BAKER, Mentone; five grandchildren, Shelby, Jameson, David, Ellie, and Max; her sisters, Kathy JAMISON, Warsaw, Sarah and husband Paul BEERY, Colorado, and Amy and husband Scott LEBON, Colorado; and a brother, Bill and wife Vicky JAMISON, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 19, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Speaker Tim MIKEL officiating. A private burial will take place in the Graceland Cemetery, Claypool. Memorial visitation hours will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, July 19, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Donations may be made to the donor's choice of charity in Beth's memory. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### Leroy W. JOHNSON

Leroy W. JOHNSON, 73, Macy, and formerly of Nyona Lake and Tipton, died Saturday at home. Survivors include his wife, Donna JOHNSON, Macy; his daughter, Linda FIELDS, Rushville; and his sons, Leroy JOHNSON Jr., Lake County, and Lucas JOHNSON, Macy.

A graveside military service is 2 p.m. Sunday at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Arrangements are handled by McClain Funeral Home.

## Saturday July 18, 2020

### Miriam 'Mert' Mae BUTLER

### September 28, 1941-July 17, 2020

Miriam "Mert" Mae BUTLER, 78, Denver, passed away on Friday morning, July 17, 2020, at her residence. Born September 28, 1941, in Denver, she was the daughter of Floyd E. and Garnet L. MARBURGER FISHER.

On January 23, 1960, at the Denver Baptist Church, she married James E. BUTLER. He preceded her in death on October 7, 1993.

She was a 1959 graduate of Jefferson Township High School in Mexico and a life-long and active member of the Denver Baptist Church, serving for many years as church secretary and the head of the funeral dinner committee.

Survivors include her three children, Deanna L. (JC) STAMPER, Macy, Scott E. (Bridget) BUTLER, Denver, and Mark A. (Jennifer) BUTLER, Denver; four grandchildren, Kallie BUTLER (fiancé James SAGER), Denver, Markie (Wyland) SAMPSON, Denver, Levi BUTLER (companion Alivia GARRISON), Rochester, and Derek BUTLER, Silver Lake; one great-grandson, Kayson SAMPSON, Denver; three step-grandchildren, Jennifer MILES (companion Russell CARRICK), Peru, JC SMITH (companion Kayla SLAGAL), Warsaw, and Michael SMITH (companion Kirstie RUTLEDGE), Peru; eight step great-grandchildren; and one brother, Norman (Kay) FISHER, Peru. Known affectionately as "Auntie Mae," she is also survived by several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and one sister, Geraldine PATTERSON.

A public visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the public is encouraged to wear face masks at the visitation. A private family service will be observed on Tuesday with burial following in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the Westlawn Cemetery Association, Denver. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements.

### **Timothy OUSLEY**

Timothy OUSLEY, 62, Rochester, died Wednesday at home. Survivors include his wife, Jennifer; two daughters, Natalie SALAZAR, Mentone, and Rachel BOYCE, Longville, Louisiana; four sons, Jason OUSLEY, Rochester, Derek OUSLEY, Rochester, Christian WARNER, LaPorte, and Dylan WARNER, Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Jimmy OUSLEY, Rochester, and Jeffery BURNS, Rochester.

His celebration of life is 3 p.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home.

## Tuesday July 21, 2020

### Lorene C. TESH

Lorene C. TESH, 72, Warsaw, and formerly of Wabash, died Sunday at home. Survivors include her daughters, Martha MILLER, Warsaw, and Jeannie SANBURN, Warsaw; her sisters, Zefie JACKSON, Gracie JACKSON, and Martha HANCOCK; and her brothers, Amos CONLEY, Norman CONLEY and Alfred CONLEY.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation is 10 a.m. to the time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

### Lois L. MURRAY-ULERICK

Lois L. MURRAY-ULERICK, 87, Rochester, died Monday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

# Wednesday July 22, 2020

**Dorothy L. LEASE** 

December 25, 1922-July 20, 2020

Dorothy L. LEASE, 97, Grass Creek, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 20, 2020, at her home surrounded by family.

Born on December 25, 1922, in Elwood, she was the daughter of the late Howard and Hazel (KING) HERSHEY.

Dorothy was a 1940 Grass Creek High School graduate and a 1941 graduate with honors from the International Business College, Fort Wayne.

On November 17, 1945, she married Harris D. LEASE. He preceded her in death on January 24, 2011.

Dorothy retired in 1982 after 26 years from First National Bank, Rochester, as an administrative assistant, bank trust officer and vice president. Dorothy was a member of the Professional Women's Association.

She was a member of Grass Creek United Methodist Church and Grass Creek United Methodist Church Ladies Aid, charter member of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Home Ec Club, 50-year member of the Fulton Order of Eastern Star where she served as Past Worthy Matron and of the District OES Little Kins.

Dorothy was also a former member of the ambulance board and a former trustee of Woodlawn Hospital, where she served on the planning committee for the new construction of the hospital. Dorothy enjoyed getting together with her retired group from the bank and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Lavonne "Sue" SAILORS (Daniel), Grass Creek; grandchildren Christopher SAILORS (Debra), Grass Creek, Timothy SAILORS (Michelle), Grass Creek, and Stephanie HERD (Jason), Grass Creek; great-grandchildren Christen POLOMCHAK, Carrie SAILORS, Emily MAPPIN, Ethan SAILORS, Katon FERVERDA, Noah HERD and London HERD; and four great-great-grandchildren and one on the way. She was also preceded in death by her infant sons, Douglas and Larry LEASE; and brothers John HERSHEY and William HERSHEY.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2020, at Rans Funeral Home & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Grass Creek Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Woodlawn Hospital, the Talking Book Library, Indiana State Library Association, 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204, or Guardian Angel Hospice. Dorothy's online guest book is available and condolences may be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

# **Rudy STAFFORD**

Rudy STAFFORD, 76, Rochester, died Monday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Survivors include his wife, Sharon STAFFORD; son Jeffrey STAFFORD; daughter Julie SUTTON and husband Matt; mother Della STAFFORD, Muncie; sister Nancy STAFFORD, Cape Cod, Massachusetts; granddaughter Ann STEPHENSON and husband Keith; grandson Thomas SUTTPM; and great-grandchildren.

No service is planned at this time. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

# Maverick J.O. BOWER

Infant Maverick J.O. BOWER was stillborn on Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

### **Roger BAKER**

Roger BAKER, 46, Rochester, died Monday. Arrangements are pending.

### Kyle LINDSTROM

Kyle LINDSTROM, 32, Indianapolis, died Sunday. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

### Lois L. MURRAY-ULERICK

### February 7, 1933-July 20, 2020

Lois L. MURRAY-ULERICK, 87, Rochester, passed away at 1:30 a.m. Monday, July 20, 2020, at LifeCare Center of Rochester.

She was born on February 7, 1933, in Rochester, the daughter of Emmett and Lenora (SMITH) FRASA.

On April 27, 1956, at Bruce Lake, she married Ronald L. MURRAY. He preceded her in death on October 20, 1976. On March 28, 1995, she married Robert ULERICK. He preceded her in death on December 25, 2013.

Lois had worked with her husband, Ronald, at Murray's Radiator and Garage as well as at the Culver Exchange Bank and Farmers & Merchants Bank. Later she had worked for Rochester Metal Products and Wilson's Feed & Grain before she was elected to serve as Fulton County recorder. After serving as county recorder, she served as registrar with the Fulton County Health Department until her retirement.

Lois had been a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she served on the church finance board, the Moose Family Center and Eagles Lodge and the Fulton County Historical Society and volunteered with RSVP and was an active member of the Fulton County Democratic Party. In her spare time, she enjoyed traveling and was an avid euchre player.

Survivors include her children, Karen SUMPTER and fiancé Michael OGLE, Rochester, Rhonda and husband Tim RICHTER, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Joe and wife Jackie MURRAY, Rochester; stepchildren Bobby and wife Allee ULERICK, Rochester, Theresa and husband Nate KIMMEL, Rochester, and Brian ULERICK, Florida; grandchildren, Dexter (Heather) SUMPTER, Goliad, Texas, Arica (Jim) MOSER, Fishers, Carlynn RICHTER, Charlotte, North Carolina, Christina MAST, South Bend, Michael HARRIS, St. Louis, Missouri, and Katie (Jonathon) GLASGOW, Bedford; step-grandchildren Mitchell ULERICK, Connor ULERICK and Kasi BALANOW, all of Rochester, Kyle (Kira) KIMMEL, Indianapolis, and Allie ULERICK, Hamlet; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Dorothy KROHN; and brother Norman FRASA.

A private funeral service and visitation will be at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Historical Society or to Trinity United Methodist Church. Condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Lorene C. TESH

### May 13, 1948-July 19, 2020

Lorene C. TESH, 72, Warsaw, and formerly of Wabash, died Sunday, July 19, 2020, at home. Lorene was born May 13, 1948, in Floyd County, Kentucky, to Fred and Myrtle (MANNS) CONLEY. On October 21, 1967, she married Leon F. TESH. He preceded her in death on November 30, 1986.

She worked for United Tech, North Manchester, Dexter Axle, North Manchester, and Goshen Industries. She enjoyed crafting, crocheting, reading, painting, gardening, and tending to her flowers.

She is survived by her daughters, Martha MILLER and companion Vincent SLONE, Warsaw. And Jeannie and husband Christopher SANBURN, Warsaw; grandchildren Angel, Lucille, David, Adam, Heather and Isabella; great-grandchildren Alexzander, Raven, Arya, Lillian and Emory; sisters Zefie JACKSON, Gracie JACKSON, and Martha and husband Ray HANCOCK; and brothers Amos CONLEY, Norman CONLEY, and Alfred CONLEY. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Nancy PENNINGTON, Izinia THORRINGTON, Christene CORNELL, and Opal CONLEY; and brother Jerry CONLEY.

Her funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Glen CROUSE officiating. For the health of all in attendance, the public is encouraged to wear masks. Burial will follow at Gaerte Cemetery, Macy. Visitation is 10-11 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Donations may be made in her memory to Kosciusko County Home Care and Hospice. Family and friends may share a memory or send a condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### Thursday July 23, 2020

No Obituaries

Friday July 24, 2020

No Obituaries

### Saturday July 25, 2020

### **Richard 'Dick' JOHNSON**

## April 6, 1947-July 24, 2020

Richard "Dick" JOHNSON, 73, Warsaw, passed away at 4 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2020, at Peabody Retirement Community Health Center, North Manchester.

Richard was born April 6, 1947, in Rochester to Emerson and Juanita (CUTSHAW) JOHNSON. He was united in marriage to Sharon (WHITTENBERGER) JOHNSON on December 6, 1969, in Claypool, who passed away December 7, 2015.

Dick grew up in Athens and spent most of his lifetime in Akron until moving to Warsaw. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He retired from DePuy Synthes, Warsaw. He was a member of the American Legion Post 49 and a member of Pathway Church, Warsaw. Dick enjoyed golfing and fishing on Lake Michigan and he dearly loved his family.

Richard is survived by three children, LaDonna (Jon) MITCHELL, Rochester, Sondra (Mike) SLONE, Warsaw, and Brian (Paige) JOHNSON, Akron; eight grandchildren, Lindsay, Joshua, Danielle, Kennedy, Kaylee, Austin, Kelton, and Kyler; one great-grandchild, Charlotte; sister Sue BRUBAKER, Rochester; niece Kim HOLLOWAY, Rochester; nephew Ben BRUBAKER, Cincinnati, Ohio; and his loving dog, Cassie. He was preceded in death by both his parents and his wife, Sharon (WHITTENBERGER) JOHNSON.

Please note, due to the state mandate, masks are required. Individuals are asked to provide their own. A visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, July 27, 2020, at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. A graveside service will follow immediately at Oakwood Cemetery, with Pastor Jarod OSBORNE officiating. Military honors will be rendered by American Legion Post 49. Memorial donations may be made to the Fort Wayne VA Medical Center, 2121 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46805. To sign the guest book or send a condolence, go to www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

# Rodger Lee BAKER

### February 8, 1974-July 20, 2020

Rodger Lee BAKER, 46, Marion, died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, July 20, 2020, in transit to the Indianapolis VA Hospital. He resided in Marion.

He was born February 8, 1974, in Rochester to Mickey and Connie (LOWERY) BAKER. He graduated from Rochester Community High School where he played football and enjoyed photography. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Korea for 18 months.

He is survived by his parents; his two sons, Joshwa (Sidney) BAKER, Rochester, and Jonathin BAKER, Clearwater, Florida; brother Andrew BAKER, Ottawa, Illinois; nephew Ben SERY; and nieces Juliet and Isabella KEYES. He was preceded in death by his sister, Christina (BAKER) KEYES; and grandparents Eugene and Mary Ruth (KUHN) BAKER and Raymond and Marie LOWERY.

Burial will be at the National Veterans Cemetery, Marion. Arrangements are pending with Armes-Hunt Funeral Home.

### **Carol A. CASEY**

Carol A. CASEY, 76, Rochester, died Friday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

### Tuesday July 28, 2020

## Helen M. PRESSON

### March 29, 1936-July 26, 2020

Helen M. PRESSON, 84, Rochester, and formerly of rural Akron and Paris, Tennessee, passed away at 10:46 p.m. Sunday, July 26, 2020, at her residence.

Helen was born on March 29, 1936, in Etowah, Arkansas, to the late John and Ardella GURTRUE (TRUCKS) JOHNSON. She married Billy Gene PRESSON on June 13, 1953, in Corinth, Mississippi. He preceded her in death on July 31, 2001.

She was a homemaker and worked for Wen Products for 13 years. Helen attended Spring Creek Christian Church, Logansport. She was a member of the Swingin Dudes and Darlings Square Dance Club and a lifetime member of the NRA. She enjoyed canning, crossword puzzles, and sewing. In the earlier years, she enjoyed traveling with her family and camping trips.

She is survived by a daughter, Bonnie NICKELL, Remington; two sons, Jeffrey and wife Lucy PRESSON, Puryear, Tennessee, and Douglas and Robyn PRESSON, Rochester; seven grandchildren, Shane, Joshua and Angelyn NICKELL, Jeremy and Tyler PRESSON, and Troy and Eric OFINOWICZ; three great-grandchildren, Mason, Caleb, and Molly NICKELL; and a brother, Don MARKCUM, Lakeview, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Billy Gene PRESSON; one sister; three brothers; and companion Weldon "Pete" CONRAD.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Jeffery HAYES officiating. For the health of all in attendance, the public is encouraged to wear masks. Burial will take place following the service in the Athens Cemetery. Visitation hours will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Donations may be made in her memory to Kindred Hospice. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### Benjamin A. GENTRY Sr.

Benjamin A. GENTRY Sr., 32, Rochester, died Friday at home. Survivors include his wife, Clarissa; his children, Nachelle GENTRY, Benjamin GENTRY Jr. and Mayla GENTRY; his parents, Helen and Jerry WEESE, Rochester, and Perry and Ashley GENTRY, Monterey; and his siblings, Samantha BLACKETOR, Rochester, Ashley GENTRY, Rochester, Amanda GENTRY, New Paris, Payton GENTRY, Monterey, Jason WEESE, Rochester, Jacob WEESE, Rochester, Travis GENTRY, Rochester, Josh GENTRY, Huntington, Zechariah WEESE, Rochester, Merle STICKLER, Rochester, Anthony GENTRY, Pennsylvania, and Aaron GENTRY, Pennsylvania.

His celebration of life is 1 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 11 a.m.-1p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

## **Carol A. CASEY**

Carol A. CASEY, 76, Rochester, died Friday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Survivors include her children, Jeanette COOK, Rochester, Cristina CASEY, Akron, and Scott CASEY, Fulton; and her siblings, Sandra CAUFFMAN, Niles, Michigan, Jennifer WILLIAMS, Rochester, Connie SWICK, Silver Lake, Tina MALOTT, Rochester, Sara THOMPSON, Rochester, Bill HECHT, Kokomo, Alan HECHT, Mentone, Russell H. HECHT Jr., Niles, Michigan, and Brian K. HECHT, Rochester.

Her celebration of life is 11 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

## Wednesday July 29, 2020

### Walter Edward 'Ed' OLIVER

# December 5, 1947-July 25, 2020

Walter Edward "Ed" OLIVER, 72, North Manchester, passed away at his home surrounded by family at 2:45 a.m. on July 25, 2020.

One of eight children, Ed was born December 5, 1947, in Rochester, to Leo Rue and Melva A. (LOWE) OLIVER.

In 1966, Ed graduated from Rochester High School. It was seven years later that Ed married his best friend Valery OWENS on July 28, 1973. The two were married three days short of 47 years. During their wonderful time together, Ed worked as district manager for Pizza Hut through Daland Corp. for 34 years, before a stroke forced him to retire 10 years ago.

Family was everything to Ed. He relished his time when the entire family came over and he could cook for them. He loved being with his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, playing games especially euchre and Yahtzee. Ed was a man that was loved by all, because of the way he treated people and his fun-loving personality. He took comfort in knowing that when he passed away, he would be able to still help people in need by being a donor. Ed took great pride in keeping the yard looking extravagant, feeding wildlife, hunting with his camera, and fishing.

The loving memory of Walter Edward "Ed" OLIVER will be forever cherished by his wife, Valery OLIVER, North Manchester; sons Edward OLIVER, Indianapolis, Wade OLIVER, Greenwood, and Christian OLIVER, Noblesville; daughter Venus (John) KAUFFMAN, Warsaw; brothers Junior Rue (Verna) OLIVER, Rochester, and Harry "Jim" (Sandy) OLIVER, Anderson; sisters Ruth Ellen (David) BALLINGER, Granger, and Pat (Greg) MELLINGER, Mackie (Don) COWLES, and Debbie (Denny) DELL, all of Rochester; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two dogs, Sophie Girl and Sampson. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Robert John OLIVER, who passed away on December 29, 2019.

Family and friends may celebrate Ed's life Sunday, August 2, 2020, from 1-4 p.m. at Congregational Christian Church, 310 N. Walnut St., North Manchester, Indiana. For those who wish to honor the memory of Walter Edward "Ed" OLIVER, a love offering may be made to McKee Mortuary, 1401 Indiana 114 West, North Manchester, IN 46962, to assist with final expenses.

### Wanda L. HOWARD

Wanda L. HOWARD, 82, rural Akron, died Monday at home. Survivors include her husband, Dr. J.A. HOWARD, Akron; her sons, Jonathan A. HOWARD, Warsaw, and James T. HOWARD, Raleigh, North Carolina; and her brother, the Rev. Rob JAMES, Rensselaer.

Her funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation is 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

## Mary Margaret NEFF

Mary Margaret NEFF, 77, Rochester, died Tuesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Thursday July 30, 2020

# Maverick J. O. BOWER

Infant Maverick J. O. BOWER, was stillborn July 19, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital. Survivors include his parents, Gage BOWER and Annelise DUBOIS.

A graveside service is 2 p.m. Friday at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

### **Douglas P. GROVES**

Douglas P. GROVES, 65, Logansport, died Tuesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

### Friday July 31, 2020

# Wanda L. HOWARD

# May 31, 1938-July 27, 2020

Wanda L. HOWARD, 82, rural Akron, went home at 8:59 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2020, at her residence.

Wanda was born on May 31, 1938, in Hazelgreen, Missouri, to the late Orla Ray and Anna (LEVINE) JAMES. On June 17, 1962, in Crawfordsville, in the Nazarene church, she married Dr. J. Arthur "Jerry" HOWARD. He survives.

She was a graduate of Alamo High School in 1955. She furthered her education at Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Wanda then attained her master's degree from Purdue University in 1974.

She was a school teacher for Crawfordsville (Montgomery County) and the Carroll County Schools. Then in 1965 she and her husband moved to Leiters Ford, where she taught for Culver Schools until she retired in 2001.

She was a member of the Akron United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. Wanda was known as an accomplished musician, playing the marimba in countless conventions, Youth for Christ rallies, and churches across the U.S. and Canada. She also played the vibraharp and piano.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. J. Arthur "Jerry" HOWARD, Akron; her sons, Jonathon Arthur and wife Bethany HOWARD, Warsaw, and James Theodore HOWARD and husband Mitchell LIGOTINO, Raleigh, North Carolina; her grandchildren, Luke, David, and Tommy; and her brother, the Rev. Rob "Bob" and wife Jean JAMES, Rensselaer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Orla Ray and Anna JAMES; and her sister, Onalee JAMES.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 3, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor David EATON and the Rev. Dale HOWARD officiating. For the health

of all in attendance, masks will be required, following the state mandate. Burial will take place following the service in the Athens (Mount Hope) Cemetery. Visitation hours will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, August 2, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Donations may be made in her memory to the Akron United Methodist Church or to Kindred Hospice. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# **Douglas P. GROVES**

Douglas P. GROVES, 65, Logansport, died Tuesday at his residence. Survivors include his son, Douglas P. GROVES II, Logansport; and his sister, Deana HOLBROOK, Homosassa, Florida.

No service is scheduled at this time. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Lynette A. WISER

Lynette A. WISER, 79, Macy (Perrysburg), died Wednesday at home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

### Saturday August 1, 2020

## Lynette A. WISER

Lynnette A. WISER, 79, of Macy (Perrysburg), died Wednesday at home. Survivors include eight daughters, Carletta SIMMERS, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, Catherine STANLEY and Cheryl DARNELL, both of Portage, Mary RITTER, Rochester, Alice TATE, St. Louis, Missouri, Rebecca BELL, Chicago, Illinois, Christine HAMMER and Angelena BATES; three sons, Michael WISER, Rochester, Robert WISER, Macy, and Raymond WISER Jr., Wabash; sister, Rannetta FREEL, Spring Green, Wisconsin; and brother, Alan DEROSE, Dalton, Wisconsin.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at noon Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester. Visitation is 9-11:30 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

## Ted B. HAZELWOOD

A celebration of the life of Ted B. HAZELWOOD, 83, Rochester, who died March 25, 2020, is 2 p.m. August 8, 2020, at First Baptist Church, Rochester.

### Tuesday August 4, 2020

### Mary Margaret NEFF

## April 4, 1943-July 28, 2020

Mary Margaret NEFF, 77, Rochester, passed away at 8:55 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at her residence.

She was born April 4, 1943, in Rochester, the daughter of Maurice L. and Margaret L. (WILSON) SADOWSKY. After graduating from Rochester High School in 1961, she attended Butler University, where she was a member of the Phi Beta Phi Sorority, graduating from there with a bachelor's degree. She started her professional teaching career at schools in New York City and Chicago, Illinois.

Mary Margaret married Roger A. NEFF on July 24, 1974, in Rochester, and he survives. She obtained her master's degree from Ball State University and taught at Caston High School from 1989-2006. While at Caston, she taught English, speech, theater, and had been yearbook sponsor. In January 1999, she was awarded Teacher of the Month and in 2000 recognized as an Academic Award Recipient. She was highly respected as an educator and known for the many "Petie" stories. After retiring from education, she continued helping on the family farm with her husband Roger and daughter, Kathy. She

enjoyed wintering in the Florida Keys where she enjoyed sailing, boating, and diving, having been certified as a wreck and rescue diver. She attended First Christian Church and was a member of Tri Kappa.

Survivors include her husband, Roger NEFF, Rochester; their daughter, Kathy NEFF (Orv HUFFMAN), Rochester; children, Michael NEFF and his sons, Christopher and Thomas, Rochester, Rev. Dr. Lori (Rev. Dr. Cleo) LARUE, Pennington, New Jersey; brother Wilson (Ann) SADOWSKY. Belvidere, Illinois; sisters-in-law, Doris (Jim) CLEMONS, Rochester, Phyllis DAVIDSON, North Manchester; brotherin-law, Gerald (Irene) NEFF, South Bend; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Maurice SADOWSKY Jr.

Friends may visit from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, August 6, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Private funeral services will be conducted at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home with burial at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to Caston Closet through the funeral home. In accordance with state mandates, masks should be worn while visiting with the family. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# David A. SCHAKEL

## May 12, 1995-July 31, 2020

David Allen SCHAKEL, 25, Rochester, passed away at 12:50 a.m., Friday, July 31, 2020, at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, Michigan.

David was born on May 12, 1995, in Rochester. He graduated from Caston High School in 2013. In his younger years, he enjoyed 4-wheelers, fishing, and hunting. He loved music, playing video games, and working as a farmhand on his aunt and uncle's farm.

Survivors include his mother, Virginia SCHAKEL (companion, Bill ROUSH), Rochester; father Eric BOWEN, Fulton; grandparents Sharon GRIMES, Warsaw, Ed SCHAKEL, South Bend, and Brenda REFFITT, Rochester; sister Tabatha BOWEN, Fulton; aunts Stephanie (Chuck) AULT, Warsaw, and Ellen (Paul) SLISHER, Rochester; uncles Gene SCHAKEL, Beech Grove; several great aunts and uncles; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Harold W. REFFITT; his uncle, Marcus REFFITT, and a cousin, Olivia PRENATT.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. Indiana 16, Denver. Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the public is required to wear a face mask when attending visitation and/or funeral service. If you feel uncomfortable attending the visitation due to health risks, please visit our website where you can leave a message of condolence for the family. A private family service will be held with Hector FERNANDEZ officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to The Cross in Rochester, for Celebrate Recovery.

### **David E. MURPHY**

David E. MURPHY, 67, Peru, died Tuesday at home. Survivors include his son, Doug MURPHY, Jefferson, Maryland; daughter Deanna CHOWNING, Fishers; mother, Judy A. MURPHY, Greentown; sister Susan A. SIMMONS, Cincinnati, Ohio; and brother, Daniel C. MURPHY, Greentown.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, at Sycamore Friends Church, Greentown. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

# **Robert M. HIBBS**

Robert M. HIBBS, 85, Holiday, Florida, and formerly of Rochester, died July 10, in Holiday. Survivors include his wife, Penni HIBBS, Holiday; two daughters, Debra CROUSSORE, Rochester, and Peggy BAILEY, Tippecanoe.

Private interment will take place at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Alan ARMS

Alan A. ARMS, 86, Rochester, died at 5:05 p.m., Saturday, at Bridgewater Health Care, Carmel. Arrangements pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

### Wednesday August 5, 2020

# Ronald A. BARKER

## February 18, 1947-July 31, 2020

Ronald A. BARKER, 73, of Mentone, passed away at 2 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital.

Ron was born on February 18, 1947, in Warsaw, to the late Ralph C. and Donna Jean (FULLER) BARKER. He married Sue Ann LUCAS on August 4, 1966, in Sacred Heart Church in Warsaw. She survives.

He was a 1965 graduate of Warsaw High School. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy. While in the Navy he was a Radioman, retiring after 22 years on September 1, 1988, with the rank of E7 Chief Petty Officer. He worked for ITT Aerospace Communications for 20 years retiring in January 2009 as a Comsec Communications Managing Supervisor.

He was currently serving as vice-president of the Bell Aircraft Museum. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mentone for 31 years serving as a trustee. He was a leader of CIA Thursday Night Bible Study with the young adults as well as being the director of Awana Club. He had also been an emergency medical technician in Mentone. He enjoyed woodworking and traveling with his family in his camper all around the country.

Survivors include his wife, Sue BARKER, Mentone; daughter Missy and husband Bill KIDD; grandsons Tyler and wife Harley KIDD, Mason KIDD and Gaige KIDD; great-grandsons Gabe, Nate, and Zech; and his sister, Diane WENZEL, Cheyenne, Wyoming. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph C. and Donna Jean BARKER; brothers Dennis BARKER and Stephen BARKER.

A memorial service will take place at 6 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2020, in the First Baptist Church, 206 S. Oak St., Mentone, with Pastor Michael WILHITE officiating. Military honors performed by the Warsaw American Legion Post #49 will follow the service. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at the First Baptist Church. A final remembrance place will be in the Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Donations can be made in his memory to the Bell Aircraft Museum or the First Baptist Church of Mentone. Arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### Alan A. ARMS

## February 13, 1934-August 1, 2020

Alan A. ARMS, 86, Rochester, passed away at 5:05 p.m., Saturday, August 1, 2020, at Bridgewater Health Care, Carmel, Indiana.

He was born on February 13, 1934, in Chicago, the son of Lymon Scott and Virginia (AIMER) ARMS. AI was a United States Navy veteran. On June 1, 1957, at the Pearl Harbor Naval Base Chapel in Hawaii, he married Mary M. SCHEMMEL. Mary preceded him in death on January 14, 2015.

Al graduated from the University of Michigan and had worked in Muskegon, Michigan and Rockford, Illinois before moving to Rochester in 1982 to accept a job with Camcar Textron. After retiring, he worked many years part-time at the Mill Creek Golf Course. He had been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Elks' Lodge, Kiwanis, and had served on the Fulton County Public Library board. In his spare time he enjoyed listening to music and playing golf.

Survivors include his daughter, Michele ARMS and companion, Jim HIRSCH, Rockford, Illinois, Sara and husband Kevin RAMACH, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Amy and husband Brian JOHNSON, Carmel,

and Anna and husband Mark LEWANDOWSKI, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; five grandchildren, William RAMACH, Sam RAMACH, Kate RAMACH, all of Minneapolis, Elaine JOHNSON, Carmel, and Isabelle LEWANDOWSKI, Milwaukee; half-sisters, Barbara (John) DELANO, Evanston, Illinois, Nancy S. ARMS, Hercules, California, half-brother, David L. ARMS, Reno, Nevada; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and son Paul G. ARMS.

Funeral mass will be conducted at 10 a.m., Tuesday, August, 11, 2020, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, with Rev. Michael MCKINNEY officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will take place at a later date at Arlington Memorial Park, Rockford, Illinois. In accordance with state executive orders, visitors are requested to wear masks for both visitation and the funeral. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Public Library or St. Joseph Catholic Church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

### Thursday August 6, 2020

### Jose RAMIREZ

Jose RAMIREZ, 89, Akron, died at 12:23 p.m., Saturday at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne. He is survived by his wife MaChucha; children, Javier RAMIREZ, Margarita RUIZ, Onecimo RAMIREZ, Olga HERNANDEZ, Ilda ROJAS, Juan RAMIREZ, Martha JURADO, and Maria RAMIREZ; his siblings Rafael REAMIREZ, Manuel RAMIREZ, Alfonso RAMIREZ, Elias RAMIREZ, Maria RAMIREZ, and Dolores RAMIREZ.

A private Mass of Christian Burial is Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1310 Main St., Rochester. Visitation is 6-7 p.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

## Friday August 7, 2020

### **Robert OSBURN**

Robert OSBURN, 85, formerly of rural Akron, died at 11:01 a.m., Thursday. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

### Saturday August 8, 2020

#### Dawn A. HEPLER

### July 7, 1962-August 5, 2020

Dawn Ann HEPLER, 58, of Bourbon, passed away Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center of Mishawaka after a courageous battle with cancer.

Dawn was born the daughter of Sheldon and Sharon (SNYDER) CAMPBELL on July 7, 1962, at Fort Wayne. She has been a resident of Bourbon the past 24 years, moving here from Lakeland, Florida, and Roanoke, Indiana. On September 7, 1996, she became the bride of Devon HEPLER, with whom she shared a wonderful and loving relationship. Dawn was a nurse, working at Bremen Community Hospital and Kosciusko Community Hospital. She graduated from Homestead High School and continued her education to obtain her bachelor's degree from IPFW, Fort Wayne.

She was a faithful member of the Bourbon First United Methodist Church. Dawn had many interests that included being very involved in Marshall County 4-H, a love of sewing, antique shopping, and animals, "farming with her husband Devon" and especially she was a "loving daughter."

Dawn will be greatly missed by her family: husband Devon HEPLER; daughters Katie (Austin) SELLERS of Bourbon and Holly (Ryan) CLEVENGER of Rochester; sons Brandon HEPLER and Jeremy (Laura) HEPLER, both of Bourbon; and sister Deborah (Joseph) PAPIEZ of Brentwood, Tennessee. Also surviving are: her grandchildren Cody (Maisie), Alexis, Logan, Beau, Emma, Luke, Jake, Lyndsey, Jacob and Rylee; great-granddaughter Ella; and her parents Sheldon and Sharon CAMPBELL of Tippecanoe along with her paternal grandmother, Ruth CAMPBELL, of Rochester. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Russell CAMPBELL, and maternal grandparents, Walter and Mary SNYDER.

Friends may gather with the family on Monday from 4-8 p.m. in Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Bourbon First United Methodist Church, 204 N. Washington St., with Pastor Kenneth COOKE officiating. Burial will be at Sand Ridge Cemetery, Bourbon. In keeping with current COVID-19 regulations, masks will be required as well as being mindful of social distancing. Memorial contributions may be made in Dawn's memory to Bourbon First United Methodist Church or Bourbon Township 4-H. Deaton Clemens Funeral Home is privileged to be entrusted in assisting the family with arrangements. Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at: www.deatonclemensfh.com.

### **Robert A. OSBURN**

### July 31, 1935-August 6, 2020

Robert A. OSBURN, 85, formerly of rural Akron and most recently of Beaver Dam Lake, passed at 11:01 a.m., Thursday, August 6, 2020, at his daughter's residence in rural Bourbon.

Bob was born on July 31, 1935, in Tippecanoe to the late Stanton and Mae (MOODY) OSBURN. He was married November 15, 1953, in Mentone to Lois L. BLACKBURN, who preceded him in death on January 15, 2007.

He had worked for Niff-Corr, from which he retired, and then he went back to work for Warsaw Coil as well as being a farmer. He was a graduate of Tippecanoe High School.

Bob was a member of the Bourbon First United Church of Christ. He cut countless loads of wood and enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, and was very active in the community, helping many people. He recently moved to Beaver Dam Lake from the farm. He was known to enjoy coffee at many area coffee shops.

He is survived by two daughters, Sharon and husband Eddie SEXTON, Bourbon, and Carol REED, Chandler, Arizona; two grandchildren, Eddie SEXTON Jr. and Joshua SEXTON; three great-grandchildren; and companion Gerri HOWARD, Beaver Dam Lake. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Lois OSBURN, a sister, and five brothers.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 10, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Susan M. CLARK officiating. The interment will follow the service in the Harrison Center (Wooden) Cemetery, Etna Green. Visitation hours will be 2-4 p.m., Sunday, August 9, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Donations may be made in his memory to Kindred Hospice. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# Doris E. WOOLINGTON

# August 5, 1932-August 5, 2020

Doris Elaine WOOLINGTON, 88, Kewanna, passed away peacefully at 10:25 p.m., Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Born on August 5, 1932 in Martinsville, she was daughter of the late Dencil and Edith (SULLIVAN) WALLS. She was a 1950 Akron High School graduate. On March 23, 1962, she married Donald L. WOOLINGTON. He preceded her in death October 6, 2010.

Doris was the bookkeeper for her and Don's businesses, Kewanna Lumber, and WOOLINGTON Construction. She was a member of Rochester Church of Christ and enjoyed going out to the monthly ladies breakfasts and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her son, Daniel HASSENPLUG (Cathy), Kathy; stepsons, Mark WOOLINGTON (Mona), Logansport, Michael WOOLINGTON (Deb) of Logansport; son-in-law Jim SHANK, Jr., Winamac;

daughter-in-law, Debra SCHOENHERR (Jack), of Florida; brother Donald WALLS (Sharon), Argos; sister Connie HARTMAN of Logansport. Doris is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by daughter Karen SHANK, son David HASSENPLUG, granddaughter Kristen WOOLINGTON, great-granddaughter Sarah HASSENPLUG and sister Jean DETURK.

Services are at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at Rochester Church of Christ. Visitation starts at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Citizens IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna, at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Rochester Church of Christ, 120 E. Fifth St., Rochester. Doris' online guestbook is available and condolences may be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

### Mary A. MCGRIFF

Mary Alice (LOWRY) MCGRIFF, 83, of Argos, died August 5, 2020, at Center for Hospice Care House, South Bend.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Angela SMITH, Argos; sons Rick MCGRIFF, Waterboro, Maine, and Tony MCGRIFF; sister Jody FRIEND, Michigan City.

Visitation is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Funeral service is 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

### Tuesday August 11, 2020

# Ted R. MCCLOUGHAN

### September 1, 1943-August 7, 2020

Mr. Ted R. MCCLOUGHAN, 76, Rochester, passed away unexpectedly at 11:40 p.m., August 7, 2020, at Aperion Health Care of Peru.

At Woodlawn Hospital, on September 1, 1943, Ted was born. He was the treasured son of Benjamin and Zelma TULLIS MCCLOUGHAN. Growing up as the second of three children, he shared his childhood with two sisters, Sandy and Sheila. Ted graduated from Aron High School with the class of 1961, serving his class as president. He also was the canteen manager.

On August 4, 1962, Ted married the love of his life, Lynda S. HUNTER, at the Silver Creek Church of God. They shared more than 58 years of life's adventures. From their union came five wonderful children, Kim, Anita, Rod, Brent, and Darren. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

With great passion for agriculture, Ted annually planted beans and corn. He raised hogs and later added a fine herd of Holsteins. Ted was an avid reader of western novels. To relax he enjoyed the outdoors by fishing.

With the migration of their children to Sarasota, Florida, Ted and Lynda moved south to join them and actively participate as Grandpa and Grandma. After 17 years of grandkids, the warm sunshine, sand and surf, they returned home to Fulton County.

Gifted with his hands, Ted expressed his creativity with woodworking. He created a variety of custom furniture pieces for his family to enjoy as heirlooms, all made with love and perfection. Among the most treasured are rocking horses and cedar chests.

Left to cherish Ted's memory are: wife Lynda; his children Kim MCCLOUGHAN of Sarasota, Florida, Anita SHULTZ (Chris), of Marion, Rod MCCLOUGHAN (Dyan) Sarasota, Florida, Darren MCCLOUGHAN and companion Mitzi RICHARDSON of Rochester; special son Larry CARPENTER of Rochester; nine grandchildren, Chance MCCLOUGHAN, Benjamin MCCLOUGHAN, Tyler ADAMS, Cameron ADAMS, Kaitlyn MCCLOUGHAN, Trevor MCCLOUGHAN, Drew SHULTZ (Ashley), Kelsey SHULTZ, and Trey SHULTZ; one great-grandchild, Halle ADAMS; two sisters, Sandy STREIT (Ray) of Goshen and Shelia BUSENBURG (Dave) of Warsaw. Preceding Ted in death are his parents, Benjamin and Zelma MCCLOUGHAN, son Brent MCCLOUGHAN on November 30, 2007, grandson Colt MCCLOUGHAN on November 30, 2003 and Queenie his childhood canine companion the Shepherd-Collie custom blend.

A life celebration for Mr. Ted R. MCCLOUGHAN will be at 6 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Chaplain Todd WILSON will officiate. His family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until the hour of the service. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## Ivana E. GOODRICH

#### February 6, 1953-August 7, 2020

Ivana E. GOODRICH, 67, of Silver Lake, passed away Friday, August 7, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Ivana was born the daughter of Ivan and Mary (CALVERT) ROCK at Rochester, February 6, 1953. Ivana became the bride of Dennis on December 27, 1975. He survives. She has been a longtime resident of the area. Ivana loved sewing, crochet, reading, and most of all her family. In 1971, she graduated from Triton High School and was a member of Talma United Methodist Church.

Family who will greatly miss Ivana are her husband; daughter Dawn and husband Tom WHITTAKER, Silver Lake; sons: Christopher and wife Lana GOODRICH, South Carolina, and Jason and husband Eduardo GOODRICH of Arizona. Ivana's sisters and brothers include Amy and husband Tim STRYKER, Goshen, Edward and wife LeeAnn ROCK of Mentone, Marty ROCK of Argos, Dale and wife Wilma ROCK of Mentone, Larry and wife Priscilla ROCK of Tippecanoe and David and wife Teresa ROCK of Tippecanoe. Many grandchildren will remember Ivana as well: Jeff, Bradi, Angel, Elizabeth, Logan, Jeremiah, Madison, Darick and her nine great-grandchildren. Preceding in death is her father, grandson Aaron and mother-in-law Lois GOODRICH.

The family will have a graveside service, Wednesday, August 12, 2020, in Tippecanoe Cemetery at 1 p.m. with her brother, Edward ROCK, officiating. Following the burial, a celebration of Ivana's life will be at 4117 Hughes Drive, Silver Lake. Rather than sending flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the family to help defray expenses. Deaton Clemens Funeral Home is privileged to be entrusted in assisting the family with arrangements. Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.deatonclemensfh.com.

### **Keith WARNER**

Keith WARNER, 91, Rochester, died at 11:25 a.m. Monday at Hickory Creek of Winamac. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester.

#### Wednesday August 12, 2020

### Keith WARNER

Keith WARNER, 91, Rochester, died at 11:25 a.m. Monday at Hickory Creek of Winamac. Survivors include two daughters, Kathleen CUNNINGHAM and Angela MCCLELLEN; and a son, Jeff WARNER.

Graveside service is at 2 p.m. Friday at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

#### Arlene KLINE

Arlene KLINE, 96, formerly of Akron, died July 30, 2020, at her daughter's residence in North Manchester.

She is survived by her children, Dolores SELLERS, Larry KLINE, Carolyn LESTER and Kathy KLINE.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m., Saturday, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Visitation is 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

#### Lester SCAIFE

Lester D. SCAIFE, 49, Chicago, died March 16 at his home. Survivors include his brother Jerry SCAIFE, Chicago.

Graveside service is at noon Saturday at Leiters Ford Cemetery, 7576 Main St. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

#### Thursday August 13, 2020

#### **Keith WARNER**

#### March 18, 1929-August 10, 2020

Mr. Keith WARNER, 91, of Rochester passed away at 11:25 a.m. Monday, August 10, 2020, at Hickory Creek of Winamac.

On March 18, 1929, Herbert Keith WARNER was born in Argos to Herbert and Marie TEMBEL WARNER. Growing up he shared his childhood with a sister Lura. Keith graduated in 1947 from Richland Center High School, where he played guard for the Wildcats basketball team.

On June 10, 1950, at the Richland Center United Methodist Church, Keith married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Ann SHOEMAKER. Together they enjoyed over 65 years of life's adventures. Their union produced two daughters, Kathleen and Angela, and a son Jeff. Over the years the family tree grew with the added blessings of six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

With a strong work ethic, Keith was a dairy farmer, overseeing a fine herd of 65 Holsteins. In addition, he annually planted corn and soybeans. For about 25 years he drove a school bus route for Rochester Community Schools. Keith introduced his family to camping initially in a truck/camper that later evolved to the family taking the motor home. Many memories were made on summer fishing trips to Wisconsin, Michigan, and Mississinewa. Their family also made memorable trips to Brown County and Potato Creek State Parks. Keith and Barbara wintered in Florida for many years.

An avid sportsman, Keith enjoyed playing golf at many area courses. He loved water skiing and was very proud to have skied, getting up on his first attempt, at the young age of 70 years! Tennis is a sport he played with his family and special friends. Keith and Barbara were accomplished dancers, enjoying many evenings out on the dance floor.

Paramount in Keith's life was his family. As a Grandpa, he was very proud to oversee five generations. The holidays and special family celebrations were times when many memories were made. Proud of his grandchildren he and Barbara were always at ball games, concerts, and all school activities.

Left to cherish Keith's memory are two daughters, Kathleen CUNNINGHAM, and Angela MCCLELLAN and husband Kevin; a son, Jeff WARNER and wife Jo Ann; six grandchildren, Ryan CUNNINGHAM, Monica HUFFMAN and husband Travis, Tyler MCCLELLAN and wife Sarah, Erica MCCLELLAN, Ashley DUBOIS and husband T.J., all of Rochester, and Adam WARNER and wife Sasha of Ft. Wayne; nine great-grandchildren, Camden CUNNINGHAM, Aaron HUFFMAN, Ethan HUFFMAN, Warner DUBOIS and Wilsyn DUBOIS, Amelia WARNER, Oliver WARNER, Kyle MCCLELLAN, Oliver MCCLELLAN; two great-great-grandchildren, Alexis CUNNINGHAM, Addison CUNNINGHAM; a sister-in-law, Claudette CANZIAN and husband Bruno of Greenfield; a brother-in-law, Don SHOEMAKER and wife Bonnie of Elwood; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Keith in death are his parents Herbert and Marie WARNER, beloved wife Barbara on August 22, 2015, son-in-law Joe CUNNINGHAM on January 2, 1990, sister Lura MORGAN on April 26, 1999, and his devoted canine companion, Cody, a golden retriever in April 2020. A celebration of the life of Keith WARNER will take place at the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery at 2 p.m., Friday, August 14, 2020. Pastor Mike VANHEYNINGEN will officiate services. Military graveside rites will be accorded by the Fulton County Veteran's Honor Guard and the United States Army Honor Team. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to Keith's family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

### James A. EASTERDAY

# November 21, 1935-August 11, 2020

James A. EASTERDAY Jr., 84, Rochester, passed away at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at his residence.

He was born November 21, 1935 in Miami County, Indiana, the son of James Alfred and Ethel Alice (HILEMAN) EASTERDAY. He graduated from Macy High School. On October 9, 1954, in Mexico, Indiana, he married Nila N. LOCKWOOD. She preceded him in death on May 25, 2019.

Mr. EASTERDAY had been employed by East End Fuel & Garage in Peru as a gas delivery person and later worked for the Farm Bureau CO-OP in Macy. He eventually accepted a job on the Nickel Plate Railroad, later working for Norfolk-Western, soon to be renamed the Norfolk-Southern Railroad, from which retired. He stepped off the last Indiana High Rail. He was a member of the Macy Volunteer Fire Department, Moose Lodge, loved being a member of the Modified Garden Tractors, Northern Indian Puller and Indiana Garden Tractor associations. He enjoyed following baseball, basketball, coaching Little League, running go-karts, golf, using his CB radio, and bowling.

Survivors include his children, Diana (Gary) RABER, Macy, Donna (David) EMERY, Macy, Robert (Annie BEECHY) EASTERDAY, Rochester; grandchildren Brian RABER, Terre Haute, Haley (Jaisien) HILLIARD, Indianapolis, Logan SMITH, Middlebury, Nathanial YODER, Middlebury; great-grandchildren Benjamin, Natalie, Elijiah and Gabrielle HILLIARD, all of Indianapolis; sister Norma COLLINS, Rochester; brothers Homer EASTERDAY, Akron, Mike (Bonnie) EASTERDAY, Lafayette; sister-in-law, Ella LOCKWOOD, Rochester; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, James A. EASTERDAY Sr., mother and stepfather Ethel STUBER and Paul STUBER; stepsister Bette and husband Carter DEEDS; brothers-in-law Norman COLLINS and Ray LOCKWOOD.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 15, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 3-8 p.m. Friday August 14, 2020 at the funeral home. His cremains will be laid to rest at a later date at Deedsville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Macy-Allen Township Volunteer Fire Department or Fulton County Cancer Association. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Linda L. KELLY

Linda L. KELLY, 80, formerly of rural Akron, died at 3:45 a.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor of Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

### Friday August 14, 2020

#### Linda L. KELLY

### February 16, 1940-August 12, 2020

Linda L. KELLY, 80, formerly of rural Akron, passed at 3:45 a.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor of Warsaw.

She was born on February 16, 1940, in Michigan, to the late Lonnie and Elizabeth (STINE) HOPKINS. She was married September 28, 1963, in Chicago, to William N. KELLY, who preceded her in death on May 9, 2011.

In years past she and her husband were members of the Moose Lodge of Rochester. She enjoyed playing bingo and gambling at Blue Chip Casino. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Douglas and wife Erin KELLY, Wapakoneta, Ohio and their children Rashel and husband Brian, Brittany and husband Aaron, Brooke and husband Eugene, Ethan, Curtis and wife Natasha, and Rick; Victor and wife Susan KELLY, Sarasota, Florida and their children Jimmy and partner Sarah, Allison and husband Rocky, and Philip and wife Caitlin; and William and wife Kay KELLY, Leesburg and their children Matt and wife Abbey, and Cortnee and husband Chad; great-grandchildren Noah, Laci, Carson, Cooper, Dawson, Logan, Jaylynn, Carter, Aydin, Teddy, Kellen, Madelynn, Benton, Finn, Grey, C.J., and Jason; sisters Reta BAHNEY, Lorraine THOMPSON, Eleanor FETROW BAILEY; and a brother, Dwayne HOPKINS. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bill KELLY and a sister, Sandra MITCHELL.

A funeral service will take place at 3 p.m., Sunday, August 16, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Danny HONEYCUTT officiating. The interment will take place following the service in the Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, August 16, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Masks will be required for all in attendance for the services for Mrs. KELLY. Donations can be made in Linda's memory to Miller's Merry Manor, 1690 S. County Farm Road, Warsaw. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### Saturday August 15, 2020

#### **Mevin LATTA**

Melvin Junior LATTA, 76, Peru, died Thursday morning at his residence. Survivors include his wife, Judy LATTA, Peru; one son, Melvin LATTA, Peru; four daughters, Darla DAVIS, Peru, Tammy ARVIN, Peru, Connie WOLFE, Bunker Hill, and Tina FENWICK, Logansport; two brothers, Vern LATTA, Hanna, and Earl LATTA, Rochester.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

## **Richard BROOKS**

Richard A. BROOKS, 56, Huntington, and formerly of Rochester, died at 5:20 p.m. Thursday at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

#### Annabelle KAISER

Annabelle KAISER, 78, of rural Mentone, died at 11:20 a.m. Friday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

### Tuesday August 18, 2020

#### Pamela KNOX DAULTON

#### July 31, 1962-August 15, 2020

Pamela KNOX DAULTON, 58, Rochester, passed away at 5:25 p.m. Saturday, August 15, 2020, at her residence.

She was born on July 31, 1962 in Alice, Texas, the daughter of Gloria (ALSPACH) COOK and John COOK. On August 9, 1986, she married the love of her life, David DAULTON.

Pamela had been active in the Purdue Extension Homemakers Busy Bells, a past member of the Moose Lodge, a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Ladies Aux. #852, Past Lioness Club, Past

Member of the Palomino Horse Breeders of America, past member of the Hoosier Palomino Association, having served as secretary/treasurer and four years as youth leader. She also had been a past participant in the Palomino Horse Breeders World Show, where she and her horse Tony accomplished a world champion and reserve champion with the highest points in the nation.

She is a member of Faith Outreach Center, where she had been nursery director for five years and was a member of the Fulton County Crafters. Her hobbies included sewing, designing and crafts of all kinds, working in the yard, gardening, participating in horse competitions and hanging with her furry friends, but most of all spending time with her family and friends, especially being able to spend time with her mother.

Survivors include her husband Dave DAULTON, Rochester; children Krystle HOBBS and husband James, Rochester, Krystopher DAULTON and companion Paige ERIKS, Rochester; grandchildren Hayle Marie, James Robert and Emalee Elaine HOBBS; sisters Barbara ROACH, Mesa, Arizona, Angel SKIDMORE and husband Travis, Rochester; brother Allen COOK; sister-in-law Carey WEISTER and husband Bill, Wisconsin; brother-in-law Tab DAULTON and wife Cheryl, New York. She was preceded in death by her father, John COOK, mother Gloria (ALSPACH) KNOX, adopted father, Robert E. KNOX, brothers Daniel MILLER, Thomas MILLER, Wayne COOK and Doug COOK; grandparents, aunts, uncles, and a niece.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday August 20, 2020 at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rochester Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge #852 Ladies' Auxiliary, Rochester Moose Lodge #1107 or donor's favorite local charity. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### **Doris N. ROSS**

#### December 23, 1928-August 15, 2020

Doris N. ROSS, 91, of rural Tippecanoe, passed at 6:19 p.m. Saturday, August 15, 2020, at her residence.

Doris was born on December 23, 1928 in Macy, to Robert and Miriam (FENTERS) BAKER. She was married October 3, 1948, in Macy to Robert W. ROSS, who preceded her in death on May 4, 1992.

Doris lived a long and faith-filled life. She graduated from Fulton High School and furthered her education at Ft. Wayne Business College. She had various jobs as a bookkeeper, retiring from Niff-Corr at the age of 70 but never retiring from living until her last day. She went skydiving at age 88 and loved every bit of life. She especially enjoyed her church life, first at Mentone Church of Christ and then at Rochester Church of Christ.

Survivors include sons Gregory and wife Deborah ROSS of Randleman, North Carolina, David and wife Natalie ROSS of Bourbon, and Alan and wife Laura ROSS, Tucson, Arizona; a daughter, Susan ROSS and companion Tom WALTERS of Palestine; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a granddaughter Angela ROSS.

No services are planned at this time. A final remembrance place will be in the Horton-Mud Lake Chapel Cemetery, Fulton County, near Macy. Arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Donations can be made in Doris's memory to the Rochester Church of Christ, 120 E. Fifth St., Rochester, IN 46975. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### **Richard BOOKS**

Richard A. BOOKS, 56, Huntington, and formerly of Rochester, died at 5:20 p.m. Thursday at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his siblings, Harry S. BOOKS, Akron, Honey Marlene PRUITT, Warsaw, Aloralee BROMLEY, Huntington, Roxanna M. CARTER, Peru, Sandy K. SHOCKEY, Peru, Christina M. DRUDGE, Florida, Juneattea MAY, Rochester.

Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 2-3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

# **Alton BRUNER**

Alton D. BRUNER, 89, Burket, died at 9:46 p.m. Friday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Survivors include his wife, Mary Alice BRUNER, Burket; daughter Virginia STEPHENS, Claypool; sons Dennis, Warsaw, Doug, North Carolina, and Kyle, Syracuse; and a brother, Darrel and wife Anita BURNER, Claypool.

No visitation or services will be held at this time. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is handling arrangements.

#### **Robert LANGLEY**

Robert S. LANGLEY, 68, Rochester, died at 9:26 p.m. Friday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

### Annabelle KAISER

### May 22, 1942-August 14, 2020

Annabelle KAISER, 78, of rural Mentone, went home to be with her Lord and Savior at 11:20 a.m. Friday, August 14, 2020, at her residence with family at her bedside.

Annabelle was born on May 22, 1942 in Normal, Grant County, Indiana, to the late John and Luella Mildred (BRYAN) PETRO. She was married September 13, 1962 in the Curtisville Christian Church to Lawrence L. "Butch" KAISER. He survives.

She was a graduate of Swayzee High School in 1960. She was a faithful church attender at both the Curtisville Christian Church and the Akron Church of God. Annabelle, being a beautiful homemaker, was happiest making memories with her family. She also enjoyed gardening and made the best noodles and cherry pies. For more than 40 years, Annabelle was known to make nursing home favors and enjoyed getting others involved as a part of her ministry. She was always very resourceful...even making scrubbies to help fund her crafts.

Survivors include her husband Butch KAISER, Mentone; daughters Lori and husband Max HUFFMAN, Mentone, and Juli and husband Mike GROSS, Cicero; grandchildren Tyler and wife Karla HUFFMAN, Nick and wife Brooke HUFFMAN, Karli GROSS, and Adam GROSS; great-grandchildren Gage, Gunner, and Brynne; a stepsister, Elizabeth DELONG, Winamac; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Jay and Max PETRO, and a stepbrother Bill WALSH.

Following all county, state, and federal guidelines for social distancing, the funeral service will take place at 12 noon, Saturday, August 22, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastors Kathy NELSON and Mandy NELLANS officiating. The interment will take place following the service in the Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, August 22, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana. For many years St. Jude Children's Research Hospital held a very special place in Annabelle's heart. Donations can be made in Annabelle's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tennessee, 38105. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### **Richard J. SADLER**

#### July 3, 1937-August 11, 2020

Richard Jay SADLER, of Lake Placid, Florida, died Tuesday evening August 11, 2020.

Richard was born in Wabash on July 3, 1937. He was the son of the late Dorothy (THOMAS) and Sidney R. SADLER Jr. After high school Richard entered the U.S. Navy and served from 1955 to 1958. Upon his discharge, he began farming in Grass Creek, where he raised hogs and farmed soybeans and corn for many years. Richard has been residing in Lake Placid, Florida for 31 years, where he loved working in his yard and garden. He was a member of the Lake Placid American Legion and the V.F.W.

He is survived by his wife Sandra (HOFFMAN) SADLER; one son, Mike SADLER, Kewanna; one daughter, Ashlie SADLER, Florida; two sisters, Sandy (SADLER) GATES, Kewanna, and Patricia SADLER, Florida; nine grandchildren and he was blessed with 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Laurie (SADLER) BOWYER, Tammy (SADLER) KOTTKAMP and one brother, Terry SADLER.

He was an amazing father and husband, was loved and will be missed by many! Per Richard's request there will be no visitation and a private ceremony for the family will be at a later date. You may sign Richard's online guestbook and send the family condolences at www.gundrumcares.com.

#### **Doris SHAMBARGER**

Doris I. SHAMBARGER, 92, North Manchester, died at 9:48 a.m. Friday at Timbercrest Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

She is survived by sons Fred SHAMBARGER, North Manchester, and Jeff SHAMBARGER, Roann; daughters Elaine GEARHART, Silver Lake, Ginny FALK, North Manchester; brother Joe F. FRANTZ, Roann; and a sister, Virginia SKILES, Flora.

A private services is planned. McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, is handling arrangements.

#### Julia BROWN

Julia L. BROWN, 59, Kewanna, died at 5:37 a.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, Kewanna.

# **Derrick FISHER**

Derrick G. FISHER, 37, Rochester, died at 12:41 p.m. Sunday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester.

## Wednesday August 19, 2020

#### **Robert S. LANGLEY**

Robert S. LANGLEY, 68, Rochester, died Friday. He is survived by his daughter Tina LANGLEY, Rochester; son Tim LANGLEY, Logansport; daughter Kari WILKINSON, Rochester; brothers, Leroy LANGLEY, Dale LANGLEY, Jim LANGLEY and Mike LANGLEY; and his sister Carol ENGEL.

There will be no services. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

### **Derrick G. FISHER**

Derrick G. FISHER, 37, Rochester, died 12:41 p.m. Sunday, August 16, 2020, at his residence. Survivors include his daughters, Carlie BROWN, Colorado, and Brooklin FISHER, Knox; his mother, June HARVEY, Rochester; brothers Dustin MILLER, Rochester, and Dexter NINE, Warsaw.

Private family services will be at a later date. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

#### Thursday August 20, 2020

# Allen Gale YOUNG

# May 6, 1930-August 17, 2020

Allen Gale YOUNG, age 90, of Sheridan, passed away Monday morning, august 17, 2020, at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

Born on May 6, 1930, in Delaware County, Indiana, he was the son of the late Cloa A. "Cy" and Mary Reba (REES) YOUNG. Gale's family made the move to Sheridan during his younger years, and he would graduate with the Sheridan Class of 1949. It was during those years at SHS that he would meet his first love, Mary Elizabeth WALKER. Gale and Mary were married on September 30, 1949, and began traveling life's journey by each other's side. Gale and Mary celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 30, 1999. Mary would pass away on October 2, 1999.

Being somewhat of a serial entrepreneur, Gale never liked to let the grass grow under his feet. During his younger years, he worked for Foxworthy Ford and Pearson Ford. He would eventually hire on with Biddle Screw Products in Sheridan; retiring from the company after 26 years of dedicated service. During those years, and for many after, Gale always had a yellow legal pad, or something to scribble on, close by at all times. He would jot down different ideas that would pop into his head, and then would revisit those ideas when he had a little bit of time to think. The ideas in his notebooks turned into quite a few successful business ventures over the years, including two different car washes, one in Sheridan and one in Arcadia, and Young's Hayloft in Sheridan. Gale and Mary started Young's Hayloft in 1977 and kept Sheridan stocked with beautiful flowers for more than 20 years.

Some people are lucky enough to find love once in their life, even fewer are able to find it multiple times. Gale was one of those very fortunate individuals. On April 5, 2008, he married Loretta (GRIMES) HOPPER and would spend the rest of his life by her side. The ideas in Gale's yellow notebooks never stopped flowing, and Loretta was always ready to hop on board with whatever he came up with next. In 2017 they started Young's Kitchen, which was located on Main Street in Sheridan. It was a short-lived venture, but they enjoyed every moment; loving what they were doing and enjoying the fact that they could do it as a family. When you went in the restaurant you felt like you were coming home, and nobody left without at least getting a visit from either Gale, Loretta, or Rebecca.

He was a member of the Sheridan Masonic Lodge F&AM #309 and attended the Sheridan First United Methodist Church.

Gale is survived by his wife, Loretta HOPPER-YOUNG; his daughters, Nancy DAY (Fred) of Rochester, Linda MOORE (John) of Indianapolis, and Sarah GODBY (Bobby) of Sheridan; his son, Daniel Ray HOPPER of Sheridan; 11 grandchildren, Allison (Ryan) TUSING, Dave (Julie) DAY, Michelle (Chad) STEVENS, Debbie (Chris) COBURN, Jake HUBBARD, Dr. Shawn (Ginger) MOORE, Ryan (Megan) MOORE, Matt GODBY, Kati (Doug) HARRIS, Betsy (Josh) CARTER, and Mark STURDEVANT; 25 great-grandchildren; his sister, Melba C. STEPHENSON of Sheridan; nephews Robert Dale STEPHENSON and Micah CARR; niece Stephanie ORESIK; great-nephew Quentin ORESIK-MOSSBURG; and his mother-in-law, Pamela K. RANNEY of Sheridan. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Mary E. (WALKER) YOUNG; his second wife, Marilyn BAILEY-YOUNG in September 2006, great-grandchildren Devon Lee DAY and Elizabeth Ann DAY, his niece, Marsha K. CARR; brother-in-law Bud STEPHENSON, and by his daughter, Rebecca Nicole HOPPER in September 2017.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, August 21, 2020, at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Reverend Frank CIAMPA will be officiating.

### Mary Jane BUCHAN

### February 26, 1938-August 18, 2020

Mary Jane BUCHAN, 82, of Warsaw, passed at 9:57 a.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2020, in the Warsaw Meadows Care Center.

She was born on February 26, 1938 in Fort Wayne, to the late Ralph Hoover and Lana Ilo (MCBRIDE) PORTER. She was married, on May 1, 1965, in Fort Wayne, to Thomas E. BUCHAN. They were married until 1979. She then shared her life with her companions James E. SCOTT and Tommy MINEAR, both of whom preceded.

She had worked for Lincoln National Life Insurance of Fort Wayne and her first retirement was from Warsaw Community School Corporation in 1992, having worked at McKinley, Lincoln, Jefferson, Madison, and lastly Washington schools. She then retired on December 28, 2006, from Big Lots of Warsaw. She also operated the Tigger's Den Ceramic Shop out of her home.

She was a graduate of Huntertown High School in 1956. She was a member of the Moose, Eagles, VFW Post 1126, and the American Legion, all of Warsaw. She was also a member of the VFW and American Legion of Riverton, Wyoming, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was an avid user of Citizen Band Radio. Her CB call sign was the "Warsaw Rebel." She also enjoyed spending time on her computer playing Farmville. Mary Jane, as well as her family, greatly appreciated the care that she received from Heart to Heart Hospice.

She is survived by her daughters, Deb and husband Andrew O'CONNELL of Mentone and Denise KELLER and companion William FEDERLE of Winona Lake; grandchildren Madison O'CONNELL, Brayden KELLER and Brenden FEDERLE. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, John D. PORTER, and her sister, Alice RAMSEY.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Rev. Steven WENDLER officiating. The interment will follow the service in the Palestine Cemetery, Palestine. Visitation hours will be 1-2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Donations can be made in her memory to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204-3509. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# Julia L. 'Julie' BROWN

# July 10, 1961-August 14, 2020

Julia L. "Julie" BROWN, 59, of Kewanna, passed away at 5:37 a.m., Friday, August 14, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester.

Born on July 10, 1961, in Rochester, she was the daughter of Richard and Pauline (MOSHER) BROWN. She was a 1979 Kewanna High School graduate.

Julie enjoyed reading science fiction and Christian books, crafts and knitting. She loved being around and helping care for kids. She would often knit hats and sweaters for those she cared for and helped raise.

Julie also formerly wrote the newspaper column "Town and Country Chatter" for The Observer in Kewanna for many years. And, she tried to keep a good attitude even while dealing with her own and her mother's many health issues over the past several years.

Survivors include her mother, Pauline BROWN of Kewanna; brother James "Jim" BROWN (Debbie) of Stevensville, Montana; and nephew Clayton BROWN, Stevensville, Montana. She is also survived by numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her father Richard M. BROWN.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday August 22, 2020, at Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna with Rev. David WEBB officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to defray burial expenses. Julie's online guestbook is available and condolences can be made to the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

## Friday August 21, 2020

### James R. LOEBIG

James R. LOEBIG, 79, Rochester, died Thursday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## Saturday August 22, 2020

# James R. LOEBIG

### March 17, 1941-August 20, 2020

James R. LOEBIG, 79, Rochester, passed away at 7:10 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on March 17, 1941 in Algona, Iowa, the son of Edmund J. and Maurine K. (HANSEN) LOEBIG. Jim graduated from Rochester High School in 1959 and from Lain Tech in Indianapolis in 1963 with a degree in Architectural Drafting.

On March 3, 1962, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rochester, Indiana, he married Pamela J. JONES, his high school sweetheart, and she survives.

Jim had been general manager and shareholder with AdVance Magnetics in Rochester until his retirement in 2003. He had been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Moose Lodge and Elks Lodge. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, tending to his yard and flowers, and playing cards with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Pam LOEBIG, Rochester; brother, Bob (Carol) LOEBIG, Rochester; children Tami (Augie) MENA, Austin, Texas, Misi (Eric) JOHNSON, Carmel, Todd LOEBIG, Portage, Michigan; grandchildren, Andie (David) MCCLENDON, San Antonio, Texas, Dr. Steffi (Dr. Matt) NOVAK, Belton, Texas, Erica (Robert) BUHMANN, Fishers, Katie MENA, Austin, Texas, Lexi JOHNSON, Carmel, Joshua LOEBIG, Jacob LOEBIG, Thomas LOEBIG, Lauren LOEBIG, all of Portage, Michigan; greatgrandchildren Aidan and Ella MCCLENDON, Luke NOVAK; several nieces, nephews, and his fur babies, Winnie and Pooh-Bear. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jerrold E. LOEBIG.

Funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester. Rosary will be recited at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Friends may visit from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. In accordance with state mandate for COVID-19, masks should be worn during visitation. Burial will be at a later date at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Frank N. BRUTCHER

# July 29, 1926-August 21, 2020

Frank N. BRUTCHER, 94, Logansport, passed away Friday, August 21, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

Born July 29, 1926, in Savannah, Georgia, he is the son of the late Clarence and Anne (KIDWELL) BRUTCHER. On July 31, 1953, in Fulton, he married Helen L. RICHTER, who survives.

Frank worked as a plumber more than 60 years. HE was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 60 and Plumbers Union 172 in South Bend. Frank was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving with his wife Helen, are two daughters, Kim L. (Thomas) OLINGER, Rochester, and Jan L. (Steve) MCMASTER, Zionsville; four granddaughters, Erin L. (Curt) KLINE of Rochester, Jennie L. MCMASTER of Zionsville, Alexa J. (Landon GOOD) OLINGER of Rochester, Katie L. MCMASTER of

Zionsville; grandson Zane T. (Abby) OLINGER of Rochester; great-granddaughter Ashlynn D. KLINE of Rochester; three great-grandsons, Cameron N. KLINE, Larson T. GOOD and Cole OLINGER, all of Rochester; sister, Ann HESTER, Walton. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence BRUTCHER and Samuel BRUTCHER.

A celebration of life will be at 7 p.m. Monday, August 24, 2020, in the Gundrum Funeral Home with Pastor Doug THOMAS officiating. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. A private burial will be held in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Memorial contributions may be made to Main Street United Methodist Church, Logansport. You may sign the guest book and send online condolences at www.gundrumcares.com.

### Joyce L. MILLER

Joyce L. MILLER, 87, Peru, died Monday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Survivors include her husband Elmer MILLER, Denver; and one son, David G. MILLER, Kokomo.

There will be no services or visitation. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, handled arrangements.

### Tuesday August 25, 2020

### Doris CHUDZYNSKI

## October 28, 1924-August 23, 2020

Mrs. Doris CHUDZYNSKI, 95, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away on Sunday, August 23, 2020.

In LaPorte, Doris ANDERSON was born on October 28, 1924. She was the youngest daughter of Andrew and Nellie KETCHUM ANDERSON. Growing up she shared her childhood with four sisters and two brothers. Doris graduated from LaPorte High School with her class in 1942. She continued her studies at the South Bend College of Commerce and graduated.

Later, Doris took employment with the Kingsbury Ordnance plant that supplied hundreds of thousands of Allied troops with ammunition during World War II. A woman of great patriotism, she enlisted with the Women's Army Corps (WACs) in 1944 during World War II, but was not deployed due to the sudden conclusion of the war. She also worked as secretary to the superintendent of the LaPorte Community Schools.

On June 29, 1946, Doris married the love of her life, Mr. Eugene J. CHUDZYNSKI, at the Saint Peters Catholic Church in LaPorte. They shared 56 years of life's adventures. From their union came four wonderful children, Carol, Tom, David, and Dan. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

In the early years the CHUDZYNSKIs lived in LaPorte. Doris was a mother who was very involved with her children's education, serving as room mother at school and was president of the Parent Teacher Association for many years. She was also a hostess of Welcome Wagon and sang with the Sweet Adelines.

In 1973 the CHUDZYNSKIs made Rochester their home. Doris was a vibrant volunteer with a servant's heart ready to help anyone. As a devoted member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church for 47 years, she assisted with making meals for church functions. She led the way, digging into many landscape projects for Habitat for Humanity. For Fulton County Literacy she taught English as a second language, tutoring many eager learners. Doris was a longtime member of the Rochester Garden Club. She judged many residential landscapes and planted colorful gardens around the parks and city to brighten and enhance the aesthetics.

With great versatility, Doris worked many years at The Shopping Guide. When Gene was elected as county surveyor, she served as his office manager.

With diverse interests, Doris found many ways to relax. She was a member of the women's bowling league, sang soprano for the Fulton County Chorus, enjoying "hamming it up!" As a member of the Purdue Extension Homemakers she organized several annual crafting shows.

Gifted with her hands, Doris created baby quilts, coasters, diaper stackers, table runners, and aprons. Nothing pleased her more than conveying the perfect gift. Each fall Doris painted designs on gourds she grew in her gardens. With a great appreciation for music, she thoroughly enjoyed attending musicals.

Always comforting Doris was her feline companion Cuddles. Scooter, the black and white lab custom blend, oversaw the residence and alerted her to visitors.

Paramount in Doris' life was her family. As the matriarch, Grammy was proud to oversee four generations. There was nothing better than the holidays and special family celebrations for making a lifetime of memories. An amazing baker, Grammy is remembered for her delicious sausage biscuits and gravy and hot apple pie.

Left to cherish Doris' memory are: a daughter Carol S. ABERNETHY (Spike) of Granger, three sons, Tom E. CHUDZYNSKI, Rochester, David A. CHUDZYNSKI (Deborah C.), South Bend, Dan R. CHUDZYNSKI (Kendra), Rochester; five grandchildren, Adam CHUDZYNSKI (Kandi), Dylan CHUDZYNSKI, Ryan CHUDZYNSKI and companion Melisa LAHMAN, Elyse CHUDZYNSKI and husband Jesse AULT, Kiley FREEMAN (Steve); and one great-granddaughter, Norah CHUDZYNSKI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. Preceding Doris in death are her parents Andrew and Nellie ANDERSON, beloved husband Gene (July 30, 2002), and six siblings, Chloe, Grace, Myrtle, Dona, Gerald, and Louis.

The CHUDZYNSKI family wish to thank brother Tom for the extraordinary love and tender care he gave their mother during this past year. She could not have stayed at her home without him. We are observing Governor Holcomb's executive order requiring face coverings. In an effort to keep everyone safe, prior to entry to the building we continue to take visitors' temperatures.

For friends and family unable to attend the Mass of Christian Burial, it will be lived streamed on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/StJosephCatholicChurchRochesterIN The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Thursday, August 27, 2020, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1310 Main St., Rochester. Fr. Andrew R. DEKEYSER will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to: the St. Joseph Catholic Church; Center for Hospice Care, 501 Comfort Place, Mishawaka, IN 46545; The Smile Train, 41 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010; or the Fulton County Animal Education and Adoption Center, 1540 Wentzel St., Rochester, IN 46975. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

#### Sonja LOUDERMILK

Sonja R. LOUDERMILK, 70, Rochester, died Friday at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her son, John F. LOUDERMILK; and two brothers, Johnny ZOPPE Jr., Rochester, and Davide F. ZOPPE, Rochester.

Funeral service is at 2 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation is one hour prior to the service.

### Wednesday August 26, 2020

# Sonja Rose ZOPPE LOUDERMILK

# October 11, 1949-August 21, 2020

Sonja Rose ZOPPE LOUDERMILK, 70, Rochester, passed away Friday, August 21, 2020, at Parkview Regional Medical Center of Fort Wayne.

On October 11, 1949, Sonja was born in Rochester. She was the treasured daughter of Giovanni "Johnny" Sr. and Sara A. Ellis ZOPPE. Growing up she shared her childhood with two brothers, Johnny Jr. and Davide. Sonja graduated from Rochester Community High School in 1967. She later attended the American School of Chicago.

As a member of an entertainment family, Sonja became a circus performer on the high wire. She gracefully captivated the attention of her audience while performing high risk routines. Sonja was gifted with her hands, making all of her show costumes.

In Rochester, Sonja and Franklin G. LOUDERMILK were married on November 25, 1978. They shared 25 years of life's adventures. From their union came a handsome son Johnny. The family tree continued to grow with added blessings of three grandchildren.

Left to cherish Sonja's memory are her son, John F. LOUDERMILK and companion Dawn RISTEN of Rochester; three grandchildren, Alexys Lanae LOUDERMILK, Justin RISTEN, Makayla RISTEN; two brothers, Johnny ZOPPE Jr. of Rochester and Davide F. ZOPPE and wife Susan of Rochester; her canine companion, Sophia, the blonde Teacup Yorkie. Preceding Sonja in death are her parents Johnny and Sarah ZOPPE, beloved husband Frank on January 1, 2003, and her Teacup Yorkie Bella.

A celebration of the life of Sonja Rose LOUDERMILK will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 27, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Mr. Gary CLEVENGER Jr. will officiate. Friends may visit Sonja's family an hour prior to services. Interment will follow in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# Lois Nadine HAUPERT

# February 23, 1930-August 24, 2020

Lois Nadine HAUPERT, 90, of rural Urbana, Indiana, died at 10:16 a.m. Monday, August 24, 2020, at her home. She was born February 23, 1930, in Wabash County to Hobart and Thelma (YODER) WAGNER.

Lois was a 1948 graduate of Urbana High School, and was the valedictorian of her class. She married Dean M. HAUPERT in Urbana on February 24, 1951. She was a homemaker and a farmer's wife. Lois was a member of the Urbana Yoke Parish. She enjoyed gardening, and had beautiful flower and vegetable gardens.

She is survived by her husband, Dean M. HAUPERT, Urbana; five children, Steven (Kathy) HAUPERT of Urbana, Denise (Tom) GILLESPIE of Battle Ground, Shelley (Walker) CONLEY of Rochester, Tom (Janet) HAUPERT, North Manchester, and Neil A. HAUPERT, Wabash; daughter-in-law Roxanne HAUPERT, North Manchester; 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters Dorlan WAGNER, North Manchester, Eileen HARVEY, Warren, Darl WILCOX, Pierceton, and Duane WAGNER of North Manchester. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Brent and Dan HAUPERT, brother Hobart WAGNER, Jr., and her sister, Reva LEE.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, August 28, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Rev. Kellie HERBER officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery, Urbana. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are Dan HAUPERT Memorial Scholarship Fund or Pathfinders Services. The memorial guest book for Lois may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

#### Thursday August 27, 2020

# Stephanie B. OLIVAREZ March 9, 1973-August 18, 2020

Stephanie Brooks OLIVAREZ died Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Stephanie was larger than life, a planner, a doer, with a heart of gold and the gift of gab and was the most devoted advocate for her daughters: Lexi, a junior at Indiana University; Morgan, a sophomore at Purdue University; Taylor, a senior at Culver Girls Academy; and Shelby, who is a freshman at Culver Community High School.

She was born March 9, 1973, in Winfield, Illinois, to James and Diane (OSWALD) GREEN, of Culver. She was little sister to brother Jamie, who lives at Lake Manitou, Rochester, with wife Lena and sons Kristian, Destin, and Jordan. She grew up with many cousins but counted Katie KLINGBERG as a sister. She completed her schooling in Winfield, and then earned a bachelor's degree in merchandising management and fashion design.

Stacey, as she was known to her friends, lived her life with gusto. When she tackled a project, she put in 100 percent effort. She touched many lives through her friendships and volunteering. She was a co-founder, in 2005 of the charitable non-profit organization, Project Sweet Peas, which has spread across the country, having a chapter in almost every state. The charity provides care packages to parents with children in neo-natal intensive care units and has been recognized by People magazine.

She achieved the College of Regents degree, the highest level of service in the Women of the Moose, after serving the Manitou Moose women's auxiliary as a member volunteer and an officer.

She was active at St. Joseph Catholic Church and taught Sunday School when her girls were little. She was director of the Culver Fall Fest scarecrow contest for several years, delighting in the creativity of the citizens and businesses.

She had worked in the office of the family business, U.S. Metals, Mentone. With her children foremost in her life, she chose to first spend her time as a mother and homemaker.

A naturally generous person, Stephanie regularly volunteered her time, talents, and energy, helping with her children's sports teams, local festivals, fundraisers, and events dear to her heart. When any friend needed her she would come running with reassuring words and kind gestures. Her giving spirit touched many people.

She was possibly one of the world's most ardent Hello Kitty fans and no room in her house was complete until Hello Kitty items adorned it. She never missed a chance for social time and she was happiest cruising Lake Maxinkuckee on the pontoon boat loaded with a group of children, family or friends. She welcomed anyone onto the porch for a visit and counted her friends not in numbers but in the emotional wealth they generated.

She was preceded in death May 8, 2016, by her husband Shane, whom she married November 6, 1998, in Destin, Florida. They enjoyed camping, boating, riding four-wheelers and all the things that came with raising four active girls.

A celebration of Stephanie's life is planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorial contributions may be made in Stephanie's name to: Project Sweet Peas, 45 Boylston Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island, 02889. An online donation form is available:

http://projectsweetpeas.com/stephanieolivarez.

# Joann S. YATES

Joann S. YATES, 79, of Elkhart and formerly Mentone, died at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Elkhart.

Survivors include her daughter, Carol SCRIVENS, Kendallville; two sons, Mark E., Elkhart, and Michael, Loveland, Colorado.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is 10-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, with masks required for all who attend.

### Lynette E. BRAZIL

Lynette E. BRAZIL, 77, Rochester, died at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday at Visiting Nurse Hospice of Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending with Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### **Tim TROUTMAN**

## April 13, 1948-August 20, 2020

Tim TROUTMAN, 72, of Kewanna, passed away peacefully at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 2020 at home.

Born on April 13, 1948 in Logansport, he was the son of the late Omer and Mildred (SHAW) TROUTMAN. He was a 1967 Kewanna High School graduate.

Tim was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Vietnam War and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He later joined the U.S. Army and served in Operation Desert Storm where he received the Bronze Star and retired from the Army in 1998 as Sergeant First Class.

He retired from Plymouth Tube in 2010. Tim was a lifetime and charter member of the Kewanna James F. TALBOTT VFW Post 1121 and a member of the American Legion in Rochester.

Tim enjoyed going to the casino, playing cards with Terry and friends, and attending as many sporting events of his grandchildren as possible. He was very proud of his time in the Marines and Army and made many lifelong friends.

Survivors include his daughters, Teresa DAVIS (David) of Leiters Ford and Andrea CALLAHAN (Eric) of Winamac; brother, Terry TROUTMAN (Darlene) of Kewanna; grandchildren Tiffany RIMPLER (Garrett) of Winamac, Brandon CONNER of North Judson, Tristan CONNER of California, Whitney HOOK of Winamac, Rylee DAUGHERTY of Winamac, Meghan BREWER (Jordan) of Mooresville, Kelsey CALLAHAN of Morresville and Brenna CALLAHAN of Mooresville. He is also survived by nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews and by former wife Sherri LETT of Kewanna. He was also preceded in death by sister, Trudy HANEY, stepbrother James COHAGEN, and stepmother, Grace TROUTMAN.

The funeral service will be private, however, the visitation and graveside service will be open to the public. Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, August 30, 2020, at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel in Kewanna. Graveside Service with military rites will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, August 31, 2020, at Barnett Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the James F. TALBOTT VFW Post 1121, P.O. Box 363, Kewanna, IN 46939. Sign Tim's guestbook or leave condolences for the Troutman family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

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A celebration of the life of Sonja Rose LOUDERMILK will be at 2 p.m. today, August 27, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Mr. Gary CLEVENGER Jr. will officiate. Friends may visit Sonja's family an hour prior to services. Interment will follow in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

### Friday August 28, 2020

### Phillip A. LEFFEL

#### March 3, 1963-August 22, 2020

Phillip Alan LEFFEL, 57, Rochester, passed away Saturday, August 22, 2020, at his residence.
Born March 3, 1963, in Peru, Indiana, he was the son of William J. and Margaret E. CROFT
LEFFEL. He was married to Tawna CLARK, and together they had two sons. On October 17, 1998 in Peru,
Indiana he was married to Cyndi L. MOORE WEBSTER, and she survives.

He graduated from North Miami High School. He was retired from the Peru Fire Department. He enjoyed working in construction and spending time on the lake fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Cyndi LEFFEL, Rochester; mother, Margaret E. LEFFEL, Peru; and two sons, Zachary LEFFEL, and Nicholas LEFFEL, both of Peru; one step-daughter, Courtney (Pat) HOWAY, Indianapolis; one brother-in-law, Greg HOLDEN, Peru; and one nephew, Shane HOLDEN, Peru. He was preceded in death by his father, Bill LEFFEL; one sister, Charlotte HOLDEN; and one step-son, Matthew WEBSTER.

Visitation will be from 3-7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. A private family service will be held following the visitation time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.

#### Lynette BRAZIL

Lynette E. BRAZIL, 77, Rochester, died 9:35 a.m. Tuesday at Visiting Nurse Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Survivors include two daughters, Annette COWAN, Los Angeles, California, Casey NINE, Plymouth Lake, California; two sons, Robert and John, both of Winchester, Kentucky; three brothers, William KOHLUN, Ft. Worth, Texas, Bruce KOHLUN, Norman, Oklahoma, and James KOHLUN, Palm Beach, Florida.

Private family services will be held. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

#### **Robert E. HINKLE**

Robert E. HINKLE, 72, rural Akron, died Wednesday, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

### Virgie GREGORY

Virgie GREGORY, 88, Rochester, died Wednesday. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

## Saturday August 29, 2020

# Robert E. HINKLE

### May 1, 1948-August 26, 2020

Robert E. HINKLE, 72, of rural Akron, was found preceded Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at his residence.

Bob was born on May 1, 1948, in Wabash, to the late Lois Argyleen (LEEDY) HINKLE. He was a graduate of Wabash High School. He then furthered his education with a bachelor's degree from Manchester College and a master's degree from the University of St. Francis.

He began teaching in 1970. He taught the last four years of Mentone High School and then moved to the junior high at Akron School. When the middle school was built, he began teaching for Tippecanoe Valley Middle School. He retired from full time teaching in 2014. He then taught part-time for the middle school and high school for three years. During that time, he coached numerous sports which included football, softball and girls and boys basketball.

He was a big sports fan and was an avid Atlanta Braves and Chicago Bears fan. He loved to fish, especially on the river. He was known to drive blue convertible Ford Mustangs and Ford F-150s.

School was his life. His students and fellow teachers meant the world to him. He always had a servant's heart and never wanted any recognition.

Friends may gather from 3-4 p.m. Sunday, August 30, 2020, in the Tippecanoe Valley Middle School gymnasium with a celebration of Mr. HINKLE's life at 4 p.m. with Rev. Phil PRATT officiating. Masks will be required for all who are in attendance and by request, please bring your Akron and Valley Hinkle stocking caps in honor of him. A private interment will take place in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, Indiana, next to his mother. The arrangements are entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

Donations can be made in Mr. HINKLE's memory to the Tippecanoe Valley Angler's Club with checks to TVHS with Angler's Club in the memo line or to the Robert E. HINKLE Education-Technical Memorial Scholarship held at the North Indiana Community Foundation. Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# **Margaret L. WHITE**

# March 21, 1937-August 27, 2020

Margaret L. WHITE, 83, Fort Wayne, and a longtime Macy resident, passed away at 4:14 p.m. Thursday, August 27, 2020, at Sage Bluff Health and Rehab Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born on March 21, 1937, in Monterey, the daughter of Harry Edward and Mary Magdalene (WARMBROD) ROCK. On January 26, 1973, at the Richland Center United Methodist Church, she married Virgil Howard WHITE. He preceded her in death on April 16, 2011.

Margaret had been a press operator at General Tire, Wabash, drove a school bus for North Miami Schools for many years, served as Allen Township trustee and worked on the family farm. She had attended the First Baptist Church, Rochester, and the Macy Christian Church, as well as serving on the Macy Beautification Committee. She enjoyed gospel music, Indiana University basketball, reading, especially the Bible, and cooking. Survivors include her sons, Mark Kevin (Jennifer) LYONS, Kokomo, Matthew Kennard (Kerrie) LYONS, Fort Wayne, Dustin Scott (Sara) WHITE, Portage; stepchildren, Randy WHITE (Dan), Bloomfield, Cheryl (Robert) BARTOO, Wabash, Ron WHITE, Rochester, Raymond WHITE, Rochester; grandchildren, Zechariah Matthew (Claire) LYONS, Indianapolis, Nathan Andrew LYONS (fiancé Amanda DECKARD), Speedway, Adam Michael LYONS, Columbus, Dustin Wilson Scott WHITE, Portage, Ronda MOORE, Wabash, John WILLIAMS, Steubenville, Ohio, Amanda WHITE, Jake WHITE, Austin WHITE, Ashley WORKS, Jenna BARTOO, Houston WHITE; great-granddaughter, Harper Marie LYONS; sister Anna (Ora) CLEMONS, Macy; brother James (Barbara) ROCK, Rochester; sisters-in-law Alta MADLEM, Macy, Mary ROCK, Tippecanoe; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Doris HITTLE and Erma SUTTON, brothers Donald ROCK and Ivan ROCK.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, August 31, 2020, at the First Baptist Church, Rochester, with Dr. Mark SPENCER officiating. Friends may visit from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to service Monday at the church. Burial will be in the Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash County Christmas Spirit, P.O. Box 596, Wabash, IN 46992. In accordance to state mandate, masks must be worn during visiting times. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

### **Charles ENYART**

Charles E. ENYART, 85, Peru, died at 10:32 a.m. Friday at his residence. He is survived by his wife Kathy A. ENYART, Peru; four children, Ruby LYLE, Kokomo, Nathan ENYART, Kokomo, Charles D. ENYART, Roanoke, Anna M. ENYART, Columbia City; four sisters, Alpha M. THOMASON, Arkansas, Ethel M. SMITH, Lafayette, Ellie HAYNES, New Castle, and Nora R. ENYART, Lafayette.

A private graveside service for the family was at Five Corners Cemetery, Macy, with McClain Funeral Home handling arrangements.

#### Virgie GREGORY

Virgie GREGORY, 88, Rochester, died at 11:49 a.m. Wednesday at her residence. Survivors include daughter Deborah GREGORY and son Danny GREGORY both of Rochester.

Private family services will be at a later date. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

### Tuesday September 1, 2020

### Bruce Alan GRABLE

Bruce Alan GRABLE, age 64, of Twelve Mile, passed away at his residence. He was born February 6, 1956, in Rochester to the late Lloyd and Marion Marcella (BENEDICT) GRABLE.

Bruce was a former employee of McDonald's in Rochester. He was a 1975 graduate of Caston High School and was well known for his blood donations, beginning in 1971, at the American Red Cross blood drives and had given 10 gallons.

Survivors include one sister, Bonita (John) LEE, Rochester; three brothers, Larry Joe (Sharon) GRABLE, Louisiana, Lloyd Ronald (Nancy) GRABLE, Logansport, and Richard A. (Ann) GRABLE, Logansport; two great-aunts, Alice TOCCO, Logansport, Dolores BENEDICT, California; several nieces and nephews and their families.

A celebration of life will be at 6 p.m. Friday, September 4, 2020, at the Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Teri WHITE officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be from 4 p.m. until time of service on Friday. A private burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross. You may sign the guest book and send condolences to the family at www.gundrumcares.com

#### Jerre CONRAD

Jerre W. CONRAD, 68, Rochester, died at 11:09 a.m. Sunday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Joyce HASSENPLUG

Joyce D. HASSENPLUG, 72, Rochester, died at 10:05 a.m. Saturday. Survivors include her husband, Charles, Rochester; son Edward, Rochester; daughter, Melissa KOWAL, Argos; a sister, Kimberly CAUDILL, Rochester; and a brother Mike BRINEY, Rochester.

Funeral service is at 1 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service.

### Wednesday September 2, 2020

# Joyce D. HASSENPLUG

### August 1, 1948-August 29, 2020

Mrs. Joyce D. HASSENPLUG, 72, of Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka at 10:05 a.m. Saturday, August 29, 2020.

On August 1, 1948, Joyce Diane BRINEY was born in Rochester. She was a treasured daughter of Harold and Norma Jean ZUMBAUGH BRINEY. Growing up she shared her childhood with a sister Kim and brother Mike. Joyce grew up on her family farm in Richland Township where she learned a strong work ethic. She farmed with her parents while helping to work the fields. Joyce attended Richland Center School for 11 years, then when Center consolidated with Rochester, she graduated from Rochester High School in 1966.

At the First Baptist Church of Rochester, Joyce and Charles Henry HASSENPLUG were married on June 18, 1966. They shared 54 years of life's adventures. From their union came two children, Edward and Melissa. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of three grandsons.

With a great love for cooking, Joyce enjoyed preparing delicious meals for her friends at Geneva Conference Center, Culver Military Academy, Life Care and Wynnfield Crossing. Over their years, Charlie and Joyce farmed together as a team. Joyce usually drove the truck or carts but many times could be seen perched up on the Oliver or Farmall tractor. They planted beans, corn, wheat, rye, oats, and hay. They also raised a small herd of crossbred hogs.

Left to cherish Joyce's memory are her husband, Charles; son Edward "Ed" HASSENPLUG of Rochester and daughter, Melissa "Missy" KOWAL and husband Rob of Argos; two grandsons, William HASSENPLUG and Kyle KOWAL and a step-grandson Wesley KOWAL; sister Kimberly CAUDILL, Rochester; brother Mike BRINEY, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Joyce in death are her parents Harold and Norma Jean BRINEY and sister-in-law Barbara BRINEY.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Joyce Diane BRINEY HASSENPLUG will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Pastor Bob METZGER will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, September 3, 2020, in the funeral home and one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

### Jerre W. CONRAD

### October 21, 1951-August 30, 2020

Jerre W. "Dub" CONRAD, 68, Rochester, passed away at 11:09 a.m. Sunday, August 30, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on October 21, 1951, in Logansport, the son of Weldon "Pete" and Betty Pearl (MORROW) CONRAD. He grew up working on his family farm along with his two sisters and brother. After graduating from high school, he attended International Business College in Fort Wayne, studying accounting. Jerre served with the United States Army during the Vietnam War, obtaining the rank of sergeant. On June 2, 2006, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, he married Tammy (WITKOWSKI) EDDY and she survives.

Jerre started his professional career working as a farmer at Leonard and Dick Wagoner Farms before working for Rockwell International and then the Rochester foundry. He retired from the United States Postal Service after 27 years of service. He had been a member of the Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge, ABATE and had been very active in 4-H in his youth. He enjoyed watching NASCAR races, college basketball, and riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy CONRAD, Rochester; children Brent (Stacia) CONRAD, Rochester, Belinda CONRAD and husband Eric KUHN, Rochester, Brian (Jessica) CONRAD, Lafayette; stepchildren, Joshua EDDY, Fort Wayne, Jacob EDDY, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; grandchildren Kinzie CONRAD and Mason CONRAD, Rochester, Cadence CONRAD and Avery CONRAD, Lafayette; a brother, L.D. (Barbara) CONRAD, Peru; sisters Jill RUSHINSKY, Rochester, Joy (Mike) MURRAY, Logansport; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Dana CONRAD and a sister-in-law, Carol CONRAD.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, September 4, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Private interment with military graveside rites will take place at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### **Donnie WILLIAMS**

Donnie WILLIAMS, 85, Rochester, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Thursday September 3, 2020

## Donald D. WILLIAMS

#### February 26, 1935-September 1, 2020

Donald D. "Donnie" WILLIAMS, 85, Rochester, passed away at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday September 1, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

He was born on February 26, 1935, in Fulton County, the son of Joseph A. and Anna L. (BALDWIN) WILLIAMS. After high school, he served with the United States Army. On October 23, 1960, at the First Baptist Church, Rochester, he married Carrie A. GINN. She preceded him in death on August 30, 2016.

Mr. WILLIAMS was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of the Fulton United Methodist Church, Fulton Masonic Lodge, Shriners, and an active member of Fulton County Habitat for Humanity. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, and transporting children to the Shriners' Hospital in Chicago, having been recognized for hundreds of trips to the hospital.

Survivors include his sons, Michael WILLIAMS, Los Angeles, California, Kip WILLIAMS, Calhoun, Georgia; grandchildren, Ben M. WILLIAMS, Brooke M. WILLIAMS, and Bailey M. WILLIAMS, all of Calhoun, Georgia; sister Shirley BROWN, Rochester; nieces and nephews, Pat and wife Jerri BROWN, Rochester, Perry and wife Tonya BROWN, Rochester, Lynn and husband Joe WILLIAMS, Rochester, Brent and wife Catherine EVANS, Winamac, Brenda and husband Steve CHRISTIAN, Minneapolis, Minnesota; brother-in-law, Larry EVANS, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Jim BROWN, and sister-in-law Joan EVANS.

Funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 6, 2020, at the Fulton United Methodist Church, Fulton. Friends may visit from 2-6 p.m. Saturday September 5, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to service Sunday at the church. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, where military graveside rites will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans' Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to Fulton County Habitat for Humanity. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

### Tina NICKELL

Tina NICKELL, 57, Rochester, died at 6:20 a.m. Wednesday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

# John POWELL

John H. POWELL, 70, Macy, died at 6:20 a.m. Wednesday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester.

### Friday September 4, 2020

# John H. POWELL

#### August 6, 1950-September 2, 2020

John Henry POWELL II, 70, of Macy, was surrounded by his loving family and friends when he passed away at 6:20 a.m. Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at his home. This followed a brief yet valiant battle with cancer.

On August 6, 1950, John was born in Rochester. He was a treasured son of John Henry and Helen Maxine HARTMAN POWELL. Growing up he shared his childhood with four younger brothers Jim, Jeff, Leroy, and J.D. John graduated in 1968 from Rochester High School, where he was a member of the Future Farmers of America. During his high school years he worked at Berkway IGA.

Patriotism beckoned and John answered the call, serving with the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War from 1969-1973. Upon his honorable discharge he was known as Sgt. POWELL. John was a member of the Mason Lincoln Lodge in Macy, LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post #36, The Manitou VFW Post #43, Fraternal Order of Eagles and a life member of the Manitou Moose #1107.

Returning back to Indiana, John accepted a position with Standard Oil's ConAgra for a few years working at their fertilizer plant. It wasn't long until he came home to the Macy Elevator. He was reliable, dependable, and always ready and willing to assist the farmers with their needs. John cultivated many lifetime friendships over the years. He retired after 31 years of service, but was still always available to help out at the elevator or on his friends' farms if needed. With a servant's heart, John was passionate about helping others. For a quarter century he was a member of the Macy-Allen Township Volunteer Fire Department.

As an American sportsman John enjoyed hunting squirrels, deer, and rabbits. Many times his nephews Josh and J would accompany him on the adventures. There were many fishing expeditions to Nyona Lake, Wisconsin, Tennessee or southern Indiana with the cousins and special friends. There was nothing better than the tranquility of walking his woods in search of the tasty morels in the spring. John was the master of the fish fry, hosting many for his friends and family to enjoy the fruits of his labor. Other memorable adventures were experienced with his special friends hunting coyotes, keeping them in check, from farmer's livestock.

In addition to the fishing and hunting trips, John loved hanging out with his family during the holidays and special family celebrations. These were always the best times making memories. His greatniece Claire Maxine stole his heart as one of his greatest joys was spoiling her. Left to cherish the memories of John are his son, Robert Dale POWELL and wife Diana of Rochester; grandchildren Chris, Robert, and Leon POWELL, Dylan LEWIS, Braden EVERETT; special friend Bonnie BABER of Rochester; three brothers, Jim POWELL and wife Karla of Chadron, Nebraska, Leroy HARTMAN of Manhattan, Kansas, and JD HECKATHORN and wife Stacy of Rochester; sister-in-law Kim POWELL; nieces and nephews Seth and John POWELL, Justin BAIRD, J and Josh HECKATHORN, Derek, Matt, and Alaina WILSON, Joe CLARAHAN, Brandon and Travis HARTMAN; great-niece Claire Maxine HECKATHORN; great nephew Kooper BAIRD; special aunts Mary MILLER of Anderson, Nellie SCOTT of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Carolyn RICHARDS of Peru. He also leaves behind a group of cousins who to him were more like brothers and sisters. Preceding John in death are his parents, John POWELL in 1959 and Maxine HECKATHORN in 2002; brother Jeff POWELL January 2020; aunt Gladys SHAMBARGER; and uncle DeWayne POWELL.

A celebration of the life of John Henry POWELL II will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, September 5, 2020, at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 242 W. Pleasant Hill Road, Akron. Memorials may be made to the Macy-Allen Township Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 37, Macy, IN 46951. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

### **Tina NICKELL**

Tina R. NICKELL, 57, Rochester, died at 6:20 a.m. Wednesday at her residence. Survivors include her husband Ron; two daughters, Melissa LETT, Rochester, Alisha MILLER, Lafayette; mother Barbara MIKESELL, Rochester; three sisters Charlotte CONLEY, Rochester, Theresa MCCONKAY, Tulsa Oklahoma, and Sharon CADDY, Rochester; and a brother, Clifford REFITT, Rochester.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

#### Saturday September 5, 2020

### **Chad BAXTER**

Chad A. BAXTER, 50, Rochester, passed away at 7:43 p.m. Wednesday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

#### Tuesday September 8, 2020

#### **Chad A. BAXTER**

### Jan 7, 1970-September 2, 2020

Chad A. BAXTER, 50, Rochester, passed away at 7:43 p.m. Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on January 7, 1970, in Rochester, the son of Douglas Parke and Christina J. (CARR) BAXTER. In his youth, he was an active member of 4-H and the FFA. He was a 1989 graduate of Rochester High School, where he was a member of the football and wrestling teams. After graduation, he attended Vincennes University, where he studied aviation technology, before transferring to Purdue University where he completed his Bachelor of Science degree.

Chad had worked in the aviation industry for many years before working as an engineer. He returned to work in the aviation industry, currently working as an Aircraft Inspector for Dean Baldwin Painting in Bunker Hill. He had been a member of the Mentone Flying Club and enjoyed working on engines and aviation repair. He also enjoyed mushroom hunting, skiing on Lake Manitou, canoeing the Tippecanoe River, riding snowmobiles and ATV's in Colorado, and following Purdue University football and basketball and the Indianapolis Colts.

Survivors include his mother, Christina BAXTER, Green Valley, Arizona; grandmother, Frances "Fran" BAXTER, Rochester; significant other, Janet WEST, Rochester; nephews Austin BAXTER, Edmond, Oklahoma; niece Eva BAXTER, Edmond, Oklahoma; several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas Parke BAXTER, brother Josh BAXTER, grandparents, Westel and Alice CARR and Parke BAXTER.

Friends may visit from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, September 12, 2020, at the Fulton County Museum's Richland Center Hall, 37 E. 375 North, Rochester, with a time of remembrance starting at 3 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County 4-H beef department or Rochester Wrestling Club. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### Forst B. DUNNUCK

Forst B. DUNNUCK, 87, rural Mentone, died at 2:37 p.m. Saturday at Grace Village Retirement Community of Winona Lake. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

## **Eileen R. BOWSER**

Eileen R. BOWSER, 93, Mentone, died at 2:04 a.m. Monday at Paddock Springs of Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

#### Wednesday September 9, 2020

#### Eileen R. BOWSER

#### August 12, 1927-September 7, 2020

Eileen R. BOWSER, 93, of Mentone, passed away at 2:04 a.m. Monday, September 7, 2020, at Paddock Springs of Warsaw, Indiana.

Eileen was born on August 12, 1927, in Mentone, to the late Russell and Dove (IMHOFF) KERCHER. She married on June 12, 1948, in the Mentone United Methodist Church to David G. BOWSER, who preceded on October 17, 2007.

She was a graduate of Mentone High School in 1945. Eileen had been the librarian for the Bell Memorial Public Library of Mentone for nearly 50 years. She was a longtime member of the Mentone United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed reading and was an amazing cook. In years past she had done knitting and sewing. She was honored as a past grand marshal of the Egg Festival Parade. She took pride, along with her husband, in raising their family.

Survivors include a daughter, Amy and husband Ryan WILLIAMS, Macy; sons, Rex BOWSER and wife Kathy, Chandler, Arizona, and Reid BOWSER, Westfield, Michigan; grandchildren Melea and Brittany, Jarrod, Justin, Matthew and Kasey; great-grandchildren, Taylor, Payton, Simon, Wyatt, Mason, Gracelyn, Isabella, Haylei, Ryan, Connor, Alison, Wyatt, and Nolan. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband David BOWSER; brothers Douglas and Jack KERCHER.

The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 12, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Rev. Phil PRATT officiating. The interment will follow the service in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, September 12, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Masks will be required for all in attendance for the services. Donations can be made in Eileen's memory to the Bell Memorial Public Library, P.O. Box 368, 101 W. Main St., Mentone, IN 46539. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## Walter VON EHR

### March 8, 1936-September 5, 2020

Walter "Walt" D. VON EHR, 84, of Elkhart, passed away Saturday, September 5, 2020, at his home.

Walt was born in Culver on March 8, 1936 to Joseph VON EHR and Louise (KRULL) VON EHR. He is married to the love of his life, Carmeleta (SEEGER) VON EHR. They were married on October 8, 1989 in Culver.

Walt is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Louise, and his sister, Edna CRAFT. Walt is survived by his wife, Carmeleta; children, Dale (Shelley) DEISINGER, James (Pam) VON EHR, Rick (Karen) KNAUSS Jr., Ted (Deanna) KNAUSS Sr., Peggy (Rod) DAWSON and Joyce HENSELMAN; grandchildren, Jamie (Matt) MACH, Amber (Jason) COLBERT, Lukas KNAUSS, Sean (Clarissa) BRIGGS, Zackery SLUSHER, Hannah DEISINGER, Jayse KNAUSS, Jacob GAFFNEY, Ted KNAUSS Jr., and Corbin FLOYD; by seven great-grandchildren; and a sister Margaret DEHNE.

Walt grew up on the farm raising cows and goats in Rochester. He was also an insulator with Cook Nuclear Power Plant for 35 years, retiring in 1993. Walt was a member of Cook Nuclear Plant Local 75, Elkhart Moose Lodge 599 and Rochester Moose Lodge 1107. He was a member of That Church on the Rise on County Road 4 in Elkhart. In his spare time, Walt enjoyed watching Westerns. He was an avid Donald Trump supporter until the end. Most of all, Walt was a loving husband and enjoyed spending time on the farm with his grandchildren.

Walt was a generous, hard worker who had a big heart even though he could occasionally be ornery. He will be greatly missed.

Walt will be cremated and there will be a private celebration of his life later. Billings Funeral Home, 812 Baldwin St., Elkhart, is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Mooseheart Charities, 155 S. International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539. For those whom wish to share a memory or send a condolence may at www.billingsfuneralhome.com.

# Forst B. DUNNUCK

### October 31, 1932-September 5, 2020

Forst Blue DUNNUCK, 87, of rural Mentone, Indiana passed at 2:37 p.m. Saturday, September 5, 2020, at Grace Village Retirement Community of Winona Lake.

Forst was born on October 31, 1932 in Warsaw to the late Maurice E. and Cathern B. (BLUE) DUNNUCK. He married on November 25, 1953 in Etna Green to Louise I. KELLY. She survives.

Forst was a graduate of Mentone High School in 1950. He then graduated from Manchester College in 1954, Indiana University in 1960, and lastly Purdue University West Lafayette in 1963 with his Master's Degree in counseling.

He started his teaching career as a teacher and coach for Atwood School from 1954-1959. He then taught at Mentone High School from 1959-1962. After Mentone, he became guidance counselor and later principal for Akron High School during the years of 1963-1974. Forst then became the first Principal of Tippecanoe Valley High School in 1974. He retired from TVHS in 1977 and became a full-time farmer. He retired from farming in 1995. He then became an independent insurance agent for many years. He served as president of the Indiana Veal Producers Association. He had been a member of Gideons International since 1978. He also served as sexton and board member of the Harrison Center (Wooden) Cemetery since 1961. He had been, in years past, a Sunday school teacher and deacon of the Harrison Center Church and most recently he had attended Bourbon Bible Church. He always enjoyed sports, especially the White Sox.

Survivors include his wife, Louise DUNNUCK; daughters Joyce and husband Alan WELCH, Barbara and husband Dennis CROY, Sandi and husband Jon SCHAEFFER; sons Darrell and wife Kathleen DUNNUCK, Stephen and wife Becky DUNNUCK, and Jay and wife Julianne DUNNUCK; grandchildren

Lauren (Andrew), Michael, Anna Grace, Cathern, Rachael (Bryan), Jonathon (Stephanie), Paul, Sydney (Wyatt), Katie (Ryan), Grant, Abigayle, Brenton, and Keira; great granddaughters Eleanor and Kyla. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Thomas E. DUNNUCK; grandsons Samuel and Gabriel; two sisters, infant Marilyn DUNNUCK and Elaine FUGATE HILL; and a brother, Kenneth DUNNUCK.

The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, September 11, 2020, at Bourbon Bible Church, 2002 12<sup>th</sup> Road, Bourbon, with Pastor Larry GOSS officiating. The interment will follow the service in the Harrison Center (Wooden) Cemetery, Etna Green. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday September 11, 2020, at Bourbon Bible Church. Masks will be required for all in attendance. Those unable to attend may express their sympathies by sending a card to 1261 S. 900 West, Mentone, IN 46539. Donations can be made in Forst's memory to Gideons International. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

#### Jerry WILLIS

Jerry C. WILLIS, 75, Peru, died Sunday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Survivors include his wife, Shirley WILLIS, Peru; children DeWayne WILLIS, Peru, Jerry WILLIS, Wabash, Kelly EGE, Peru, and Jennifer POSTON, Peru; and two sisters, Shirley Annette STARKEY, Peru, and Cathy BRUBAKER, Peru.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at First Church of Christ, 2584 Business 31 South, Peru. Visitation is 11 a.m. until service at the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

### Anna BODE

Anna Jonushaitis BODE, 85, of Kewanna passed away at 10:54 a.m. on Monday, September 7, 2020, at the University of Tennessee Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester.

#### Thursday September 10, 2020

#### Richard D. THACKER Sr.

#### February 14, 1938-September 6, 2020

Richard Duane THACKER Sr., 82, rural Rochester, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, September 6, 2020, at 2:40 a.m. following a lengthy battle with cancer.

On February 14, 1938 in Plymouth, he was born to Otis THACKER Sr. and Leona (COOPER) THACKER. He grew up in Bourbon, graduating from Bourbon High School in 1956, where he was a member of the Future Farmers of America and with great pride was a member of the Bourbon Comet's basketball team.

From the time Richard was a small boy, he farmed and raised dairy cattle with his father. Later, they continued the farming and also formed a fertilizer business. Eventually, the farming and fertilizer businesses were sold and Richard went into business with his sons and formed THACKER A/C-Refrigeration and Heating, Inc. He retired from the business in 2000.

Richard loved trapping, hunting and fishing. No matter how many hours he spent working in the fields or at his business, he would find time to fish and hunt. Almost every summer he and his family spent time fishing in Minnesota or somewhere they could fish.

Richard started serving in the Army National Guard October 18, 1960. He was discharged from the National Guard on April 10, 1964, and on September 30, 1966, from the Army Reserves.

Richard married Janice NULL on April 9, 1962 in Fairmount. Janice passed away in July 2005. Then on March 30, 2012, in Rochester he married Dixie (STEWART) LINGLE THACKER.

Richard is survived by his wife, Dixie THACKER; his children, Richard THACKER Jr. and wife LaVonda Kaye, Sonja MCCAN and husband Tony, Jon THACKER, and Otis THACKER and wife Bethany;

stepchildren Melissa KNEPPER and husband John, and Shelly WHITAKER; 12 grandchildren, Andrew THACKER, Jonathon THACKER and wife Kara, Richard THACKER III, Samantha MILLS and husband Kenrick, Jordan SCHEETZ and wife Alli, Cameron MCCAN, Kieran MCCAN, Rueben THACKER, Connor THACKER, Lydia THACKER, Nolan THACKER, and Jaden THACKER; six step-grandchildren, Chris HOLLAND, Amanda WHITAKER, Amy CLARK, Allison ALLEN, Alexia SMITH, and Jordan SMITH; four great-grandchildren, Andrew, Phoenix, Remi, and Roman; and four step great-grandchildren, Brayson, Halin, Nolan, and James. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Janice THACKER, sister Linda APPLE and grandson Aaron THACKER.

A memorial celebration of Richard's life will be held at a future date. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is handling arrangements.

# Friday September 11, 2020

# Arminta S. MCINTOSH

Arminta S. "Suzie" MCINTOSH, 86, of Tippecanoe, died Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at Mason Health Care of Warsaw.

Survivors include her children, Johnny TACKETT, Tippecanoe, Jerry Lee TACKETT, West Minster, South Carolina, Jimmy TACKETT, Gary Court, South Carolina, Jackie HACKWORTH, Tippecanoe, Michael TACKETT, Middlebury; a step-son, Ray JAMES, Warsaw; and a sister, Annebelle JUSTICE, Parma, Ohio.

A private graveside service was held in the Tippecanoe Cemetery, Tippecanoe. Arrangements were handled by King Memorial Home, Mentone.

# **Roger W. STOCKBERGER**

Roger W. STOCKBERGER, 62, of Argos, died Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at his residence. Survivors include his wife, Debbie STOCKBERGER, Argos; son, Eric STOCKBERGER, Plymouth; brother, Frank STOCKBERGER, Lafayette; and sister, Peggy CUNNINGHAM, Argos.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

# John W. NICHOLS

John W. NICHOLS, 80, of rural Rochester, died Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at Memorial Hospital of South Bend. Arrangements are pending at Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron.

# Saturday September 12, 2020

# **Dorothy L. WARMBROD**

Dorothy L. WARMBROD, 89, of Rochester, died Thursday, September 10, 2020, in Plymouth. Survivors include her son, Mike WARMBROD, Decatur, Illinois, and daughters, Kathy ISBELL, Carolyn PENNELL, and Melinda STYLES, all of Rochester.

A memorial service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

# **Dennis E. FLORA**

Dennis E. FLORA, 79, of rural Peru, died Thursday, September 10, 2020, at his residence. Survivors include his wife, Julia FLORA, Peru; one son, Brian FLORA, Peru; one daughter, Lisa LONG, North Manchester; one daughter-in-law, Sarah FLORA, Claypool; two brothers, Gerald FLORA, Delphi, and Clayton FLORA, Rossville; two sisters, Phyllis DIEHL, Camden, and Betty BEERY, Goshen; two brothers-in-law, Forrest KINZIE, Twelve Mile, and Eldon KINZIE, Logansport; and one sister-in-law, Ellen FLICK, West Manchester, Ohio.

His funeral service is at 10 a.m. Monday at the Miami County Community Building at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds, Peru. Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

### **Bonnie WHITTENBERGER**

Bonnie WHITTENBERGER, 94, formerly of Nappanee and the Beaver Dam community, died Friday, September 11, 2020, at Paddock Springs of Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Services, Akron.

### Tuesday September 15, 2020

### John Wayne NICHOLS

### April 30, 1940-September 9, 2020

John Wayne NICHOLS, 80, was known as "Big John" to those closest to him. He was passionate and compassionate, hard-working and humorous. He loved his country and loved his country's food. He loved the Lord. He loved his family.

He was born in Indianapolis on April 30, 1940. He went home to be with his Lord and Savior on September 9, 2020. But he didn't pass before his family had a chance to say goodbye.

Nichols was a family man through and through. He is survived by Angela CONWELL NICHOLS, who he married on March 30, 1991. His parents were Carl NICHOLS and Helen (THOMAS) NICHOLS. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Tommy, Beverly, Billy, and Joan NICHOLS. He had three children, Misty LYTLE CRIPE (spouse Robert CRIPE), Max "Jake" LYTLE and Wayne NICHOLS. He had numerous nieces and nephews. His grandchildren, Shaily CRIPE, Sawyer CRIPE, Megan JACKSON CRIPE, Quentin NICHOLS, and Ben SERY, were the best thing that ever happened to him. He had one great-grandchild, Maxwell CRIPE.

John was a tireless worker. He served in the United States Army from February 1963 to May 1965 as an M60 tank operator in Germany. He worked at Torx and ran his own mechanic shop for decades, in addition to being a custodian at Rochester Middle School. Even at the age of 80, he loved to cut wood. He'd cut it, split it, stack it, load it, unload it and restack it; a truck load every day, every type of weather.

As hard as he worked, he loved even harder. He loved his grandchildren. He loved being a proud member of Cornerstone Church in Mentone, Indiana. Big John loved playing cards, bringing a deck with him everywhere he went. He loved his daily cup of coffee at Tweedlee D's Diner with his friends. He loved to go to the gambling boat every now and then to play the slot machines.

Even if he couldn't pronounce a word, he'd make one up. The word "hernia" was "hurney." A "Mexican" restaurant was "Messican." Every one of his new vocabulary words prompted another round of laughter from those around him.

He was always trying to take money out of your pocket, betting on everything from Colts games to board games. He was competitive in the food line, too. Even women and children never beat John in line at the potluck. Especially when there were mashed potatoes or biscuits and gravy to be had.

But that competitive nature was always usurped by the love he had for his family. His granddaughter Shaily caught him crying when the Colts beat the Patriots and made it to the Super Bowl in 2006. He loved to work on cars with his grandson Sawyer. And he made sure to give his grandkids an edge to win the pot playing cards even if it meant taking a peek at the deck and giving a subtle nod.

He worked tirelessly, served fervently, laughed loudly and loved deeply. And he will be missed greatly.

A graveside service for John NICHOLS will be September 20, 2020, at 2 p.m. at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Fulton County Animal Center. The arrangements are being handled by Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron. The staff of Earl-Love Funeral Home considers it a privilege and an honor to care for the family and friends of John W. NICHOLS. Online condolences may be sent to earllovefuneralhome.com.

## **Dorothy L. WARMBROD**

## April 9, 1931-September 10, 2020

Dorothy L. WARMBROD, 89, Rochester, passed away at 10:29 p.m. Thursday, September 10, 2020, in Plymouth.

She was born on April 9, 1931, in Hammond, the daughter of John and Lois (ROBERTS) YOUNG. On October 21, 1951, in Winamac, she married Kenneth E. WARMBROD. He preceded her in death on May 13, 2017.

Mrs. WARMBROD had worked for Crystal Dairy and Schultz Dime Store, both of Rochester, and Chamberlains in Akron. She was active over the years in the women's bowling leagues, Bunco Club, and along with her husband traveled extensively, visiting 48 states. She also enjoyed watching Jeopardy, music, reading, family gatherings, serving as the family historian, following Indiana University basketball and the Chicago Cubs.

Survivors include her children, Mike and wife Sylvia WARMBROD, Decatur, Illinois, Kathy and husband David ISABELL, Rochester, Carolyn and husband Jim PENNELL, Rochester, Melinda and husband Robert STYLES, Rochester; eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Carol WARMBROD, Rochester, Wilma YOUNG, Winamac, Marcella YOUNG, Dyer; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, three brothers and a great-granddaughter.

Memorial service will be conducted at 7 p.m. September 15, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in McKinley Memorial Gardens, Winamac. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### **Bonnie L. WHITTENBERGER**

Bonnie Lou WHITTENBERGER, 92, formerly of the Beaver Dam community, died at 7:20 a.m. Friday at Paddock Springs of Warsaw.

She is survived by a daughter, Martha, Atwood; and sons Steve WHITTENBERGER, Nappanee, and Jon WHITTENBERGER, Mentone.

The funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, 9798 W. 1000 South, Akron. Visitation is 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday at the church. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is handling arrangements.

#### Michael D. BURKETT

Michael D. BURKETT, 64, Rochester, died at 7:19 a.m. Sunday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Wednesday September 16, 2020

#### **Steven BLUE**

#### February 27, 1944-September 14, 2020

Steven BLUE, age 76, of Greenfield, passed away Monday, September 14, 2020, at Suburban Hospice of Hancock Regional Hospital.

Steve was born in Warsaw on February 27, 1944, to Burwyn Adair and Almyrta Lois (SNYDER) BLUE. He graduated from Rochester High School, home of the Zebras, in 1962. In school he participated in football, baseball, and basketball and was known to his teammates at Yogi. Steve received his Bachelor of Science, Master's, and Educational Specialist degrees in education from Indiana State University. He married Becky MORRETT on August 14, 1966, in Rochester, Indiana. Steve began his career as a teacher in Rockville and Crawfordsville. He later moved his family to Hancock County where he spent time as the principal of Weston Elementary School, assistant superintendent at Greenfield Central Schools, and principal at Harris Elementary School before retiring in 2003. Mr. BLUE was a past member of Kiwanis and the Indiana Principal's Association. He was a current member of Greenfield Christian Church and Hawk's Tail Golf Course. After retiring from his many years as principal, Steve enjoyed spending his time taking flying lessons, dancing, listening to all types of music, and golfing with his family and friends. He had a passion for airplanes and always described a perfect day as a "beautiful day to fly." Steve found joy in researching the genealogy of his and Becky's family. He loved traveling with friends and had been to various places including New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Amelia Island, and the Natchez Trail. Steve loved his life in education, especially the teachers and kids he had the pleasure of working alongside. He was always very proud when he would see a past Harris Elementary student.

Steve is survived by his wife, Becky BLUE of Greenfield; daughter Stacy (Tony) STURGEON of Noblesville; son Ryan (Kelly) BLUE of Fishers; five grandchildren, Ben, Natalie, William, Sophie, and Maeve; sister-in-law Nancy (Mike) ROMACK; sisters Becky (Randy) GREEN of Rochester and Yvetta WALLER of Washington, Illinois; and his dog, Theo. He was preceded in death by his parents, Burwyn and Almyrta BLUE, and father and mother-in-law, Duke and Ann MORRETT.

Visitation will be Friday, September 18, 2020, from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. U.S. Highway 40, Greenfield, IN 46410. A funeral service will be Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 10 a.m. at the mortuary. Rev. Frank EVERETT will be officiating. Burial will take place on a future date in Rochester. As a reminder, masks are required in public indoor spaces and please practice social distancing. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to the Hancock Health Foundation, to the Sue Wortman Cancer Center, or Hospice at 801 N. State Street, Greenfield, IN 46410 or envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

### Michael 'Mike' D. BURKETT

### March 23, 1956-September 13, 2020

Michael "Mike" D. BURKETT, 64, Rochester, passed away at 7:19 a.m. Sunday, September 13, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on March 23, 1956, in Rochester, the son of Donald J. and Jacqueline "Jackie" (COUSE) BURKETT. He married Cheryl TILLMAN on September 16, 2018, in Rochester, and she survives.

Mike had worked as a union millwright for many years before retirement. He had been a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliaries and enjoyed golf and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl BURKETT, Rochester; children Joey BURKETT, Rochester, Stacia CONRAD, Rochester; step-children, Craig REESER, Akron, Geoffrey REESER, South Whitley, Christopher REESER, Claypool; three grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, one step great-grandchild; his mother, Jackie BURKETT, Rochester; brothers William (Melinda) BURKETT, Rochester, Patrick (Robin) BURKETT, Rochester; father and mother-in-law, Robert and Delores TILLMAN, Claypool; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and brother- and sister-in-laws. He was preceded in death by his father.

A time to celebrate Mike's life will take place at a later date. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

### Elizabeth SHULTZ

Elizabeth A. SHULTZ, 80, formerly of Deedsville, died at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at her residence. Survivors include her husband, Donald SHULTZ, Peru; seven children, Tim SHULTZ, Kokomo, Porter SHULTZ, Denver, Crystal HOOK, Alabama, Alisa SHULTZ, Nyona Lake, Shelley STEIN, Chili, Kelly SHULTZ, Rochester, and Brandy BURNS, Florida; two sisters, June GEYER and Barb HOFFMAN, both of Colorado; two brothers, David GUINN, Union City, and Larry GUINN, Winchester.

Visitation is 1-7 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Service is Saturday at Deedsville Community Church and limited to family and close friends.

### Ann JONUSHAITIS

Ann L. JONUSHAITIS BODE died September 7, 2020, while traveling home from South Carolina. She is survived by her husband Ken BODE; her son, Martin AUSTIN; her sisters, Erica GUDAS, and Sally BICKNERIS.

Her memorial service will be at St. John's Lutheran Church, Rochester at a later date. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

### Thursday September 17, 2020

### Daniel QUISENBERRY

Daniel R. QUISENBERRY, 64, Rochester, died at 1:29 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Friday September 18, 2020

### Daniel QUISENBERRY

#### May 20, 1956-September 15, 2020

Daniel R. QUISENBERRY, 64, Rochester, passed away at 1:29 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka.

He was born May 20, 1956, in East Chicago, Indiana, the son of Raymond Daniel and Corinth (KERR) QUISENBERRY. He married Margaret Mary SCHULTZ and she preceded him in death.

Daniel had worked as a chef, a construction worker, and was extremely proud of the work he did in prison ministries. He attended Antioch Baptist Church and was dedicated to his Bible studies. He enjoyed shooting, martial arts, bow hunting, and after he became disabled, he enjoyed riding around his neighborhood on his scooter to visit.

Survivors include his children, Deborah (Wade) MOSS, Rochester, Daniel QUISENBERRY, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Jacob (Denise) QUISENBERRY, Hendersonville, North Carolina, Jeremy QUISENBERRY, Hendersonville, North Carolina, Joshua QUISENBERRY, Hendersonville, North Carolina, Francesca (Josh) CARROLL, Hendersonville, North Carolina, Elizabeth (Raphael) JIMENEZ, Delong, Crystal QUISENBERRY, Knox, Anthony WITMAN, South Carolina; 25 grandchildren; sister, Diane (David) GILBERT, Munster. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Pamela GRAVELY; grandson Ronald CARTER III; brothers, David ZAJA and Randy JOHNSON.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

### Barbara A. CALLAHAN

Barbara A. CALLAHAN, 62, Rochester, died at 5:41 a.m. September 11, 2020, at St. Joseph Health System, Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband Art CALLAHAN, Rochester; children Toni FORE, Plymouth, Sarah LOCKWOOD, Knox, and Charles CALLAHAN, Rochester; her mother, Clara WINTERS, Rochester; sisters Mary MOREAU, Loretta WINTERS, and Carol ARNETT, all of Rochester, and Debra SCARBOROUGH, Quincy, Florida.

Visitation is 10 a.m. to noon September 26 at Argos United Methodist Church with the service to follow at noon. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is handling arrangements.

## Saturday September 19, 2020

### Mary Kathryn HOPKINS

# August 11, 1940-March 14, 2020

Mary Kathryn HOPKINS, 79, formerly of Rochester, passed away Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Aurora Memorial Hospital, Burllington, Wisconsin.

In Decatur, Illinois on August 11, 1940, Mary was born. She was a treasured daughter of Elmer and Louise SANDERS WALTZ. Growing up as one of 11 WALTZ kids she shared her childhood with three sisters and seven brothers. In 1958 she graduated from Cerro Gordo High School in Cerro Gordo, Illinois.

After graduation, Mary answered the call of patriotism and joined the United States Air Force to serve our country. As an administrative clerk, she was honorably discharged in 1960 from the Scott Air Force Base in St. Clair County, Illinois.

Coming from Decatur, Illinois, Fulton County had been Mary's home since 1962. She was a dedicated member of the Ramsey Building Service for 28 years, serving as the office manager. She was a member of the Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 1343 of Rochester.

Mary is lovingly remembered by a daughter, Pamela LANTING and husband Richard of East Troy, Wisconsin; a son, David HOPKINS, of Warsaw; four grandchildren, Allison ADE and husband Eric, Greg LANTING and wife Krystal, Lisa LANTING, Reannon REED and husband Hunter; and five greatgrandchildren, Renner and Ellody ADE, Jayce, Greyson, and Ashler LANTING. Mary is also remembered by her loving Arbor View Community Family, the caregivers and residents. Preceding Mary in death are her parents Elmer and Louie ALTZ, companion, James C. RAMSEY, three sisters, Marge, Betty and Dorothy; and seven WALTZ brothers, Bill, Bob, Jack, Dick, Joe, Fred, and Jim.

Mary's family wishes to thank Arbor View Communities staff for the love, friendship, and compassionate care conveyed to their mother during her years there, making her quality of life the best it could be.

A celebration of the life of Mary K. Hopkins will be at 5 p.m. EST on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Chaplain Todd WILSON will officiate. The family will receive friends from 3-5 p.m. EST. Military honors will be accorded by the Fulton County Veteran's Honor Guard and the U.S. Air Force Honors Team. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

### Daniel QUISENBERRY

### May 20, 1956-September 15, 2020

Daniel R. QUISENBERRY, 64, Rochester, passed away at 1:29 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka.

He was born May 20, 1956, in East Chicago, Indiana, the son of Raymond Daniel and Corinth (KERR) QUISENBERRY. He was a United States Navy veteran having served during the Vietnam War. His first marriage was to Marian SIMPSON. They later divorced. He married Margaret Mary SCHULTZ and she preceded him in death.

Daniel had worked as a chef, a construction worker, and was extremely proud of the work he did in prison ministries. He attended Antioch Baptist Church and was dedicated to his Bible studies. He enjoyed shooting, martial arts, bow hunting, and after he became disabled, he enjoyed riding around his neighborhood on his scooter to visit.

Survivors include his children, Deborah (Wade) MOSS, Rochester, Daniel QUISENBERRY, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Jacob (Denise) QUISENBERRY, Hendersonville, North Carolina, Jeremie QUISENBERRY, Hendersonville, North Carolina, Joshua QUISENBERRY, Hendersonville, North Carolina, Francesca (Josh) CARROLL, Hendersonville, North Carolina, Elizabeth (Raphael) JIMENEZ, Delong, Crystal QUISENBERRY, Knox, Anthony WITMAN, South Carolina; 25 grandchildren; sister, Diane (David) GILBERT, Munster. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Pamela GRAVELY; grandson Ronald CARTER III; brothers, David ZAJA and Randy JOHNSON.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

### Tuesday September 22, 2020

#### **Doris ESHELMAN**

Doris L. ESHELMAN, 100, Rochester, died at 10:19 a.m. Sunday at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Janet BURKETT

Janet R. BURKETT, 81, Rochester, died at 5:36 p.m. Sunday at Wynnfield Crossing. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

#### Wednesday September 23, 2020

### **Doris L. ESHELMAN**

### March 11, 1920-September 20, 2020

Doris L. ESHELMAN, 100, Rochester, passed away at 10:19 a.m. Sunday, September 20, 2020, at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester.

She was born on March 11, 1920 in Rochester, the daughter of Loren and Laura M. (HOLZ) EMMONS. Doris attended Talma High School, where she played violin in the school band and graduated as salutatorian in 1938. After graduating from high school, she worked for banks in Culver and South Bend. On June 29, 1946, in Rochester, she married Albert Leroy ESHELMAN. He preceded her in death on October 18, 2013.

Doris had previously worked for Topps Apparel in Rochester and the Indiana Department of Motor Vehicles, also performing accounting duties for the family farm. She had been a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years and was a member of the Homemakers Club. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, and maintaining the family household.

Survivors include her daughter, Joyce L. and husband David WALKER, Hebron; granddaughters Julie MIKULICH, Lowell, Jackie and husband Cory GIBSON, Naperville, Illinois; great-grandchildren Camden MIKULICH and Easton MIKULICH, both of Lowell, Halle GIBSON and Riley GIBSON, Naperville, Illinois; sisters-in-law Jeanette GEISELMAN, Culver, and Barbara H. EMMONS, Tipp City, Ohio; three nieces and eight nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Harold Loren EMMONS.

Private funeral services will be conducted Friday, September 25, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Talma Community Building or Trinity United Methodist Church children's Sunday school programs. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

### Earl CLARK

Earl J. CLARK, 86, Culver, died at 8:45 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Health Systems, Mishawaka. Survivors include his wife, Norma Jean CLARK, Culver; daughters Janise PALMER, Plymouth, Sherri HACH, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Marcia CALHOUN, Rochester; sons Brian CLARK, Argos, and Eric CLARK, Plymouth; brothers John CLARK and Gary CLARK, Chalmers, Roger CLARK, Goode, Virginia, and Ron CLARK, Lafayette.

Visitation is 3-6 p.m. Friday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at Poplar Grove United Methodist Church, 15315 State Road 10, Culver. Masks are required during visitation and the funeral.

### Janet BURKETT

Janet R. BURKETT, 81, Rochester, died at 5:36 p.m. Sunday, at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester. Survivors include her daughter, Jeralyn HINES, Rochester; son Jay BURKETT, Alexanderia, Virginia; two sisters, Jill LEAZENBY of Westfield, Joy TROUTMAN, Rochester; brother Jack URBIN, Kewanna.

With respect to the present COVID-19 restrictions Janet's celebration will be private. Burial will follow in the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

### **Paul STREVY**

Paul E. STREVY, 95, North Manchester and formerly of Akron, died at 11:45 a.m. Sunday at Peabody Retirement Community.

Survivors include his wife, Janet STREVY, North Manchester; daughters Janet EAVES, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Diana STREVY, Mooresville, North Carolina; and sons Alfred STREVY, North Manchester, and Alan STREVY, Fort Wayne.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Akron Cemetery. Hartzler Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## Thursday September 24, 2020

### Janet BURKETT

#### August 6, 1939-September 20, 2020

Janet Rae BURKETT, 81, of Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 5:36 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at Wynnfield Crossing.

On August 6, 1939, in Logansport, Janet Rae URBIN was born. She was a cherished daughter of John and Ruth NELLANS URBIN. Growing up as the oldest of the URBIN kids she shared her childhood with three sisters, Joy, Jeanne Anne and twins Jill and brother Jack. In 1957 Janet graduated from Kewanna High School. Following high school Janet furthered her education, studying business at International Business College, Fort Wayne.

At Rochester's E.U.B. Church, Janet and Jerry Lee BURKETT were married August 1, 1959. They shared 52 years of life's adventures. From their union came two wonderful children, a daughter, Jeralyn, and a son, Jay. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Grace United Methodist Church was Janet's church home for more than a half century. She also was a member of the Fulton County Players theatrical group, working behind the scenes for many productions. A member of the Rochester City Park Board and serving many years as president, she

oversaw the development of the Mill Creek Golf Course and the building of the Rochester City Pool during her tenure.

A huge Cubs fan, Janet made many trips to Wrigley Field over the years to cheer for her beloved Cubbies. She devotedly watched them on TV as well. An avid reader, she constantly had a book in her hand, reading several hundred over her lifetime. Aunt Janet enjoyed the authentic Cuban cuisine prepared by local eatery Uncorked! Her favorite, steaming hot rice and beans were the perfect meal! The ideal start of each day was arriving at Jarrety's just after 6 a.m. to meet up with her coffee buddies, to chat and hash over local concerns and solve the world's problems while sipping the hot brew.

Paramount in Janet's life was her family. During over eight decades, as the oldest of the URBIN kids she was the mother hen, the protector, always there to help her younger sisters and brother. With tips on hanging wallpaper, plastering walls and fixing the front-loading washer to sharing her philosophy on life's lessons, Janet was ready to share her knowledge to help make everything better.

A proud Grandma, she oversaw four generations she so dearly loved and adored, her grandchildren and the great-grands. She was there for them at a moment's notice. The holidays and special family celebrations created many lifetime memories which are treasured. Janet made the most amazing pecan and pumpkin pies, and ham salad and potato salad second to none! For the extended families gatherings, she was the chief of preparing the turkey and dressing to perfection.

Left to cherish Janet's memory are her daughter, Jeralyn HINES and husband Steve of Rochester; a son Jay BURKETT and wife Robin KOCH of Alexanderia, Virginia; four grandchildren, Casey BROWN, Kylee FENSTERMAKER, Caleb FENSTERMAKER, Brent HINES and wife Starlina; six great-grandchildren, Karman, Alyssa, Caymen, Cayson, Cylan, and Alexander; two sisters, Jill LEAZENBY of Westfield, Joy TROUTMAN and husband Dr. Tom of Rochester; brother Jack URBIN and wife Jean of Kewanna; brotherin-law Brian MARKLE of Bonita Springs, Florida; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Janet in death are her parents John and Ruth URBIN, husband Jerry on June 23, 2011, grandson Scott HINES, and sister Jeanne Anne MARKLE on May 26, 2009.

With respect to the present COVID-19 restrictions Janet's celebration will be private. Pastor Brad HISEY will officiate. Burial will follow in the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Preferred memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made in Janet's name to the Fulton County Public Library, 320 W. Seventh Street, Rochester, IN 46975. The Good Family Funeral Home is caring for her family. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## **Barbara Ann CALLAHAN**

### January 2, 1958-September 11, 2020

Barbara Ann (WINTERS) CALLAHAN, 62, Rochester, passed away on September 11, 2020, at 5:41 a.m. at St. Joseph Health System, Plymouth Campus.

On January 2, 1958, in Sullivan, Indiana, she was born to Edward E. WINTERS and Clara J. (CUMMINS) WINTERS. She lived in the Argos community since 1968. On February 25, 1989, in Niles, Michigan, she married Arthur "Art" W. CALLAHAN.

Barbara worked in construction, primarily roofing with Midland Engineering and was a member of Local #23. She has been a member of the Argos United Methodist Church since her youth, and was actively involved with Kids of Hope at the Argos school. Barbara was a graduate of Argos High School with the class of 1976.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Art CALLAHAN of Rochester; children Toni FORE of Plymouth, Sarah LOCKWOOD and husband Jononthan of Knox, and Charles CALLAHAN of Rochester; seven grandchildren and one to arrive very soon; her mother, Clara WINTERS of Rochester; her sisters, Mary MOREAU and husband Tony of Rochester, Loretta WINTERS of Rochester, Carol ARNETT of Rochester and Debra SCARBOROUGH and husband Bob of Quincy, Florida. She is preceded in death by her father, daughter Elizabeth GOOD and brothers Edward WINTERS and Robert WINTERS. Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, September 26, 2020, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Argos United Methodist Church, 570 N. Michigan St., Argos. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at noon at the Argos United Methodist Church with Rev. Max MILTON officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Argos United Methodist Church, 570 N. Michigan St., Argos, Indiana or Autism Society of America, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 305, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

## Maria RUIZ

Maria DE JESUS HERNANDEZ RUIZ, 85, Akron, died at 8:32 p.m. Tuesday at her residence. She is survived by her children, Javier RAMIREZ, Margarita RUIZ, Onecimo RAMIREZ, Olga HERNANDEZ, Ilda ROJAS, Juan RAMIREZ, Martha JURADO, Maria RAMIREZ, and Antonio HERNANDEZ; and sibling Oliva HERNANDEZ, Rafael HERNANDEZ and Amor HERNANDEZ.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Masks will be required for all in attendance.

#### Friday September 25, 2020

No Obituaries

#### Saturday September 26, 2020

#### Ann Lidia JONUSHAITIS BODE

### November 26, 1934-September 7, 2020

Ann Lidia JONUSHAITIS BODE (nee AUSTYNAS) died surrounded by loving family on September 7, 2020. Her sudden and unexpected passing resulted from a fall while traveling home from her granddaughter's wedding in South Carolina.

Ann was born November 26, 1934, in Taurage, Lithuania. After losing her father to TB and youngest sister to scarlet fever, she, her mother, and four sisters fled the advancing Soviet forces by boarding one of the last trains out of Lithuania to Germany. They survived the war by living in various displaced persons camps. The American Red Cross found the AUSTYNAS family at the request of Elsie BERTILLAS, a childhood friend of Ann's mother living in the U.S., who then sponsored their immigration.

The AUSTYNASes moved into the basement apartment of Elsie's large house in Chicago, where Ann met Ewald JONUSHAITIS (Elsie's nephew), who was renting the attic apartment. They soon married, bought a house in Stickney, Illinois and had three children together.

In 1964 they bought their farm in Rochester on Olsen Road. After Ewald passed away in 1985, Ann bought a house on Wabash Avenue in Rochester to be closer to her job at Hart Shaffner Marx. She worked there as a seamstress for over 30 years.

In 2009 she moved to Camden, South Carolina to be close to her daughter. Ann later moved back to Indiana and married Kenneth BODE after more than two decades of dating. The couple traveled across the continental U.S. and to Hawaii and Alaska. When not traveling the country, Ann and Ken lived on Ken's family farm in Kewanna, gardening and riding their three-wheel bicycles.

An active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rochester, Ann volunteered at services and events. She also volunteered at the Rochester Recycling Center.

Ann was a small person with a big personality. She was generous, hardworking, and purposedriven. Ann loved to laugh—but couldn't tell a joke, which made the joke funnier. She dearly loved her family, collecting pig figurines and eating Lithuanian rye bread. She made a huge impact on the lives of her family and will be remembered and missed always. Ann is survived by her husband Ken BODE; her son Martin AUSTIN (Mary); grandchildren Rachel AUBYRN (Patrick), Alex AUSTIN, Brittney BODIE (Blaine), Hilary AUSTIN, Brent AUSTIN, Riley GAMBRELL (Daniel); and great-grandchildren Wesley and Lydia AUBYRN. She is also survived by her sisters, Erica GUDAS (AI) and Sally (Zelma) BICKNERIS (Joe). Ann is preceded in death by her first husband Ewald JONUSHAITIS, her son Allen JONUSHAITIS, her daughter Karen SHELBURNE, and her sisters Ruth KAMINSKAS and Martha DROCHNER.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Ann Lidia JONUSHAITIS BODE will be held at noon EST on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at the St. John Lutheran Church, 404 Jefferson St., Rochester, IN 46975. Pastor Curtis MAY will officiate. Burial will follow in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. The Good Family Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

### Kay E. OVERMYER HEATER

### October 11, 1952-September 23, 2020

Kay E. OVERMYER HEATER, 67, Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 8:55 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, 2020.

On October 11, 1952, Kay Elaine OVERMYER was born in Rochester to Harry John and Catherine DITMIRE OVERMYER. Growing up she shared her childhood with a sister Judy and two brothers Dale and Carl. Kay graduated from Rochester High School in 1972. She was an athlete, playing basketball and softball. She was also very active in 4-H during her formative years.

At St. Anne's Catholic Church in Kewanna, Kay and Larry Richard HEATER were married on August 6, 1976. They have shared 44 years of life's adventures. From their union came three wonderful children, a daughter Candice and twin sons Shane and John.

Kay worked at Hart-Schaffner-Marx for 17 years, later at Deans Foods Company for 23 years until they closed and more recently AMVC, where she retired in March of 2019. She had a huge heart for volunteerism. Many years she was a Fulton County 4-H Horse and Pony leader and worked with Rural Youth and Mom's on Mounts riding groups. Dearest to her heart was her membership with the amazing Aubbeenaubbee Township Fire Department. She was always ready to help out as a firefighter or rescue those in need. She was always found working at the Aubbee fundraising fish fries and pancake breakfasts as well.

Left to cherish Kay's memory are her husband, Larry; daughter Candice P. JOHNSTON and husband D.J. of Rochester; twin sons, Shane L. HEATER of Delphi and John R. HEATER and wife Shanna of Wabash; eight grandchildren, Abbi Andrew, Peyton, Makinzee, Emily, Brooke, Bridget, and Caleb; sister Judy MOSS and husband Gordon of Galveston; two brothers, Carl OVERMYER and wife Raenae of Rochester, Dale OVERMYER and wife Faye of Rochester; canine companions, Duke, "the protector," a custom special blend and Ava, the Toy Fox terrier, who resembled a furry football; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceding Kay in death are her parents Harry John and Catherine OVERMYER, and daughter-in-law Carissa HEATER January 9, 2019.

A celebration of the life of Kay HEATER will be at 11 a.m. Monday, September 28, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Pastor Brian SEWELL will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will be in the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Aubbeenaubbee Township Fire Department, P.O. Box 71, Leiters Ford, IN 46945 or 4-H Horse and Pony, 4400 N. 800 West, Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com

# Linda L. MILLER

# August 24, 1940-September 23, 2020

Linda L. MILLER, 80, Kewanna, passed away at 11 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at Millers Merry Manor in Logansport.

She was born August 24, 1940, in Galveston, the daughter of William G. and Dorothy E. (YOUNG) HALL. On May 8, 1960, in Galveston, she married Freddie "Fred" MILLER. He preceded her in death on October 16, 2017.

Linda retired from Rochester Metal Products. She had attended First Christian Church and enjoyed crocheting and fishing.

Survivors include her children, William (Judy) MILLER, Kewanna, Terry (Melinda) MILLER, Texas, and Sharon (Wayne) BINKERD, Michigan; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; sister Ellen (Ed) HATTABAUGH, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Donna (Bob) NUTTER, and grandchild, Elijah MILLER.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com

# David TUTTLE

David W. TUTTLE, 55, Rochester, died Thursday morning at the University of Chicago. He is survived by his wife, Debra TUTTLE, Rochester; daughter Daylene BYERS, Rochester, sons Scott TUTTLE, Rochester, Robert TUTTLE, Rochester, daughter Lacee WHITE, Lakeville; sisters Rose KRULL, Rochester, and Dede CRUM, Culver, Brother Rich TUTTLE, North Manchester.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Riverview Community Church, 3780 Indiana 10, Tippecanoe, Indiana. Hartzler Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## Tuesday September 29, 2020

# Berdene Rose AZBELL

## October 27, 1928-September 27, 2020

Mrs. Berdene Rose AZBELL, 91, of Rochester, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, September 27, 2020, at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

In Wabash County, Berdene Rose CALLAHAN was born on October 27, 1928. She was the youngest daughter of John and Ruth ANDERSON CALLAHAN. Growing up she shared her childhood with three sisters and five brothers. The family moved to Richland Township and Berdene graduated from Richland Center High School in 1946.

On September 8, 1963, Berdene CALLAHAN married the love of her life, Maurice A. AZBELL. They enjoyed more than 57 years of life's adventures. From their union came two beautiful daughters, Trillia and Mila. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of four more generations.

Berdene was a devoted member of the Grace United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star for more than a half century.

An accomplished and very creative seamstress, Berdene did custom alterations for men's and women's apparel stores downtown for decades. The fact is, she was still sewing a little more than a week ago. She tailored all clothing to perfection in an impressive sewing workshop in her basement. Many partially used spools of thread in a rainbow of colors, surrounded her Singer machine that she made hum like a top, creating the perfect fit.

Making many creative pieces, "Granny," was a master of recycling. A bridesmaid dress became a pair of slacks. A ribbon from a Christmas present became a New Year's skirt. She made pillows, Easter hats and coats and all sorts of clothing for her family as they grew up over the decades, dazzling her admirers with her gifted hands.

To relax, Berdene enjoyed reading! Many of her books were of romance by Delinsky, Picoult, or Macomber. When she anticipated a steamy part she simply skipped more than those pages, to return to the primary theme.

Berdene was an extraordinary cook and baker. Everything from Granny's kitchen was from scratch! She's remembered for her orange gelatin, Italian spaghetti, cherry delight, ham salad, beef and noodles, and potato salad. Each Sunday marked a tradition of getting together at Granny's house for a feast. She spoiled her grands, making special dishes just for them each week.

Granny was so very proud of her legacy and overseeing five generations. She was very happy at her kitchen command post, creating special meals for her family at the holidays and for special family celebrations. This is where a lifetime of memories was made. There was much evidence in her home of family pride, with an impressive and amazing "wall of fame," dedicated to her family tree branch in nearly every room, a clear photo essay of the evolution of her family over nine decades.

Left to cherish Berdene's memory are two daughters, Trilia Kae GEARHART of Akron, Mila EWEN (Jim) of Rochester; six grandchildren: Ashely CRAFT (Chris), Cory GEARHART (Ashley), Emily GEARHART, Lindsey BARTS, Dr. Catilin RICH DDS (Michael), Clinton BARTS (Leigh); six great-grandchildren, Alex CRAFT, Hunter CRAFT, Derek CRAFT, Hailey CRAFT, Evelin ALARCON, Eleanor Louise RICH; one great-great grandchild Emilio Jax CRAFT. Dr. David BARTS, DDS, and a special sister-in-law, Dorothy CALLAHAN also survive. Preceding Berdene in death are: her parents John and Ruth CALLAHAN; beloved husband Maurice on March 24, 2011; son-in-law Dennis GEARHART on March 5, 2019; three sisters, Frannie, Mary, Catherine; five brothers, Charles, Russell, John, Don, and Harvey.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Berdene Rose AZBELL will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday September 30, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester, IN 46975. Pastor Teri WHITE will officiate. The Order of Eastern Star will conduct a memorial service at 12:45 p.m. Burial will follow at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with her family from 11 a.m. until the time of the Eastern Star service. Preferred memorials may be made to Wheels on Fire, Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, 9798 W. 1000 South, Akron, IN 46910 or the Fulton County Public Library, 320 W. Seventh St., Rochester, IN 46975. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## **Mykel THOMAS**

Mykel Z. THOMAS, 23, died at 6:09 a.m. Friday. Survivors include his parents, David and Shana REDMAN, Rochester; and siblings Kaylee REDMAN, Rochester, Brianna LOCK, Florida, Brent THOMAS, Wabash.

Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is one hour prior to the service.

# Connie Lynn MYGRANT

## June 16, 1947-September 25, 2020

Connie Lynn MYGRANT, 73, Rochester, went home to be with the Lord at 8:55 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2020, at Community Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo, surrounded by her family.

She was born on June 16, 1947 in Peru, the daughter of Robert D. and Deloris J. (SMITH) MELTON. Her father passed away in 1958. She was raised by her mother and stepfather, Warren LAIRD, in Amboy.

On October 3, 1965, at the Amboy United Methodist Church she married R. David MYGRANT and he survives, celebrating close to 55 years of marriage.

After graduating from Oak Hill High School in Converse, she worked for Public Service Indiana, State Bank of Amboy, and at First Farmers Bank and Trust, Converse. Connie later worked for the Oak Hill School Corporation in the elementary school library and served as secretary at the junior high school. She also worked for John Norris Insurance Company, Amboy, and for Life of Indiana, Indianapolis. After moving to Rochester, she worked for Curves, Inc. and volunteered at Woodlawn Hospital.

She was a member of the Amboy United Methodist Church, Orange Grove Free Methodist Church, Bradenton, Florida, and Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester where she was active in the Methodist women's groups, including Blue Apple and the Coffee Girls. She had been a member of the Miami County Historical Society and active in the Amboy festivals. She enjoyed activities at Sugar Creek Estates, Bradenton, Florida, and supporting her family's activities in sports and scouting. She had been a Longaberger Basket consultant and collector, enjoyed flower gardening, travel, camping, boating, driving her convertible, biking, relaxing on her front porch and most of all spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, R. David MYGRANT, Rochester; children Jeff (Faith) MYGRANT, Marion, Jason (Jody) MYGRANT, Noblesvile, Jennifer (Jeff) TROYER, Kokomo; grandchildren Chanse MYGRANT, Marion, Hope MYGRANT, Marion, Hannah TROYER, Kokomo, Sam TROYER, Kokomo; stepfather Warren LAIRD, Highlands Ranch, Colorado; stepsister Jill (Kent) HOILMAN, Highlands Ranch, Colorado; stepbrother Dennis (Lynn) LAIRD, Eagle, Colorado; brothers-in-law Keith (Sheila) MYGRANT, Santa Fe, Indiana, Ron MYGRANT, Kokomo; sisters-in-law Nancy (Dave) MOORE, Kokomo, Shari MYGRANT, Peru, Carol MYGRANT, Texas; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother Deloris J. LAIRD, father Robert D. MELTON, brothers-in-law Larry MYGRANT, Darl MYGRANT, and sister-in-law Betty MYGRANT.

A service celebrating the life of Connie MYGRANT will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 1, 2020, at Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, with Pastors Bruce MUGHMAW and Kurt NICHOLS officiating. Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 1, 2020, at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Friends may visit from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society. Masks and social distancing for guests should be observed. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Jon S. GAST

#### June 7, 1939-September 24, 2020

Jon S. GAST, 81, of Rochester and formerly of Kewanna and Winamac, passed away at 12:09 p.m. Thursday September 24, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester.

Born on June 7, 1939, in Logansport, he was the son of the late Karl (Stuart) and Imogene (HUDDLESTON) GAST. He was a 1957 Winamac High School graduate. Jon was also a U.S. Army veteran. On July 8, 1970, he married Barbara J. CARR. She preceded him in death on November 14, 2012.

He retired from the United States Postal Service, where he was a longtime mail carrier in Logansport and prior to that in Kewanna.

Jon attended Kewanna United Methodist Church and he enjoyed writing, reading, bowling, and playing softball in his younger years. He was also an avid Cubs fan. Jon was passionate about mushroom hunting and taking care of his pets, along with any stray or hurt animal that came along.

Jon truly was blessed to spend his later years at Wynnfield Crossing in Rochester. He so enjoyed the camaraderie with fellow residents and the great care given to him by the staff there.

Survivors include his daughter, Angela SCOTT (Glen) of Shipshewanna; stepchildren, Randy NEIDIG of Bourbon, Coralynn WELLER of Star City, Richard "Rick" WELLER (Belinda) of LaPorte and Donald WELLER of Georgia; and granddaughter Zoe SCOTT. He is also survived by step-grandchildren Brent WAGONER, Chad WELLER, Megan GIMLIN, Doug SUTTON, Kim SUTTON, Donnie WELLER; and 14 step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by step granddaughter Melissa WELLER and a sister, Roselynn Ann PAUL. Service will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. today, September 29, 2020, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bruce Lake. Memorial contributions can be made to the Fulton County Animal Shelter. Jon's online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

## Leila DENNY

Leila M. DENNY, 80, Walkerton, died at 1:20 a.m. Friday at Center for Hospice Care, Mishawaka. Survivors include her husband, Carl DENNY, Walkerton; daughter Debra BASE, Cromwell; sister Shirley STEVENS, Argos; brothers Jerry ANDREWS, Rochester, and Douglas ANDREWS, Argos.

Visitation is 10 a.m.-noon today at the Church of Jesus Christ, 15676 Michigan Road, Argos, with the service to follow at noon. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

# Wednesday September 30, 2020

# Sandra Sue ARCHER THOMPSON

## June 4, 1949-September 23, 2020

On September 23, 2020, Sandra "Sandy" Sue ARCHER THOMPSON, age 71, Rochester, passed away at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Sandy was born in Indianapolis on June 4, 1949. She graduated from Howe High School in 1967. Sandy spent her life working mainly in the medical field, retiring as a billing specialist/billing department lead in 2013.

Sandy was the proud mother of two children, Brian and Leanne. She dedicated her life to raising them and loving them. From attending every sporting event of Brian's to teaching Leanne how to bake an amazing cake. They truly were her heart and soul, her sole purpose.

Grandma Sandy. That was her favorite title! 13 years ago she welcomed Rylen into her heart, loving his big blue eyes and priceless smile from just days old. She welcomed Evan in 2009 and was lucky enough to spend a couple of years babysitting him on her days off.

One cannot talk about Sandy without mentioning her amazing cake decorating skills, not to mention how delicious they were, her welcoming, friendly and happy demeanor towards anyone visiting her, her sense of humor that existed until the very end and her ability to throw a super fun pool party.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents, John M. ARCHER, Sr. and Leona M. ARCHER; her brother, John M. ARCHER, Jr. She is survived by her son, Brian THOMPSON of Carmel; her daughter, Leanne WHEELDON (Brian) of Fishers; two brothers, Mike ARCHER and Daniel ARCHER (Susan); a sister, Rebecca BURKART (Jay); two grandsons; seven nieces, one nephew, and several great-nieces and greatnephews.

At Sandy's request, there will be a simple graveside family service. Donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, National Headquarters, 6520 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2132. Condolences may be expressed at www.randallroberts.com.

# **Sharon MEENEN**

Sharon MEENEN, 87, Macy, died at 11:02 p.m. Monday at her home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

# Thursday October 1, 2020

## **Sharon MEENEN**

Sharon MEENEN, 87, Macy, died at 11:02 p.m. Monday at her home. Survivors include three daughters, Deborah BRIDGES, Cary, North Carolina, Cheryl MCCULLOUGH, Akron, Linda KAMP, Akron; son Steve FLECK, Macy; three sisters, Dorothy ALGER and Ruth MILLER, both of North Manchester, Joan HARRIS, Fulton; two brothers, Larry GEARHART, Fulton, Roger GEARHART, Akron.

A celebration of Sharon's life was private. Good Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

# Friday October 2, 2020

# **David FINCHER**

David FINCHER, 61, Rochester, died at 6:08 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

## Saturday October 3, 2020

# **David S. FINCHER**

# February 28, 1959-September 30, 2020

David S. FINCHER, 61, Rochester, passed away at 6:08 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on February 28, 1959, in Rochester, the son of Joseph E. and Patsy Lou (CALLOWAY) FINCHER Jr. On May 23, 1981, at the Macy United Methodist Church, Macy, he married Donna T. DITTMAN and she survives.

Dave had been an avid photographer since the age of 16 working for his dad and mom at FINCHER Photos Inc., Peru. After high school, he had worked at Topp Industries and Moore Business Forms. The majority of his professional career he owned and operated DeBruler Imaging with his wife Donna. An album of his work has been accepted for display at the International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dave had been an active member of the Community Presbyterian Church, president of the Girls' Softball League, board member for the Brent Blacketor Sports Complex, Cub Scouts and Boys' Scouts serving as Asst. Scout Master for Troop #219, Business Networking International, Geneva Center Board Member and the Rochester City Board of Works. He had also been a tireless supporter for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Fulton County Cancer Fighters Inc. and enjoyed helping at "Camp-We-Can". Dave also enjoyed camping, drag racing, loved being around people and most of all being "Pop" to his grands.

Survivors include his wife, Donna T. FINCHER, Rochester; children Jason (Lindsay) FINCHER, Rochester, and Sara (Rey) GARZA Jr., St. Louis, Missouri; grandchildren Gavin, Kinley, and Nathan FINCHER, all of Rochester, Rosemary GARZA, St. Louis, Missouri; brothers Joseph "Ed" FINCHER III (Donna), Rochester, Paul (Sheryl) FINCHER, Pasco, Washington; sister, Shelli FISHER, Rochester; father and mother-in-law Harold and Mary DITTMAN, Rochester; adopted dad Jim MILLS, Niles, Michigan; brothers and sisters-in-law, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

His funeral service is at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 4-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Presbyterian Church or to Fulton County Cancer Fighters Inc. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## **Kenneth RICKS**

Kenneth RICKS, 94, Rochester, died Thursday, October 1, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital. Survivors include his four daughters, Geneva BICKERSTAFF, Winamac, Nancy WHITE, Plymouth, Joy HORNBURGER, Kewanna, and Rosemary MANDARINO, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and a son, Jim RICKS, Culver. Private family services will be held.

## **Randy R. KLINE**

Randy R. KLINE, 64, Peru, died Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Survivors include his wife, Susan J. KLINE, Peru; two sons, Nathan T. KLINE, Oak Harbor, Washington, and Heath D. KLINE, Evansville; two daughters, Jamie C. BAUCH, Rochester, and Katie HOLT, New Albany; and one brother, Rick D. KLINE, Wabash.

Due to COVID-19, there will be no services. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements.

## Joseph M. FISHER

Joseph M. FISHER, 71, Peru, died Monday, September 28, 2020, at the Mississinewa Campground.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy FISHER, Peru; children, Melissa (Jim) ULSHAFER, Urbana, Joe FISHER Jr., (Nicole JONES) Mexico; and Jeremy (Stephanie) FISHER, Roann.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Sunday, October 4, 2020, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is 1-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

# Tuesday October 6, 2020

## Louis Dale HERD

## July 21, 1941-October 4, 2020

Louis Dale HERD, age 79, of Kewanna, went to be with the Lord on Sunday October 4, 2020, at the Cleveland Clinic Medical Center, surrounded by his family.

He was born July 21, 1941, in Grass Creek to the late John and Nettie (SUTTON) HERD. On February 7, 1964, in Logansport he married Joan WISER, who survives.

Louie was a retired farmer. He was a graduate of Indiana Barber School but will be best remembered for his many years in farming. In his younger years Louie enjoyed trap shooting and was well known in the tractor pulling circuit with his tractor named Double Barrel. Louie was a kind, caring husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a 50-year member of the Fulton Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed a good game of euchre with his friends and family. He will be remembered by many for his kind soul, soft spoken personality and big heart.

Surviving, including his wife Joan, is one daughter, Tricia (Heath) MARTIN, Kewanna; son-in-law Gary HARROLD, Kewanna; brother John (Linda) HERD, Kewanna; five grandchildren, Conner (Gaby BROUYETTE) MARTIN, Francesville; Madison Mackenzie MARTIN, Bloomington; Matthew L. (Leslie EINSPAHR) HARROLD, Argos; Brittney (Chayse) THOMPSON, Rochester; Haley MARKLEY, Rochester; four great-grandchildren, Rhemi Shaye THOMPSON, Elliana MARKLEY, Kamden HARROLD and Kayleigh EINSPAHR; two nieces, two nephews, several great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and his beloved dog Shep. Louie was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Janie HARROLD.

A celebration of life will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2020, in the Gundrum Funeral Home with Pastor Bruce RUSSELL officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Fulton Cemetery. A gathering of family and friends will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020, also at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Shelter. You may sign Louie's guest book and send online condolences at www.gundrumcares.com.

## Chad A. STUDY

Chad A. STUDY, 44, Warsaw, died at 10:48 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent Hospital of Indianapolis. He is survived by his parents, AI STUDY of Warsaw and Linda MOWERY of Wabash.

Funeral service is at 2 p.m. Thursday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Visitation is 1-2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

## **Thomas S. WINKS**

Thomas S. WINKS, 83, formerly of Rochester, passed away December 12, 2019. He is survived by three sons, Scott C. WINKS, Robert E. WINKS and Thomas A. WINKS.

A graveside memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester is handling arrangements.

# Wednesday October 7, 2020

No Obituaries

# Thursday October 8, 2020

# Caroline Jean CLINGER

## July 31, 1926-October 3, 2020

Caroline Jean CLINGER, 94, passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at her residence, Otterbein SeniorLife Community in Franklin.

She was born July 31, 1926, in Manhattan, Kansas to Alfred T. and Elizabeth (WARREN) PERKINS. She is lovingly survived by her husband of 71 years, Dr. Philip CLINGER. She is also survived by children, Dr. David CLINGER of Eugene, Oregon, Ken CLINGER of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Tom CLINGER (Beth WEHRENBERG) of Grand Rapids, Michigan; grandchildren Abram CLINGER, Durango, Colorado, Rachel CLINGER, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Anna CLINGER, Berkeley, California, Jane CLINGER of Jersey City, New Jersey and Grace CLINGER of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and one sister, Mary DE LA GARZA of League City, Texas. She was preceded in passing by her parents and one sister, Elizabeth BURNS.

Caroline graduated from Manhattan High School, received her bachelor's degree from Kansas State University, and received her master's degree in food science from Ohio State University. She was a homemaker and office manager of her husband's veterinary practice in Rochester, where they lived from 1950 to 2003. She loved playing bridge, golf, reading and traveling. She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Rochester, and she attended Tabernacle Christian Church in Franklin. She was also a member of the Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary, and the Tri Kappa and Alpha Xi Delta sororities.

There will be no services at this time. Inurnment will be at IOOF Cemetery in Rochester.

# Friday October 9, 2020

## Shirley A. SLUSHER

# January 22, 1952-October 6, 2020

On October 6, 2020, Shirley A. SLUSHER, 68, loving wife and mother of six daughters passed away after a long illness.

Shirley was born to Donald "Red" and M. Evone (ROSE) HUMES on January 22, 1952, in Winamac. On May 16, 1969, she married Clifford SLUSHER in Knox, and spent her life as a homemaker, caring for her husband and raising her children.

Shirley loved to cook for people and would always ask if you wanted something to eat when you walked through her door. She also loved to plan family gatherings, go to craft shows, make crafts and decorate for holidays.

Shirley is survived by her loving husband Cliff; daughters Shelli (John) RINGER, Cherie (Larry) HENDRICKS, Amy (Mike) GARLAND, Holly (Eric) RAGAN, Misty (Jackson) MURPHY, and Melissa (Steven) GLASS; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Don (Red) HUMES and M. Evone HUMES, her infant sister Penny, her infant son Clifford Jr. and her son-in-law Larry.

A time of gathering with the family will be at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver, on Saturday, October 10, 2020, from 4-8 p.m. Rev. Thomas HARZULA will officiated services at the Odom Funeral Home on Sunday, October 11, 2020, at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com. The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is honored to be entrusted with arrangements.

# **Sharon L. STEVENS**

Sharon L. STEVENS, 76, Delong, died 7:56 p.m. Wednesday, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne. Survivors include two daughters, Denise ATKINS, Grovertown, Deana ALLEN, Delong; three sons, David STEVENS, Warsaw, Donald STEVENS, Morehead, Kentucky, Dwight STEVENS, Delong; sisters Joyce TRUSTY, Rochester, and Shirley CLINGER, Delong; and a brother, Kenneth CHANEY, Wakarusa.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday, and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

## Saturday October 10, 2020

## Sharon L. STEVENS

# February 19, 1944-October 7, 2020

Mrs. Sharon L. STEVENS, 76, Delong, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 7:56 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

On February 19, 1944, Sharon L. CHANEY was born in Kewanna to Harry and Nora RAINEY CHANEY. As one of the six CHANEY kids growing up she shared her childhood with two sisters Joyce and Shirley, and two brothers Bud and Kenny. In 1962, Sharon graduated from Aubbeenaubbee Township High School in Leiters Ford.

In Culver, Sharon and Hermel E. STEVENS were married on September 28, 1963. They shared 45 years of life's adventures. Their union produced two daughters and three sons. The blessings of two more generations have been added to the family tree.

Initiating her day, Sharon read from her Bible as part of her daily devotions. She cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren while making many memories. For many years Sharon attended the Gospel Lighthouse Church of Delong and recently she had been attending The Cross.

Left to cherish Sharon's memory are two daughters, Denise ATKINS and husband Mike of Grovertown, Deana ALLEN and husband Alan of Delong; three sons, David STEVENS and wife Trudy of Warsaw, Donald STEVENS and wife Dianna of Morehead, Kentucky, Dwight STEVENS and wife Rhonda of Delong; 12 grandchildren, Michael ATKINS and wife Kayla, John ATKINS and wife Jennifer, Laura GAGNON, Natasha Ewing and husband Jeremy, Danny FLENNER, Jennifer BRUNNER and husband Jon, David STEVENS and fiancé Kara BATES, Eric STEVENS, Derrick STEVENS and wife Allison, Jonathon STEVENS and wife Haley, Alex STEVENS, Jordan WILLIS and husband Chris; 21 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Joyce TRUSTY of Rochester, Shirley CLINGER of Delong; a brother, Kenneth CHANEY and wife Millie of Wakarusa; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding Sharon in death are her parents Harry and Nora CHANEY, beloved husband Hermel on November 30, 2008, infant sister Sandra CHANEY, and brother Harry "Bud" CHANEY.

A celebration of the life of Sharon L. STEVENS will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 10, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Pastor Martin FURROW will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 4-8 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2020, and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will follow in the Monterey Riverside Cemetery. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# **Gary STOREY**

## February 17, 1963-October 7, 2020

Gary W. STOREY, 57, formerly of Rochester, passed away at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at Symphony at the Tillar in Oswego, Illinois.

Gary was born on February 17, 1963, in Kewanee, Illinois, the son of Harry and Alice (STOTLER) STOREY.

Surviving are one son, Kaisor STOREY of Rochester; one sister, Carol (Bob) COLLINS of Channahon, Illinois; one brother, Steve (Rhonda) STOREY of Wyoming, Illinois; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert STOREY.

Gary worked as a truck driver for many years before attending Mid-America College of Funeral Service in Louisville, Kentucky to become a funeral director. He loved motorcycles, dancing and old muscle cars.

His graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at West Jersey Cemetery in West Jersey, Illinois. Pastor Angela FLEMING will officiate. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming, Illinois is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Seasons Hospice at seasonsfoundations.org or at 6400 Shafer Ct., Suite 700, Rosemont, IL 60018.

# **Melvin L. PRATT**

Melvin L. PRATT, 93, formerly of Rochester, died 8:46 p.m. Thursday at his home in Winamac. Survivors include three daughters, Lisa DAY, Star City, Regina WAITS, of Dallas, Texas, Maria NICOLAS, Winamac; six sons, John PRATT, Rochester, Michael PRATT, Middletown, Daniel PRATT, Plymouth, Mark PRATT, Delong, Dominic PRATT, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, Matthew PRATT, Plymouth; two brothers, Irvin PRATT, Middlebury, Phillip PRATT, Rochester.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester is handling arrangements.

## **Tuesday October 13, 2020**

# Melvin L. PRATT

## October 16, 1926-October 8, 2020

Mr. Melvin L. PRATT, 93, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 8:46 p.m. Thursday, October 8, 2020, at his home in Winamac.

On October 16, 1926, Melvin Leroy PRATT was born in Fulton County, near Athens, to Russell W. and Ethel Dora MILLER PRATT. Growing up he shared his childhood with a sister Gladys and two brothers Irvin and Phil. Melvin graduated from Akron High School with the class of 1943. A proud Flyer, standing at 6'0" and with a "wingspan to match," Melvin was a force to be reckoned with, starring as center on the basketball team.

Immediately after graduation, patriotism beckoned. Melvin answered the call, enlisting to serve our country during World War II with the United States Navy. He was accomplished as a minesweeper,

being very successful searching for and destroying sea mines. Seaman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Melvin L. PRATT was honorably discharged on May 25, 1946, after his Navy service of three years.

During his time back home for a few years, between service stints, Melvin met and fell in love with Iva. The duo hit it off beautifully and later became engaged to be married. On May 2, 1951, Melvin enlisted with the United States Air Force and was stationed in Germany where he worked in the automotive mechanic division. Iva later joined him in Germany and on January 30, 1953, Melvin married the love of his life Miss Iva May LELAND in Erding, Germany. Staff Sgt. Melvin continued with his service stint, being honorably discharged on May 1, 1955.

Returning home to Fulton County, the PRATTs shared 64 years of life's adventures. From their union came eight wonderful children. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

Over the years Melvin had developed a strong work ethic and embraced his passion for agriculture. He and Iva raised their beautiful family of eight living off the land and were self-sustained from their family farming operation. They initially hand milked a fine herd of 12-14 Holsteins. That later evolved into nearly 30 when electronic milkers were employed. They had a few pigs, cross-bred, Hampshire and Chester White. Corn and wheat were planted annually to feed the livestock. Melvin and Iva annually planted a huge truck patch garden, supplying the family with produce from mid-summer on. Autumn brought on the bountiful harvest, when they froze and canned the vegetables for winter's use.

As the proud patriarch of the PRATT family, Grandpa was proud to oversee three generations. He enjoyed following their school activities and sports, always cheering from the stands. The holidays and special family celebrations were treasured, making many memories of a lifetime.

Left to cherish Melvin's memory are three daughters Lisa DAY and husband Dennis of Star City, Regina WAITS of Dallas, Texas, Maria NICOLAS and husband Jim of Winamac; six sons, John PRATT and wife Nancy of Rochester, Michael PRATT and wife Lisa of Middletown, Daniel PRATT and wife Annette of Plymouth, Mark PRATT and wife Judy of Delong, Dominic PRATT of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, Matthew PRATT and wife Carla of Plymouth; 29 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Irvin PRATT and wife Marlene of Middlebury, Phillip PRATT and wife Janice of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Melvin in death are his parents Russell and Ethel PRATT; beloved wife Iva on May 1, 2017; grandson Jeremy DAY; two great-grandsons, Waylon COX and Owen ABBOTT; and a sister, Gladys CUTSHAW.

A graveside service celebrating the life of Mr. Melvin L. PRATT was at 10 a.m. Monday, October 12, 2020, in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. His younger brother, Pastor Phil PRATT officiated. Military honors were accorded by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard and the United States Navy Honors Team. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

## Lawrence CASPER

Lawrence A. CASPER, 78, North Manchester, died at 10:37 a.m. Saturday at Parkview Hospital Randallia, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife Sharon; sons Mike CASPER, Rochester, Mark CASPER, North Manchester, Gary CASPER, East Troy, Wisconsin, and Adam CASPER, North Manchester; daughter Kristi RENZ, North Manchester; brother Lyle CASPER, Effingham, Illinois; and sister Linda DEMORSET, Boise, Idaho.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. Visitation is 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service.

### **Erin K. EDWARDS**

Erin K. EDWARDS, 20, Argos, died at home at 7:40 p.m. Wednesday. She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Karen DEMONT and Dan of Argos; her father and stepmother Thomas EDWARDS and Natasha, Plymouth; brothers Colton EDWARDS and Payton BONEBRAKE; sisters Courtney DEMONT and Mya DEMONT.

Funeral service is at 1 p.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ, Argos. Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church. Masks, temperature checks and physical distancing are required. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is handling arrangements.

#### Juanita M. PAULUS

Juanita M. PAULUS, 97, Rochester, died at 7:40 a.m. Saturday, at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester. Survivors include her daughter, Rita FUNK, Rochester; and son Brent PAULUS, Plymouth.

Funeral service is at 2 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation begins at noon Thursday.

#### Larry KIRK

Larry D. KIRK, 62, Rochester, died Sunday at his home. Arrangements are pending with Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

# Wednesday October 14, 2020

#### **Bernard E. BURNS**

#### December 6, 1940-October 12, 2020

Bernard Eugene BURNS, 79, Macy, passed away on Monday, October 12, 2020, at his residence. Born December 6, 1940 in Peru, he was the son of Robert Thomas and Cora Lillian (SCOTT) BURNS. On March 20, 1970, at the Perrysburg Baptist Church, he was married to Diane Marie LINN, and she survives.

He was a graduate of Peru High School. He was the owner/operator of BURNS Tire and BURNS Fish Fry. He was a member of the former Perrysburg Baptist Church and had attended Olive Branch Church. He was a United States Army Veteran and a member of the Macy Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed attending auctions, cooking and spending time with his family. For several years, he volunteered with the Liberty Township Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Diane BURNS, Macy; four children, R.D. (Rachel) BURNS, Macy, Bridget HITE, Plymouth, Aaron BURNS, Macy, and Shelly MANESS (Jr. NORRIS), Macy; six grandchildren, James MANESS, Ayden BURNS, Calloway BURNS, Cora BURNS, Caylynn BURNS, and Cayson NORRIS; four step-granddaughters, Morgan HITE, Justina HITE, Anna HITE, and Shelby HITE; two brothers, Richard (Jane) BURNS, Macy, and Daniel (Cheryl) BURNS, Wabash; mother-in-law Rosalee LINN, Macy; and two sisters-in-law, Linda BURNS, Macy, and Barbara BURNS, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Robert, John, and David BURNS, father-in-law Dayne LINN and son-in-law Stan HITE.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 16, 2020, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with military honors presented by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, October 15, 2020, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Macy/Allen Township Fire Department of the Fulton/Liberty Township Fire Department.

# Juanita M. PAULUS

## December 27, 1922-October 10, 2020

Mrs. Juanita M. PAULUS, 97, of Rochester, passed away at 7:40 a.m. Saturday, October 10, 2020, at Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester.

On December 27, 1922, Juanita May NELLANS was born in Kosciusko County. She was a treasured daughter of Dean C. and Ethel TUCKER NELLANS. Growing up as the second oldest of the NELLANS kids she shared her childhood with Jerry, Dean and Jean.

On February 9, 1945, Juanita and Eldred "Bud" PAULUS, high school sweethearts, were married in Larwell. They shared 54 years of life's adventures. From their union came two wonderful children, Rita and Brent. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

Left to cherish Juanita's memory are a daughter, Rita FUNK and husband Hugh of Rochester; a son, Brent PAULUS and wife Mary of Plymouth, Michigan; four grandchildren, Daniel FUNK and wife Alicia, Brian FUNK, Amanda PAULUS and Andrew PAULUS; one great-grandson, Jonah Eldred FUNK. Preceding Juanita in death are her parents Dean and Ethel NELLANS, beloved husband Bud on March 16, 1999, two sisters Geraldine "Jerry" SMITH and Norma Jean CLAUSS, and a brother, Dean C. NELLANS Jr.

A celebration of the life of Juanita M. PAULUS will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 15, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from noon until the hour of the service. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church, 201 W. Seventh St., Rochester, 46975. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# **Eloise EBERLY**

Eloise W. EBERLY, 93, North Manchester, died Saturday at Timbercrest Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

Survivors include: daughters Diana BUCHER, North Manchester, Brenda HOREIN, Elkhart, and Sandy WENGER, Harrisonburg, Virginia; a sister, Marietta MILLER, Claypool.

Funeral service is at 3 p.m. November 15, 2020, and will be livestreamed. McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, is handling arrangements.

## Larry KIRK

Larry D. KIRK, 62, Rochester, died Sunday at his residence. Survivors include his siblings Toni MCCREA, Culver, Nettie WOODS, Columbus, Debbie MINNS, South Haven, Michelle CLINGLER, Culver, and Ronald KIRK, Murray, Kentucky.

Funeral service is at 6 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 4-6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

## Joyce MARBURGER

Joyce E. MARBURGER, 92, Peru, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday at her residence. Survivors include her husband, Willis MARBURGER; son Michael Joe MARBURGER, Peru; siblings Carol WRAY, Frankfort, Verne DILLMAN, Mesa, Arizona, Janet GUNTER, Talma, Judith LADSON, Rochester, and Karon HOOVER, Twelve Mile.

A private family service will be Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

## **Alfred PARKHURST**

Alfred E. PARKHURST, 100, formerly of Rochester, died at Lake Placid, Florida, Monday. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

# Thursday October 15, 2020

### **Robert THOMPSON**

Robert K. THOMPSON, 68, Plymouth, died at 3:24 p.m. Sunday in Bremen. Survivors include his wife, Pam, Plymouth; daughter Samantha A. ELLSWORTH, Bremen; son Cody L. THOMPSON, Muncie; sister Kaye L. WALLEN-FEHR, Warsaw; brothers Dan A. THOMPSON, Plymouth, and John C. THOMPSON, Terre Haute.

No services are planned at this time. Earl Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is handling arrangements.

## **Raymond ENGLE**

Raymond D. ENGLE, 96, Kewanna, died early Friday, April 24, 2020, at his daughter's house. Survivors include his daughter, Sherry ANDERSON, Kewanna, and his son, Terry ENGLE, Sebring, Florida.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is an hour before the service.

# Friday October 16, 2020

# Nathan L. BALDRIDGE

#### May 12, 1994-October 10, 2020

Nathan Lee BALDRIDGE, 26, of Silver Lake, passed away as the result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 8:06 p.m. in Fulton County.

The son of Tab Leon BALDRIDGE and Vicki (COLLINS) CARR, Nathan was born in Warsaw on May 12, 1994. He was a 2012 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School and previously worked in the service department at Rice Ford.

Nathan was very mechanically inclined; he could fix nearly anything and was employed by Hensley Manufacturing. He never met a stranger, was very friendly and loved to laugh and joke. He was a very giving person and also very ornery. He enjoyed being outdoors and could often be found fishing or hunting with his buddies, Derrick and Weston.

Those who survive with memories to cherish include: his parents, mother Vicki (Randy) CARR of Warsaw and father Leon (Patricia) BALDRIDGE of Claypool; brother Weston (Missy) BRADLEY of Sidney; sisters Trenda (Luke) GAMBLE of Rochester, Cassie SLONE of Nappanee and Tabitha BALDRIDGE of Warsaw; great-grandmother Rosie COLLINS of Kentucky; stepbrother Jeremy (Jennifer) CARR of Huntington, and stepsister Jennifer (Chris) ROGERS of Huntington. Also surviving is his girlfriend Ashley BNDER of Silver Lake and her children, Ella, Emily, and Andrew, whom he loved as his own. Those who preceded him in passing include his grandparents.

A Life Celebration is planned with the assistance of Titus Funeral Home. Nathan's funeral service will be held at Free United Baptist Church, 7035 S. Indiana 13, Pierceton, on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 10 a.m. Visitation will begin on Friday, October 16, 2020, at 4 p.m. in the church and will continue until the time of the Saturday morning funeral service. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton. Pastor Etsie WARD ALLEN will officiate. Memorial gifts may be directed to Free United Baptist Church, 7035 S. Indiana 13, Pierceton, IN 46562. Written condolences may be left for the family at www.TitusFuneralHome.com.

## Saturday October 17, 2020

## **B. Irene JULIAN**

B. Irene JULIAN, 79, Clymers, died 1 a.m. Friday at Woodbridge Health Campus of Logansport. Survivors include a son, Jimmy SANDLIN, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and her niece, Deb HARTZLER, Akron.

Her funeral is at noon, Tuesday, at Gundrum Funeral Home, 1603 E. Broadway, Logansport, with visitation beginning an hour prior. Arrangements are being handled by Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

# **Tuesday October 20, 2020**

## LeVaughn GROSS

## February 24, 1940-October 17, 2020

LeVaughn GROSS, 80, of Peru, passed away Saturday, October 17, 2020, at his residence. He was born on February 24, 1940, in Lee County, Kentucky to the late Raymond and Lola (HALL) GROSS.

LeVaughn graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1959. LeVaughn married the love of his life, Sue Kay (SPURLOCK) GROSS, on April 20, 1968. They were married for 52 years.

After graduating high school, he went into the construction business with his father. Later, LeVaughn owned and operated LeVaughn GROSS Construction Company for 45 years. Upon retiring he continued to take on small jobs, as well as drawing blueprints for new homes. He found great joy in his wood shop and began making furniture for others. He was an active member and Deacon at the Logansport Church of the Brethren. He spent years applying his lifelong trade to the church he loved. In his spare time, he liked to fish, garden, and spend time with his three wonderful grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Sue of Peru; son, Aaron (Peggy) GROSS of Logansport; three grandchildren, Jeremy, Jessica, and Jenna all of Logansport; one brother, Ervil (Betty) GROSS of Oakford and one sister, Lois (David) BRISCOE of Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by sisters Eunice GILLAM and Thelma WIREMAN; and one brother, Bufford GROSS.

Celebration of Life will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 22, 2020, at the Logansport Church of the Brethren, 2405 Shadowlawn Drive, Logansport, IN 46947 with Pastor Mike OSBORN and Pastor Scott HALTERMAN officiating. Burial will follow at the Athens Cemetery, Athens. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday at the church and October 21, 2020, 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Logansport Church of the Brethren Memorial Fund. You may sign the guest book and send the family online condolences at www.gundrumcares.com.

## Judith M. DEVRIES

# August 7, 1942-October 19, 2020

Judith M. "Judy" DEVRIES, 78, of Nyona Lake, passed at 6:08 a.m. Monday, October 19, 2020, at her residence.

Judy was born on August 7, 1942 in Miami County to the late David Ralph and Arvilla I. (WISSINGER) EILER.

Judy was known for her tireless work ethic. She currently served Trinity United Methodist Church as secretary and organist. She was always a friendly face at Walgreen's and Helt Realty, both of Rochester. As a part of Judy's ministry, she played the organ for decades at numerous funerals.

Judy served her community for 8 years on the Fulton County Council. In years past she had also worked for Deamer Abstract, the Fulton County Clerk's Office, Peru Production Credit, Richard Kehoe Law Office, Susan Brown Law Office and Sears.

She was a 1960 graduate of Lagro High School. Judy was an active member of the Fulton County Republican Women's Club and the Tri Kappa sorority. She was a big fan of gospel singing groups and her favorite was Triumphant. She always enjoyed watching NASCAR.

She is survived by her sons, Jeffery ROSER of North Manchester, Michael and wife Tammy ROSER of Lebanon, Missouri, and Eric and wife Jody ROSER of Roann; daughter, Janie and husband David WILLIAMS of Greenville, South Carolina; grandchildren Ashley, Ellisia, and Byron, Andy and wife Cora, Adam and wife Millie, Amanda and husband Brandon, Grace, Lillie, and Conrad; numerous greatgrandchildren; and sisters Carol and husband Mike GLOVER, Connecticut, and Barbara and husband Mike PATCH of Macy. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson Sean.

A private funeral service for Mrs. DEVRIES will be held at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. The private burial will take place following the service in the Metzger Cemetery, Miami County, Indiana. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, October 22, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Masks will be required for all in attendance. Donations can be made in her memory to the Trinity United Methodist Church, 819 E. Ninth St., Rochester, IN 46975. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# Linda KLEPINGER

Linda J. KLEPINGER, 69, of Rochester passed away unexpectedly at Woodlawn Hospital Saturday morning.

Survivors include her husband Steve; daughter Christi CALLANE, Peru, two sons, Tony KLEPINGER, South Whitley, Ryan KLEPINGER, Peru; a brother, Scott FOUTS, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Funeral service is at 1 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is two hours prior to the service.

## Frankie E. MITCHELL

Frankie E. LONG MITCHELL, 68, of Rochester, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

## Wednesday October 21, 2020

# Frankie E. MITCHELL

Frankie E. LONG MITCHELL, 68, Rochester, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport. Survivors include her son, Eric D. ROUSSEL, Walton, and a brother Jim BOUCHELL, Dallas, Oregon.

Graveside service was at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, handled arrangements.

## Sharlene K. HAIMBAUGH

Sharlene K. HAIMBAUGH, 84, Rochester, died at 12:14 a.m. Tuesday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

## **Thomas L. LANDIS**

Thomas L. LANDIS, 81, Rochester, died at 10:35 a.m. Tuesday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

# Thursday October 22, 2020

## Thomas L. LANDIS

## June 2, 1939-October 20, 2020

Thomas L. LANDIS, 81, Rochester, passed away at 10:35 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at his residence. He was born on June 2, 1939, in Fulton County, the son of Howard Wilson and Flora Irene (SMOKER) LANDIS.

On June 20, 1981 in Shelbyville, he married Gayle A. (FUQUA) LINVILLE. She preceded him in death on May 10, 2020.

Early in Tom's life he worked for a funeral home in Galveston, Texas before returning to Rochester. He retired from Burton Mechanical in Rochester after 25 years of service. He was a member of the Moose Lodge. Tom enjoyed wintering in Fort Myers Beach, Florida for more than 20 years, traveling extensively across the United States, horseback riding, fishing and wood working.

Survivors include his children, Rick (Diane) LANDIS, Macy, Colleen DIVELEY, Fulton, Larry (Greta) LANDIS, Rochester; stepchildren, Shelley (Tim) SNYDER, Shelbyville, Suzan (Greg) BITTERLING, Rochester; 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Wilson LANDIS, mother Flora Irene ROBBINS, stepmother Eva LANDIS, brothers Earl "Gene" LANDIS and Lewis "Kay" LANDIS, and stepson Scott LINVILLE.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 24, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with his grandson Thomas LANDIS officiating. Friends may visit from 4-7 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to service Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. COVID-19 guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing should be observed. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Friday October 23, 2020

# Sharlene K. HAIMBAUGH April 3, 1936-October 20, 2020

Sharlene K. HAIMBAUGH, 84, Rochester, passed away at 12:14 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at her residence.

She was born on April 3, 1936, in Monticello, Indiana, the daughter of Paul Eldo and Opal Lavon (SPENCER) SHULL. On April 5, 1963 at the Kewanna United Methodist Church she married Allison HAIMBAUGH Jr. and he survives.

Mrs. HAIMBAUGH had been a homemaker. She enjoyed taking care of her family and her home and having coffee with her friends.

Survivors include her husband, Allison HAIMBAUGH Jr., Rochester; children Neal (Kerrie) HAIMBAUGH, Culver, Kenneth Paul HAIMBAUGH, Rochester, Kimberly Alison (Kevin) BOYER, Mentone; grandchildren Hayden HAIMBAUGH, Abby HAIMBAUGH, Ike HAIMBAUGH, Hannah HAIMBAUGH, all of Culver, Joshua Edward HAIMBAUGH, Anthony James HAIMBAUGH, both of Rochester; brothers Charles (Kathy) SHULL, Georgia, William (Karen) SHULL, Wisconsin; sister Dana NICHOLS, Connecticut. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, October 26, 2020, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to D.A.V. or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Wonita J. HART

Wonita J. HART, 85, Rochester, died at 9:20 a.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

#### Saturday October 24, 2020

Alfred E. 'Pat' PARKHURST June 9, 1920-October 12, 2020 Former Rochester and Marshall County resident, Mr. Alfred E. "Pat" PARKHURST, 100 years, 4 months and 3 days, departed this life in Sebring, Florida on Monday, October 12, 2020.

In Argos, on June 9, 1920, Alfred was born. He was the treasured son of Arthur E. and Mary Ruth DENNIE PARKHURST. Growing up he shared his childhood with a sister, Alice.

Pat married the love of his life, E. Lorraine PENCE on December 17, 1940, in Plymouth. They shared 62 years of life's adventures. From their union came a wonderful son, Tom. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

Serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, Pat was in the European Theater with the 90<sup>th</sup> Division, 358<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He was honorably discharged in 1945. During his service stint he was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries on D-Day 1943 in France.

The PARKHURSTs lived in the Marshall and Fulton county communities until moving in 1990 to Lake Placid, Florida. After 37 ½ years Pat retired from McCord Corp. in 1982. While living in Indiana he was a member of Grace United Methodist Church of Rochester. He was a member of the Lake Placid United Methodist Church in Florida. Other memberships include The International Order of Odd Fellows of Rochester, The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Plymouth and the American Legion of Lake Placid.

Left to cherish Pat's memory are his daughter-in-law, Shirley REESE PARKHURST of Plymouth; two grandsons Barry E. PARKHURST and wife Beth of Columbus, Bradley E. PARKHURST and wife Monica of Plymouth; great-grandchildren Allie CASTETTER and husband Trint of Columbus, Adam PARKHURST of Indianapolis, Nathan PARKHURST of Indianapolis, Morgan PARKHURST of Columbus, Thomas Evan PARKHHURST of Greenwood, Alex PARKHURST of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Pat in death are his parents Arthur PARKHURST in 1956 and Mary Ruth DENNIE PARKHURST in 1995, beloved wife Lorraine on February 6, 2002, son Thomas E. PARKHURST on November 27, 1981, and sister Alice SHENEFIELD in 1997.

A graveside service celebrating the life of Alfred "Pat" PARKHURST will be at 3 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2020, at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by the Fulton County Veteran's Honor Guard and the U.S. Army Honors Team. Pastor Kurt NICHOLS will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Marshall County Cancer Association through the Marshall County Community Foundation, 2680 Miller Drive Suite 120, PO Box 716, Plymouth, IN 46563. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## Wonita Joan HART

### March 11, 1935-October 22, 2020

Wonita Joan HART, 85, Logansport, and formerly of Macy and Rochester, passed away at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, October 22, 2020 at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

She was born on March 11, 1935, in Rochester, the daughter of John Arnold and Emlene (ZARTMAN) BELL. On February 7, 1959, in Southwick, Massachusetts, she married Howard R. HART Sr. They enjoyed 51 years of marriage before he passed away on April 6, 2010.

An accomplished artist, Joan graduated from the Art Institute of Indianapolis and had worked as a commercial artist. She had been an active member of the Macy-Allen Township Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary over the years. She enjoyed working in watercolors, camping with her family and loved being a mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her children, Howard (Barb) HART Jr., Rochester, Pam (Mike) FRUSH, Bloomfield, Paul (Anne) HART, Macy, Miriam (Juan) HART-CHAVARRIA, Miramar, Florida; grandchildren, Sara FRUSH, Warsaw, Tara FRUSH, Etna Green, Alicia (Paul) PE, Logansport, Zachary (Courtney) HART, Akron, Samuel HART, Macy; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Stephen Gordon BELL and Arnold Eugene BELL, sister Joyce BELL, daughter-in-law Sandy HART, and two great-grandchildren, Serenity and Bella. Graveside services will take place at Plainview Cemetery, Macy, at a later date. Joan liked to donate to people in need. In her memory, memorial contributions may be made to donor's favorite charity that helps people in immediate need. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## **Eunice HATTABAUGH**

Eunice Rich HATTABAUGH, 86, formerly of Rochester, passed away at 9:30 p.m. October 19, 2020, in Denison, Texas.

Left to cherish Eunice's memory are her husband Dee HATTABAUGH of Denison; two sons, Louis RICH, Rochester, Lloyd RICH, Reed City, Michigan; four daughters, Renee STOUDER, Bourbon, Rise STONE, Argos, Rhonda BARNETT, Rochester, and Rose MARKOWICZ, Fredericksburg, Texas; and a sister, Irene HINDERER.

A private celebration of life and graveside memorial service are planned. The Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

# Tuesday October 27, 2020

# Mary E. ROCK May 17, 1934-October 24, 2020

Mary E. ROCK, 86, a resident of Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home at Warsaw, and formerly of Tippecanoe, passed Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 11:30 p.m.

Mary was born May 17, 1934, the daughter of Forrest Arthur and Edna Marie HARRIS CALVERT, in Richland Township, Rochester. She has been a lifelong resident of the area and a graduate of Richland Center High School class of 1952. She has been employed at Pill Box Pharmacy and volunteered at Kosciusko Community Hospital. She was a member of the former Talma United Methodist Church, a member of the Tippecanoe Fireman's Auxiliary, Tippecanoe Township EMS and was board member, a member of TCU honor roll, the "dirty dozen" coffee club and ladies Red Hat Society.

On December 23, 1951, she married the love of her life, Ivan ROCK, who preceded her in death September 2, 1994. She will be greatly missed by her large family; daughter Amy (Timothy) STRYCKER of Goshen; her sons Martin ROCK of Argos, Larry (Priscilla) ROCK of Tippecanoe, Edward (LeeAnn) ROCK of Mentone, Dale (Wilma) ROCK of Mentone, David (Teresa) ROCK of Tippecanoe and son-in-law Dennis GOODRICH of Warsaw; further blessings of 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, 17 great-greatgrandchildren, 1 great-great-great-grandchild; sisters Carol SAENZ of Mishawaka, Helen (Dick) ENYART of Rochester, Barbara (Buddie) TULLIS of Tippecanoe Shores, Rochester. Those preceding her in death were her parents, husband, daughter Ivana GOODRICH, grandsons Travis DEAN and Jami EBY, greatgrandson Arron FULLER, sister Clara RESSER, brothers Ralph and Jim CALVERT, and half-brothers Bob, Bill, and Pete CALVERT.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 29, 2020, from 9-11 a.m. in Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main Street, Bourbon, Indiana 46504. Graveside services will follow at 11:30 a.m. in Tippecanoe Cemetery with Pastor Gail LAW officiating. In keeping with current COVID-19 regulations, masks will be required as well as being mindful of social distancing during the visitation time and graveside service. Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is privileged to be entrusted with the care of the family in making arrangements. Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.deatonclemensfh.com.

### Sharon FITZSIMONS

Sharon S. FITZSIMONS, 78, Cedar Lake, died at 10:39 a.m. Saturday at the home of her daughter at Bruce Lake.

Survivors include children Christina HOECKELBERG, Crown Point, Donna SHOLES, Bruce Lake, Richard FITZSIMONS Jr., Crown Point; a sister, Karen HAMENDE, Cedar Lake; and a brother, Doug WYNKOOP, Cedar Lake.

Her family will have a private service. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

### Virginia SMITH

Virginia V. SMITH, 98, Rochester, died at 7:28 a.m. Monday, at Hickory Creek of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Wednesday October 28, 2020

# Jack D. ROE

#### May 4, 1937-October 21, 2020

Jack D. ROE, 83, Rochester, passed away at 3:14 a.m. Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at Memorial Hospital of South Bend. He was born on May 4, 1937, in Winamac, the son of James Quincy and Edna Violet (BAUGH) ROE.

Jack served in the United States Army and had worked as a car salesman at various auto dealerships as well as operating his own auto lot. He enjoyed picking, always hunting and exploring to find new items to collect or resell.

Survivors include his children, Richard "Rocky" ROE, Rochester, David (Tammy) ROE, Akron, Tammy (Mark) VEGH, Edwardsburg, Michigan, Michael (Jennifer) ROE, Columbus, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Dawn ROTH SNYDER, siblings Stella TRIBET, Daisy DAVIS, Delia May WINTERS, Henry Roy ROE, Francis James ROE, Charles Arthur ROE, Rolland Richard ROE Sr., and George Harold ROE.

Private interment will take place at Leiters Ford Cemetery, Leiters Ford. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Thursday October 29, 2020

# Virginia V. SMITH

#### February 8, 1922-October 26, 2020

Virginia Viola SMITH, 98, Rochester, passed away at 7:28 a.m. Monday, October 26, 2020, at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Virginia was born to Orbie (OG) and Marjorie (JONES) BRYANT on February 8, 1922 in Miami County. She grew up in Macy, a proud cheerleader for the Macy High School Yellowjackets. She married her high school sweetheart, R. Wayne SMITH, in January 1940. She grew up with a brother and sister, who died in childhood. She enjoyed living in Macy in its hey-day, where she was a member of the Macy Mother's Club, a very active and social group of ladies. She moved to Rochester when Wayne took a job at Haskett & Smith Insurance, now the Smith, Sawyer Smith Agency. She stayed home and raised her four children and was active in school activities, Grace United Methodist Church, Tri Kappa and various community volunteer projects.

Once her children were in school she became the secretary of Lincoln Middle School, which stood where the current Fulton County Public Library Arboretum now stands. This turned out to be her perfect vocation, as she loved maintaining a welcoming office where she always listened to children. She enjoyed the camaraderie with the teachers and staff. When other memories failed her, she always talked about being at school. She was a loving wife, caring mother and dear friend. She enjoyed playing

bridge, golf and anything her grandchildren were doing. Everyone who met her liked her. The family cherishes the memories of her organizing family events, holidays, swimming parties at the house, her cooking and the annual trip to St. Louis to watch the Cardinals play.

Left to cherish her memory are children Sandy (Jack) SAWYER, Rochester, Terry (Rebecca) SMITH, Peru, Ron (Maurine) SMITH, Rochester, Mart SMITH, Rochester; 10 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne in 2003, her parents, brother Orbie Glen BRYANT Jr. and sister Eva Lucille BRYANT.

Private graveside services will take place at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to The Outlet youth center or to Grace United Methodist Church. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

#### Larry EYTCHESON

## January 17, 1958-October 24, 2020

Larry J. EYTCHESON, 62, South Bend, passed away Saturday, October 24, 2020. He is survived by three daughters, Christina EYTCHESON, Linda EYTCHESON, and Amber EYTCHESON.

Graveside services and burial will be Monday, November 2, 2020, at 1 p.m. at the Fulton Cemetery, Indiana 25, Fulton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of St. Joseph County, 2506 Grape Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545. Online condolences may be left for the EYTCHESON family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

#### **Marjory SKERSICK**

Marjory J. SKERSICK, 102, Rochester, died at 5:02 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at Hickory Creek of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

#### Friday October 30, 2020

# Marjory J. SKERSICK January 19, 1918-October 27, 2020

Marjory J. SKERSICK, 102, Rochester, passed away at 5:02 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

She was born January 19, 1918, in Elkhart, the daughter of Charles Iverson and Erdine (KENYON) WYLAND. While at a dance with friends in Michigan in 1937 she met one of the musicians, Glenn A. SKERSICK. Ten days later, on July 29, 1937, in Auburn, they married. They enjoyed 64 years of marriage before he passed away on May 6, 2001.

Mrs. SKERSICK, along with her husband, in the 1940s owned and operated the Leiters Ford Café in Leiters Ford, where she developed a reputation for her home-made pies. She later became a licensed real estate agent working for Burke Miller Realty. She had also worked for the Rochester Sentinel.

A devout Christian lady, Mrs. SKERSICK had been an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, now Community Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon, elder and in the Women's Guild. She had been a board member with the Rochester/Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce, volunteering for many years with the Round Barn Festival and leading people on the round barn tours and was a member of Psi lota Xi Sorority. In her spare time she enjoyed reading, quilting, knitting, golfing, taking walks, playing bridge and dancing at The Elks with her late husband Glenn to music from The Big Band era. Most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Penny (Michael) TERRONE, Rochester, Stephen (Judy) SKERSICK, Greenwood, Michael C. (Tami) SKERSICK, LaGrange, Georgia; eight grandchildren, ten great-

grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey Glenn SKERSICK, a sister, a half-brother, and a half-sister.

Private services will be observed. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# **Dorothy MCFARLAND**

Dorothy J. MCFARLAND, 96, Argos, died at 10:14 p.m. October 26, 2020, at We Belong Senior Care, Plymouth.

Survivors include her daughters, Jacqueline Mae FITZ, Huntsville, Texas, and Carol Jean BAKER of Argos; and son Rex MCFARLAND, Argos.

Visitation is 11 a.m.-noon Monday at Santa Anna Church, 20269 Nutmeg Road, Argos, with the funeral service to immediately follow at the church. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is handling arrangements.

## Wonita HART

Graveside services for Wonita Joan HART, 85, Logansport, and formerly of Macy and Rochester, who passed away on October 22, 2020, will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, November 1, 2020, at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

## Joseph WILDERMUTH

### September 2, 1922-October 27, 2020

Joseph WILDERMUTH, 98, passed away on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at Hickory Creek Health Care in Rochester.

He was born on September 2, 1922, on the family farm near Millark, the son of Solomon Ray and Iona Rae (BLACKETOR) WILDERMUTH.

In 1944 he married Garnet WRIGHT and she passed away in 1995. In 1998 he married Betty STEEN and she passed away in 2015.

Joe was proud to have served in the U.S. Navy aboard a destroyer escort during World War II. After the war he graduated from Purdue University. He taught math and science at North Miami High School. After retiring from teaching, he volunteered at Wee Care Day Care helping the children use the computers and learn to play chess.

He is survived by two daughters, Theressa (Bert) STERK of Akron and Jane Ann (Ted) BAILEY of Hart, Michigan; two sons, Mark (Diane) WILDERMUTH of Akron and Mike (Sandy) WILDERMUTH of Macy; as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Private services will be at a later date. Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, 4356 N. Indiana 15, Warsaw, IN is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to Wee Care Children's Ministries at the Akron Church of God, P.O. Box 66, Akron, IN 46910. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.cremationserviceskc.com.

## Betty WEIRICK

# August 6, 1924-October 24, 2020

Mrs. Betty F. WEIRICK, 96, a resident of Peabody Nursing Home, North Manchester, passed away the evening of Sunday, October 24, 2020.

Betty was born August 6, 1924, in Mishawaka, the daughter of Ira and Elsie WINN MULLINS. She had been a longtime resident of the Tippecanoe area and was a graduate of Tippecanoe High School.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening, working puzzles and crossword puzzles and her family, but most of all her grandkids.

She married the love of her life, Eugene WEIRICK, on August 3, 1944. He preceded her in death in December 2002. She will be missed by her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Ann WEIRICK of Tippecanoe; her six loving grandchildren; several great- and great-great-grandchildren; and her sister, Sharon (John) ROBINSON of Lakeville. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sons Barry and Billy, three sisters, one brother, and a granddaughter.

The family will have a graveside service Saturday, October 31, 2020, in the Tippecanoe Cemetery. You may make memorial contributions to your favorite charity in her memory. In keeping with current COVID-19 regulations, masks are preferred as well as being mindful of social distancing. Deaton Clemens Funeral Home is privileged to be entrusted in assisting the family with arrangements. Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.deatonclemensfh.com.

## **Fred SEARLES**

Fred L. SEARLES, 71, rural Mentone, died at 8:45 a.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor of Warsaw. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

# Saturday October 31, 2020

# Larry J. EYTCHESON

#### January 17, 1958-October 24, 2020

Larry J. EYTCHESON, 62, of South Bend and formerly of Rochester, died Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Larry was born in Rochester on January 17, 1958, the son of (the late) Robert and Patricia (BAKER) EYTCHESON. He retired from the Fulton County Highway Department.

He is survived by his daughters, Linda EYTCHESON and Christina EYTCHESON, both of South Bend, and Amber EYTCHESON of Kokomo; his sisters, Kay HARMON and Marcia NICKELS, both of Rochester, Barbara (Mike) WAKE of Logansport; his brother, Kenny (Vicky) EYTCHESON of Fulton; and five grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Larry was also preceded in death by his wife Betty EYTCHESON and his sister Sue EYTCHESON.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m. Monday, November 2, 2020, with burial to follow in Fulton Cemetery, Indiana 25, Fulton. The family's preferred memorial is the Humane Society of St. Joseph County. Online condolences may be expressed at www.palmerfuneralhome.com.

## **Eloise M. LAWSON**

Eloise M. LAWSON, 92, Leiters Ford, died at 8:50 p.m. on Thursday at Hickory Creek of Rochester. Survivors include her niece, Lucretia WEBSTER of Rochester.

A private graveside service will be Monday at the Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

### Harvey D. JACKSON III

Harvey D. JACKSON III, 44, Rochester, died Friday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester.

### Mary Lou REYNOLDS

Mary Lou Reynolds, 76, North Judson, died at 12:06 p.m. Thursday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

# Violet A. RICHARDSON

# July 26, 1935-October 26, 2020

Violet A. RICHARDSON, age 85, of Argos, passed away Monday, October 26, 2020, in the Center for Hospice Care, Elkhart.

Violet was born the daughter of Robert and Beatrice (SHOEMAKER) ONEAL on July 26, 1935 in Argos, and has been a lifelong resident. She was a homemaker, worked at United Telephone Company, Coppes Kitchens of Nappanee and delivered the Penny Saver. Violet was a faithful member of Riverview Community Church.

On December 31, 1953, she married the love of her life, Curtis RICHARDSON, who survives along with daughter Cathy (Claude) HOWELL and son Lee (Tricia) RICHARDSON of Plymouth. She was also blessed with three grandchildren, April LOCKRIDGE, Tammy SWIHART, and Melissa RICHARDSON; two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth HACK and Amber LAFREE; and brother Terry (Sue) ONEAL of Itcasa, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandson Michael.

Friends may gather at Riverview Community Church, 3780 State Road 110, Tippecanoe, on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, from 10-11 a.m. with a service following officiated by Pastors Rod RUBERG and Stephen WILHELM. Burial will be in Walnut Church of the Brethren Cemetery. On-line service instructions: Go to www.riverviewcommunitychurch.org; scroll down to: Live Feed-Watch our services online; click on the link by the green box to go to our YouTube Channel; then click on the service for Violet Richardson. In keeping with current COVID-19 regulations, masks are preferred as well as being mindful of social distancing. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Crest Disease Research. Deaton Clemens funeral Home is privileged to be entrusted in assisting the family with arrangements. Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.deatonclemensfh.com.

# Fred L. SEARLES

Fred L. SEARLES, 71, rural Mentone, died at 8:45 a.m. Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor of Warsaw.

Survivors include his wife Jennie LU SEARLES, Mentone; children Michael SEARLES and Leslie BURNS, both of Decatur; siblings Heidi UPDIKE, Monticello, Wisconsin and Tim SEARLES of Broadhead, Wisconsin.

Visitation is 10 a.m.-noon Monday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with the funeral service immediately following. The family requests mask be worn by all who attend.

# Tuesday November 3, 2020

## **Dr. Leslie E. HANEY**

## September 5, 1933-November 1, 2020

Dr. Leslie Earl HANEY, known to family affectionately as "Bugs" and to friends as "Doc," 87, passed away at Waterford Crossing Assisted Living in Goshen on November 1.

He married Laura ADAMS in 1957 and they moved to Goshen in 1963, where he established the first internal medicine practice. The HANEYs lived in the same residence on Indiana 119 for more than 50 years.

He was born September 5, 1933, at Milford, the son of Fred Sr. and Doris HANEY. He graduated from Beaverdam High School in 1951 and attended DePauw University on a Rector Scholarship. He was elected Phi Beta Kappa and graduated from DePauw in 1955. He attended Indiana University School of Medicine and was elected Alpha Omega Alpha and graduated in 1959. He served his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital prior to returning to Indianapolis to complete three additional years of training in internal medicine.

Doc is survived by: his five children, Daniel HANEY (Kim) of Shipshewana, Dr. Susan HANEY of Fort Collins, Colorado, Steven HANEY (Michelle) of Palmer, Alaska, Mary BROOKINS (Mark) of New Paris, and David HANEY (Roger KLORESE) of Seattle, Washington. He had 13 grandchildren, including Danielle HILL (Nathaniel) of Shipshewana, Austin HANEY (Kayla) of Charleston, South Carolina, Dr. Michelle KERR (Max) of Seattle, Washington, Houston HANEY of Shipshewana, Eric and Cara BROOKINS of New Paris, Amy BRUEGGE (Stephen) of Goshen, Kent BROOKINS of Jeffersonville, Hershey and Samuel and Joshua HANEY of Palmer, Alaska, Holly STEADMAN (Conor) of Montclair, New Jersey, and Lucy COOK (Gus) of Portland, Oregon. He also had six great-grandchildren. His parents and four siblings, Fred Jr., Marilyn Adams, Maurice and David, and his wife, Laura, predeceased him.

Doc enjoyed fishing and hunting, telling jokes and yarns, and serving others in his own way. He was a lifelong euchre enthusiast and Chicago Cubs fan. He loved history and with his wife, Laura, he gave presentations on local Indian History and shared his Indian artifact collection with classes in the local elementary schools. He was presented the Goshen Historian Award from the Goshen Historical Society in 2009 and was recognized as an "Angel Among Us" in his community in 2016. An avid reader, he is commemorated on a plaque at Benton Elementary School where he read out loud weekly with the first-grade boys for many years.

His body has been donated, as he instructed his family, to the Indiana University School of Medicine for the furtherance of medical education. There will be no viewing. A memorial service for family members only will be held at First United Methodist Church Life Center in Goshen on November 3 at 4 p.m. The service will be livestreamed by the church and later posted on YouTube. His cremains will be interred at the cemetery in Akron in the future. Memorial donations may be made to the Goshen Historical Society. Online condolences may be shared at www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

## Harvey JACKSON III

Harvey JACKSON III, 44, Kewanna, died at 10:30 a.m. Friday at his residence. Survivors include his mother, Beverly JACKSON, Rochester; 12 children, Jasmine JACKSON, Kayla JACKSON, Harvey James JACKSON IV, all of South Bend, Alivia JACKSON, Abygail JACKSON, Anastasia JACKSON, all of Kewanna, Elijah JACKSON, Ethan JACKSON, Mathias JACKSON, Brayden JACKSON, all of Rochester, Natalia PITTMAN, Plymouth, and Nekesa THIGPEN, Minnesota; siblings Nianna JACKSON, Chicago, Michelle L. JACKSON, Indianapolis, Vanessa L. JACKSON-FRIAS, Osceola, Phyllinga L. JACKSON, Rochester, Joshua L. JACKSON, Kewanna, David L. JACKSON and Michael L. JACKSON, of Rochester; and his maternal grandmother Pearlie NORMAN.

Funeral service is at 1 p.m. Eastern time, Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 11 a.m. until time of service. Masks are required. Social distancing protocols will be enforced and seating will be limited.

# Eloise M. LAWSON

## May 9, 1928-October 29, 2020

Miss Eloise M. LAWSON, 92, of Leiters Ford, passed away at 8:50 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 2020, at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

On May 9, 1928, Eloise Marjean LAWSON was born in Leiters Ford. She was a cherished daughter of Earl J. and Helen VAN KIRK LAWSON. Growing up on the farm, she shared her childhood with a sister, Rosalie, and two brothers, Albert and John. Eloise remained in the home of her birth for 78 years where in the early years she developed a strong work ethic. During her formative years Eloise helped with chores for their livestock including Holsteins, chickens and pigs, developing a love for animals. She was a 1946 graduate of Aubbeenaubbee Township High School.

A dedicated employee of Torx/Acument Global Technology, Eloise began her career in 1949. Her work with Torx spanned more than 42 years. She retired in 1991.

Over the years, Eloise enjoyed the companionship of her treasured canine companions. She loved being outdoors. Each spring she planted a vegetable garden, sharing the harvest with her family and friends. She also planted flowers. Aunt Eloise was the proud owner of a special library of unique cookbooks. She shared her passion for cooking and baking with her niece Lucretia.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, Lucretia and Greg WEBSTER of Rochester, Ted LAWSON, Mike LAWSON, Jim LANCASTER, Melinda LANCASTER; and great-nieces and great nephews. Preceding Eloise in death are her parents Earl and Helen LAWSON, sister Rosalie LANCASTER and two LAWSON brothers, Albert and John.

A private graveside service celebrating the life of Miss Eloise M. LAWSON will be Monday, November 2, 2020, at the Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Mr. Lenon HARRIS will officiate. The Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## Lynda S. MCCLOUGHAN

Lynda S. MCCLOUGHAN, 78, Rochester, died at 4 p.m. Saturday. Survivors include her children Kim MCCLOUGHAN, Sarasota, Florida, Anita SHULTZ, Marion, Rod MCCLOUGHAN, Sarasota, Florida, Darren MCCLOUGHAN, Rochester; and three sisters, Wanda WILHELM, Macy, Kay EILER, Mentone, Patsy ROWE, Monticello.

Her funeral service is at 6:30 p.m. Friday at God Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 3 p.m. until the time of the service. Masks are required for everyone entering the funeral home.

#### Randy D. GRIMM

Randy D. GRIMM, 60, Rochester, died at 8:04 a.m. Friday at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne. Survivors include his wife Ruth GRIMM of Rochester; daughters Stacy GAMBLE and Robin OUSLEY, Rochester, Brandie YANO, Carmel; son Randy ROGERS, Akron; mother Shirley WINE, Warsaw; father John GRIMM, Rochester; and sisters Melody CRAIG and Tammy SHEPHERD, Mentone.

A service is being planned for a later date. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

#### Mary Lou REYNOLDS

Mary Lou REYNOLDS, 76, North Judson, died at 12:06 p.m. Thursday at her residence. Survivors include her children, Eugene FARLER and Katie FARLER, Rochester; sisters Betty HATCHER and Kathy HATCHER, Warsaw; and brother, R.B. REYNOLDS, Viper, Kentucky.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

#### Wednesday November 4, 2020

#### Lynda S. MCCLOUGHAN

#### January 3, 1942-October 31, 2020

Lynda S. MCCLOUGHAN, 78 of Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 4 p.m. Saturday, October 31, 2020.

On January 3, 1942, Lynda S. HUNTER was born in Marshall County. She was the first born of the HUNTER girls, the daughter of Nelson and Rosellen "Dixie" DICKSON HUNTER. Growing up she shared her childhood with three sisters, Wanda, Kay, and Patsy. In 1960 Lynda graduated from Rochester High School. She then went to Fort Wayne and studied business at International Business College.

On August 4, 1962, Lynda S. HUNTER married Mr. Ted MCCLOUGHAN at the Silver Creek Church of God. They shared more than 58 years of life's adventures. From their union came five wonderful

children, Kim, Anita, Rod, Brent, and Darren. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

With the migration of their children to Sarasota, Florida, Ted and Lynda moved south to join them and actively participate as Grandpa and Grandma. After 17 years of grandkids, the warm sunshine, sand and surf they returned home to Fulton County.

Over the years Grandma Lynda crocheted many gifts of warmth for her family. Gifted with her hands, she created wedding and bridesmaid dresses and Barbie clothes. She and Ted annually planted a huge garden. Lynda canned the bountiful harvest and also made jelly. She and Ted tackled many remodeling projects over the years; as a team they were home improvement specialists.

The matriarch of the MCCLOUGHAN family, Grandma Lynda was proud to oversee four generations. She looked forward to celebrating the holidays and special family events, making many memories. Spending time with her family and spoiling the grandchildren were her passions.

Left to cherish Lynda's memory are her children, Kim MCCLOUGHAN of Sarasota, Florida, Anita SHULTZ (Chris) of Marion, Rod MCCLOUGHAN (Dyan) Sarasota, Florida, Darren MCCLOUGHAN and companion Mitzi RICHARDSON of Rochester, special son Larry CARPENTER of Rochester; the grandchildren, Chance MCCLOUGHAN, Benjamin MCCLOUGHAN, Tyler ADAMS, Cameron ADAMS, Kaitlyn MCCLOUGHAN, Trevor MCCLOUGHAN, Drew SHULTZ (Ashley), Kelsey SHULTZ and fiancé Dustin SCHEIBER, Trey SHULTZ, Kayleigh RICHARDSON, Kelsey RICHARDSON (Chris LOWRYKELLER) and Jaeda CARPENTER; four great-grandchildren, Hallelu ADAMS and Nevaeh BURKE, Kaiden LOWRYKELLER, Shayla LOWRYKELLER; and three sisters, Wanda WILHELM (Rich) of Macy, Kay EILER of Mentone, Patsy ROWE and companion Steve TABER of Monticello; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. Preceding Lynda in death are her parents Nelson and Dixie HUNTER, beloved husband Ted on August 7, 2020, son Brent MCCLOUGHAN on November 30, 2007, and grandson Colt MCCLOUGHAN on November 30, 2003.

A sunset celebration of life for Mrs. Lynda S. MCCLOUGHAN will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochester. Chaplain Todd WILSON will officiate. Her family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until the time of the service. Masks are required for everyone entering the funeral home. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Lung Association Indiana, 115 W. Washington St. #1180-South, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or the COPD Foundation, 3300 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Miami, FL 33134. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

#### Pauline E. BROWN

# June 7, 1957-October 23, 2020

Pauline E. BROWN, 84, Kewanna, passed away at 1:50 p.m. Friday, October 23, 2020 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Rochester.

Born on July 11, 1936, in Kewanna, she was the daughter of the late Clyde C. and Murl (MCQUISTON) MOSHER.

On June 7, 1957, she married Richard M. BROWN at the Methodist Church in Kewanna. He preceded her in death on December 18, 2003.

Pauline was a 1954 Kewanna High School graduate and a 1955 graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She was, first and foremost, a homemaker and loving wife and mother. But when her son and daughter were young, she worked part-time for Harold HYATT when he was building Kewanna Screen Printing. Later, when her kids were in elementary school she worked at the Village Market grocery store, and later, at the Marlo diner, both in Kewanna.

Surviving are her son, James "Jim" BROWN and his wife Deborah, and grandson Clayton BROWN, all of Stevensville, Montana. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Julia L. BROWN, her brother Wayne LeRoy MOSHER, who died at 8 months of age, and sisters Mavis Murl MOSHER, who died at 5 years of age, and Bonnie May PEARSON.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 15, 2020, at Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna with Rev. David WEBB officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kewanna Volunteer Fire Department or the Kewanna United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, Kewanna.

# **Russell MCGOWEN**

Russell D. MCGOWEN, 92, Mentone, died at 9:03 a.m. Monday at his residence. He is survived by his daughters Terry HIVELY, Mentone, Sherry YATES, Melbourne, Australia, and Lori HALBERT of Rye, Colorado.

Funeral service is at 1 p.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

#### **Nelda RHODES**

Nelda RHODES, 87, Rochester, died 1:57 a.m. Tuesday at Millers Merry Manor of Peru. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Thursday November 5, 2020

# Roger W. LONG

#### August 28, 1933-October 3, 2020

Roger W. LONG, 87, passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2020, surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Grass Creek on August 28, 1933, the son of Everett and Maxine (GEIER) LONG and graduated from Grass Creek High School.

Roger served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 until 1957 and was honorably discharged as a sergeant. He went to work for Delaware Dynamics in 1960 and retired as executive vice president in 2001. Roger also served on the board of directors of First County Federal Credit Union.

He was an antique car enthusiast and was a founding member of the Central Indiana Old Car Club. Roger was also a judge for the Cord Auburn Duesenberg Club. He was a charter member of the Coin Club and a 20-year member of the Euchre Card Club.

Roger attended St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Lawrence Catholic Church and most recently DeSoto United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Wanda Sue STOUT-LONG; his children, who cared for him in his final days, Monica NELSON (Mark), Joe LONG (Terrance THIBIDEAUX), Carole CLOHESSY (Mike); step-children Andrea STOUT-MCCORD (Andy) and Amanda STOUT-BILBREY (Rick); grandchildren Michael NELSON (Hillary), Matthew NELSON (Carlyn), Meghan NELSON, Carissa CLOHESSY (Emily), Jordan CLOHESSY (Katrina), Erica CLOHESSY, Drake CLOHESSY, Michaela COX (Corey), Madison LONG, Levi LONG, Malory MYERS, Brandon BILBREY, Austin BILBREY, and Alyssa BILBREY; great-grandchildren Grant CLOHESSY, Rowan CLOHESSY, Maxwell, Maggie and Iris COX; and his sister, Dorothy YOUNG, of Grass Creek. Roger was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia LONG in 1998; a son, Mike LONG; and his parents.

Services have been conducted. Burial was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Delaware County.

# Nelda RHODES

Nelda Mae RHODES, 87, died at 1:57 a.m. Tuesday at Millers Merry Manor of Peru. She is survived by two daughters, Kathy MUSALL, Mexico, Vicky HINES, Rochester; son Rick RHODES, Sharpsville; and a brother, Larry LINES, Chesterton.

Private family services will be held. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, handled arrangements.

# **Ruth E. UTTER**

Ruth E. UTTER, 58, Rochester, died at 1:12 a.m. Wednesday, at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

# **Gary Lee BOWERS**

Gary Lee BOWERS, 56, Rochester, died at Lutheran Hospital Tuesday. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

# Friday November 6, 2020

# **Alvin FOX**

# June 21, 1923-November 4, 2020

Alvin "Red" FOX, 97, of Rochester, passed away at 4:07 a.m. Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at Hickory Creek Healthcare in Rochester, where he had resided for the last nine years. The staff there became his extended family and were there for him when the family could not be due to the circumstances of 2020.

Born on June 21, 1923, in Pulaski, he was the son of the late Edward and Stella (KUHN) FOX. He married the love of his life, Norma "Susie" SCHMICKER in 1951. They moved to the Grass Creek community in 1954 where they made their permanent home and raised their family. She preceded him in death on June 1, 2020.

Red was a retired farmer and formerly co-owned Tippecanoe Construction Company. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Kewanna and enjoyed fishing, woodworking, farming, gardening, reading, playing Euchre, and embroidering. In his later years, he made fleece blankets to occupy his time. At last count, he had made about 500 blankets. The blankets were given to family, friends, and several charities. His granddaughter, Vanessa, swears that he grew the best green beans ever. Red was known as a soft-spoken man who was willing to help wherever needed. He was small in stature but big of heart. He and Susie used to like to "cut a rug" on Friday or Saturday night when they went to local clubs for dinner and dancing with the occasional shot of whiskey. He had many stories to tell, including the one about when he was a little boy and there was a still hidden in their upstairs and the kids were supposed to let their parents know if there were ever lights coming in their driveway. They never got caught. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Survivors include his daughters, Susan STREETER, PHD, of Clovis, California, Patricia HEIDEN of Rochester, and Rose MASKER (David) of Omaha, Nebraska; grandchildren, Charlotte HEIDEN of Rochester, Jennifer DUFF of Grass Creek, Autumn MASKER of Omaha, Nebraska, and Vanessa MASKER of Yankton, South Dakota. He is also survived by eight great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephew. He was also preceded in death by brothers, Joe, Leo, Robert, and Darl FOX and sisters Helen ENGLE, Dorothy ROTH, and Rita FOX.

Private family services will be conducted, with burial at St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery near Kewanna. Memorial contributions may be made to Hickory Creek Healthcare Center in Rochester. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, Kewanna. Red's online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

# **Randy W. SHEPHERD**

## June 23, 1959-November 2, 2020

Randy W. SHEPHERD, 61, of Rochester, passed away peacefully on November 2, 2020. Randy was born on June 23, 1959, in Plymouth. He was one of three children born to James and Donna (BILLINGS) SHEPHERD.

Randy was a self-taught mechanic who grew up working for himself as well as several local garages. He liked to fish and hang out with family and friends.

Randy is survived by his brother, Steve SHEPHERD of northern Illinois, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Ron SHEPHERD, stepsons Lester "Ponch" and Travis DAIL, and wife Darlene (Sis) SHEPHERD.

A time to gather and share memories with the family will be at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. EST. Condolences may be sent via the obituary page of www.odomfuneralhome.com. The Odom Funeral Home is honored to assist the family.

# **Gary BOWERS**

Gary L. BOWERS, 56, of Marshtown, died at 10:28 p.m. Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his mother Sherian PEARSON; son Parker THOMPSON and daughter Ripley WHITE, both of Rochester; four sisters, Pamela BOWERS-ADAMS, Urbana, Ohio, Barbara GARRINGER, Tippecanoe, Jackie TATE, Fayette, Ohio, Alice HOLLSTEIN, West Unity, Ohio; three brothers, Craig BOWERS, Bryan, Ohio, Neal BOWERS-SPRINGER, Kokomo, Warren PEARSON Jr., Houston, Texas.

Private family services will be at a later date. Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

## **Russell D. MCGOWEN**

## December 5, 1927-November 2, 2020

Russell Dale MCGOWEN, 92, of Mentone, passed at 9:03 a.m. Monday, November 2, 2020, at his residence.

Dale was born on December 5, 1927, in Kosciusko County to the late Bert and Bessie (SILVEUS) MCGOWEN. He was married on May 1, 1954, in Plymouth, Indiana to Violet M. BOLLMAN, who preceded him in death on June 8, 2011.

He was a 1946 graduate of Mentone High School. He served his country in the U.S. Army. He worked for Bendix of South Bend in the Aviation Brake Division for 35 years, retiring in 1985. He was a longtime member of the Mentone United Methodist Church.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, mushroom hunter, ice fisherman, and nightcrawler hunter. He always enjoyed playing euchre and dominoes. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Dale and Vi visited Colorado and Florida for many years, as well as Australia and New Zealand. He spent many mornings at Teel's Restaurant socializing with friends.

He is survived by his daughters Terry HIVELY of Mentone, Sherry and husband Stephen YATES of Melbourne, Australia, and Lori and husband Frank HALBERT of Rye, Colorado; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Dale was preceded in death by his parents Bert and Bessie (SILVEUS) MCGOWEN, wife Violet "Vi" MCGOWEN, a great-grandson, Marcus YATES, brothers Herschel and Pete, and sisters Mary, Bea, Mabel, Belva, and Zola.

The funeral service for Mr. MCGOWEN will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 7, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastors Jeff HERRON and Gail LAW officiating. The interment will take place in the Harrison Center (Wooden) Cemetery, Etna Green, where graveside military rites will be performed by the American Legion Post #49 of Warsaw. Visitation hours will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, November 7, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Masks will be required for

all in attendance for Dale's services. Donations can be made in Mr. MCGOWEN'S memory to the Four-Way Ambulance Service. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# **Ruth UTTER**

Ruth E. UTTER, 58, Rochester, died at 1:12 a.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital. Survivors include her husband Todd; daughter Krystal COSTELLO; and parents James and Sylvia BEEKER, all of Phoenix, Arizona; two brothers, Jimmy BEEKER, Memphis, Tennessee, Danny BEEKER, Phoenix, Arizona.

Her funeral service is at 2 p.m. Sunday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with masks required for entry. Visitation is one hour prior to service.

## Daniel BRUBAKER

Daniel D. BRUBAKER, Jr., 29, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Warsaw, died just after 2 p.m. Tuesday in Warsaw.

Survivors include four daughters; his wife, Glenna BRUBAKER; mother Brandi THARP, North Manchester; father, Daniel D. BRUBAKER Sr., Rochester; siblings Taylor THARP, Wabash, Courtnee BOYD, Landon THARP and Alexis THARP, all three of North Manchester.

Funeral service is at noon Saturday at Titus Funeral Home, 2000 E. Sheridan St., Warsaw. Visitation is 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the funeral home.

# **Rose ULERICK**

Rose Hazel ULERICK, 100, Twelve Mile, died at 8 a.m. Monday at McKinney Place, Logansport. Survivors include three daughters, Janet GRAUEL, Donna BABB and Sharon BURNS, and one son, Paul ULERICK, all of Twelve Mile.

Private family services were Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

# **Opal MANNS**

Opal MANNS, 88, rural Akron, died Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

# Saturday November 7, 2020

## Harvey JACKSON III

### January 6, 1976-October 30, 2020

Mr. Harvey JACKSON III, 44, of Kewanna, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 30, 2020 at his residence.

On January 6, 1976, Harvey III was born in Chicago to Harvey Jr. and Beverly A. NORMAN JACKSON. Growing up as one of the nine JACKSON children, he shared his childhood with five sisters and three brothers. Harvey was a member of the Culver Community High School class of 1995.

As a truck driving professional, Harvey was a member of the Local #150 and Laborers Union #71. He also was an excavation expert. There was nothing better than catching a warm summer breeze on his 2004 Harley Davidson Black Screaming Eagle. He and Amy would take day trips to Chicago, South Bend, or Kokomo as their favorite destinations.

With a passion for sports, Harvey loved shooting hoops, swimming in the pond and fishing off the shores of Bass Lake or Lake Maxinkuckee. To relax, he listened to the blues.

An entertainer extraordinaire, Harvey was an amazing host. He was accomplished with the art of grilling. His specialties were BBQ chicken and ham, all prepared on the grill.

Left to cherish Harvey's memory are his fiancée Amy HUMMEL; his mother, Beverly JACKSON of Rochester; 12 children, Jasmine JACKSON, Kayla JACKSON, Harvey James JACKSON IV, all of South Bend, Alivia JACKSON, Abygail JACKSON, Anastasia JACKSON, all of Kewanna, Elijah JACKSON, Ethan JACKSON, Mathias JACKSON, Brayden JACKSON, all of Rochester, Natalia PITTMAN of Plymouth, Nekesa THIGPEN of Minnesota; a grandson, Juvencio Amar JACKSON; his siblings, Nianna JACKSON of Chicago, Michelle L. JACKSON of Indianapolis, Vanessa L. JACKSON-FRIAS (Juan) of Osceola, Phyllinga L. JACKSON of Rochester, Joshua L. JACKSON (Greta) of Kewanna, David L. JACKSON (Katrina) and Michael L. JACKSON, all of Rochester; and maternal grandparents Pearlie and Eldee NORMAN. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. Preceding Harvey in death are his father, Harvey JACKSON Jr. on October 1, 2008; twin sisters Sandra Ann and Wanda Renee on October 3, 1974; sister Arnesia L. "Dumplin" JACKSON on April 3, 2007; and paternal grandmother Rosie Lee HOWELL.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Harvey JACKSON III will be at 1 p.m. (Noon Chicago time) November 7, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Elder Cleophus MOONEY Sr. and Ernest HOWELL will officiate. Burial will follow in the family plot at the Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with Harvey's family from 11 a.m. EST until the time of the service. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to Harvey's family at www.goodfamilyfh.com. You can also upload pictures of Harvey at https://tinyurl.com/yyzzav9h. The family requests that masks are required for everyone entering the funeral home, cemetery, and community center. Social distancing protocols will be strictly enforced and seating will be limited.

# Gary L. 'Spike' BOWERS

# July 27, 1964-November 3, 2020

Gary Lee "Spike" BOWERS, 56, of Marshtown (Kewanna) passed away at 10:28 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne from injuries he sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

On July 27, 1964, Gary Lee was born in Wauseon, Ohio to Keith and Sherian BINGMAN BOWERS. In 1983, he graduated from Rochester High School.

An American sportsman, Gary hunted deer and trapped muskrat, fox, coon, and beaver. He was a huge Ohio State University fan, always following his beloved Buckeyes with great intensity. To relax, he listened to heavy metal.

Left to cherish Gary's memory are his mother, Sherian PEARSON; a son, Parker THOMPSON and a daughter, Ripley WHITE, both of Rochester; four sisters, Pamela BOWERS-ADAMS and husband Leo of Urbana, Ohio, Barbara GARRINGER and companion Mike WALKOWICZ of Tippecanoe, Jackie TATE and husband Ray of Fayette, Ohio, Alice HOLLSTEIN of West Unity, Ohio; three brothers, Craig BOWERS of Bryan, Ohio, Neal BOWERS-SPRINGER and companion Jared ALLEN of Kokomo, Warren PEARSON Jr. and wife Laura of Houston, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Gary in death are his dad, Warren PEARSON Sr. on July 7, 2006; a son, Jesse Lee BOWERS on September 20, 2017; brother Danny PEARSON in November 2019; brother-in-law Robert HOLLSTEIN; niece Rhonda VAN DYKE; nephews Christopher PEARSON and Mick FRISBIE; and grandparents Audrey BAILEY, Curt BAILEY, Sharon SCHWARTZ, Toby WARNER, Elvin BINGMAN, and Grace BINGMAN.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

# **Opal MANNS**

## September 10, 1932-November 5, 2020

Opal MANNS, 88, of rural Akron, passed at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, November 5, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Opal was born on September 10, 1932, in Prestonburg, Kentucky to the late Earl and Icie (ADAMS) SMITH. She was married on June 11, 1948 in Salyersville, Kentucky to Carmel MANNS, who preceded her in death on May 16, 2019.

Opal was a homemaker as well as working 17 years for Peabody Retirement Community and 17 years as custodian for Sweetwater Assembly of God, both of North Manchester. She also was known to help folks who needed home health care.

She was a member of the Sweetwater Assembly of God of North Manchester. She loved cooking food for everyone and some to take home. She made wonderful pies and made a special pie for everyone. She always enjoyed family and the more they were with her the happier she was. She never forgot anyone on anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays.

She is survived by daughters Connie and husband John MALOTT of Akron, and Vickie and husband Rodney WHITAKER of Akron; sons Darrel MANNS of Akron, and Doug and wife Joanna MANNS of Akron; grandchildren Christopher, Joshua, Sarah, Matthew, Jennifer, Lori, Logan, Jessica, Wesley, Kiley and Teri; 36 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and a brother Paul and wife Carol SMITH of Claypool. Opal was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Carmel, brothers Tom and Curtis SMITH.

A private family service will be at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. The service will be available virtually after 11 a.m. Monday, November 9 on the Photos & Videos tab on hartzlerfuneralservices.com. A public service will take place at 12:30 p.m. Monday, November 9, 2020 at Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake, with Pastor Jeremy JONES officiating. Masks will be required for all in attendance for the services of Mrs. MANNS. Donations can be made in Opal's memory to the Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 Indiana 114, North Manchester, IN 46962. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## Tuesday November 10, 2020

## **Tobias SEILER Jr.**

## April 6, 1925-November 7, 2020

Tobias "Toby" SEILER Jr., 95, Rochester, died at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, November 7, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born April 6, 1925, in Oak Park, Illinois to Tobias A. and Nellie (BRADLEY) SEILER, he was the couple's ninth child and the first to be delivered in the hospital. He was brought into the world by Dr. Clarence HEMINGWAY, father of the novelist Ernest.

On December 24, 1943, her married his high school sweetheart, Betty J. BRITTAIN, whom he met at age 12 at a skating party. Their pre-war ceremony was at Amarillo, Texas, where he was stationed for U.S. Army Air Corps airplane mechanics training and would soon leave for gunnery school in Las Vegas.

A member of America's Greatest Generation, Toby enlisted in the Army following graduation from Peru High School in 1943. He was a top turret gunner on a B17G airplane and flew 35 missions during World War II, participating in campaigns in Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes as part of the 34<sup>th</sup> Bombing Group, Third Air Division. His military decorations include the World War II Victory Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, The European/Americas/Middle East Campaign Theater Ribbon with Three Bronze Stars and the Air Medal with Five Oak Leaf Clusters.

Tech Sgt. SEILER was discharged September 7, 1945, joined his wife in Peru and went to work as a serviceman for Northern Indiana Public Service Company—known as the gas company. He made many, many late night service trips in the dead of winter, helping keep the community warm and fed for 37 years.

He and Betty raised five children and moved to Rochester in 1974. They spent time with the NIPSCO friends, camped and took fishing trips. Toby was a handyman extraordinaire, passing his skills to his sons and keeping his property in top shape. He enjoyed landscaping and worked several years at The Blooming Corner. He spent hours upon hours as Betty's crafting backup man. He enjoyed woodworking well into his later years.

Toby retired in 1983 and they subsequently spent nearly 20 winters in Florida, enjoying the sun and surf with Betty's sister, Pauline PRIBLE and her husband Paul.

To his grandchildren he was known as the Chicken King, in reference to the hairstyles they gave him and the chicken dance he enjoyed at special occasions. He also was their annual Santa Claus up until his death. He told really corny jokes and offered banana splits that he sometimes did not produce.

Toby is survived by his son Jay and wife MaryAnn, Kokomo; his daughter-in-law Carolyn WILLIAMS and son Dr. Jerry SEILER with wife Deanna and their children Keanon, Bryce and Adelyn; his daughter Sindy ZIRKLE with son Brad, daughter Janette and husband Donnie ADAMS and their daughters Ashley and Kenley and daughter Amy and husband Joseph KRUGER and son Cannon; son Toby Joe SEILER and his wife Christina (Graham) and children Timothy SOMMERS, Jon and wife Felicia, Catherine and Alison; daughter Joanie and husband Jeff SACKETT and their children, Beth SEIVER and husband Jay and their children Avery and Charlotte, Caitlin and husband Nick GALLEGOS and Meris and husband Zach FURLOW; cousin Bob BRITTAIN, special friend Audrey NUNLEY, and dozens of SEILER nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty on July 31, 1999, granddaughter Jeanne Ann, son Kenny, son-in-law Dave ZIRKLE and his eight older siblings, Gertrude, Esther, Bernard, Rosalyn, Martha, John, Francis, and Dorothy.

A Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 12 at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with Rev. Adam MAUMAN officiating. Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the church and burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru, with graveside military rights accorded by the Miami County Military Rights Team. Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home has faithfully served the SEILER Family for decades. Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the family suggests you give the lifesaving gift of blood through the American Red Cross.

### **Roy MCCLELLAN**

Roy E. MCCLELLAN, 79, Rochester, died at 5:06 p.m. Sunday at Dupont Hospital of Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

#### **Deborah L. BOSTWICK**

# February 25, 1952-November 6, 2020

Deborah Lynn BOSTWICK, 68, of Akron died on Friday, November 6, 2020, at 3:45 p.m. at her residence.

She was born on February 25, 1952, to James and Geraldine (OVERMYER) DECKER. Deborah graduated in 1970 from LaSalle High School, South Bend. Deborah married Donald L. BOSTWICK, Jr. on October 12, 1971, in South Bend.

She was a homemaker and telephone switchboard operator at Culver Military Academy. Deborah was also a child advocate and CASA director. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rochester. She has lived in Akron for seven years moving there from Rochester.

Surviving Deborah is her daughter Jennifer (spouse Marc) RANDALL of Akron and her son-in-law Scott ALTER of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Jim DECKER of Plymouth and Joe DECKER of Pennsylvania; two sisters Diane (spouse Michael) LINDH of Pennsylvania and Mary DECKER of Valparaiso; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Preceding Deborah in death are her parents, her husband Donald BOSTWICK (deceased in 2012), a son Jeromy and a daughter Jaime. There will be a Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rochester officiated by Father Daniel SHINE. After cremation, she will be buried in the Akron IOOF Cemetery in Akron. A Celebration of Life for Deborah will be in the spring of 2021 at the Pike Memorial Park (Akron Town Park) in Akron. For those who wish to honor the memory of Deborah, memorial contributions can be made to: Compassionate Health Center, 740 Indiana 25, Rochester, IN 46975. Online condolences may be sent to earllovefuneralhome.com.

# **Carolyn Sue SHAFER**

# May 21, 1937-November 7, 2020

Carolyn Sue SHAFER, 83, of Tippecanoe, passed at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, November 7, 2020, at her residence.

She was born on May 21, 1937 in Warsaw to the late Harold Ed and Kathryn (GRIEWANK) WARD. She was married on June 29, 1957 in Tippecanoe to Harold L. "Red" SHAFER. He preceded her in death on December 24, 2007.

She was a 1955 graduate of Tippecanoe High School where she was salutatorian of her class. She then attended what is now Ball State University. She and her husband were owners of Niff-Corr of Tippecanoe, where she had been a secretary for many years. She enjoyed painting, quilting, and cooking. She always looked forward to the time she got to spend with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons Harold "Hal" and wife Zulema SHAFER, Kent and wife Lori SHAFER, and Jon and wife Denise SHAFER, all of Tippecanoe; grandchildren Jeannie MILLER, Sarah KAHLE, Lena CHAPMAN, Brooke PRICE, Aaron SHAFER, Erik SHAFER, Joshua SHAFER, and Lucas SHAFER; and 11 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Red.

Following her wishes, a private family service will be at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St. Mentone, with Pastor Aaron TALBERT officiating. The interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone. Donations can be made in her memory to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 https://diabetes.org/donate/donate-memorial. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# **Carolyn COFFMAN**

Carolyn L. COFFMAN, 90, rural Macy, died at 9:45 a.m. Friday at her residence. Survivors include six children, Connie RIGERT, Antioch, Illinois, Sam COFFMAN, Wabash, Veronica LAMB, Columbus, Ohio, Dixie WITHERS, Macy, Perry COFFMAN, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Chris COFFMAN, Macy.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

# Wednesday November 11, 2020

Holiday-No Paper

# Thursday November 12, 2020

# Pearl L. MCPHERSON

# March 15, 1920-November 6, 2020

Pearl Lavon JAMES MCPHERSON, 100, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, November 5, 2020, at Pulaski Health Care Center in Winamac.

She was born to Floyd and Sylvia (BUDD) JAMES on March 15, 1920, in Logansport. She was the eldest of three children. Her parents, Ralph and Lawrence (brothers) preceded her in death.

She was raised on a farm in Cass County where she learned the skills needed to be successful in life. She attended Indiana public schools and graduated from Lucerne High School in 1938.

On September 25, 1938, she married William Joseph "Joe" MCPHERSON from Kewanna and to this union three sons were born, Richard, Wayne, and Alan. Joe preceded her in death on December 18, 1985.

She was a member of the Kewanna Church of Christ and encouraged her sons to attend as well. Pearl worked for RBM in Logansport, for many years and helped her husband Joe establish the Key Theatre in Kewanna. She was a homemaker and excelled in crafts. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, hook rugs, and wall hangings among other craft work. Pearl also enjoyed canning fruits and vegetables, not to mention gardening too. She was an advocate of higher education, an avid reader and enjoyed writing.

After Joe retired, he and Pearl became Snow Birds. They spent time annually in North Fort Meyers, Florida from November through April until his death. While there they enjoyed playing horseshoes, fishing, dining out, and fellowshipping with friends.

Pearl lived an active life until her health started to decline. She enjoyed eating, shopping, and frequenting yard sales with her girlfriends.

She had a love for nature and all that it offered. Her yard housed habitat that supported wildlife. Pearl particularly had an admiration of Monarch butterflies and maintained plants that they could thrive on. Just as butterflies represent perseverance, transformation, confidence and enthusiasm, so does our beloved Pearl. She will be remembered in our hearts for pollinating an overflow of love toward each of us.

Recently, due to her decline in health it was apparent that she needed perpetual help and was admitted to the Pulaski Health Center in Winamac. We had the honor of planning a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for Pearl to include family, friends, caregivers, and fellow residents of Pulaski Health Center; unfortunately we were unable to attend due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonetheless Pulaski Health Center hosted the party in our absence and reported a fun time was had by all.

Pearl's tenacity and humor will be cherished by her children Richard Joseph (Michelle), Wayne Robert (Sandra), Alan James; her grandchildren Dawn (Stacy) WILLIAMS, Deanna MCPHERSON, Adrian MCPHERSON, Angela (Tom) ADAMS, Nathaniel (Bonita) MCPHERSON, Daniel (Donna) MCPHERSON, Sylvia MCPHERSON, a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

We will miss her tremendously and are thankful for the plethora of warm memories; especially her response to how she was doing. Most days her response was "fat and sassy!"

Private family services will be held with burial at Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna. Pearl's online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared at www.ransfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna.

#### Jeffery George CRAIG

# May 23, 1953-October 29, 2020

Jeffery George CRAIG, 68, died peacefully in his home in Jackson, California at 4:04 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 2020. He was diagnosed with a glioblastoma brain tumor on August 15, 2018. At that time doctors gave him three weeks to live. Through medical interventions, the support of his wife Janice and his own will he survived an additional two years.

Jeff was born on May 23, 1953, in Rochester, to William Perry and Thelma Irene CRAIG. He was married on April 15, 1972, in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Janice Lee SIMMONS. She survives.

Jeff's parting message was to "first be kind." His last words were "I'm fine" a private joke in our family and the response that is given universally whenever we are asked if we need anything.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years Janice CRAIG, son John and wife Natalie, grandchildren Roam and Ridley Jeffery and sister Phyl OLINGER. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Bill and Bob CRAIG.

We will have a small gathering on our family farm in Indiana in the spring to say our goodbyes. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## **Brent L. GRUBE**

Brent L. GRUBE, 60, Peru, and formerly of Rochester died at 1:35 a.m. Wednesday at Aperion Care, Peru.

Survivors include his daughters, Marjorie E. GRUBE, Galveston, and Katelyn MAYHILL, Logansport; mother Sue GRUBE, Rochester; sisters Cynthia KEGLEY, Rochester, and Jennifer GOFF, Macy.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Richland Center Cemetery, Rochester. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

## **Roy E. MCCLELLAN**

Roy E. MCCLELLAN, 79, Rochester, died at 5:06 p.m. Sunday at DuPont Hospital of Fort Wayne. Survivors include his wife, Joan; sons Kevin and Keith and daughter Kathy FLOOK, all of Rochester.

Private family services will be conducted. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## Judy A. SHONK

Judy Ann SHONK, 80, Formerly of Rochester, died at 2:50 p.m. Monday at Parkview Hospice of Fort Wayne. Survivors include a sister, June CAVENDER, Fort Wayne.

There will be no services. Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester is handling arrangements.

# David A. OVERMYER

David A. OVERMYER, 71, died Monday at Millers Merry Manor Nursing Home, Culver. Graveside services will be Friday at Bethel Cemetery, Bourbon. Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon is handling arrangements.

## Friday November 13, 2020

# David A. OVERMYER

#### October 8, 1949-November 9, 2020

David A. OVERMYER, 71, of Tippecanoe, passed away on Monday, November 9, 2020, at Millers Merry Manor Nursing Home of Culver.

David was born the son of Richard A. and Betty E. ROBERTS OVERMYER on October 8, 1949, in Plymouth. He has been a lifelong resident and a 1968 graduate of Triton High School and 4 year apprenticeship and became a Journeyman Electrician. He attended Bethel United Methodist Church in his younger years. Much of his time was spent at Fulton County Conservation Club where he enjoyed shooting and trap shooting. He also enjoyed hunting, NASCAR, particularly Ryan Newman, and he loved his cat "Kitty Kat."

On April 4, 1969, he married the love of his life, Linda BENEDICT, who survives along with his daughter Lisa Marie OVERMYER, of Richmond, Virginia, sister Debra (James READ) of Bourbon, and brother Danni (Dianna) OVERMYER of Tippecanoe. He was also blessed with his nieces and nephews: James R. READ, Laura READ, Donna (Herb) STUMP, Danni (Any) OVERMYER Jr., Dale (Elisha) OVERMYER, and many great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law and father-in-law.

The family will have a graveside service Friday, November 13, 2020, in the Bethel Cemetery (Gumwood Road), Bourbon, with Pastor Brian TRUMP of ParkSide Community Church officiating. The family asks that memorial contributions be made in his memory to: Argos ParkSide Community Church, 225 S. Michigan St., Argos, IN 46501; Fulton County Conservation Club, 3916 N. Meridian Road, Rochester, IN 46975; Gideons International, P.O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251. In keeping with current COVID-19 regulations masks are preferred as well as being mindful of social distancing. Deaton Clemens Funeral Home is privileged to be entrusted in assisting the family with arrangements. Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at: www.deatonclemensfh.com.

## **Robert G. BOWELL**

Robert G. BOWELL, 65, Mesa Arizona, died Wednesday, November 4, 2020, in Banner University Hospital, Phoenix.

Robert was born in Rochester. He graduated from Rochester High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree at California State Fullerton. He was retired.

Robert is survived by his wife Theresa BOWELL, Mesa; his daughter, Rachel HOLMES, Phoenix; six step children and 12 step grandchildren, all of Phoenix; his sister, Mary K. ROBERTS, Rochester; and his sister, Sue MILLER, Mishawaka.

Memorial services will occur after the COVID virus is no longer a risk.

## Saturday November 14, 2020

## **Roy Edward MCCLELLAN**

### September 26, 1941-November 8, 2020

Mr. Roy Edward MCCLELLAN, 79, of Rochester, passed away at 5:06 p.m. Sunday November 8, 2020, at DuPont Hospital of Fort Wayne.

On September 26, 1941, Roy was born in Pulaski County to Harry and Meta HOLT MCCLELLAN. Growing up as the youngest of the six MCCLELLAN children, Roy shared his childhood with two sisters and three brothers. With great Warrior pride, he graduated from Winamac High School in 1959.

In Rochester's Church of the Nazarene, Roy married the love of his life, Joan C. CARPENTER, on June 12, 1960. They celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past June. Their union produced three wonderful children Kathy, Kevin, and Keith. Two more generations have been added to the family tree.

For 53 years Roy was a dedicated member of the International Union of Operating Engineers #103. He was the treasurer of the local Pheasants Forever Chapter and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge. Joan and Roy have participated in the Trail of Courage since 1976. He was also known as War Chief Rolling Thunder.

A talented musician, Roy sang while he played the acoustic guitar. His repertoire included gospel and country. He enjoyed performing at church. Roy and Joan hosted the annual Christmas dinner for family and special friends. They all enjoyed the feast and a songfest led by Roy. Always at the top of his playlist was "Chocolate Ice Cream Cone," a family favorite.

Annually, Roy and Joan planted a truck patch garden. The bountiful harvest fed the family and the entire neighborhood. An American sportsman, Roy hunted deer, pheasant, and turkey. He fished at top secret fishing holes around the county. To relax, Roy loved to cut wood.

Paramount in his life was his family. Grandpa or Papa Roy was so very proud to oversee four generations. He loved and adored his grandchildren and looked forward to the holidays and special family celebrations.

Left to cherish Roy's memories are his wife, Joan; three children, Kevin MCCLELLAN and wife Angela, Keith MCCLELLAN and wife Dawn, Kathy FLOOK and husband Robert all of Rochester; ten

grandchildren, Stephanie ABBOTT HARDING and husband Holt, Dennis BRADLEY, Kristi ALEXANDER and husband Ricky, Melissa SARGENT and husband Chris, Aaron MCCLELLAN and fiancé Hannah, Tyler MCCLELLAN and wife Sarah, Erica MCCLELLAN and companion Benjamin CRIPE, Jeremy FLOOK and wife Penny, Jacob FLOOK and companion Samantha JOLLEY, Jichaela FLOOK and companion Jared LEE; two great-grandchildren, Kyle MCCLELLAN, Oliver MCCLELLAN, and another blessing due to arrive on February 13, 2021; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Roy in death are his parents Harry and Meta MCCLELLAN, two sisters, Leona CRISSINGER, Marilyn STAMPER and three MCCLELLAN brothers, Harry Jr., Bobby Gene and Harold Burton.

Private family services will be held. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. The Good Family Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family to assist with medical expenses. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

### Alice F. WEBB

### December 7, 1937-November 11, 2020

Alice F. WEBB, 82, of Mentone, passed at 5:25 p.m. Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at Kosciusko Community Hospital of Warsaw after complications of COVID-19.

Alice was born on December 7, 1937, in Kewanna to the late Fred and Grace (HENRICKS) STINGLEY. She was married April 20, 1956, in Kewanna to Richard C. WEBB. He survives.

Alice was a graduate of Kewanna High School. She retired from DePuy Orthopedics of Warsaw in 2000 after 31 years. She was a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church as well as a member of the Jolly Janes Home Economics Club. She was known for her work with Mary & Jerry's Helping Hands. Alice and her husband were regulars at Teel's Restaurant. She enjoyed spending time with her grandson, family and friends.

Alice is survived by her husband Richard WEBB of Mentone; sons Jim and wife Melinda WEBB of Claypool and Jeff and wife Kristi WEBB of Lancaster, South Carolina; and a grandson, Zach WEBB. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters Opal, Thelma, Mary Kathryn, and Pat.

A private family graveside service will be held in the Mentone Cemetery with Pastor Jeff HERRON officiating. The arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Alice's memory to the Mentone United Methodist Church or Mary & Jerry's Helping Hands, 10072 W. 600 S., Mentone, IN 46539. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### Mary R. HILL

# August 4, 1931-November 8, 2020

Mary Ruth HILL, 89, of Peru, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2020, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru.

She was born in Plymouth on August 4, 1931, to Lillian A. (BROCK) Cunningham and Archie DAGUE. She married Billie L. HILL in May of 1949, and he survives.

Mary worked at the Miami County Courthouse for nearly 30 years, retiring in 2002 as the Peru Township Assessor. She never knew a stranger and always greeted everyone with a smile. She loved her children and grandchildren with all her heart. She loved shopping with her daughter, decorating her home, and planting her flowers. She attended the First Baptist Church in Peru.

She is survived by her husband; their children, Suzanne AHNERT (fiancé Michael DOWNING), and Robert L. HILL (Nancy); grandchildren Christi R. SANDERS (Nathan), and Ashley COVAULT (Chuck); and great-grandchildren Natania, Dominick, Tara. Also surviving are brother William DAGUE (Dorothy), and sister Martha EAKRIGHT. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Stephen L. HILL in December 2006, and siblings Velma SMITH, Richard DAGUE, and Juanita DAGUE. Visitation is noon-2 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor John GOBLE officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

# Angela J. SOUTHERTON

Angela Jo SOUTHERTON, 40, rural Denver, died at 9:40 p.m. Wednesday at her residence. Survivors include her mother, Dianna MIDDLETON, Denver; father Larry W. SOUTHERTON, Bunker Hill; four siblings, Tony PAUL Twelve Mile, Tonya HEARN, Fort Wayne, Ashely REED, Indiana, and Dakota SOUTHERTON, Fulton.

The funeral service is at 4 p.m. Sunday at Harvest Chapel, 1113 Woodlawn Avenue, Logansport. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

## Tuesday November 17, 2020

# Philip Charles CLINGER

# May 13, 1925-November 6, 2020

Dr. Philip Charles CLINGER, DVM, 95, of Franklin, passed away on Friday, November 6, 2020, at his residence at Otterbein Franklin Senior Life Community.

Born on May 13, 1925, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, to Wilbur T. and Gail (MCDANIEL) CLINGER, Phil was just 16 years old when he left home to join the military. He was a proud veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army infantry in the Pacific Theater from October 1941 through May 1945. He was at Wheeler Field in Hawaii during the Pearl Harbor attack, and continued service throughout the Pacific in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines.

After graduating from the veterinary college of Ohio State University in the spring of 1950, he set up a farm animal veterinary practice in Rochester. He remained in private practice from 1950 to 1970. He later worked for the Indiana State Board of Health as a meat inspection supervisor from 1971 to 1989. In 2003, Phil and Caroline relocated to a home at the Franklin United Methodist Community in Franklin, Indiana.

He enjoyed flying and for many years owned his own Cessna 175. He enjoyed taking the family camping with their travel trailer and later enjoyed taking many overseas trips during retirement, including yearly trips to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He loved visiting with his large, extended family. He also volunteered with Meals on Wheels and served on the city council in Rochester.

He was a member of the Grace Methodist Church in Rochester and attended Tabernacle Christian Church in Franklin. He was also a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the IOOF.

He was recently preceded in death by his loving wife of 71 years, Caroline Jean CLINGER, on October 3, 2020. He is survived by children Dr. David CLINGER of Eugene, Oregon, Ken CLINGER of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Tom CLINGER (Beth WEHRENBERG) of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is also survived by grandchildren Abram CLINGER of Durango, Colorado, Rachel CLINGER of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Anna CLINGER of Berkeley, California, Jane CLINGER of Jersey City, New Jersey, and Grace CLINGER of Ann Arbor, Michigan; three brothers, Dr. Edwin CLINGER of Sun City, Arizona, Albert CLINGER of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and Frank CLINGER, Decatur, Illinois; and three sisters, Joyce LOEPPRICH of Irvine, California, Ann LOEFFLER of Rancho Cordova, California, and Ferne ALLAN of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in passing by his parents and two sisters, Elsie HUMMEL and Julia WEAVER.

There will be no services at this time. Inurnment will be at IOOF Cemetery in Rochester. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the charity of your choice.

# **Robert BRIDGE**

Robert R. BRIDGE, 95, Rochester, died at 8:55 a.m. Sunday, at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

# Wednesday November 18, 2020

# Stephen L. WALTERS

Stephen L. WALTERS, 75, of rural Mentone, died Sunday, November 15, 2020, at his residence. Survivors include his daughters, Stephanie OLSON and Gina SLONE, both of Warsaw, and son, Rodney WALTERS, of Mishawaka.

A private family graveside service will be held in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone. Arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home, Mentone.

# Thursday November 19, 2020

# Paul E. BAKER

## December 26, 1934-November 7, 2020

Paul Eugene BAKER, 85, of Elkhart, passed away peacefully at Elkhart General Hospital on Saturday, November 7, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. following a brief illness.

He was born on December 26, 1934 in Rochester to the late Ira E. and Edna F. (FELTY) BAKER, and married Norma J. "Jane" BOWYER on February 27, 1954, in Rochester. She passed away in Elkhart in 2017 after 62 wonderful years together.

Surviving are his children, Jeff (Theresa) BAKER and Lisa (Rick) MCALLISTER, both of Elkhart, and Debbie (Ron) DESIMONE, of Constantine, Michigan; brother Ira BAKER; 10 grandchildren; and 16 greatgrandchildren; not to mention a host of loving extended family and friends. Paul was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Brenda PONTIUS; grandson, Jacob; two sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be held at Billing Funeral Home and Cremation Services on Saturday, November 21, 2020, at 1 p.m. with visitation beginning there at noon. Burial will follow at Hoover-Mt. Hope Cemetery, in Athens, east of Rochester. Paul's grandson, Pastor James FLESHMAN, will officiate.

Of all the things that Paul did, probably the most constant and appreciated thing was being his children's and grandchildren's (and now great grandchildren's) number one fan in ALL of their sporting events and extra-curricular activities. In fact, he was so enthusiastic about being involved that he was even known to privately sponsor youth sports teams.

He worked at Rupel Engineering of Elkhart for over 30 years as a design engineer. He actually wanted to live the more pastoral life of a farmer like his father, but Ira wasn't having it so Paul remained in school, graduating from Purdue University with an Associate's Degree. Needless to say, he was a devout Boilermaker fan.

A former member of the Elkhart Moose Lodge No. 599 and bowler at Elkhart's Country Club Lanes, Paul developed several interests over the years that followed him throughout his life. For one, he was an absolute fanatic over his lawn; carefully mowing and tending to his yard. He was an avid trap shooter. He also loved to have breakfast every Friday with his friends and family at Martin's Supermarket, where donuts, coffee and updates on world affairs were never far from Paul's thoughts.

Donations may be given in Paul's memory to the charity of one's choice. Thank you for your interest in Paul's life story.

Randy D. GRIMM August 25, 1960-October 30, 2020 Randy D. GRIMM, 60, of rural Rochester, passed away at 8:04 a.m. Friday, October 30, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Randy was born on August 25, 1960, in Warsaw, to John and Shirley (HORN) GRIMM. He married on August 12, 1994, in Rochester, to Ruth CREVISTON, who survives.

Randy was a welder and a machinist. His favorite things were music and going out to eat with family. He was very fond of tending to his outdoor animals. He was a longtime fan of the Cubs and the Bears. He was known for making deals and enjoyed trading up whenever he found something good.

Survivors include his wife Ruth GRIMM, of Rochester; daughters, Stacy and husband Joe GAMBLE, of Rochester, and Robin and husband Jay OUSLEY, of Rochester, Brandie and husband EJ YANO, of Carmel; son Randy and wife Lori ROGERS, of Akron; grandchildren Joey, Jake, Jared, Gracelynn, Tyler, Kandis, Ethan, Noah, Eli, Chelsea, Brooke, Connor, Colin, and Samantha; great-granddaughter Amethyst; and great-grandson Brendon; mother and stepfather Shirley and Dick WINE of Warsaw; father John "Dick" GRIMM of Rochester; sisters Melody CRAIG, of Mentone, and Tammy SHEPHERD, of Mentone; stepsisters, Angy TABB, Anita JOHNSON, Diana TURNIPSEED, Judy MILLER; and stepbrothers Rich WINE, Donny TURNIPSEED, Rob TURNIPSEED, Pete TURNIPSEED, Rick TURNIPSEED, and Harry PAYNE. Preceding Randy in death is his brother, Richard "Richie" GRIMM.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 21, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Memorial visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, November 21, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Masks will be required for all in attendance for the services of Mr. GRIMM. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

#### Donald G. KING

### April 11, 1954-November 17, 2020

Donald G. KING, 66, of Rochester, passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis after a yearlong battle with cancer.

Don was born on April 11, 1954, in Rochester, and is the son to the late Lyman Arthur and Helen (RENTSCHLER) KING. On October 21, 1973, in the Fulton Baptist Temple, Don married Ellen A. BERRY, who survives.

Don worked as the transportation director for the Rochester School Corporation but was well known for all the other "hats" he wore around the Fulton/Rochester area.

Don coached both boys and girls basketball for over 40 years at Rochester and Caston. When he was not coaching, Don was the voice of Caston Athletics and a huge IU fan. Don was also a great supporter of the cheer teams that his wife Ellen coached.

Don loved being outdoors, especially doing lawn care for himself and others. He was a 4-H Leader, grain, hog, and dairy farmer and a Sunday School Teacher. Don never met a stranger and to those that had the privilege to know him instantly felt his warm and caring personality.

Surviving along with his wife Ellen, is a son, Jeffrey (Toni) KING, Columbus; granddaughter Abigail KING, Columbus; two brothers, Bobby (Penny) KING, South Bend, and Arthur KING, Twelve Mile; sister Rosemary (Bruce) SCALES, Rochester.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, Don's celebration of life service will be livestreamed at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 21, 2020. You can access this livestream by visiting www.gundrumcares.com and click on "live funeral services" and select "today's service." Rev. Bruce RUSSELL will be officiating. Memorials in memory of Don may be made to Rochester High School with designation to the Rochester girls basketball program or to Caston High School with designation to the Caston Athletic Fund. You may sign Don's guestbook and leave condolences for the family on his memorial page at www.gundrumcares.com.

## Michael W. BEATTY

Michael W. BEATTY, 55, Argos, Indiana, died Monday, November 16, 2020, at Parkview Hospital Randallia, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Shelley BEATTY, Argos; daughters, Elizabeth A. ENGLE, Plymouth, and Sondra M. BEATTY, Walkerton; brothers, David BEATTY, Ron BEATTY, James BEATTY, and Larry BEATTY, all of Plymouth; sisters Kathy BEATTY, and Rhonda JOHNSON, both of Plymouth, and Teresa HUFFER, LaPaz.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Arrangements have been entrusted to Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

# Friday, November 20, 2020

## Karen S. MOON

Karen S. MOON, 74, of rural Claypool, died Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at the Cleveland Clinic of Cleveland, Ohio.

Survivors include her spouse, Jack MOON; children Tina KINGSTON, Rick SHEPHERD, Danny MOON, Dawn BALDRIDGE, and Kelly MOON; and siblings Janice MOORE, Wendell RANDALL, Diane NOEL, Linda WIDEMAN, Michael RANDALL, Martin RANDALL, Ricky SITTS, Doris THOMPSON, and Eileen ISLEY.

A private family service will be held at King Memorial Home, Mentone. A memorial is being planned for family and friends in the summer of 2021.

## **Jeffrey SMITH**

Jeffrey SMITH, 56, Rochester, died Thursday, November 19, 2020, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester.

# Saturday November 21, 2020

## Jeffrey A. SMITH

Jeffrey A. SMITH, 56, of Rochester, died Thursday, November 19, 2020 at his residence. Survivors include his wife, Melissa MAPLE; three children, Leah CORRELL, Indianapolis, Myranda GLANT and Aaron MAPLE, both of Fort Wayne; and four siblings, Connie STANGLE and Anna SMITH, both of Vincennes, Melvin SMITH, Kewanna, and Chad SMITH, Vincennes.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, November 23, 2020, at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

### Twyla J. WRAY

Twyla J. WRAY, 31, died Thursday, November 19, 2020, after a short battle with COVID. Survivors include her parents, E. Wayne WRAY and Donna WRAY; four brothers, Bruce, Gordon, Kent and Kendall; and grandmother, Opal METZGER.

Her funeral service is 10 a.m. Sunday, November 21, 2020, at the Mexico Old German Baptist Brethren Church. Visitation is 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, November 20, 2020, at the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements.

## Josephine CLINGLER

Josephine CLINGLER, 74, of Akron, died Thursday, November 19, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

## Tuesday November 24, 2020

# Floyd A. COX

## February 16, 1938-November 20, 2020

Floyd A. COX, 82, of rural Akron, passed at 7:42 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2020, at his residence.

Floyd was born on February 16, 1938 in Fulton County to the late Paul and Aletha May (CLINKER) COX. He married on November 27, 1957, in Plymouth, to Martha M. OOLEY, who preceded him in death on March 27, 2020.

Floyd was a 1956 graduate of Akron High School. He raised his family by farming and always enjoyed working with International equipment. He owned one of Fulton County's round barns and the only one that had operated as a dairy. His round barn was moved piece by piece and reconstructed in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, where it stands today. He was known for watching westerns on his big TV. Many people knew him and lovely called him "Big F."

He is survived by daughters, Wanetta ESTEP, Mentone, and Kim MARSHALL, Mentone; sons Devon and wife Karen COX, Wakarusa, and Cliff and wife Nancy COX, Rochester; grandchildren Rachel and husband Justin STAMBAUGH, Kristie ESTEP, Anna MARSHALL, Scott and husband Shawn SMITH, Tangula and husband Alan CRAWFORD, Dusty and wife Lynndy COX, Ashley and husband Rob REDDINGTON, Shane and wife Lisa COX, Ben and wife Brittany COLDIRON, Cody COX, Samantha and husband J.R. CARMICKLE, Cynthia and husband Joey ARCHAMBEAULT, and Mark JOHNSON; and 29 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters Mary Etta BASHAM, Bremen, Helen COX, Wabash, Pauline and husband Ron MEYER, North Manchester, Wilowdean and husband James ZOLMAN, Columbia City, Patsy and husband James CARPENTER, Rochester, Jean KERBY, Greentown, and Jane and husband Wayne SPRATT, Silver Lake. Floyd was preceded in death by his parents, wife Martha COX, sons-in-law Frank P. ESTEP and Mark A. MARSHALL, a great-grandson, and siblings Earl COX, Milton COX, Dale COX, Genivee SNAVELY, and Gail GRABLE.

A graveside service will take place at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, November 25, 2020, in the Mentone Cemetery with Scott COX officiating. A viewing will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# Marcia WENRICK

Marcia A. WENRICK, 86, Rochester, died at 10:30 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2020, at Wynnfield Crossing.

Left to cherish Marcia's memory are her son, Mike E. WENRICK of Rochester, sister Roberta SUDDITH, Fort Wayne, and brother Robert "Bob" SUDDITH, Wilmington, South Carolina.

The funeral service will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements and has livestreaming details for the funeral.

## Jeffrey A. SMITH

Jeffrey A. SMITH, 56, of Rochester, died at 8 a.m. Thursday at his residence. Survivors include three children, Leah CORRELL of Indianapolis, Myranda GLANT and Aaron MAPLE both of Fort Wayne; and four siblings, Connie STANGLE and Anna SMITH, both of Vincennes, Melvin SMITH of Kewanna, Chad SMITH of Vincennes.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## William LAWSON

William H. LAWSON, 89, died Friday at home. He is survived by his children, Lynn FRITZ, Goshen, Loretta LAWSON, Wawaka, and Will LAWSON, Benton, Kentucky.

Family graveside service is at 2 p.m. today at The Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Indianapolis. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

# Juanita WILCOX

Juanita WILCOX, 90, Rochester, died at 4 a.m. Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor of Plymouth. Arrangements are pending with Good Family Funeral Home.

## Melvin CAMERON

### January 15, 1935-November 18, 2020

Melvin "Mel" CAMERON, of Pierceton and formerly of Rochester, passed away at 11:10 a.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at his residence surrounded by his family at the age of 85.

He was born on January 15, 1935 in Decatur, Illinois in 1952. He attended a number of technical colleges upon graduation. In 1954 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Korean Conflict until his honorable discharge in 1958. Afterward he continued serving in the Navy Reserves and the Civil Air Patrol out of St. Louis, Missouri.

He had a mechanical mind and was great with his hands, which he used over the years doing many things. He worked as an auto mechanic, an HVAC technician, and was a locomotive diesel mechanic. He spent his days making things work, installing, maintaining and repairing various things that we often take for granted. Mel would be the one that could fix it!

He was a resident of Fulton County for 17 years, where he was well known in the Rochester community. Mel was very active in his Native American culture and was very philanthropic. Always available if someone needed help, Mel had a loving demeanor, a wonderful sense of humor, and was always smiling. He was loved by his family and will be dearly missed.

He will be lovingly remembered by his daughter Audrey (Jim) MONTAGUE, Pierceton; three grandsons, Tyson MONTAGUE, Brian (Danielle) GAMBILL and Aaron (Kaitlyn) GAMBILL; two granddaughters, Danielle CASS and Michele MAYBERRY; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Don CAMERON, his daughter, Amy Ellyn in 1981, and his great-granddaughter, Hannah Marie.

Melvin's life will be celebrated with a private memorial service at a later date. He will be laid to rest in Sand Creek Cemetery in Windsor, Illinois. Arrangements were entrusted to Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw. Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's website at www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com.

## Randall L. SHAMBARGER

## December 25, 1959-November 20, 2020

Randall Lewis SHAMBARGER, 60, of Rochester, passed away Friday, November 20, 2020, at the VA Hospital of Fort Wayne.

In Kokomo, on December 25, 1959, Randall Lewis SHAMBARGER was born to Charles K. Sr. and Carol A. CROUSORE SHAMBARGER. Randy graduated in 1978 from Rochester High School. He played varsity football and baseball.

Patriotism beckoned and Randy answered the call, serving with the United States Army. During his service stint he was stationed in Germany. Returning stateside Randy went to work at Moore Business Forms. More recently he was a professional truck driver for Prime, Inc.

A founding member of the L.Y.M. Gang, Randy took his leadership role seriously. He was a lifelong athlete, either playing sports, watching his favorite teams or coaching youth leagues, especially

when Jordan was playing. He especially enjoyed little league umpiring or coaching. When the diamond was not in use, a perfectionist, Randy was the field master, grooming the diamond, outfield and base paths impeccably. He was also a member of the LeRoy Shelton American Legion #36 Rochester.

Left to cherish Randy's memory are his mother, Carol A. BAHNEY of Rochester; daughter, Kayla EWING and significant other, Michael SMITH of Peru; son Randall "Jordan" SHAMBARGER of Rochester; five grandchildren, Damion EWING, Draevin SMITH, Draeah SMITH, Aurora SHAMBARGER, Alice SHAMBARGER; seven siblings, Kelly SHAMBARGER of Centerville, Ohio, Lela NASH and husband Gordon of Warsaw, Charles K. "Chuck" SHAMBARGER and wife Robin of Jackson, New Jersey, Lory HEADDY and husband Joseph of Wheaton, Illinois, Jill PUGH and husband Kevin of Rochester, Martin BAHNEY and wife Kathy of Warsaw, Ty BAHNEY of Rochester, and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Randy in death are his father Charles Sr.; step-dad Marvin G. BAHNEY; brother Christopher SHAMBARGER.

A life celebration will be held at a later date. The arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# Wednesday November 25, 2020

## Grace Ona COPLEN

#### March 18, 1935-November 23, 2020

Grace Ona COPLEN, of Warsaw, passed away at 9:46 a.m. Monday, November 23, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor of Warsaw at the age of 85.

She was born on March 18, 1935, in Rochester to Ota Christina (SUSDORF) SUTTON and Forest William SUTTON. Grace graduated from Richland Center High School. On September 6, 1958, she was united in marriage to Melville "Mel" Austin COPLEN at the Tiosa Brethren Church. Mel and Grace first resided in Tiosa, until they moved to Warsaw in 1970, initially to Robin Drive then spending many years on Little Chapman Lake before their last move to Valley Springs addition, north of Warsaw. They raised their two daughters and shared 62 years of marriage together before she passed away.

When their marriage began, Grace was a cosmetologist, but soon chose to be a homemaker who spent many years cooking, baking, gardening, and canning. Her children and grandchildren never went home empty-handed after delicious family meals. Grace was also an avid seamstress and enjoyed fishing with Mel during their years on Chapman Lake. She cleaned hundreds of fish for her family to enjoy over the years!

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband Melville "Mel" Austin COPLEN (Warsaw); and two daughters, Rebecca (Mike) GAMBLE (Warsaw), Sandi (Jeffrey) HAAS (Bloomington). She also leaves behind her four grandchildren, Emerald (Dusty) JAMES (Charlotte, North Carolina), Caroline (David) SCHNEIDER (Pierceton), Adam (Jennifer) HABEGGER (Warsaw), Jesse CAUDILL (Brittany YOUNG) (Warsaw); five great-grandchildren (all of Warsaw): Kaitlyn (Timothy) RICHARD, Erika (Drue) KREFT; Gretchen SCHNEIDER, Landen and Sienna HABEGGER; two great-great grandchildren, Ronin and Riker RICHARD (Warsaw); and her nephew, Matt (Julie) SUTTON (Rochester). She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother John SUTTON of Rochester.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Grace's life with a graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday, November 27, 2020, at Reichter Cemetery in Talma, which is located at 5507 N. 450 East, near Rochester. Arrangements were entrusted to Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw. Memorial donations may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee, 38105 and would be appreciated by the family. To send flowers to Grace's family, please visit the Redpath-Fruth floral store.

## **Norman L. FISHER**

Norman Lee FISHER, 86, Peru, died at 9:03 p.m. Saturday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Survivors include his wife, Kay F. FISHER, Peru; and three children, Lisa K. HAGAN, Mexico, Steven L. FISHER, Denver, and Kathy K. ALWINE, Rossville.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Denver Baptist Church and will be livestreamed on the funeral home's website. Visitation is 3-7 p.m. Friday at the church. Masks are required and attendance is limited to 50 people. McClain Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## Juanita WILCOX

Juanita WILCOX, 90, Rochester, died at 4 a.m. Sunday at Millers Merry Manor of Plymouth. Survivors include two daughters, Sharon PRIBBERNOW, Whitehall, Michigan, and Connie SOUTHER, Rochester; and her sister Norma Lee BENNETT, Plymouth.

Her funeral service is at 2 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is one hour prior to services.

# **Christine MOYER**

Christine MOYER, 61, Akron, died at 4:27 p.m. Saturday at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Randy MOYER, Akron; daughter Amy, Louisa, Kentucky; son Scotty CAUDILL, Stambaugh, Kentucky; brothers Donnie COLLINS, Pierceton and Kenny COLLINS, Defiance, Ohio.

A private service will take place. Arrangements are entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

## Diana K. BURGE

Diana K. BURGE, 73, Rochester, died at 10 p.m. Monday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Jerry R. HALTERMAN

Jerry R. HALTERMAN, 60, died at 3:38 p.m. Monday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

# Thursday November 26, 2020

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# Friday November 27, 2020

### Juanita WILCOX

# October 24, 1930-November 22, 2020

Mrs. Juanita B. WILCOX, 90, of Rochester, passed away at 4 a.m. Sunday, November 22, 2020, at Millers Merry Manor of Plymouth.

On October 24, 1930, Juanita B. STANTON was born on a farm near Tyner. She was a treasured daughter of Tillis and Effie LITCHFIELD STANTON. Growing up, she shared her childhood with five siblings. Being born just after the Great Depression, Juanita developed a strong work ethic while working on the farm. She carried those skills throughout her life.

In Rochester, Juanita and Edgar G. WILCOX were married on September 13, 1947. They shared 69 years of life's adventures. Their union produced two wonderful daughters, Connie and Sharon. Grandma Juanita has been blessed with two more generations that have been added to the family tree.

The WILCOXes lived in Plymouth for over 50 years and then moved to Rochester in 2002. Juanita was very active in the Church of the Nazarene of Rochester. She was delighted to introduce colorful and

fragrant flowers around the landscape to attract butterflies. She retired from American Optical after many years.

A woman of strong faith, Juanita loved God, her family, and her friends. As a loving mother and grandma she was so very proud to oversee four generations. The holidays and special family celebrations were times of her greatest joy and making memories.

Left to cherish Juanita's memory are two daughters, Sharon PRIBBERNOW and husband Wayne of Whitehall, Michigan, Connie SOUTHER and husband David of Rochester; four granddaughters, Jill KRUZICK LEHMAN of Mt. Airy, Maryland, Lorrie KRUZICK of Ft. Myers, Florida, Christina BYRD of Whitehall, Michigan, Nicole PRIBBERNOW of Whitehall Michigan; two grandsons, Nathan SOUTHER of Churubusco, Jason SOUTHER of Warsaw; three great-granddaughters, Jayden SOUTHER of Churubusco, Jamie GATES of Manhattan, Kansas, Audrey BYRD of Whitehall, Michigan; seven great-grandsons, Allen GATES serving in Seattle with the U.S. Navy, Ethan and Grant LEHMAN of Mt. Airy, Maryland, Caleb SOUTHER of Churubusco, Evan SOUTHER of Warsaw, Owen BYRD of Whitehall, Michigan, Lucas SOUTHER of Warsaw; great-great-grandson Cooper GATES of Seattle; a sister, Normale BENNETT of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Juanita in death are her parents Tillis and Effie STANTON, beloved husband Edgar on November 7, 2016, and four siblings.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Juanita B. WILCOX will be at 2 p.m. today, Friday, November 27, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Pastor Don MEYER will officiate. Friends may visit with her family an hour prior to services. Interment will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery of Plymouth. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## Jerry Ray HALTERMAN

## February 20, 1960-November 23, 2020

Mr. Jerry Ray HALTERMAN, 60, entered into Heaven on Monday, November 23, 2020, after an unexpected illness. He was at home surrounded by his loving family when he passed.

Jerry was born in Rochester on February 20, 1960, to Ned and Jane TOBEY HALTERMAN. His childhood was spent on the family farm where he and brother Joe got into many adventures together, with younger sister Bonnie trying to keep up and oldest sister Barb trying to keep them out of trouble.

Jerry graduated from Rochester High School in 1978 and furthered his education at Purdue University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics in 1982. He then started his career with Monsanto Company, working for their Agricultural Chemicals Division in sales and marketing.

Jerry and Susan Lynn SMITH started their 37 years together on June 4, 1983, at Grace United Methodist Church, where Reverend Fred KEEBLER joined them in marriage. During his time with Monsanto, they had the opportunity to live in Australia where their daughter, Jillian, was born. Upon returning to the U.S. they had their second daughter, Katherine, in Des Moines, Iowa.

A change in jobs meant a move to Colorado, where Jerry loved to spend weekends hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park. He finished his time with John Deere in Lenexa, Kansas as the marketing director for The Operator Station Group. Although he traveled all over the world for work, his favorite place to be was at home spending time with Susan and his girls.

While in Kansas, they were active members of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection. As a man of strong faith, Jerry lived a generous life and worked in many of the church's ministries, including the Backpack Program, inner-city youth tutoring, and mentoring young adults aging out of the foster care system.

Jerry and Susan moved back to Rochester a year ago to be closer to family. He was passionate about his farms and enjoyed being close to the work.

Left to cherish the memories of Jerry are his wife, Susan; two daughters, Jillian WILLIAMS and husband Ben of Seattle, Washington, Katherine HALTERMAN of Kansas City, Missouri; parents Ned and Jane HALTERMAN of Rochester; two sisters, Barbara OVERMYER and husband Ned of Rochester, Bonnie HALTERMAN of Indianapolis; a brother, Joe HALTERMAN and wife Stacy of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held for Jerry Ray HALTERMAN. The family will be having a celebration of life in 2021. Memorials may be made to Kindred Hospice in Rochester or the Backpack Ministry at The United Methodist Church of The Resurrection, 13720 Roe Blvd., Leawood, KS 66224. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## **Dan BURTON**

Dan W. BURTON, 60, Kewanna, died Monday at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Wendy A. BURTON, Kewanna; and his mother, Elma Frances BURTON, Somerset, Kentucky; two sisters, Sherry DAVIS and Sheila BURTON, both of Somerset.

Funeral services will be private. Public visitation is 1-3 p.m. Sunday, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

#### Jeanette HELTZEL

Jeanette HELTZEL, 97, Rochester, died at 9:37 a.m. Wednesday at Wynnfield Crossing. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester.

#### Saturday November 28, 2020

#### Lyledean A. DEEDS

#### June 10, 1929-November 26, 2020

Lyledean A. DEEDS, 91, passed away November 26, 2020 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, after many years of struggling with Parkinson's Disease.

He was born June 10, 1929 in Pulaski County to Guy William and Mahala DEEDS. He moved to Miami County, near Deedsville, at the age of 14. He graduated from Deedsville High School in 1947 and attended Manchester College. He married his high school sweetheart, Lela BROWER, August 7, 1949. She preceded him in death this past April. They purchased a farm south of Deedsville in 1956 where they lived until moving to Blair Ridge last year.

He is survived by sons, Mark (Barb) DEEDS of Bunker Hill and Greg (Vickie) DEEDS of Denver; five grandchildren, Matthew DEEDS (Lori) of Warsaw; Andrew DEEDS (Anna) of Bloomington; Kevin DEEDS (Kathryn) of Findlay, Ohio; Cami VALADEZ (Luis, Jr.) of Waterville, Ohio; and Scott DEEDS of Holland, Ohio; and 7 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters Sandra MILLER of Peru and Deloris LOWE of Winchester; a brother-in-law Larry BROWER (Geraldine) of Macy; and sisters-in-law Vera GREEN, Converse, Sianna DEEDS, Macy, and Jane DEEDS SONNE of Macy. Brothers Dale, Carter, Bill and Jerry and sister Jean preceded him in death.

Lyle was a partner in DEEDS Brothers Construction and later, owner of Lyle DEEDS Construction. He also raised cattle and farmed. He had been an active member of the Deedsville United Methodist Church, where he served on the board of trustees. He was a beloved father and grandfather, attending almost every high school football and basketball game of Matt, Andy, and Kevin.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with Pastor Bill BABB officiating. Memorial donations can be made to Deedsville Community Church, c/o Treasurer, 10245 N. 100 West, Macy, IN 46951. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.

# **Lillian MEREDITH**

Lillian R. MEREDITH, 93, Plymouth, died at 9:05 p.m. Thursday at Pilgrim Manor of Plymouth. She is survived by sons Dennis of Uniondale, Terry of Plymouth, David of Akron, Jim of Warsaw, Frank of Silver Lake, Gary of Danville, and Wymond, St. Charles, Missouri.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Visitation is 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home with masks required.

# Tuesday December 1, 2020

## Mildred M. FAULKNER

Mildred M. FAULKNER, 95, Argos, died at 9:35 a.m. Friday at Springhill Health Campus, Merrillville. Survivors include her children, Jerry SHERER, Indianapolis, Marjorie BUSCHMAN, Reynolds, Rebecca HOSSLER, Warsaw, JoAnn FRIGO, Highland, and Devon SHERER, Cicero.

Graveside funeral service is at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Maple Grove Cemetery. Ear-Grossman Funeral Home, is handling arrangements.

## **Diana BURGE**

Diana K. BURGE, 73, Rochester, died at 10 p.m. November 23 at her residence. Survivors include her sons, Shannon, Rochester, and Jaydren, Rochester; brothers Robert DUBOIS, Akron, Thomas DUBOIS, South Carolina, Philip DUBOIS, Oregon, Donald DUBOIS, Texas, Timothy DUBOIS, Peru, Daniel L. DUBOIS, Colorado.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

## **Evelyn KUHN**

Evelyn J. KUHN, 84, Claypool, died at 9:30 p.m. Saturday at Paddock Springs of Warsaw. Survivors include daughters Pam MILLER, Mentone, and Debra CLARK, Rochester; sons David, Mentone, Gary, Etna Green, and Tim, Claypool.

Funeral service is at noon Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is 10 a.m.-noon at the funeral home and masks are required for everyone.

# **Paula SLOAT**

Paula F. SLOAT, Rochester, died at 1 p.m. Friday at her daughter's residence. Survivors include daughter Gwen LIMING; brothers Phillip and Michael SADLER, Wabash.

Funeral service is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the House of Prayer Church, 15113 Indiana 114, Akron. Visitation is at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church. Hartzler Funeral Services is handling arrangements.

### Morse UTTER Sr.

Morse UTTER Sr., 94, Athens, died at 7:40 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital. Survivors include three sons, Morse UTTER Jr., Akron, Todd R. UTTER, Rochester, Jack UTTER, Akron.

A private family graveside service and burial will take place in the Athens Mt. Hope Cemetery. Good Family funeral Home is handling arrangements.

# **Robert BRIDGE**

Robert R. BRIDGE, 95, Rochester, died at 8:55 a.m. November 15 at Woodlawn Hospital. Survivors include his wife Carol; and two children, Stephen BRIDGE, Indianapolis, and Nancy WAGGONER, Rochester.

A private service will be at Good Family Funeral Home.

## **Cynthia REICHARD**

Cynthia REICHARD, 64, Rochester, died at 9:55 a.m. Sunday at her home. Arrangements are pending with Good Family Funeral Home.

## Wednesday December 2, 2020

# Robert Rizer BRIDGE

# October 14, 1925-November 15, 2020

Mr. Robert Rizer BRIDGE, 95, of Rochester passed away at 8:55 a.m. on Sunday, November 15, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital.

On October 14, 1925, Robert Rizer BRIDGE was born in White County to Harry Albert and Gavis BAER BRIDGE. He was one of four children, sharing his childhood with a sister and two brothers. Bob graduated with the class of 1943 from Royal Center High School.

Following high school, patriotism beckoned and Bob answered the call serving in the 325<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, during World War II from November 1943 through January 1946. His service included duty in England, Holland, Belgium, France, and Germany. Bob fought in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium, Battle of Ruhr Valley, Germany and occupation duty following war in Berlin, Germany.

On January 23, 1947, Bob and Martha C. WEDDLE were married in Johnson County. After 30 years of marriage she passed away. In Rochester, on March 31, 1978, Bob and Carol J. COPLEN were married. They have shared 42 years of life's adventures.

A scientist and expert in livestock reproduction, Bob was active in cattle artificial insemination and semen sales for nearly 40 years before selling his business, Genetics Plus, Inc. in January 1991. Bob and Carol were both active in district and state Holstein activities through 1994. Both were named honorary life members of the Indiana Holstein Association in 1990.

Bob was active in politics and government and played a vital role with the Democrat Party on the grassroots, state, and national levels. He served on the Rochester Water Board, Fulton County Council 1974-77, and Rochester Board of Public Works and Safety 1992-1995. Bob was Area 5 Older Hoosier of the Year 1998 and a delegate to Governor's Conference on Aging. He was named one of 16 Hoosiers of the Year, honored by Gov. Frank O'Bannon in October 1998. Bob was appointed to Fulton County Election Board 1999 through 2005. He was a member of Congressman Joe Donnelly's Veterans Advisory Committee 2006-2012. In 2016 Bob was recognized as Democrat Man of the Year.

Community service and volunteerism was another forte' of Bob through his work with the Rochester Lions Club, Fulton County Historical Society, R.S.V.P. and other local agencies.

Bob's memberships include First Christian Church of Rochester, Moose Lodge, a life member of both American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rochester Lions Club, Honorary Life Member of Indiana Holstein Association; Rochester/Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce, 325<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry Association and 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Association. Secretary of 325<sup>th</sup> GIR1998-2017, Sergeant of Guard for military funerals with the American Legion and VFW, Member of Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard until 2017. He was a participant on the Fort Wayne Honor Flight to Washington D.C. in April 2016.

Bob served 1978-2004 on Fulton County Housing Authority Board of Directors, 8 years on Four County Mental Health Board of Directors, Fulton County Draft Board during the 1960's and Vietnam War. He worked with United Ministries Christmas Basket Program and was awarded a life membership to American Legion Post 36. Bob received American Legion 40 & 8 service award in 1995. In December 1998 he was named Honorary Chef de Gare by Voiture 729-the second such award in the 74-year history of Voiture, and Chef de Gare 2004-2005. He was presented the pinnacle award in Lionism, the Melvin Jones Award in 1996-97 by Rochester Lions Club. Bob was named recipient of 1998 Community Service Award by Rochester & Lake Manitou Chamber of Commerce. Left to cherish Bob's memory are his wife Carol; two children, Stephen BRIDGE and wife Catherine of Indianapolis, Nancy WAGGONER and husband Ted of Rochester; four granddaughters, Gretchen ANDERSON and husband Scott of Brownsburg, Jeanette HABING and husband Philip of Carmel, Theresa and My Linh BRIDGE of Indianapolis; three step-grandchildren, Annie DUST and husband Silas, Joseph LUTHOLTZ, all of Indianapolis, Thomas LUTHOLTZ of Wisconsin; step great-granddaughters Harper and Cecilia DUST of Indianapolis, Isabella GABAVICS-ANDERSON of Wisconsin, four greatgranddaughters, Nora, Caroline, Molly and Violet HABING of Carmel; two great-grandsons, Tyler and Ryzer ANDERSON of Brownsburg; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Bob in death are his parents, first wife Martha on November 11, 1976, son John Charles "Jack" BRIDGE on May 13, 2016, a sister Kay HUMPHREY, and the two BRIDGE brothers, Dudley and James.

A private family celebration of the lie of Mr. Robert Rizer BRIDGE will be held in the Good Family Funeral Home. Pastor Mike VANHEYNINGEN will officiate. Burial will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Military honors will be accorded by the Fulton County Veteran's Honor Guard and the United States Army Honors Team. Bob's life celebration will be live-streamed at 2 p.m. EST, Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Log on to Facebook and search "JD Good" to view the service. Memorials may be made to BRIDGE Family Endowment for Operating Expenses through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 227 E. Ninth St., Rochester, IN 46975; Vision First Indiana Lions Eye Bank, 4745 Haven Point Blvd, Carmel, IN 46280, or charity of donor's choice. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## **Randy BROWN**

Randy A. BROWN, Rochester, died at Lutheran Hospital at 10:48 a.m. November 28, 2020. Survivors include his children, Morgan BROWN and Cory BROWN, Rochester; his mother Linda WALSTON, Spartanburg, South Carolina; father Bob BROWN, Inman, South Carolina; sisters Tina LAWTER, Chesnee, South Carolina, Sandy BROWN, Spartanburg, Jackie MCQUAY, Inman, and Debbie JOLLY, Boiling Springs, South Carolina.

Funeral service is at 6 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home. Face coverings are required. Visitation is two hours prior to the service.

## Galen D. SMITH

### November 15, 1936-November 28, 2020

Mr. Galen D. SMITH, 84, of Rochester, passed away at 4:30 p.m. November 28, 2020, at Seasons Home Care of Fort Wayne.

On November 15, 1936, Galen Duane SMITH was born at home in Denver. He was the treasured son of Garland and Margaret CRIPPEN SMITH. Growing up he shared his childhood with his sister Sue. Galen graduated from Chili High School in 1954.

Continuing his formal education he studied at Western New Mexico University, to achieve his dream of becoming a teacher, Galen earned a Bachelor of Science in secondary education in 1958. He earned his Masters of Science in education from Ball State University in 1965.

In the Chili United Methodist Church, Galen and Joyce Evelyn HUNT were married on August 25, 1957. They have shared 63 years of life's adventures. From their union came three wonderful children, Susan, Kerry, and Greg. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of five grandchildren.

In Hendricks County, Mr. SMITH initiated his teaching and coaching career at Clayton High School. He returned to his alma mater, Chili High School, from 1960-1961 to teach and coach for its final year. The following year with the consolidation of North Miami Schools, Mr. SMITH moved to North Miami from 1961-1964. The SMITH family moved to Montgomery County, and Galen continued his teaching career at Darlington High School from 1964-1968. As a Golden Eagle, Mr. SMITH taught and coached for Oak Hill High School from 1968-1972. Coming to Rochester in 1972, Mr. SMITH taught at RHS for the next 32 years, retiring after a total of 46 dedicated years of service to his students, parents, and colleagues.

During his years of service to education, Coach SMITH was head varsity men's basketball coach for many years with a few years of junior varsity. He also coached cross-country, baseball, and track. He was an esteemed role model, admired by his students and respected by his peers. A life coach, Mr. SMITH provided the foundation and skill sets necessary to empower the success of his students, allowing them to embark on their life journey with confidence. He took great satisfaction in watching the development of young men and women as they evolved into productive, contributing citizens.

Coach SMITH also served as chapter leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in both Oak Hill and Rochester. Each summer he played a vital role in organizing the summer retreats where student-athletes could bond and grow spiritually.

Devoted to his church, Galen was a vibrant member of the Grace United Methodist Church. He served many Sundays as liturgist, was appointed to many boards and was a member of the Pastoral Parish Committee. A servant to our community, Galen worked on multiple home building projects for Habitat for Humanity. He and Joyce also delivered Meals on Wheels to community shut-ins.

Left to cherish Galen's memory are his wife, Joyce; a daughter, Susan L. HALTERMAN of Rochester; two sons, Kerry SMITH and wife Susan of Denver, Greg SMITH and wife Erica of Cedarville, Ohio; five grandchildren, Jillian WILLIAMS and husband Ben, Katherine HALTERMAN, Peytan SMITH, Reagan SMITH, Logan SMITH; a sister, Sue MYERS and husband Curt of Greenwood; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Galen in death are his parents Garland and Margaret SMITH and son-in-law, Jerry R. HALTERMAN.

A private family celebration of the life of Mr. Galen D. SMITH will be held in the Good Family Funeral Home. Pastor Kurt NICHOLS will officiate. Interment will be in the Chili Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 916 W. Eighth St., Rochester, IN 46975, to Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 843, Rochester, IN 46975, Meals On Wheels, c/o Woodlawn Hospital, 1400 E. Ninth St., Rochester, IN 46975, or Grace United Methodist Church, 201 W. Seventh St., Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## Brian W. BOLIN

### September 1, 1970-November 28, 2020

Brian Wayne BOLIN (Lovemuffin), 50, of Rochester, and formerly of Chrisney, Indiana, joined his Lord and Savior in Heaven on Saturday, November 28, 2020, due to heart complications at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Brian was born in Owensboro, Kentucky, on September 1, 1970, to Gerald "Gary" BOLIN and Beverly (HENDRICKSON) BOLIN.

Brian met Natalie, the love of his life, October 1987 where they enjoyed being part of the Heritage Hills Marching Patriots, in which he was an amazing trumpet player. Brian graduated from Heritage Hills High School in 1988. Brian's passion included anything to do with family. He didn't know how to love halfway; he gave the greatest hugs and knew how to make you feel loved and important. Brian was involved in all his son Jon's activities by either coaching sports or by being the Boy Scout leader for Pack & Troop 199. He was a mentor to many kids over the years, lovingly opening his heart and even home if needed. Some of the greatest highlights of his life were becoming a Dad, watching his son graduate from U of E, and the day he became a Papaw. His hobbies included fishing, playing video games with Jon, hiking, music, billiards, playing guitar, rescuing animals, being involved with community and most of all doing anything for or with the love of his life.

Brian worked at Rochester Metal Products as the melt superintendent and had worked at Waupaca for nearly 20 years as a melt supervisor, EMT, & ERT.

Brian was preceded in death by his father, Gary BOLIN. He is survived by his wife, Natalie (STEIN) BOLIN, Rochester; son Jon BOLIN and his wife Mika, Fishers; grandson Luke BOLIN; mother Beverly BOLIN, of Dale; brothers Dean BOLIN, of Dale, and Chris BOLIN and his wife Robin of Lamar; several nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Brian's wishes were to be cremated. A memorial service will be in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Friends of the Fulton County Parks & Recreation, Inc. Attn: Bark Park, P.O. Box 462, Rochester, IN 46975. Brian's latest community project was with Fulton County Leadership Academy was to help complete The Fulton County Bark Park. Plans are underway to complete the project in the Spring of 2021. This was something that Brian was very passionate about. Boultinghouse Funeral Home Youngblood Chapel of Chrisney, Indiana is entrusted with care. Friends may send condolences to the family at www.BoultinghouseFuneralHome.com.

#### Jeannette HELTZEL

## October 12, 1923-November 25, 2020

Jeannette HELTZEL, 97, of Rochester, passed away at 9:37 a.m. Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at Wynnfield Crossing.

On October 12, 1923, twins Jeannette and Julia were born in Miami County's Perry Township. They were the precious daughters of Earl and Bertha PENROD. They were so small their parents put them in the same bureau drawer to sleep. Growing up, Jeannette helped her father with the cows and the farm. In 1942, Jeannette graduated from Gilead High School. After graduation, Jeannette became a telephone operator for Rochester Telephone Company.

In Morgantown, Jeannette married the love of her life, Gordon E. HELTZEL, on October 23, 1953. They shared 54 years of life's adventures. The HELTZEL family moved to Rochester in 1978 from Akron. Jeannette and Gordon found joy in traveling. Some of their favorite destinations included Canada, Cancun, and Mexico. They enjoyed having their friends over for an evening of euchre or pinochle.

Jeannette was a devoted member of Akron Church of God. She was an avid reader who enjoyed biographies. She was an accomplished pie baker, baking the most amazing hot blueberry pies fresh from her oven. She would always make fruit pies and freeze them to send home with her grandson so he could have fresh baked pie.

Left to cherish Jeannette's memory are a grandson, Gordon Michael HELTZEL of Vancouver; daughter-in-law Shirley ZUMSTEIN of Floyd Knobs; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Her Wynnfield caregivers had a special place in her heart for all of their friendship over the last 15 years. Especially close to Jeannette during the last year is her nephew Steve, who took over duties when her daughter no longer could. Preceding Jeannette in death are her parents Earl and Bertha PENROD, beloved husband Gordon, her twin sister, Julia CHADDOCK, daughter Kelly HELTZEL, two sons, Kevin in infancy and Michael Gordon HELTZEL.

A celebration of the life of Jeannette HELTZEL will be at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, December 2, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will be in the Akron Cemetery. Memorials may be made to D.A.V., 815 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

# Thursday December 3, 2020

### **Helen MECHLING**

Helen M. MECHLING, 82, Argos, died Monday at 12:55 p.m. at Signature Health Care of Bremen. Survivors include her children, Allen MECHLING, Indianapolis, Joyce E. REESE, Argos, Nathan J. MECHLING, Argos, Thomas K. MECHLING, Evansville, Ruth A. SPENCER, Plymouth; and a sister, Amanda LIDGARD, Boynton Beach, Florida.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Jordan Cemetery, 11447 19<sup>th</sup> Road, Argos. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is handling arrangements.

## **Cynthia REICHARD**

Cynthia REICHARD, 64, Rochester, died at 9:55 a.m. Sunday at her home. Survivors include her daughter, Ashley M. GIBBONS; mother, Donna JOHNSON, Culver; and brothers Robert JOHNSON, Michigan City, Kevin JOHNSON and Sven JOHNSON, both of Culver.

Private family graveside service will be Saturday. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

#### Laurie RICHARDS

Laurie A. RICHARDS, 61, Rochester, died at 12:32 p.m. Friday at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

## Friday December 4, 2020

## **Evelyn LAMOS**

#### November 11, 1942-December 1, 2020

Evelyn LAMOS, 78, Kewanna, passed away at 4:55 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka.

Born November 11, 1942, in Brandon, Florida, she was the daughter of Preston SMITH and the former Sally Pearl MORRIS. On April 24, 1965, in Brunswick, Georgia, she was married to Martin J. LAMOS and he survives.

Evelyn moved from Sussex, New Jersey, to Indiana 18 years ago to be closer to family. She worked for many years as a seamstress and created more than 100 quilts. She enjoyed crafting and gardening.

Survivors include her husband, Martin J. LAMOS, Kewanna; son Franklin Joel (Patricia) SMITH, Michigan; and two daughters, Pamela (Rick) DELANEY, Perrysburg, and Deborah (Steve) LEE, Missouri; nine grandchildren, Ricky, Andy, and Mike DELANY; Stephanie, Cassie and Connor SMITH; and John, Jason, and Joanna LEE; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, Joann (Henry) POLLOCK, Florida; Ann LLEWELLYN, Virginia; and Martha HELMS, Florida; and two brothers, Preston Junior SMITH, Florida, and Robert (Yoko) SMITH, Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Diane SMITH and Louise POWELL, and two brothers, Larry Dean SMITH and Danny SMITH.

Visitation will be 1-3 p.m. Sunday, December 6, 2020, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. McClain Funeral Home and Pinkel Funeral Home, Sussex, New Jersey, have been jointly entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mcclainfh.com.

## Evelyn J. KUHN

## July 2, 1936-November 28, 2020

Evelyn J. KUHN, 84, of rural Claypool, passed at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Paddock Springs of Warsaw, Indiana.

Evelyn was born on July 2, 1936, in Kosciusko County, to the late Elza and Fern (LONGBRAKE) BALL. She was married on September 2, 1968, in North Webster to Donald E. KUHN, who preceded her in death on June 25, 2018.

She was a 1954 graduate of Burket High School. Evelyn was a homemaker and a school bus driver for Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation for 18 years. She was an active member of the Silver

Creek Church of God, where she played the piano and organ. She also was known to accompany the Kuhn Trio, the Friends Quartet, and played for many funerals. Evelyn also taught piano lessons in the 1970s. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed puzzles.

Evelyn is survived by daughters Pam and husband Darrel MILLER, Mentone, and Debra and husband Rodney CLARK, Rochester; sons David KUHN, Mentone, Gary and wife Marla KUHN, Etna Green, and Tim and wife Laura KUHN, Claypool; grandchildren Amber, Tiffany, Dustin, Kevin, Brad, Natalie, Heidi, Nathan, Becky, and Kreg; and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Don KUHN.

The funeral service for Evelyn will be at 12 p.m. Saturday, December 5, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Thomas CRAIG officiating. The interment will take place in the Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, Indiana. Visitation hours will be 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, December 5, 2020 at King Memorial Home. Masks will be required for all who are in attendance. Donations can be made in her memory to the Silver Creek Church of God or the Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 18901. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### Saturday December 5, 2020

## Laurie RICHARDS

Laurie A. RICHARDS, 61, Rochester, died at 12:32 p.m. November 27, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital.

Survivors include her sons, Thomas RICHARDS, Rochester, and Michael RICHARDS, West Palm Beach, Florida; sister, Kathy HIGGINS, West Palm Beach, Florida; brothers Jimmy KOCHIS, Rocky Hill, New Jersey, and Shawn KOCHIS, New Jersey.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Marie CARLILE

Marie CARLILE, 78, Rochester, died at 8:22 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital of Mishawaka. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

# **Trinton GOFF**

Trinton J. GOFF, 58, Nyona Lake, died Friday morning in Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

#### **Tuesday December 8, 2020**

### Sandra L. DENTON

### September 29, 1947-December 5, 2020

Sandra Louise (PARKER) DENTON, 73, Rochester, passed away at 2:21 p.m. Saturday, December 5, 2020, at her residence.

She was born September 29, 1947, in Rochester, the daughter of Phil and Pat (TROUTMAN) PARKER. In her youth, she enjoyed being part of the Lake Manitou Ski Club. She graduated from Akron High School in 1965 and attended Manchester College where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees in education.

Sandy began her professional teaching career at Manchester Elementary School, where she spent two years. She spent the next 34 years teaching elementary education in the Rochester

Community School system teaching at both Riddle Elementary and Columbia Elementary schools before retiring.

She had been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Grace United Methodist Church, where she had played the piano, and had been active in the bell choir, Beta Mu sorority, Fulton County Retired Teachers Association and Fulton County Women's Chorus. Sandy had also been active in the original Fulton County Players, having the lead role in "The Music Man."

In her leisure time she enjoyed singing, playing the piano, reading, was an animal lover and enjoyed supporting Notre Dame's womens basketball.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia DENTON, Rochester; dear friend Ted DENTON; nephew Eric and wife Cathi PARKER, Portland; and niece Leslie PARKER, Muncie. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, David PARKER.

Private funeral services will take place and burial will be in the Akron Cemetery. Public visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, December 11, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitors are asked to follow state COVID-19 guidelines, including wearing a mask, social distancing, and a minimum allowed of visitors in the facility. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center or the Sandra L. DENTON & Patricia M. DENTON Music Appreciation Fund. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## Carolyn Ann TILDEN

## August 5, 1935-December 5, 2020

Carolyn Ann TILDEN, of Akron, passed away lovingly surrounded by family at her home on Friday, December 5, 2020.

Carolyn was born in North Manchester on August 5, 1935, to John Robert and Tressa Pearl (METZGER) HELVEY. On August 11, 1951 she was joined in marriage to Richard Dwight TILDEN in Akron.

Survivors include her husband and children Mike (Pam) TILDEN, Akron; Jeff (Nancy) TILDEN, Akron; Scott (Cindy) TILDEN, Akron; Lori (DeLynn) TILDEN-GEIGER, Warsaw; Tricia (Michael) GRIGGS, Hartsville, South Carolina; and a sister, Doris HUNTER, West Virginia. Carolyn is also survived by her grandchildren, Cassandra EHERENMAN, David TILDEN, Stephanie TILDEN, Ryan TILDEN, Wendy TILDEN, Hillary TILDEN, Mallory DEARDORFF-DAWSON, Alex DEARDORFF, Graham HOYLE, Shane POTTER and Blane POTTER along with their spouses, and by nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren. Preceding Carolyn in death were her parents and siblings Vivian LEWIS, Lamoine HELVEY, Zelma SCHLEMMER, Robert HELVEY, Richard HELVEY, and Ardith SMYTHE.

Carolyn's life and legacy will be celebrated in a private family service at the home of her daughter on Tuesday, December 8 with Pastors Kathy NELSON and Mandy NELLANS of the Akron Church of God, and David EATON, Akron United Methodist Church, officiating. Graveside service will take place immediately following at the Akron Cemetery. Hartzler Funeral Home of Akron is in charge of the arrangements.

Carolyn Ann TILDEN could be found many days enjoying her front porch swing. She babysat and cared for more than 200 children in Akron over 30 years. With her compassion to make sure all children in the community were sheltered, warm and fed, her family requests in lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her loving memory to the "Viking Vittles" backpack program for Tippecanoe Valley students who may be food insecure. Donations may be sent to Tippecanoe Valley Middle School-Viking Vittles Program, 11303 W. 800 South, Akron, IN 46910. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# Trenton J. GOFF

## August 18, 1962-December 4, 2020

Trenton J. GOFF, 58, Macy (Nyona Lake), passed away at 9:59 a.m. Friday, December 4, 2020, in Rochester.

He was born August 18, 1962, in Logansport, the son of H. Franklin and Roseanne (BECK) GOFF. On March 19, 1994, in Galveston, he married Jennifer GRUBE and she survives.

Trent worked for United Parcel Service, retiring after 34 years of service. He was currently working for O'Reilly Auto Parts, Rochester. He had been a member of Teamsters #710 of Chicago and enjoyed doing small engine repair and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Jennifer GOFF, Macy; children K.C. SINES, New Castle, Logan GOFF, Indianapolis, Jory GOFF, Louisville, Jordan GOFF, Macy, Quinn GOFF, Plymouth, Wren CHENOWETH, Macy, Kota CHENOWETH, Macy; grandchild Xander WICKER, Rochester; sisters Michelle MOULTON, Galveston, Marta (Rob) HEDDING, Indianapolis; and a brother, Ted (Paula) GOFF, Carmel. He was looking forward to the arrival of his grandchild, baby UYHELJI, this spring. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Skip MOULTON.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. State guidelines for COVID-19 will be required, including masks, social distancing, and minimum visitors within the facility. Memorial contributions may be made to Manitou Training Center. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

## **Timothy HAUPERT**

Timothy W. HAUPERT, 64, Wabash, and formerly of Macy, died Saturday evening at Wellbrooke of Wabash.

Survivors include his wife Kelly HAUPERT, Macy; a son, Chad HAUPERT, Fort Worth, Texas; one brother, Larry HAUPERT, Fort Wayne; two sisters, Roberta HAUPERT, Mt. Dora, Florida and Mary Lou WATSON, Wabash.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at McClain Funeral Home with face masks required and livestreamed on the funeral home page. Visitation will be 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

## Jane STURGEON

Jane STURGEON, 99, formerly of Fulton County, died at The Estelle Peabody Memorial Home of North Manchester. She is survived by a nephew, Gary OVERMYER, California.

Funeral service is at 2 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour prior.

### Wednesday December 9, 2020

## Michael Leon ELLIOTT

## May 4, 1965-December 8, 2020

Michael Leon ELLIOTT, 55, Ober, Indiana, passed away at 3:21 a.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at Kindred Hospital North, Indianapolis.

Born May 4, 1965, in Peru, he was the son of Leon and Tanya Kay (LEWIS) ELLIOTT. On October 6, 2020, in Orange Beach, Alabama, he was married to Linda Jo (SMITH) GOCHENOUR, and she survives.

Mike graduated from North Miami High School in 1983. He was a truck driver for Ryder Logistics. He proudly served as a sergeant in the United States Army Airborne Division. He enjoyed fishing and kayaking.

Survivors include his wife Linda Jo ELLIOTT, Ober; mother Tanya ELLIOTT, Macy; three daughters, Clarissa GENTRY, Fort Wayne, Whitley (Christopher) WILLIAMS, Rochester, Emily ELLIOTT, Rochester; one sister, Valerie ELLIOTT, Peru; one brother, Kevin ELLIOTT, Carmel; two step-daughters, Brittany (Pat) BRANDENBURG, Rochester, and Kylie (Cody) MATHEWSON, Mishawaka; six grandchildren, Brylee ELLIOTT, Bahyla VANDERWALL, Breidon VANDERWALL, Zander WILLIAMS, Aubriella WILLIAMS, and Ty BRANDENBURG; one nephew, Zane LEMON, Peru; and one niece, Rachel LEMON, Mexico. He was preceded in death by his father, Leon ELLIOTT.

Military Rites will be observed at a graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 12, 2020, at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, December 11, 2020, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitors are asked to follow state COVID-19 guidelines, including wearing a mask, social distancing, and a minimum allowed of visitors in the facility. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.

### Lee LACEY

Lee W. LACEY Sr., 69, Leiters Ford, died at 5:55 a.m. Saturday at Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene; five children, Lee LACEY Jr., California, Gregory LACEY, Knox, Patricia CRAIG, Leiters Ford, Amelia ADAMS, Leiters Ford, and Pete ADAMS, Plymouth.

Visitation is 4-6 p.m. today at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and family chapel services are Friday at Marion National Cemetery.

### **Bonnie SOLOMON**

Bonnie L. SOLOMON, 91, Argos, died at 1:30 a.m. Monday at her residence. Survivors include her daughters Sheila BEERS, Argos, and Lou Ann NORMAN, Terrell, Texas; son Jerry SOLOMON, Argos; and brother, Loy FISHBURN, Argos.

Graveside funeral service is at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is handling arrangements.

## **Corey PYERITZ**

Corey N. PYERITZ, 50, Peru, died Sunday at his residence. Survivors include his son, Andrew PYERITZ, Marion; daughter Victoria WILLIAMS, Marion; two sisters, Dera SHULER and Shawnna SUTERO, both of Peru.

Funeral service is at noon Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and livestreamed on Facebook. Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

#### Dr. Reja-e BUSAILAH

Reja-e BUSAILAH, 91, Kokomo, died Sunday at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He is survived by his wife, Tanya BUSAILAH.

A gathering is 6-10 p.m. Saturday at the Rodgers Pavilion, 902 W. Deffenbaugh St., in Highland Park, Kokomo. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

#### Daniel HARPER

Daniel P. HARPER, 70, Rochester, died at 8:47 p.m. Sunday, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne. Survivors include his sister Jeannine HARPER, Rochester. No services will be held at this time. Hartzler Funeral Services, Akron, is handling arrangements.

# Thursday December 10, 2020

## **Richard Dean DAVIS**

Richard "Rick" Dean DAVIS, 69, of El Paso, Texas, passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Rick was born April 26, 1951, in Rochester to Cecil and Mildred (RITENOUR) DAVIS. He graduated from Culver Community High School in 1969. He served as a sergeant in the United States Air Force from 1971 to 1974. In 1971 he married Margaret NELSON of Leiters Ford, the mother of his sons Ryan and Travis. They later divorced. In 2001, he married Esther ARCHULETTA of El Paso, Texas. They were married for 19 years. He only retired a few years prior to his passing and loved to go fishing and visit with his family, but he especially loved his grandchildren. Rick was known for being soft spoken and his extremely quick wit.

Rick is survived by his wife, Esther; two sons, Richard "Ryan" DAVIS (Tracy) of South Bend, and Travis Nelson DAVIS (Connie) of Newburgh; sisters Pat SEE, Betty WIDMAN (Paul) and Becky BRIGHT; five grandchildren, Isabella, Olivia, Rylan, Oliver, and Odessa. He was preceded in death by his father, Cecil; his mother Mildred; brothers Wayne and Bill; and his granddaughter Ella.

Rick will be buried with honors at 1:30 p.m. Friday, December 11, 2020 at Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas. Viewing is 9-11 a.m. at Sunset Funeral Homes East, El Paso.

## Peggy L. CURTIS

Peggy L. CURTIS, 81, Rochester, died at 8:22 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her children, Vicki HARROLD, Akron, Marsha ARNETT, Rochester, and Steven CURTIS, Rochester.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

### Larry L. HEISLER

Larry L. HEISLER, 80, rural Mentone, died at 3:09 p.m. December 3, at Signature HealthCare of Bremen from complications of COVID-19.

His survivors include son Randy, Bloomington; and brothers Tom HEISLER and Ted HEISLER, both of Etna Green.

No services will be conducted at this time. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is handling arrangements.

### **Kris GEARHART**

Kris E. GEARHART, 60, Akron, died at 9:22 a.m. Wednesday in Akron. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

## Friday December 11, 2020

## Jane STURGEON

### November 3, 1921-December 4, 2020

Miss Jan STURGEON, 99 years, 1 month and 1 day, departed this life December 4, 2020, at The Estelle Peabody Memorial Home of North Manchester.

On November 3, 1921, Betty Jane STURGEON was born in Richland Center to Clyde Orland and Fannie KRATHWOHL STURGEON. Growing up she shared her childhood with a sister, Mary Ruth.

After graduating from Richland Township High School in 1940, she furthered her education at the Chicago College of Commerce. For 18 years she worked for Swift & Co. and then retired after 13 years of service at Hart Schaffner & Marx in 1984.

Prior to moving to North Manchester, the Fulton County Community had been her home. While residing in Chicago for 14 years and in Texas for four years, she was always happy to return to familiar faces.

Jane served as president of the board of directors for the Fulton County Council of Aging from 1983 to 2003. She also served as president of the Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary from 1983 to 2003 and assisted with the Woodlawn volunteers.

While in Rochester, Jane was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church. Currently, she had been a member of the North Manchester United Methodist Church. The Caring Circle at Peabody was also dear to her heart.

To relax, Jane enjoyed trying out new recipes. Her specialty and ALWAYS in demand was her AMAZING fudge! Only those who were lucky enough to try it and savored this delicious treat can attest to her greatness with fudge!

Left to cherish Jane's memory are her nephew Gary OVERMYER of California, her treasured friends from the Richland Center and Burton communities, the senior center, Woodlawn Hospital and her Peabody family, especially her friends from the Caring Circle. Preceding Jane in death are her parents and sister Mary Ruth OVERMYER.

A celebration of the life of Miss Jane STURGEON will be at 2 p.m. today, December 10, 2020, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to her services in the funeral home. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Fulton Council on Aging, 625 Pontiac St., Rochester, IN 46975. Interment will be in the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family and friends at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

## Peggy L. CURTIS

### February 23, 1939-December 8, 2020

Peggy L. CURTIS, 81, Rochester, passed away at 8:22 p.m. Tuesday December 8, 2020, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born February 23, 1939 in Rochester, the daughter of Herman and Alice (FORD) WAGONER. On August 1, 1954 in Rochester, Indiana, she married Ralph E. CURTIS Jr. He preceded her in death on November 23, 2018.

Peggy worked various jobs, including at a grocery store and within the school system. Most recently, she clerked for Thompson's Auctions.

Most of her life was spent as a dedicated farm wife. She had been a member of New Life Church. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting and cooking, and was well known for her Mac and Cheese and making numerous birthday cakes.

Survivors include her children, Vicki (Richard) HARROLD, Akron, Marsha ARNETT, Rochester, Steven (Johanna) CURTIS, Rochester; grandchildren Shannon (Fred) MCGLOTHIN, Rochester, Nathan ARNETT, Silver Lake, Lindsey (Ryan) REESE, Rochester, Kim (Danny) HODGE, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Eric (Lisa) GRAY, Kokomo, Jason (Tonia) HARROLD, Akron; great-grandchildren, Isaac RANDALL, Rachel RANDALL, Braxton MCGLOTHIN, Tarick MCGLOTHIN, Noah HARROLD, Madelyn HARROLD, Sophia HARROLD, Liam HODGE, Owen HODGE, and Gavin HODGE. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 11, 2020, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to Shop with a Cop. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Kris E. GEARHART

## August 14, 1960-December 9, 2020

Kris Eric GEARHART, 60, of Akron, passed at 9:22 a.m. Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at his residence. Kris was born on August 14, 1960, in Bluffton, to Roger and Janet (THOMPSON) GEARHART.

He was a 1978 graduate of Corning High School of Corning, Iowa where he played basketball. He continued playing basketball while he attended Iowa State Junior College in Estherville, Iowa. He had worked for Gen Core of Wabash for 10 years. Kris was a proud fan of the Chicago Cubs. He also enjoyed watching I.U., the Colts and Bears, Notre Dame Football, and NASCAR and his favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt.

He is survived by his children Justin and wife Laura GEARHART of Coin, Iowa, Kristal and husband Isaiah MYLIN of Zionsville, and Eric GEARHART of Akron; nine grandchildren; and parents Roger and Janet GEARHART. He was preceded in death by a brother, Brent Allen GEARHART in December 1980, grandparents Frank and Edna GEARHART and Ed and Mary Jane THOMPSON, and an uncle, Barry THOMPSON.

A memorial service will take place at 12 p.m. Saturday, December 12, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Kathy NELSON officiating. Masks will be required for all in attendance. The interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron. Memorial visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday December 12, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home. Donations can be made in his memory to Kindred Hospice or the Fulton County Cancer Care Fund. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

### James J. TIBBETS

James J. TIBBETS, 96, Warsaw and formerly of Mentone, died at Kosciusko Community Hospital Tuesday.

Jim is survived by his wife, Agnes; two sons, James David TIBBETS, Elkhart, Daniel TIBBETS, San Jose, California, and two daughters, Susan KINTZEL and Barbara TIBBETS, both of Warsaw.

Due to COVID-19 there service is private, with interment in the Mentone Cemetery. A recording of the service will be available on the King Memorial Home Facebook page following the service.

## **Marietta SCOTT**

Marietta SCOTT, 96, Rochester, died at 8:39 a.m. Thursday at Grace Village of Winona Lake. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

# Saturday December 12, 2020

### Donald LEININGER

### November 9, 1931-December 2, 2020

Donald W. LEININGER, 89, passed away at his home in Lindenhurst, Illinois on Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Don was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Walter and Barbara LEININGER on November 9, 1931, and then moved to Akron, where he spent his school years.

He graduated from Indiana University in 1955 and married Lettie Jane RENTSCHLER on October 30, 1955. Don and Lettie recently celebrated 65 years of marriage.

Don spent 20 years as a pilot in the Air Force. He logged more than 11,000 flight hours during his military service, primarily flying C-124, C-54, and C-118 transport aircrafts. In 1968, he served in Vietnam as a liaison between the Air Force and the Army receiving the Bronze Star. Military trips took him around the world, and he delighted his children with unique gifts he would bring home from his travels. Thanks to his military service, Don and Lettie raised their three children all over the United States.

In high school, Don excelled at basketball, a sport he continued to play later in life. He loved planning family camping and road trips, including visits to Southern California/Mexico, Oregon, and Colorado. Don's favorite role in life was that of a grandfather. Whether it was his unique storytelling, playing computer games or a practical joke, Don brought the fullness of life to each and every visit, memories crystalized in his family's hearts by his big explosive laugh.

In the final years of his life, don battled Parkinson's disease with dignity and grace. He still had a laugh and a smile for those around him and kept his optimism until the very end.

He is survived by his wife Lettie; his children, Dan (Jen) of Layton, Utah, Julie VANDER WEELE (Ron) of Chicago, and Chris, French Lick; grandchildren Megan, Allison, Emily, Will, Max, Abe, and Van.

The family requests memorial gifts be made in Don's name to the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Private funeral arrangements were entrusted to Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium. For more information, please contact (847) 223-8122 or log onto www.strangfuneral.org.

## Marietta SCOTT

Marietta SCOTT, 96, Rochester, died at 8:39 a.m. Thursday at Grace Village of Winona Lake. Her survivors include a son, Eugene SCOTT, Rochester.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is an hour prior to the service.

## Tuesday December 15, 2020

#### Debra J. JOHNSON

## March 29, 1956-December 10, 2020

Debra J. JOHNSON, 64, of Rochester, passed at 11:51 p.m. Thursday, December 10, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Deb was born on March 29, 1956, in Kentucky to Miley and Betty OUSLEY. She was married on August 16, 1993, in Plymouth, to Earl D. JOHNSON. He survives.

She had worked in different nursing homes and was a cashier at Wal-Mart of Rochester. She was a graduate of Warsaw High School. Deb enjoyed crocheting blankets and coloring pictures. She loved her three dogs and 10 cats. She was known to pray every night for everyone she knew.

She is survived by her husband Earl JOHNSON; stepdaughter Melanie and husband Michael LEEDY of Rochester; stepson Brian JOHNSON of Rochester; grandchildren Brendan, Presten, and Haley; great-grandchildren Jeffery and Charlie; mother Betty OUSLEY of Claypool; sisters Vera and husband Lowell GRUENWALD of North Manchester, Sharon DURNELL of Claypool, brother Jerry and wife Karen OUSLEY of Nappanee; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Miley OUSLEY.

A memorial visitation will take place from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Masks will be required for all in attendance. A private interment will be in the Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone, at a later date. Donations can be made in her memory to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center, 1540 N. Wentzel St., Rochester, IN 46975. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

# **Timothy L. WILSON**

### January 8, 1960-December 11, 2020

Timothy L. WILSON, 60, of Kewanna, passed away 3:06 p.m. Friday, December 11, 2020, at his home surrounded by family.

Born on January 8, 1960, in Rochester, he was the son of the late James and Wilma (DITMAN) WILSON. Tim was a 1978 Kewanna High School graduate. On August 20, 1988, he married Deborah REYNOLDS. She survives.

He was a lifelong farmer and was formerly employed at Federal Mogul in Leiters Ford. Tim retired from the Fulton County Highway Department in 2016.

He enjoyed turkey shoots, participating in the Winamac Power of the Past every year and was an avid rustic antique collector.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah WILSON of Kewanna; daughter Kaylee WILSON (Abbi) of Rochester; son Taylor WILSON of Kewanna; sisters Mary Lou FOERG (Bill) of Royal Center and Judy GRAHAM (Jack) of Lucerne; and sister-in-law Nicki WILSON of Rochester. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Mark WILSON.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at Rans Funeral Homes and Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna. Private family services will be held. Tim's funeral service will be livestreamed at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 17, 2020, on the Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory Facebook page. Burial will be at Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna. Memorial contributions can be made to Kindred Hospice and/or the Fulton County Animal Center.

## Lewis E. FLORY

Lewis E. FLORY, 79, Rochester and formerly of Tippecanoe, died at 11:05 a.m. Friday at his residence.

He is survived by his wife Peggy FLORY, Rochester; daughters Tammy and Eads, Mentone, and Teresa SCOTT, Tippecanoe; and brothers Jerry FLORY and Duane FLORY, both of Tippecanoe.

There will be no visitation or service at this time. Kim Memorial Home, Mentone, is handling arrangements.

#### Mary Etta BASHAM

Mary Etta BASHAM, 87, Mishawaka, died at 9:42 p.m. Friday at Signature HealthCare of Bremen. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

## John THOMAS

John THOMAS, 74, Rochester, died at 8:25 a.m. Sunday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

#### Wednesday December 16, 2020

### John THOMAS

### August 31, 1946-December 13, 2020

John "Johnny"/"JT" THOMAS, 74, Rochester, passed away at 7:27 a.m. Sunday, December 13, 2020, at his residence after a courageous battle with liver disease. He was surrounded by his loving family as he was welcomed into Heaven.

He was born August 31, 1946, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, the son of John Monroe and Jesse Elizabeth (GROVES) THOMAS. On August 1, 1987, in Rochester, he married the love of his life, Sandra PUGH, and she survives.

John, a man of many talents and trades, had been a truck driver and worked for Rochester Metals. His most treasured occupation had been serving as sexton for Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. A man of God, he had attended Rochester Church of God where he enjoyed teaching Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible study. He enjoyed playing the guitar and singing, drawing, fishing, and camping. He was always ready for a "road trip" with his wife and looked forward to trips to Menards to simply browse the aisles. He was known as the "Neighborhood Grandpa," sitting on his front porch visiting with neighbors and conversing with any passerby out and about. He enjoyed grabbing his favorite Dunkin Donuts cake donuts and coffee and taking long drives in the country every Tuesday with his daughter, stopping to talk to every cow and horse they passed. He was known for being a man of great advice and always looked forward to the frequent phone calls he received from his son. The most cherished part of his life was simply being a family man. To know him was to love him and he spent his time with those who loved him the most.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra THOMAS, Rochester; children, Derek John (Christina) THOMAS, Peru, Jessica Louann (Jason) URBIN, Rochester, Lonnie THOMAS, Michigan, Tammy ANDERS, Michigan; grandchildren Brayden John THOMAS, Peru, Emma Audrey Marie THOMAS, Peru, Sophia Louann URBIN, Rochester, Macie Jo URBIN, Rochester, Caleb THOMAS, Mikayla THOMAS, Cynthia MOODY; his sisters, Janet (Jerry) BEAIRD, Rochester, FayAnn (Alton) MITCHELL, Princeton, Kentucky; "Neighborhood son and daughter" Jeremy and Kellie Jo SWANGO, Rochester; and "Neighborhood Grandchildren" Elizabeth, Noah, Aaron and Eli SWANGO, all of Rochester; feline friend Annie Lou and canine friend Lucy Lou. He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and five brothers, one grandchild, and canine pals Buffy Lou and Baby Bear Bear.

Friends may call or visit from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. State guidelines for COVID-19, including mask wearing, social distancing, and a limited amount of visitors allowed in the facility will be followed. Private services will be observed. Public graveside services will be conducted at approximately 10:45 a.m. Friday, December 18, 2020, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# **Kathryn PARRIS**

Mrs. Kathryn A. PARRIS, 67, Rochester, died at 10:28 a.m. Saturday at Majestic Care of New Haven.

Her survivors include six daughters, Christina RHOADS, Plymouth, Lorelei WHITTINGTON, Dayton, Tennessee, Rebecca TRAYER, Martinsville, West Virginia, Peggy GUZZO, Oregon, Cheryl BOWYER, North Judson, and Tanya PINE, Rochester; two sons, Thomas GUZZO Jr., Plymouth, and Jamie GUZZO, Rochester; and brother David DAMER, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

The funeral service will be private. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

### Thursday December 17, 2020

### Imogene WILSON

Imogene WILSON, 98, Rochester, died at 9:45 p.m. Tuesday at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Jim RENTSCHLER

Jim A. RENTSCHLER, 89, Lucerne, died at 6 a.m. Wednesday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

## Friday December 18, 2020

### Jim A. RENTSCHLER

### March 24, 1931-December 16, 2020

Jim A. RENTSCHLER, 89, Lucerne, passed away at 6 a.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at his residence.

He was born March 24, 1931, in Fulton County, the son of Elgy V. and Mervine C. (HUBERT) RENTSCHLER. He graduated from Fulton High School in 1949 and on November 25, 1951, at the Fulton Evangelical United Brethren Church, he married Doneta RIEMENSCHNEIDER and she survives. He served with the United States Army during the Korean War from 1952-1954.

Mr. RENTSCHLER had been a farmer and had worked at the sale barns in Rochester and Logansport on the weekends. He had been a member of the Fulton Masonic Lodge, Shrine Club, American Legion and attended the Metea Baptist Church. He enjoyed reading, playing golf, woodworking, playing cards, computers, basketball, visiting and most of all enjoyed his family.

Survivors include his wife, Doneta RENTSCHLER, Lucerne; sons Wayne A. RENTSCHLER, Houston, Texas, and Dale B. RENTSCHLER, Fulton; granddaughter Ryvrle, Houston; great-granddaughter Ariya Rose SALAZAR, Houston; brothers Ned (Juanita) RENTSCHLER, Rochester, David (Nancy) RENTSCHLER, Paris, Missouri; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 20, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home and one hour prior to service. Burial will follow in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, where military graveside rites will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans' Honor Guard. State guidelines for COVID-19 including mask wearing, social distancing, and a limited number of visitors allowed in the facility will be followed. Memorial contributions may be made to the Metea Baptist Church, Parkinsons Foundation or donor's favorite charity. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Imogene B. WILSON

#### October 17, 1922-December 15, 2020

Imogene BABER WILSON, 98, Rochester, passed away at 9:45 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester.

Imogene was born on October 17, 1922, in Deedsville, the daughter of Roscoe C. and Golda F. (HECKATHORN) BABER and grew up in Macy. Imogene graduated from Rochester High School and she married Taylor "Ed" WILSON in May 1941. He preceded her in death on June 5, 2009. Imogene and Ed were the owners of Ed WILSON'S Men and Boys' Wear in Rochester.

They were members of Grace United Methodist Church. She was active in Tri Kappa and played in Bridgearama for many years, rejoining the group in her 90s. She loved fishing, teaching all her grandkids how to filet a bluegill. She and Ed enjoyed many golf trips to Maui and to Callaway Gardens. She enjoyed crocheting, and was happy to knit scarves for the Colts Super Bowl project. She was an avid jigsaw and crossword puzzle worker, and continued to enjoy playing bridge until COVID-19 shut down the bridge tables.

Survivors include daughters Connie KESSLER (Evan), Brownsburg, Laurie VENABLE (Jim), Prospect, Kentucky; grandchildren Elizabeth KATCHKA (Christian), Fort Washington, Maryland, Kinsey KATCHKA, Raleigh, North Carolina, Ben VENABLE, Charlotte, North Carolina, Matt VENABLE (Shelli), Louisville, Kentucky; sister Betty Jo BENEDICT, Kokomo; and many nieces and nephews.

The family is grateful to the staff at Wynnfield Crossing for the love and care they provided during Imogene's time there. Special gratitude goes to her caregivers, Ronda ADAMS, Sharon ROCK, and the Kindred Hospice staff.

Private services will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.zimermanbrosfh.com.

### Mary E. BASHAM

### March 14, 1933-December 11, 2020

Mary Etta BASHAM, 87, of Mishawaka, passed at 9:42 p.m. Friday, December 11, 2020, at Signature HealthCare of Bremen, Indiana.

Mary Etta was born March 14, 1933, in Fulton County, to the late Paul and Aletha May (CLINKER) COX. She was raised on the family farm near Akron. She was a graduate of Akron High School in 1951. She then was married, on May 18, 1952, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Lawrence A. "Larry" BASHAM, who preceded her in death on March 17, 2015. She and her husband owned and operated South Bend Pools and 3E Electric & Construction for many years.

Mary Etta was a lifetime member and past president of the National Home Builders Association. She was an avid Notre Dame Fighting Irish fan.

Mary Etta is survived by her daughter Cindy and husband Richard OSBORN of Mishawaka, and grandsons Blaine OSBORN of Seattle, Washington and Neil and wife Mackenzie OSBORN of Cliffside Park, New Jersey. Also surviving are sisters Helen COX, Wabash, Pauline and husband Ron MEYER, North Manchester, Willowdean and husband James ZOLMAN, Columbia City, Patsy and husband James CARPENTER, Rochester, Jean KERBY, Greentown, and Jane and husband Wayne SPRATT, Silver Lake. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Larry BASHAM, and siblings Earl COX, Milton COX, Dale COX, Floyd COX, Genavee SNAVELY, and Gail GRABLE.

A celebration of Marry Etta's life is being planned in the coming months. A private burial will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron. The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester, St., Akron. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

#### Vince W. HISSONG

Vince W. HISSONG, 62, passed away unexpectedly on November 21, 2020. Vince was born in Rochester to the late Barbara (REINHOLT) and Wayne D. HISSONG. He graduated from Culver High School in 1976.

He worked the last 30 plus years at Plymouth Tube, Winamac, Indiana. He enjoyed wood carving, fishing, mushroom hunting, gardening, deer hunting, and rabbit hunting with his sweet companion Figgy.

Vince leaves behind his wife Becky of 36 years; sons Ryan (Charlene) MUSSELMAN and Isaac HISSONG; grandchildren Miranda DOTSON, Samuel, Maxwell, and Eli MUSSELMAN; aunts and uncles; a brother Van and sister Val; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Due to pandemic, a private service with immediate family was at Odom Funeral Home, Culver, with longtime friend John SULT officiating. A celebration of life with family, friends, and coworkers will be at a future date to be announced.

## **Candace GIRTON**

Candace Marie GIRTON, 29, Kewanna, died Tuesday, November 24, 2020, as the result of a motor vehicle accident west of Denver.

Survivors include a daughter, Isabella Marie-Dell GIRTON, Kewanna; parents Lesia and Mark GARDNER, Kewanna; father Boyd POWELL, Richardson, Texas; a brother, Timothy S. POWELL, Kokomo; and a sister, Amanda SLONE, Ohio.

Her funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Fulton Baptist Temple and will be live-streamed on her obituary page at www.mcclainfh.com. Visitation is noon-2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Masks are required. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

## Saturday December 19, 2020

# Sandra S. GIBBONS

## December 19, 1948-December 16, 2020

Sandra Sue (JOHNSTON) GIBBONS, 71, of Rochester, passed away Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 11:33 p.m. at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, following a brief illness.

On December 19, 1948, near Kewanna in rural Wayne Township, Fulton County, Sandra was born to Donald Leo JOHNSTON and Nancy Ruth (CRABB) JOHNSTON. Sandra lived in Rochester for the past 21 years, having lived in Fulton prior to that.

On September 5, 1970, she married Dale Ray GIBBONS at the Santa Anna United Methodist Church in Argos, and together they shared the next 29 years before Dale's passing on July 30, 1999.

Sandra was a seamstress, having worked for Levi Strauss & Company in San Angelo, Texas and Hart/Schaffner/Marx in Rochester. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Rochester. Sandra was a graduate of Star City High School with the class of 1966.

Sandra is survived by her daughters, Stefanie DILLINGHAM and Stacy GIBBONS, both of Rochester; four grandchildren, Cole, Jacob, Krista, and Korigan; siblings Larry JOHNSTON of Conroe, Texas, Dennis JOHNSTON and wife Ann of Kokomo, Harold JOHNSTON of Star City, Janet HARSHMAN and husband Tim of Logansport, Terry JOHNSTON and wife Linda of Culver, Linda DODSON of Rensselaer, Wanda MILLER and husband Tom of Macy, James JOHNSTON and wife Sandra of Winamac, Wilma COLE and husband Richard of Plymouth, Edna PARKS of Rensselaer; and a brother-in-law, Robert FARRER of Logansport. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Garry JOHNSTON and sister Phyllis FARRER.

Graveside funeral services will be Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. at the Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery at Poplar Grove, 15315 State Road 10, Culver, with Rev. Mike VAN HEYNINGEN of the First Christian Church, Rochester, officiating, and burial to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, 1101 Madison St., Rochester, IN 46975. Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, Indiana.

## Steven DUFF

Steven R. DUFF, 75, formerly of Rochester, died at 5 a.m. Friday, December 18, 2020, in Plymouth.

Survivors include a daughter, Erin TRUSTY, Rochester, and sons Keith A. DUFF, Plymouth, and Shane DUFF, Rochester.

Services will be private. Good Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

### Sandra L. SANDERS

Sandra L. SANDERS, 74, died at Elkhart General Hospital on Monday. Arrangements are pending at Billings Funeral Home in Elkhart.

## Tuesday December 22, 2020

## **Robert E. PETERSON**

### March 8, 1930-December 19, 2020

Robert Eugene "Bob" PETERSON, 90, Rochester, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 19, 2020, at his residence.

Robert Eugene "Bob" PETERSON was born in Newcastle Township, Fulton County, on March 8, 1930, to Beulah RUSSELL BARKMAN PETERSON and Clarence Cleveland PETERSON. He was raised on his family's farm.

He graduated as valedictorian from Talma High School in 1948. He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1952. While there he belonged to the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. At Purdue, he was on both the livestock and dairy judging teams.

A member of the ROTC at Purdue, Bob was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and joined the 52<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, serving in Japan and Korea in 1953-54. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in reorganizing the Battalion Communications Section. After farming in Fulton County, bob received his law degree from Indiana University in 1964.

On September 12, 1965, Bob married Martha Ann COPLEN in Rochester's First Baptist Church. Their son, Matthew, was born in 1966 and their daughter, Elaine, in 1970.

In 1956, Bob was elected Fulton County Auditor, and in 1960 he was elected a member of the Indiana State Senate. He was re-elected in 1964 and again in 1976. In the Senate, he was chairman of the Roads and Transportation Committee and, in 1979-80, served as assistant minority leader. He also served on the Education Study Commission that led to the first state funding for public school kindergartens. In 1980, he was the Democratic Lieutenant Governor nominee for Indiana.

Bob started his solo law practice in Rochester in 1965. He was a founding partner of the Peterson, Waggoner, and Perkins, LLP law firm. He retired from the practice of law in 2012.

Bob remained involved with his alma mater. He was president of the Indiana University Law Alumni Association in 1978. In 2003 he was appointed to serve as a member of the Purdue University Board of Trustees by Governor Frank O'Bannon serving until 2006.

Bob was active in civic activities both in his community and state. He was lieutenant governor of Indiana Kiwanis and a member of the board of managers of the Indiana Association of American Baptist Churches. He served on the board of managers of the Indiana State Bar Association and as chairman of the bar's state legislation committee. Governor O'Bannon named him a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2001.

In Fulton County, he was chairman of the courthouse needs study committee in 1992 and the courthouse centennial committee in 1995. He was on the board of the Fulton County Airport for 16 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Fulton County Historical Society. He was a moderator, trustee, and deacon at the First Baptist Church of Rochester. In 2001, he was presented with the Rochester Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award.

Bob loved and was dedicated to his family, his community, his church, the practice of law, and his farms. Everyone who knew him witnessed his kindness, his friendliness, and his integrity.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; by his children, Matthew PETERSON (Elizabeth RAMBEAU) of Pittsburgh and Elaine GOEBEL (Ernie) of Columbia, Maryland; and by three grandchildren, Sophie, Ben, and Ellie PETERSON, all of Pittsburgh. Also surviving are a number of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Chloris BARKMAN, and sister, Maleta BORDEN.

Private services will be conducted at First Baptist Church, Rochester. Public graveside services will be conducted at noon, Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church or the Fulton County Historical Society. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com. A webcast of Bob's funeral can be viewed starting at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday, December 23, 2020 on his obituary page on the funeral home website.

## **Roy PRESLEY**

Roy Franklin PRESLEY, 74, rural Mentone, died December 17, 2020, at his residence. His survivors include daughters Carol OUSLEY, Mentone, Royetta GOOD, Mentone, and Brenda SHEPHERD, Mentone.

His funeral service was at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

## Wednesday December 23, 2020

# **Roderick SEEHASE**

## August 8, 1955-December 21, 2020

Roderick "Rick" A. SEEHASE, 65, of Logansport, passed away Monday, December 21, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Carmel.

Born August 8, 1955, in Logansport, Rick was the son of James R. and Frankie (PARKER) SEEHASE. Rick was a farmer, and instrumental in day-to-day operation of the family business, Oak Ridge Farms.

Rick was extremely active in livestock and 4-H. He was an active member of the Indiana Beef Cattleman's Association, and was on the Hoosier Beef Congress Committee 1986-2020, serving as the chairman of that committee from 2012-2020. He has been a Cass County 4-H Fair Association board member, beef committee chairman and committee member.

He was a Cass County Cattlemen's Association member and was actively involved in showing cattle with his nieces and nephews. Rick was a lifetime member of the American Angus Association, along with membership in other breed associations.

Rick loved following the Colts and Indiana Hoosiers. He made sure to always have the freezer stocked with Schwan's ice cream sandwiches and caramels for the nieces and nephews.

Surviving are two brothers, Jim and Fred SEEHASE; sister Cindy (Kevin) SCOTT; niece Stephanie (Blake) MOLLENKOPF; three nephews, Wesley (Grace) SCOTT, Duane SCOTT, and Cody (Jennifer) SCOTT, all of Logansport; great nieces and nephews Kinzie MOLLENKOPF, Gavin MOLLENKOPF, Logan MOLLENKOPF, Remley MOLLENKOPF, Keaton SCOTT, Quinn SCOTT, Carter SCOTT, Cora SCOTT, Colette SCOTT, Chloe SCOTT, and Jarrett SCOTT.

A celebration of life is going to be planned for a later date, when people can gather for a party, the way Rick would have wanted. A private family service will be at the Gundrum Funeral Home on Monday, December 28, 2020, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Bruce RUSSELL officiating and the service will be livestreamed for the public to view. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cass County 4-H Association, c/o the Cass County Extension Office, 200 Court Park, Room 302, Logansport, IN 46947. You may leave condolences for the family at www.gundrumcares.com.

### Jack NICHOLS

Jack L. NICHOLS, 89, Newark, Ohio, and formerly of Rochester, died at 5:25 p.m. Monday at Flintridge of Newark. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

# Atma SANDHER

Atma Singh SANDHER, 78, Rochester, died at 1:52 p.m. Monday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

### **Ruthann MARKLEY**

Ruthann MARKLEY, 62, Rochester, died Tuesday. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home.

## Thursday December 24, 2020

No Obituaries

Friday December 25, 2020

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# Saturday December 26, 2020

# June A. CONN

# February 5, 1939-December 22, 2020

June A. CONN, 81, Kokomo, and formerly of Royal Center, passed away at 11:05 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at Community Howard Regional Hospital in Kokomo.

Born on February 5, 1939, in Idaville, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Edith (FRY) NICOLL. On September 3, 1954, she married James E. CONN. He preceded her in death on January 31, 2013.

June was a homemaker and farm wife for many years. She was also a manager for a condominium association for several years. She was a member of Fairfield Christian Church in Kokomo. June was a friendly, loving person who never met a stranger.

Survivors include her daughters, Chandra COLLINS (Steve) of Kokomo, Marsha MORPHET of Logansport, Angie DOUGLASS (Neil) of Kewanna, and Cindy MCINTIRE (Norman) of Neptune Beach, Florida; daughter-in-law, Chris CONN, of Remington. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her son, James J. CONN, grandson Jason CONN, and sister, Marjorie NICOLL.

Services will be private. Burial will be at Kistler Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Jason CONN Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Pond View Snowball Endowment Fund. June's online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared at www.ransfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Harrison Chapel, 304 S. Chicago St., Royal Center.

The family would also like to thank Waterford Place and Community Howard Regional Hospital for the great care June was given.

# **Priscilla NORRIS**

Priscilla E. NORRIS, 79, Argos, died 4:12 p.m. Sunday at her Indiana Avenue residence. Survivors include her siblings, Gene BARLOW, Argos, Donald BARLOW, Staffordsville, Kentucky, and Rosemary FERRILL, Rock River, Wyoming.

Graveside services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Maple Grove Cemetery, 16100 Juniper Road, Argos. Arrangements are handled by Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

# Atma SANDHER

Atma SINGH SANDHER, 78, Rochester, died at 1:52 p.m. Monday at his home. Survivors include two daughters, Preety MASHIANA, Rochester, Gurpreet THUNDAL of Khanduwel, India; and a son, Varinder SINGH SANDHER, of Tracy, California.

The funeral service is 11 a.m. Sunday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

# **Ruthann MARKLEY**

Ruthann MARKLEY, 62, Rochester, died at 4 a.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at Bay Front Health Center in Port Charlotte, Florida.

Her survivors include husband, Rick; four children, Carrie OSBORN, Plymouth, Phillip KELLY, Raleigh, North Carolina, Mat MARKLEY, Rochester, and Chris MARKLEY, Culver.

Private family services are Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and will be livestreamed at 2 p.m. Monday on the JD Good Facebook Page.

# Tuesday December 29, 2020

# Norman E. DITMIRE

## July 12, 1939-December 24, 2020

Norman DITMIRE, 81, of South Bend, passed away Wednesday, December 24, 2020, in Mesa, Arizona, following complications of a stroke.

He was born at home, near Delong, on July 12, 1939, to Raymond and Mildred V. DITMIRE. He grew up on the DITMIRE farm west of Delong with seven siblings.

Norman graduated with the Class of 1957 from Aubbeenaubbee High School in Leiters Ford. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army.

On July 8, 1967, he married Janet BENDER in Fennimore, Wisconsin. The settled in South Bend and were blessed with a son and a daughter.

Norman worked for the Ridge Company in South Bend and later had his own business serving many businesses and farmers in a wide local area. He loved traveling and camping and together they visited much of the United States and many countries. He especially looked forward to playing cards with friends and the DITMIRE sibling monthly euchre game day. He was a member of the Lakeville United Methodist Church where he had worked with the youth and taught Sunday school.

Survivors are his wife of 53 years, Janet; son Dr. Todd DITMIRE (Aubrey) of Austin, Texas; daughter, Beth BAKER of South Bend; two grandchildren, Jacob and Cate BAKER of South Bend; sister, Doris BRENNER, South Bend; Lee DITMIRE, Culver; Jean TRIPLET, Culver, and Jane HARTLE, Argos. Preceding in death were his parents, sisters Catherine OVERMYER and Ruth THOMAS and brother Fred DITMIRE.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 30, at Lakeville UMC and will be limited to family.

# **Randall E. SPAULDING**

Randall E. SPAULDING, 69, Rochester, died Saturday, December 26, 2020, at the Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Sue; children, Kristie SPAULDING, of Rochester, Sheila Ann CHRISTMAN, of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Randall Scott SPAULDING, of Rochester; and brother, Michael SPAULDING, of Akron.

A celebration of the life of Randy SPAULDING is at 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 29, 2020, at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is two hours prior to the service, which will be livestreamed. Log on to Facebook and search "JD Good" to view the service.

# **Terry L. REED**

Terry L. REED, 70, of Mentone, died Saturday, December 26, 2020, at his residence. Survivors include his wife Deb REED, of Mentone; children, Ed REED, of Mentone, Dathan REED, of Claypool, Terra KOHLER, of Etna Green, and Ryan REED, of Warsaw; and brother, Rocky REED, of Pierceton.

His funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

### **Robert L. WILLIAMS**

Robert L. WILLIAMS, 79, of Plymouth, died Thursday, December 24, 2020, at St. Joseph Health Systems in Plymouth.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia WILLIAMS, of Plymouth; daughter, Bobbie Jo O'DELL, of Plymouth; son Gary WILLIAMS, of Plymouth; brother, Leo WILLIAMS, of Nappanee; and sister, Peggy SCOTT, of Havasau, Arizona.

Funeral services will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, Indiana.

#### Stephen L. ST. CLAIR

Stephen L. ST. CLAIR, 75, Kewanna (Fletcher's Lake), died Monday, December 28, 2020, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Michael D. BRIGHT

## July 12, 1949-December 25, 2020

Michael D. BRIGHT, 71, Rochester, passed away at 1:56 p.m. Friday, December 25, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born on July 12, 1949, in Wabash, the son of Junior and Martha (ROUSH) BRIGHT. On February 24, 1968, at the Grace United Methodist Church in Rochester, he married Carol A. MCGLOTHIN. She preceded him in death on August 17, 2019.

Mr. BRIGHT had been a truck driver for many years retiring from Diamond Trucking. He had been a member of the American Legion, V.F.W. and Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed working on and restoring cars, especially Hot Rods and classic cars and riding his motorcycle.

Survivors include his children, Brian (Jenifer) BRIGHT, Rochester, Indiana, Heather (Herman) MEDINA, Rochester, Indiana; grandchildren, Chase BRIGHT, Chandler BRIGHT, Caitlynn MILLER, Hayley BRIGHT, Michael BRIGHT, all of Rochester, Indiana; great grandchildren, Melanie BRIGHT, Jaxon BRIGHT, Travis BRIGHT, and Zane BRIGHT, all of Rochester, Indiana; sisters, Chris BRYANT, South Whitley, Indiana, Cathy MILAM, Oklahoma; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private services will be observed. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# **Richard R. GOOD**

## May 27, 1942-December 23, 2020

Richard "Dick" R. GOOD, 78, of Logansport, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at his home.

Born on May 27, 1942, in Fulton County, he was the son of the late Delbert and Geraldine (HAMMAN) GOOD. He was a Kewanna High School graduate of 1960. Dick owned and operated Good A&E Service and was a mechanic at the Logansport Airport for 51 years. He was also a pilot, flight instructor, and owned a crop dusting business for several years.

Survivors include his children, Brad GOOD (Kathy) of Rochester and Kris GOOD of Rochester; brother, Joe GOOD (Karen) of Kewanna; grandchildren, Cory GOOD (Shelby), Rochester; Casey GOOD, Indianapolis; Maggie BENNETT (Collyn), Indianapolis; and Libby GOOD, Seattle; and one great grandson, Palmer GOOD. Brother, John GOOD, preceded him in death. There will be no visitation or service at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cass County Humane Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna. Richard's online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

## **Dorothy E. SWANSON**

Dorothy E. (POWERS) FERGUSON-SWANSON, 98, of Argos, died Thursday, December 24, 2020, at the Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson.

Survivors include her sons, John FERGUSON, of Argos, Jerry FERGUSON, of Onalaska, Wisconsin, and James FERGUSON, of Argos; sister, Velma HARMON, of Plymouth; and brother, Ray "Bud" POWERS, of Argos.

Her funeral service is 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 29, 2020, at Parkside Community Church. Visitation is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

# **Carol YOUNG**

Carol YOUNG, 70, Tippecanoe, died Saturday, December 26, 2020, at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

### Wednesday December 30, 2020

## Angela J. CONWELL LYTLE NICHOLS

# July 21, 1949-December 26, 2020

Angela (Angie) J. CONWELL LYTLE NICHOLS passed in to the arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, December 26, 2020.

She was born in Buffalo, Indiana, on July 21, 1949, to Cleon and Maggie (HEISHMAN) CONWELL. She has a brother Terry and wife Jeri CONWELL.

Angie is a proud 1967 Rochester Zebra graduate. On November 7, 1969, she married the love of her life, Max Eugene LYTLE. They have two children together, Misty and husband Rob CRIPE and Max "Jake" LYTLE.

Together they raised pigs, goats, horses, and chickens on the farm in Richland Center. Angie could be seen on any given day riding her favorite tractor, a 1949 WD Allis Chalmers, baling hay or working the fields. She loved slopping the hogs, milking goats, riding horses, or working in the garden.

Sadly, Max perished in a tragic accident on September 25, 1988. God soon blessed Angie with a wonderful man named John NICHOLS. They were married on March 30, 1991. John and Angie had several adventures together including trips out west to Las Vegas.

Angie's favorite adventure was her grandkids, Shaily and Sawyer and wife Megan CRIPE. She could often be heard saying "I should have had grandkids first!" Angie was extremely proud and delighted with the new light in her life, a great grandson Maxwell Wayne CRIPE. Just this fall she was able to fulfill the last thing on her bucket list, a trip to the ocean to collect sea shells with her daughter Misty, granddaughter Shaily, and her high school friend Nancy CRIPE.

Angie was known as a straight shooter, funny lady and a spit-fire! She was blessed with many friends who often remarked, "Angie is a funny lady with a heart of gold." She had a lot of friends who she loved and adored but there were two special friends she claimed were "sisters from another mister"-Carolyn JOHNSON and Judy KAMP.

Angie almost always worked the third shift, working for Torins, Moore's Business Forms, and finally retiring from Acument Global.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant brother, and a sister, Cora.

In lieu of flowers, Angie requested that donations be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center. A graveside service is at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 2, 2020, in the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery with Pastor Rod UTTER officiating. The family invites everyone to a light meal immediately following the service at the Fulton County Historical Society for a time of fellowship and sharing. The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

## Stephen L. ST. CLAIR

# January 24, 1945-December 28, 2020

Stephen L. ST. CLAIR, 75, Kewanna (Fletcher's Lake), passed away at 5:30 a.m. Monday, December 28, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on January 24 1945, in Logansport, the son of Devon A. "Dee" and Ellen Clare (HEATER) ST. CLAIR. He graduated from Caston High School and from Western New Mexico University, Silver City, New Mexico.

Steve had retired as an appliance salesman for Sears and had been owner operator of ST. CLAIR Groceries and Campground at Fletcher's Lake. He had been a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Lucerne, Grass Creek Lions Club and had attended Fletcher's Lake United Methodist Church. He enjoyed fishing, watching sports, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his daughters, Stacee (Kelly SHANLEY) ST. CLAIR, Denver, Indiana and Sally (Dwight) DUNWOODY, Rochester, Indiana. Also surviving are grandchildren Griffin SHANLEY, David ST. CLAIR, Jacob ST. CLAIR, (Denver, Indiana), Clair DUNWOODY, Andrew DUNWOODY, Isabel DUNWOODY, and Harrison DUNWOODY, (Rochester, Indiana). The following siblings also survive: Susan WALLNER of Denver, Colorado; Shirley (Noel) HINMAN of Demotte, Indiana; Samuel (Sara) ST. CLAIR of South Whitley, Indiana; and Sharon NETHERCUTT of Columbia City, Indiana. Several beloved nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents and twin siblings, Stanley Devon ST. CLAIR and Sarah Ellen ST. CLAIR.

Friends may visit from 9-10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 31, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. A private funeral Mass will be conducted at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, immediately following. Visitors must follow state COVID-19 guidelines, including wearing a mask and social distancing. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grass Creek Lions Club. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

# Barbara L. YEARGEAN

Barbara L. YEARGEAN, 79, Peru, died Friday, December 25, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Survivors include her two children, Cindy EAGLIN, of Peru, and Michael YEARGEAN, of Warsaw.

Visitation is 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. The funeral service will be recorded and made available on her obituary page at www.mcclainfh.com on Friday.

# Thursday December 31, 2020

# **Tonya CAMPBELL**

Tonya CAMPBELL, 44, of Rochester, died Thursday, December 24, 2020, at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.